

NON-CASINO RESTAURANTS

Angeloni's II. 2400 Arctic Ave., 609-344-7875. This family-owned restaurant has been cooking up authentic Italian dishes for years. Wonderful pasta, veal, and chicken specialties, with local delivery service, too. An extensive, award-winning wine selection. Children's menu. Lunch daily 11 am to 4 pm. Dinner daily from 5 p.m. with late-night menu. \$\$

Angelo's Fairmount Tavern. 2300 Fairmount Ave., 609-344-2439. Owner Angelo "Sonny" Mancuso makes this place what it is. He picks the tomatoes that go in the marinara sauce and cooks up the dishes with that classic Sicilian taste. We can't get enough of the spinach with artichokes and garlic. Voted "Best Locals' Favorite" for 2000 in Atlantic City Magazine. Free parking. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Dinner from 5 p.m. daily Children's menu. \$\$

Atlantic City Bar & Grille. 1219 Pacific and South Carolina avenues, 609-348-8080. Whole lobster, surf & turf served. Children's menu. \$\$

Atlantic City Lobster . 804 North Rhode Island Avenue 609-344-4079. From clam and conch chowders, to crab and lobster steamed combos--fresh seafood from local fleets. Dockside dining, great sunset and AC skyline views! BYOB

Back Bay Ale House. 800 N. New Hampshire Avenue, 609-449-0006. Offers a wide variety of appetizers, salads, sandwiches, steaks and seafood. \$\$

Black Forest Restaurant. Shops on Ocean One, Boardwalk and Arkansas Ave., 609-348-0700. Stop here after a day of shopping for the ultimate selection of domestic and imported beers, as well as hefty double-decker sandwiches and an assortment of German dishes. Children's menu. Nonsmoking section. Parking at Caesars' garage. Open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the summer; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the winter. Children's menu. \$

Brittany's Cafe. 4313 Ventnor Ave., 609-348-8741. By day, this place is an above-average choice for good, homestyle breakfasts and lunches. At night, the restaurant is transformed into an intimate dinner spot that rivals top gourmet rooms. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for breakfast and lunch. Dinner served 5 to 10 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday. Dinner on Sunday in the summer. (No credit cards.) BYOB. \$\$

Cafe 2825. 2825 Atlantic Ave., 609-344-6913. Quiet, unassuming building on Atlantic Avenue with an intimate interior and Italian menu. Grilled fish, creative pastas, and outrageous veal dishes. Open 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. \$\$\$

Captain Young's Seafood Emporium. Shops on Ocean One, Boardwalk and Arkansas Ave., 609-344-2001. Catch a beautiful view of the ocean through the huge dining room windows while sampling some of the ocean's best. Snow crab legs and five different combination platters bring an assortment of shellfish together with steaks and fish fillets. Parking at Caesars garage. Children's menu. \$\$

Chef Vola. 111 S. Albion Place, 609-345-2022. You must make reservations to get into this exclusive restaurant. Menu items include seafood (seven types of fish daily), steak, veal, chops, and homemade pasta. Nonsmoking section. Bring your own wine or beer. Dinner 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. \$\$\$

Corbin's Chicken & Seafood Home Cooking. Harbor Point Square, 201 Melrose Ave., 609-348-8200. Fried chicken with yams and greens, fried whiting with collard greens, and barbecued ribs with cornbread are among the specialties of this southern-cooking eatery. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, until 8 p.m. Sunday in the summer. Call for winter hours. Children's menu. BYOB. \$

Cucina at the Sheraton. Two Miss America Way, 609-441-2928. Great contemporary Italian fare with calamari that can't be beat, a terrific view of the city's skyline as the Atlantic City Expressway funnels traffic into town, service that is friendly yet professional, and an involved owner who excels at knowing his clientele. The pasta is fresh, the veal is superb and the desserts are imported. \$\$\$

Dock's Oyster House. 2405 Atlantic Ave., 609-345-0092. An Atlantic City dining institution and locals' favorite since 1897. Piano bar, free parking. Superb seafood menu. Dinner from 5 p.m. seven days a week year-round. \$\$

Ducktown Tavern. 2400 Atlantic Avenue, 609.449-1212. Freshly prepared meals, ice-cold drinks, and friendly service. Happy hour and nightly specials.

Farinacci. 3004 Atlantic Avenue, 609-334-6767. Farinacci means "made from flour." Homemade pastas, fish, lamb, veal, steaks, and chops. Full bar, great ambiance, service, and cuisine. \$\$

Fishheads. Two locations—Kentucky and Arctic avenues or Martin Luther King Boulevard (609-347-2090 and 609-347-8882), both in Atlantic City. The signature dish is "soul slaw," made with pineapple juice. Homemade sweet potato cheesecake, collard greens, ribs. \$

Flying Cloud Cafe. 800 N. New Hampshire Ave., 609-345-8222. The cafe, named for the clipper ship that long was anchored beside it in Gardner's Basin, offers deck dining for 100, weather permitting, and cozy quarters indoors. Specialties are seafood dishes and lobster. Open daily from 11:30 am for lunch and dinner. Children's menu. \$\$

