

DINING





Capital M(mmm)

This little piggy comes to Beijing. See below.

Can a plate of food be considered art? Spanish gastronomist **Ferran Adrià**, head chef at “world’s best restaurant” **El Bulli**, was controversially invited to exhibit his food at the Documenta art show in Germany a year or two back. He’s known for deconstructing dishes and asking diners to interpret food in new ways, which all sounds very arty. Though it strikes me that no matter how beautiful the meal, pretty soon it’ll look like crap.

That said, even the mucky process of digestion can fall within the realms of art. Belgian artist **Wim Delvoye**’s vast sculpture of the human digestive system has food going in one end and real poo coming out the other. The same guy is now owner of a farm outside Beijing that tattoos images onto pigs, but that’s another story.

It does bring me neatly to **roast suckling pig**, however, a dish fast becoming a favorite with Beijing diners. In addition to **Agua**’s new suckling pig and beer party held on the second Saturday of every month, **Taverna** has generously included suckling pig in their new RMB 78 lunch menu. New arrival **Carmen** (see What’s New: Restaurants, p42) also has a piggy on the menu (but no doggy in the window, which is probably a good thing). The last time I had suckling pig was at Shanghai’s pioneering fine dining restaurant, **M on the Bund** – succulent white meat and insanely crispy crackling. So it was no small joy to learn that owner **Michelle Garnaut**, after ten successful years, is opening a new joint – **Capital M** – in Qianmen this month. Michelle told us she’s importing several of M’s signature dishes, including my prized porker.

A decade is a lifetime in the restaurant game, so **Brasserie Flo** ought to be rightly proud as they mark their tenth anniversary with a new menu designed by Michelin-starred chef **Daniel Chambon**. Tasteful refurbishment, straightforward cooking and keen pricing have proven that Beijing’s old guard can keep pace with the new kids. **Mosto**, one such upstart, will likewise be popping the corks on their first year with a tasting menu that revisits the restaurant’s biggest hits. Across town, more bubbly (**Tattinger**, to be precise) is flowing at **FIZZtastic**, the Hilton Wangfujing’s answer to Beijing’s glitzy Champagne brunch scene.

This time of year, **mooncakes** are traditionally given as gifts to celebrate China’s Mid-Autumn Festival. Interestingly, one legend tells that these palm-sized parcels were used by the Han in a plot to overthrow their Mongolian masters during the Yuan dynasty. The cakes, baked with secret messages inside, were distributed amongst Chinese families in order to coordinate a mass revolt. Though if you’ve ever tried these dense, lead-heavy pastries, you’ll agree they might have been better used to bludgeon the poor Mongols into submission. Happy Moon Festival. *Tom O’Malley*

Take5

FANCY CAKES

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Bento & Berries 缤味美食屋

Michelangelo, da Vinci, Botticelli – surely they all would have appreciated the artistry inherent in B&B’s new cakes made from Italian ice cream (RMB 85), available in chocolate, vanilla, green tea, mango and strawberry.

Mon-Fri 7am-11pm, Sat-Sun 7am-7pm. 1/F, Shangri-La’s Kerry Centre Hotel, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District (6561 8833 ext 45) 朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心饭店1层

Awfully Chocolate

A study in sweet simplicity, these cocoa-rich cakes come in a trio of flavors – plain chocolate (RMB 140), chocolate and banana (RMB 170) and chocolate, rum and cherry (RMB 180).

Daily 10am-10pm. 05a, B1/F, Raffles City, 1 Dongzhimen Nandajie, Dongcheng District (8409 8452, beijing@awfullychocolate.com.cn 东城区东直门南大街1号来福士购物中心B1层05A

Kempi Deli 凯宾美食廊

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Sugar Bar 糖吧

Thankfully, it’s only the prices that are cut in half after 8pm, so you can enjoy a whole slice of exquisite marble cheesecake, white forest cake or lemon meringue for just RMB 12-14.

Daily 11am-11pm. 1949 – The Hidden City, Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu (behind Pacific Century Place), Chaoyang District (6501 1949) 朝阳区工体北路4号院 (盈科中心南面)



Bento & Berries: All that fruit’s gotta be good for you, right?

