



The Under \$30 List

This popular list recommends Vancouver's **local** culinary gems which serve delicious food at affordable prices. Please see the Concierge to view menus on our I-Pads and get directions to our favorite **authentic** restaurants. For more refined dining, we also have our coveted Recommended Restaurant List available at the Concierge Desk.

-----THE FRENCH BISTRO-----

Jules French Bistro

216 Abbott Street, 604-669.0033

Jules Bistro in Gastown is a warm and inviting spot to meet over a delicious meal. It hits all the right notes, conjuring hearty, unpretentious French bistro fare in a room transported straight from Le Marais. A modest number of tasty menu options makes deciding so much easier. www.julesbistro.ca

Twisted Fork Bistro

1147 Granville Street, 604-568-0749

Twisted Fork offers classic French dining made simple. You will experience all the flavours and all the tender care but with a little less fuss. Fresh grown ingredients, rich tasty sauces, house baked breads and mainstay bistro dining. www.twistedforkbistro.ca

-----TASTE OF ITALY-----

Nook

781 Denman Street, 604-568-4554

Nook is bustling charming small neighborhood restaurant. Their menu focuses on simple mouthwatering pastas, thin crust pizzas and antipastos. So popular with local sadly no reservations are taken www.nookrestaurant.ca

The Bibo

1835 West 4th Avenue, 604-568-6177

The BiBo offers affordable dining; a true Italian experience to please all ages. Enjoy watching the master pizza maker, Salvatore create the pizzas in the wood burning oven! www.thebibbo.com

Pacifico Pizzeria Ristorante

970 Smithe Street, 604-408-0808

Pacifico offers Italian pizzas and pastas in a sophisticated and airy modern atmosphere. The candle-lit dining room with double-height ceiling and indoor balcony is a popular spot for a gourmet pizza. Pacifico serves pizzas and pastas with inventive and complementary ingredients; simple combinations yet so tasty. www.pacificopizza.com

-----FRESH FISH-----

The Fish Shack

1026 Granville Street, 604-678-1049

The Fish Shack on Granville is a new casual restaurant with sun-bleached surroundings and a chalkboard menu of satisfying comfort food. The Fish Shack hooks guests with value and fast, fresh fun food from exceptional suppliers. Think daily fresh fish specials, fish & chips, chowder in bread bowls, fish boils, po'boy sandwiches and shellfish galore. www.glowbalgroup.com/fish-shack

-----ASIAN SPOTS-----

Banana Leaf (Malaysian)

1779 Robson Street, 604-569-3363 and 1042 Davie Street, 604-669-3389

Prepare to step out of Vancouver and into the warm heart of Malaysia at the award-winning Banana Leaf Malaysian Cuisine. Their cheerful atmosphere, friendly service, and colourful traditional décor create a dining experience to remember.

www.bananaleaf-vancouver.com

Legendary Noodle (Chinese)

1074 Denman Street, 604-669-8551

In Chinese culture, noodles are renowned because their length represents long life. In this proud tradition Legendary Noodle makers brought the best of handmade noodles to this little restaurant where ancient wooden tools and garlands of firecrackers decorate the walls. A true experience! www.legendarynoodle.ca

Hapa Izakaya (Japanese)

110-909 West Cordova Street, 604-420-4272 Hapa Izakaya's winning combination of a sexy room, well priced portions of Japanese tapas, sushi, cocktails and sake are took the city by storm; Hapa sets the bar for Izakaya style Japanese. They have three downtown locations to choose from: Coal Harbour, Robson or Yaletown.

www.hapaizakaya.com

Gyoza King (Japanese)

1508 Robson Street, 604-669-8278

For Japanese Izakaya and gyoza fans Gyoza King is the place to check out!

This is cozy space on Robson is a Vancouver staple for unpretentious, Japanese pubs. Lively and delicious. www.gyokingroup.com

Miko Sushi (Japanese)

1335 Robson Street, 604-6810339

This quaint small traditional Japanese restaurant is a hit with the local Vancouverites. Very knowledgeable service and a great selection of exotic sushi. How about sitting at the sushi bar and watch the sushi master at work.

Japadog (Japanese)

530 Robson Street, 604-569-1158

Five years ago, Japadog inventor Noriki Tamura revolutionized the hot dog universe by serving up dogs with a Japanese twist, such as turkey smokies with daikon radish & bratwurst with soy sauce. His hot dog carts were an instant sensation, drawing long, hungry lines downtown Vancouver. Now, after winning the hearts of Vancouverites and visitors alike, Japadog has taken a big step and moved into its own restaurant. Yum... Enough said! www.japadog.com

Joyeaux Cafe and Restaurant (Vietnamese)

551 Howe Street, 604-681-9168

Joyeaux Café is a little family-run ethnic restaurant in the core of the financial district. From the outside and the name, Cafe Joyeaux doesn't conjure up pho, but step inside and you'll see bowls of steaming hot noodle soup on almost every table.