Girasole. 3108 Pacific Ave., 609-345-5554. Just steps from the beach and Boardwalk, Girasole serves authentic Italian cuisine in a relaxed setting. The menu is highlighted by flavorful Mediterranean dishes, homemade pasta, and thin-crust pizzas from the brick oven. Voted "Best Appetizers" for 2000 in Atlantic City Magazine. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Dinner served 5:30 to 11 p.m. daily, with extended summer hours. \$\$

Hunan Chinese Seafood Restaurant. 2323 Atlantic Avenue. 609-348-5946. \$

Hard Rock Cafe. Boardwalk side of Trump Taj Mahal, 609-441-0007. Enjoy great appetizers, burgers, sandwiches, salads, and barbecue surrounded by some 2,000 priceless memorabilia items ranging from Jimi Hendrix' psychedelic jacket to Kurt Cobain's guitar. Thirsty? Belly up to the Gibson Guitar-shaped bar. **Now offering advance reservations and a discounted menu to parties of 15 or more. Restaurant also available for private parties; please call (609) 441-0007 x203.** Open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Children's menu. \$\$

Il Bon Gi. 25 S. Tennessee Ave., 609-344-0967. Korean cuisine. \$\$

Imperial Inn. 3124 Atlantic Ave., 609-347-8810. Specializing in Cantonese, Mandarin, and Hunan styles of Chinese cooking, plus roast pig and Peking duck. Nonsmoking section. Liquor license. Open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. \$

Irish Pub. 164 S. St. James Place, Atlantic City, 609-344-9063. A longtime Atlantic City favorite, the Irish Pub satisfies with its rib-sticking bowls of Dublin beef stew. In summer, patio dining for 100 is available. Daily \$1.95 lunch specials—a bowl of soup and a four-ounce sandwich—are what made the pub, and won't ever change, owner Cathy Burke says. Voted "Best Cheap Eats" for 2000 in Atlantic City Magazine. Open daily 24 hours, dinner served 2 p.m. to 7 a.m. (No credit cards) \$

Johor Restaurant. 28 S. Tennessee Ave., 609-344-8928. Malaysian, Vietnamese and Chinese cuisines; soups a specialty. Mango chicken (\$12.95) and coconut shrimp (\$17.95) are among the most popular dishes. \$\$

Jonathan's on West End. 672 N. Trenton Ave., Atlantic City, 609-441-1800. Chef Jonathan Karp says his place is about the food. That includes raspberry filet—blackened filet mignon over grilled spinach and portobello mushrooms, with raspberry sauce, or another creation, apple tree marsala. Liquor license, children's menu. Bay view. \$\$

Knife & Fork Inn. Pacific and Atlantic avenues, 609-344-1133. Voted "Best Dining Institution" for 2000 in Atlantic City Magazine. Open for dinner from 5:30 p.m. daily. Entrées \$18 to \$50. \$\$\$

Lefty's 1200 Club. 1200 Atlantic Ave. (corner of Atlantic & North Carolina Ave.), 609-348-5677. Owner Sandi Fontana is the lefty in Lefty's. She sings jazz on weekends while chef James Lapovsky wows diners with a steak and seafood menu that shows a light European touch. Don't leave without sampling the house soup, seafood a la rosa. Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for lunch Monday and Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. for lunch and dinner Wednesday to Friday, 6 to 10:30 p.m. for dinner Saturday, and 6 to 10 p.m. for dinner Sunday. \$\$\$

Le Grand Fromage. 25 Gordon's Alley, 609-347-2743. Bar food featured in lounge setting. Open in evenings. \$

Little Saigon. 2801 Arctic Ave., 609-347-9119. Exotic, adventurous Vietnamese and Chinese cuisine ranging from spicy to mild dishes. Specialties include broken rice dishes, curried bean curd, and Vietnamese ham with rice flake. The restaurant also features a full vegetarian menu. Bring your own liquor. Voted “Best Vegetarian Restaurant” for 2000 by Atlantic City Magazine. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; noon to 10 p.m. Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. (No credit cards.) \$

Los Amigos. 1926 Atlantic Ave., 609-344-2293. This popular uptown Mexican cantina recently added an outdoor patio and a second-floor dining room. Patrons come for the best margaritas in town and an expanded menu that includes regional Southwestern and Mexican dishes featuring such seafood specialties as red chile-crusting salmon, pan-seared shrimp in tequila-Tabasco sauce and crab quesadillas. Voted “Best Mexican Restaurant” for 2000 by Atlantic City Magazine. Open 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Late night Friday and Saturday 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. Closed Mondays. Children's menu. Free parking. \$

Los Compadres. 2701 Arctic Ave., Atlantic City. 609-344-1119. Mexican dishes in an authentic style. Liquor license, credit cards. \$\$

Maloney's Uptown Sportsbar & Grille. 142 S. Tennessee Ave., 609.347-3100. A modern-day Irish sportsbar & grille that maintains its old-world charm and flair. Specializing in burgers, crabcakes, pub sandwiches, and, of course, Guinness