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MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Until Oct 3

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Luxurious Mooncakes

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Magical Mooncakes

Fancy flavors like Ceylon Mist, Purer Prune, and peony tea with rose and lavender milk set these cakes apart. RMB 268-688. Ritz-Carlton Beijing (5908 8777)

Mid-Autumn Hampers at The Horizon

The fanciest of their mooncake boxes include chocolates, cookies, candy, a soft toy, and cartons of American cigarettes. RMB 158-2,888. Horizon Restaurant. Kerry Centre Hotel (6561 8833 ext 41)

Millennium Mooncakes

These six-piece sets contain red bean, green tea and low-sugar pumpkin varieties. RMB 288. Grand Millennium Beijing (8587 6888 ext 3013)

Mooncake Madness

Finely packaged gift sets of mooncakes filled with taro, red lotus paste, green tea and black sesame. RMB 128-330. Other box sets include wine, chocolate and homemade sausages from Jin Yuan Restaurant. Hotel Kunlun (6590 3388 ext 5218)

More Mooncake Madness

The InterCon has holiday gift boxes ranging from the classic (green tea paste) to the premium (abalone, bird's nest and shark's fin). RMB 168-688. InterContinental (8437 1427)

Yet More Mooncake Madness

Packaged in leather, the Park Deluxe Gift Box consists of nine individual boxes, each containing a mooncake and a commissioned black-and-white photograph of Beijing. RMB 298-398. Park Hyatt (8567 1234)

Dark Side of the Mooncakes

Cakes filled with strawberry paste and claret, coffee and hazelnut, and the supremely luxurious abalone and shark's fin. Custom hampers and gift sets are also available. Choose the Shangri-La Charity Mooncake (RMB 138) to directly benefit Care for Children, a charity finding homes for Chinese orphans. China World Hotel (6506 2266 ext 5722)

Fly Me To The Mooncakes

These lunar bundles of joy are made with white and red lotus, mixed nuts with Yunnan ham, osmanthus flower and a new creation, Momoyama green tea. The Patisserie, Grand Hyatt (8518 1234 ext 6362)

Keith Mooncakes

Traditionally baked mooncakes in fancy pants packaging. RMB 158-518. Courtyard by Marriott Northeast (5907 6666 ext 6286)

CULINARY SPECIALS

Sep 5-6

Happy Birthday, Schoolhouse

Free ice cream and toppings for all customers over Schoolhouse's

birthday weekend. The Schoolhouse at Mutianyu (6162 6506)

Village Fair at Hegezhuang Village

The Orchard restaurant is hosting an old-fashioned country fair; food vendors, cooking contests, a pet show, pony rides and more. 9am-5pm. For more info, contact thevillagefair@yahoo.com

Sep 7

Party Time at Latin Grillhouse

Celebrate Brazil's Independence Day with a carnival evening of music, dancing and Brazil's national dish, feijoada, a delicious, hearty stew. RMB 138 (including draft beer and wine). 5-11pm. Latin Grillhouse (5905 6126)

Sep 8-29

Mussels from Brussels

Get pumped on Belgium's national dish cooked in your choice of traditional cream and vinegar, white wine broth or spiced garlic butter, served with frites, garlic bread, salad, dips and sauces. RMB 120, RMB 208 (including two hours of free-flowing Hoegaarden beer). Coffee Garden, Kerry Centre Hotel (6561 8833 ext 40)

Sep 11

Catalonia National Day Meal

Agua's Catalan chef, Jordi Valles, will mark this historic day in Spanish history with a unique set menu of Catalan dishes and wines. Price TBD. 6-11pm. Agua (6559 6266)

Sep 12

Beijing's Only Suckling Pig Party

Get a group of carnivores together for Agua's signature crispy suckling pig, served with tapas, desserts and free-flowing beer. RMB 300+10%. 9pm-late. Agua (6559 6266)

Sep 15-30

Conger Eel Meal Deal

Don't let this one slip away – a luxurious banquet menu built around the Japanese conger eel. RMB 588. 5.30-10pm. Sakura Restaurant, Hotel New Otani Chang Fu Gong (5877 5555 ext 63)

