

## David Reiley's Tucson restaurant recommendations

**Wildflower**, 7037 N. Oracle (southwest corner of Ina & Oracle), tel. 219-4230

Creative American cuisine: ahi tuna with wasabi potato, mushroom ravioli, lemongrass scallops, etc. Entrees \$14 to \$28.

**Cafe Terra Cotta**, 3500 E. Sunrise (one traffic light east on Sunrise from Campbell), tel. 577-8100

"New Southwestern" cuisine. Entrees \$13 to \$25, with a great wine list and great margaritas. Try the ahi tuna tempura with raspberry-habanero sauce and tequila-ginger flan.

**Soleil**, 3001 E. Skyline Dr. (just east of Campbell on Sunrise), tel. 299-3345

Very good French restaurant, nice champagne cocktails. Fantastic view of the city from the patio. Entrees \$20 to \$32.

**Vivace**, 4310 N. Campbell (southeast corner of River & Campbell), tel. 795-7221

Great and imaginative Italian food. Entrees \$12 to \$20.

**Gavi**, 7401 N. La Cholla Blvd. (near Foothills Mall), tel. 219-9121

Nice Italian food, more traditional and pasta-oriented than Vivace. Entrees \$10 to \$20.

**Acacia**, 4340 N. Campbell Ave. (southeast corner of River & Campbell), tel. 232-0101.

Eclectic, contemporary American cuisine. Entrees up to \$30. Great food.

**Bistro Zin**, 1865 E. River Rd. (northwest corner of River & Campbell), tel. 299-7799

Very nice wine bar and restaurant. Sister restaurant to Wildflower (see above).

**Keaton's Arizona Grill**, 7401 N. La Cholla Blvd. (near Ina), tel. 297-1999

Nice grill fare, probably the best place to get grilled seafood.

**Cafe Poca Cosa**, 110 E. Pennington St., downtown, tel. 622-6400

Amazing Mexico City-style Mexican food, with a different menu every night. Dishes may include chicken with chocolate mole sauce, chile rellenos with unusual stuffing, beer-marinated pork, etc. Worth the drive. Entrees \$10 to \$20.

**El Charro Café**, 311 N. Court Ave. (downtown), tel. 622-1922

An 80-year-old Tucson tradition, authentic Mexican food in a downtown location. Carne seca (dried beef) is their specialty, but they have a full range of traditional Mexican favorites. Good margaritas. Entrees range from \$10 to \$18. There's also a new location nearby, at 100 W. Orange Grove Rd., tel. 615-1922.

**Chuy's Mesquite Broiler**, 6453 N. Oracle Rd., tel. 797-1233

Good, cheap Mexican food.

**El Corral**, 2201 E. River Rd. (just east of Campbell,) tel. 299-6092.

**P F Chang's China Bistro** (northwest corner of River & Campbell), 1805 E River Rd., tel. 615-8788

Upscale Chinese food, with more vegetables than usual and a good wine list. Try the golden lettuce cups as an appetizer.

**Neo of Melaka**, 1765 E. River Rd. (northwest corner of River and Campbell), tel. 299-7815.

Very good Malaysian food.

**Sushi on Oracle**, 6449 N. Oracle Road (northwest corner of Oracle and Orange Grove), tel. 297-3615.

Good sushi, nearby.

**Firecracker**, 2990 N. Swan Rd., tel. 318-1118

Pan-Asian cuisine. Vernon Smith is a part-owner.

**Govinda's Natural Foods Buffet**, 711 E. Blacklidge Drive (2 blocks S of Fort Lowell, 0.5 blocks E of First), tel. 792-0630.

Great vegetarian food, the best in town, at the Center for Krishna Consciousness.