

Restaurant picks in Santa Barbara

Moderate price

La Super Rica (Mexican, up to \$7)

622 N. Milpas St. (ph: 805-963-4940)

It does not look much from the outside but it is arguably the best Mexican food north of the border and the most famous Mexican restaurant in town. Be prepared to wait in line and ordering at the counter. It is worth it!

Zen Yai (Thai-inspired, \$7 - \$12)

425 State St. (ph: 805-957-1193)

Innovative Thai food. Small and fun. The soups are excellent

Shoreline Beach Café (seafood)

801 Shoreline Dr. (ph: 805-568-0064)

It does not get closer to the beach than this. The perfect place to watch the ocean over a margarita glass. Good fish tacos and seared tuna salad.

Brophy Brothers (seafood)

Harbor Way (ph: 805 966-4418)

Right by the marina. A fun place with good fish.

Taiko (Japanese)

511 State St. (ph: 805-564-8875)

A quiet Japanese restaurant. Good sushi and noodle dishes.

Bucatini (Italian, \$13 - \$18)

436 State St. (ph: 805-957-4177)

A lively Italian restaurant in lower State St.

Natural Café (many vegetarian dishes, \$7 - \$12)

508 State St (ph: 805-563-1163)

Simple healthy food with plenty of vegetarian choices. Popular amongst the natives.

Zaytoon (Middle Eastern, \$13 - \$18)

209 E. Canon Perdido St. (ph: 805-963-1293)

Great middle eastern food. The appetizers are great and can be a meal by themselves. Service can be a little slow.

Zeno Manue (Peruvian)

411 State St. (ph: 805-965-1403)

Simple but tasty. A good value for your money.

Spice Avenue (Indian, \$7 - \$12)

1027 State Street (ph: 805-965-6004)

One of the best Indian restaurants in town. Very friendly staff. Great lunch buffet on the week-ends.

Soho (drinks and music)

1221 State St. suite 205 (ph: 805-962-7776)

Mostly a place for live music and dancing, but they also serve a full menu

Upscale

Sevilla (Spanish, Californian, over \$24)

428 Chapala St. (ph: 805-564-8446)

A trendy restaurant with excellent food. You definitely need a reservation for this one.

Nu (Californian, over \$24)

1129 State St. (ph: 805-965-1500)

A quiet place with a beautiful courtyard. Try the seared tuna or the steak.

Arigato (Japanese, \$13 - \$18)

1225 State St. (ph: 805-965-6074)

According to many the best sushi restaurant in town.

Citronelle (California, French, Over \$20)

901 E. Cabrillo Blvd. (ph: 805-963-0111)

A Santa Barbara tradition. Good food and a good view. Apparently it has over 500 different selections in the wine list.

Olio e Limone (gourmet Italian, \$19 - \$24)

1225 State St. (ph: 805-965-6074)

One of the best Italian restaurants in town. The rack of lamb and black risotto have plenty of fans. Quiet atmosphere.

El Encanto (American, Over \$20)

1900 Lasuen Rd. (ph: 805-687-5000)

Great food and service, plus the best view in Santa Barbara. You cannot go wrong here.

Opal (Californian, \$13-\$24)

1325 State St. (ph: 805-966-9676)

Very popular with the locals. Good food and fun atmosphere at a reasonable price. Great cocktails.

Bouchon (French/Californian, over \$24)

9 W. Victoria St. (ph: 805-730-1160)

Voted the best French food in town.

Chef Karim's (Moroccan, Over \$24)

1231 State St. (ph: 805-899-4780)

The best (and only) Moroccan place in town. Fun to go with a group. You may find yourself belly dancing.

Ca Dario (Italian, over \$24)

37 E Victoria St. (ph: 805-884-9419)

One of the most popular gourmet Italian restaurants in town.

Blue Agave (drinks, Californian/Southwestern)

20 E. Cota St (ph: 805-899-4694)

Mostly a place to go after dinner for dinks and desert, but they also have a full menu. The bread pudding is great.

Elements (Californian, over \$24)

129 E. Anapamu St. (ph: 805-884-9218)

A lively popular place.

Sage and Onion (French/Californian, Over \$24)

38 E. Ortega St. (ph: 805-963-1012)

Consistently good.

Chads (Californian, over \$20)

625 Chapala St. (ph: 805-568-1876)

Very popular (and fairly cheap) happy hour with great appetizers.

① Price ranges refer to the entrees and are provided by DiningSantaBarbara.com & www.santabarbara.com/dining/

② Comments should be blamed on J. Hespernha