Mama Mott's. 151 S. New York Ave. (beach block), 609-345-8218. This family-owned restaurant will remind you of Little Italy, with natured veal, steaks, chicken, and seafood served with imported and homemade pasta. Try one of the seafood specialties, like zuppa di pesce, a combination of shrimp, mussels, clams, calamari, scungilli, and scallops served over linguine. Open 4 to 11 p.m. Sunday to Friday, till midnight Saturday. \$\$

Mexico Restaurant. 3810 Ventnor Ave., 609-344-0366. The authentic Mexican menu offers barbecued goat on weekends, and a full slate of burritos, fajitas, tacos, and quesadillas. Half a dozen Mexican beers, including the well-known Corona and Dos Equis, are available by the bottle. Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily. \$\$

Naldy's. 3205 Atlantic Ave., 609-345-6644. Ceviche, the most famous of Peru's dishes, is a specialty at this Peruvian restaurant, which opened in April 1999. Ceviche is seafood that's cured by the acid in citrus juice. There are plenty of other seafood and Mexican-style selections on the menu. Smokefree. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. \$\$

Old Waterway Inn. 1700 West Riverside Dr., 609-347-1793. Breathtaking skyline of Atlantic City viewed from the deck. Extensive seafood menu with meat and fowl dishes as well. Some favorite entrées are the Eastern Shore crab cakes and the swordfish. Voted

“Best Restaurant with a View” for 2000 in Atlantic City Magazine. Nonsmoking section. Open 5 to 11 p.m. daily in the summer and Wednesday to Sunday in the winter. \$\$

O'Grady's. 3901 Atlantic Ave., 609.344-1455. Beautiful 2-story restaurant & pub serving seafood, steaks, chops & gourmet sandwiches from 4pm-4am. Live music & DJ dancing, free parking. Private parties welcome.

Opa Bar & Grille. 1700 Boardwalk, 609-344-0094, This bar and grille blends Old World charm with modern, high-tech features, and is known as the hippest lunch venue spot and hottest night spot in Atlantic City; a late afternoon martini bar is also offered, as is elegant evening dining.

Planet Hollywood. Arkansas Ave. and Boardwalk, 609-347-STAR. Here, you can enjoy a unique dining experience amidst classic movie memorabilia. Offers California-style cuisine, including Asian noodle stir-fry, portobello mushroom burgers, barbecued rib, and fajitas. Open daily 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. \$\$

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse. 2020 Atlantic Ave., 609.344-5833. An extraordinary meal and first class service from the Number One prime steak house in the world. Dinner from 5 p.m. Special banquet menu available. \$\$\$

Scannicchio's. 119 S. California Ave., 609-348-6378. A real favorite with the uptown crowd and visiting celebrities for good veal dishes (stuffed veal chops, veal Marsala) and seafood entrées. Excellent homemade pasta dishes include lasagna, gnocchi, and ravioli. At least 10 specials a night. Open 4 to 10 p.m. Sunday to Friday, till 11 pm Saturday. Call for winter hours. Children's menu. \$\$

Sugar Free Center. 3005 Boardwalk, Atlantic City. 12 flavors of sugar-free fudge; sugar-free chocolates including milk, dark and white; sugar-free pecan, cashew and peanut brittle; sugar-free maple syrup, sauces and cookies.

Tony's Baltimore Grille. 2800 Atlantic Ave., 609-345-5766. For 70 years, people have been raving about Tony's pizza and the absurdly low prices (the \$9.35 seafood platter is the most expensive item) on the menu. One bite and either you're a believer or you're from out of town. Open 24 hours, with food served 11 a.m. to 3 a.m. (No credit cards.) \$

Top Deck Steak House. Shops on Ocean One, Boardwalk and Arkansas Ave., 609-348-5860. A place where the ocean view enhances your dining experience. Entrées include a variety of steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and an unlimited salad bar. Cocktail lounge. Parking at Caesars garage. Open 7:30 a.m. to 9 or 10 p.m. daily in the winter, until 11 p.m. daily in the summer. Children's menu. \$\$

Tun Tavern. 2000 Kirkman Blvd. (adjacent to Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel), 609-347-7800. Named for the brewpub in Philadelphia where Ben Franklin uttered the words, “Beer is living proof God loves us and wants us to be happy,” the Tun Tavern in Atlantic City offers eight beers that are brewed on the premises. Some of the

ale is used for marinating steaks, basting pork, and making barbecue sauce. Open 11:30 a.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday to Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday. \$\$

White House Sub Shop. 2301 Arctic Ave., 609-345-1564. Famous sub shop. Over 21 million sold. \$

Wonder Bar. 3701 Sunset Avenue, 609-334-8888. Dine in the Sunset Room featuring an upscale dinner menu and view of the ocean in a smoke-free dining room. Hang out with friends in the Tiki Bar for drinks and casual food. Wonder Bar has an atmosphere to fit your mood. Reservations are recommended for the Sunset Room. \$-\$\$\$

Zawid's Kosher Catering. 119 S. Kingston Ave., Atlantic City. 609-347-4254. Kosher food. \$\$\$

\$ = Average entree less than \$10

\$\$ = Average entree \$10 to \$20

\$\$\$ = Average entree more than \$20

Calling ahead to verify hours of operation is recommended.