Add the condiments as you see fit to spice or sweeten things up and enjoy!

www.joyeaux-cafe-restaurant.com

Pink Elephant Thai (Thai)

1152 Alberni Street, 604-646-8899

In Thailand the white elephant is a symbol of divine and royal power, making it pink makes it sexy. The Pink Elephant's ultra sleek interior with gleaming white, grey, and polished black colours, and lots of pink makes for a hip, vibrant and energetic room.

The flavours of the dishes are a mixture of influence from all of the different regions in Thailand. www.pinkelephantthai.com

Salathai (Thai)

888 Burrard Street, 604-683-7999

The secret of Thai cuisine is a mixture between the spices and the main ingredients, achieving a delicate balance that enhances the taste of each. That is the motto at Salathai. They focus on a precise blend of ingredients to make it just perfect. With a kitchy décor and friendly staff you can ensure a good dinner out. www.salathai.ca

-----ETHNIC PICKS-----

Nuba Restaurant (Lebanese)

207 West Hastings Street, 604-688-1655

The concept is inspired by an independent and modern Beirut in the 1940s during which it was considered a cultural mecca. The menu captures the traditional Lebanese style of sharing with new and innovative dishes. www.nuba.ca

Stepho's Souvlaki Greek Taverna (Greek)

1124 Davie Street, 604-683-2555

A West End legend and Vancouver staple, Stepho's is one of the famous restaurants in the city, and has been for over two decades. Why is it so well known? Stepho's serves good, unpretentious, well portioned Greek dishes in a charming, robust décor setting.

-----TACOS & MORE-----

The Mexican Cantina

1049 Granville Street, 604 569 0955

The Mexican, Antojitos y Cantina has brought many fine traditional Mexican dishes with the real taste from México! So if you are craving for traditional Mexican menu items such as quesadillas, grilled meats, real tacos, guacamole and a great drink menu, what are you waiting for? www.themexican.ca

La Taqueria

322 West Hastings Street, 604-568-4406

La Taqueria offers nearly a dozen authentically prepared tacos, from al pastor and carnitas to carne asada and chocolatey pollo con mole. Their tacos are made from traditional recipes with local, organic and sustainable products. www.lataqueria.ca

-----LOCAL EATERIES-----

Cactus Club

588 Burrard Street, 604-682-0933

Our favorite BC chain, run by Iron Chef winner Rob Feennie. Cactus Club has something for everyone; from small plates to their famous burgers they are always consistent and stay true to local flavors. www.cactusclubcafe.com

The Keg

688 Dunsmuir Street, 604-685-7502

Quality, comfort and value are three key ingredients that make The Keg Steakhouse & Bar experience like no other. Our menu features tender, juicy steaks, slow roasted prime rib, succulent shellfish, the freshest of salads, irresistible desserts... and of course, an outstanding wine list. www.kegsteakhouse.com

Steamworks Brew Pub

375 Water Street, 604-689-2739

Since they first opened in 1995, Steamworks has been a favourite of Vancouver locals and visitors alike. Steamworks gets its name from the famous Gastown steam line that runs through their premises. The Gastown Brewing Company, which is located onsite and brews Steamworks beers, uses the steam to fire its kettles. www.steamworks.com

Stackhouse Burger Bar

1224 Granville Street, 604-558-3499

Stackhouse is a top-notch burger bar in the Granville Street Entertainment District that really does stack a cut above the rest. This haute hamburger joint has infused Granville Street with Gastown quirkiness and a side of Mad Hatter surrealism. How do you know you're not in a corporate chain restaurant any more? The chef-knife sculptures and gilded mirrors are telltale clues. www.stackhouseburgerbar.com

-----CAFÉ STYLE-----

Meat and Bread

370 Cambie Street, 604-566-9003 (Open Mon-Sat)

and 1133 West Pender Street, 604-566-9003 (Open Mon-Friday)

At Meat and Bread you will find simply sensational sandwiches made on the spot with top of the line ingredients, quickly but perfectly, without too much embellishment. A great but very simple menu accompanied by great music, one big communal table and strange taxidermy. www.meatandbread.ca

Dunn's Famous Montreal Smoked Meat

827 Seymour Street, 604-682-8938

Montreal's original smoked meat sandwich has been around since 1927. Dunn's is a family style restaurant offering an all day casual menu of smoked meat and chicken sandwiches, poutine, pasta dishes, dinner entrees, all day breakfast and the big and tasty desserts! www.dunnsfamous.com

Brioche Urban Bakery

401 West Cordova Street, 604-682-4037

Authentic Italian meets West Coast! Brioche Urban Bakery is a quaint small sidewalk café with a rustic wooden décor and bold paintings on the walls. They serve tasty home-style comfort food and casual fare such as soups, salads, sandwiches, pastas and quiche. www.brioche.ca

Commune Café

1022 Seymour Street, 604-681-2551

The moment you enter Commune you can take in the stylishly hip space, with a long communal table, bold red chairs, and cork pendant lamps. They serve a variety of soups, salads and main dishes made with free-range meats and eggs, organic produce, and sustainable, locally sourced seafood. This hybrid eatery caters to folks wanting high-end food without drawn-out sit-down service. www.communecafe.ca