Hairy Crabs Up For Grabs

Indulge in this season's most delicious crustacean for a fortnight at Zen5es. Westin Chaoyang (5922 8880)

Sep 20

Roadhouse Grill

Barbecued meats and veggies hot off the grill, fresh salads and homemade desserts under the Mutianyu Great Wall. Foot-stomping live music by the Woodie Alan Blues Band. Let the kids run around the garden while you kick back with a cold one. RMB 168, RMB 88 (kids). 12.30-4.30pm. The Roadhouse at Mutianyu (6162 6506)

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What's New RESTAURANTS



Cantina Sadler

Daily 11.30am-2pm, 6-10.30pm. Inside Ristorante Sadler, Ch'ien Men 23, 23 Qianmen Dongdajie, Dongcheng District (6559 1399)
东城区前门东大街23号

I like to imagine Claudio on the phone to his man in Beijing. "Let's call the new concept ... Sadler Cantina!" "Er, sir, there's already this Mexican place ...". So Cantina Sadler it is, a restaurant within a ristorante, billed as a more informal counterpoint to the fine dining upstairs. A smart bar serves aperitifs and olives to set you up for a stripped-back menu of rustic pizza, pasta and salads. The Giuseppe Verdi pizza (RMB 90), blanketed in Parma ham, crisp rocket and tangy Parmesan, was a showcase of quality ingredients, though undermined by a doughy base. The *aglio e olio* (RMB 40) is one of the best pasta dishes I've eaten in Beijing – unfussy, perfectly al dente, with just the right hit of chilli. The service could do with a bit more zip, but all told, a welcome expansion. *Tom O'Malley*

Carmen

Daily 11am-2am. Nali Patio (opposite north entrance of Let's Burger), 81 Sanlitun Beijie, Chaoyang District (6417 8038)
朝阳区三里屯北街81号(那里花园边)

A few years ago, the idea of a tapas restaurant would have been faintly absurd considering that, in Spain, tapas is usually free with a drink. Though not so fortunate to get such tasty handouts in Beijing, we are lucky that Nali Mall's Tapas has reopened as Carmen in an attractive whitewashed building across the street. Tapas plates, cold and hot, range from RMB 10-38, with the *patatas bravas* particularly passing muster. You'll find all the Andalusian authenticity you need in a menu that takes in hearty salads (RMB 45-65), cold platters, paella (from RMB 199 for two people) and even roasted whole suckling pig (RMB 480). Perfect for a boozy lunch or a spirited evening in front of the live band. *Lyle A. Scott*



Crystal Muslim Fine Dining

Daily 2pm-1am. 2/F, Kunlun Hotel, 2 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District (6590 3388)
晶台餐厅, 朝阳区新源南路2号昆仑饭店2层

The ancient Egyptians used onions to fill the eye sockets of mummies. Asmaa Elhadary, Beijing's first Egyptian chef, puts them to much better use at this new restaurant concept inside Hotel Kunlun. A trio of cuisines (Middle Eastern, Southeast Asian and Chinese) comprises the menu; all dishes are halal. The mezze platter (RMB 58) features particularly good hummus, its creamy smoothness offset by crunchy whole chickpeas. Lebanese chicken shish (RMB 98) was less convincing, but well-supported by fluffy pita and zingy lemon pickle. Of the Chinese offerings, braised oxtail in ginger soy sauce (RMB 68) was a triumph, the dark meat coming away in tender shreds. Already popular with the Saudi and Oman embassy staff, Kunlun's new venture seems to be filling a niche for the capital's growing Arab community. *Tom O'Malley*

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Jin Zhuan 金饌酒楼

Daily 11:30am-2:30pm, 5:30-10:30pm. 2/F, Holiday Inn Beijing Deshengmen, 71 Deshengmenwai Dajie, Xicheng District (8206 5555)
西城区德胜门外大街71号北京德胜门华宇假日酒店2层

The new Holiday Inn at Deshengmen has opened a fine dining Chinese restaurant. Invitingly bright, the Zen-like eggshell grey interior is carried through from the lobby, and antique vases, screens and carvings decorate the dining area. Unsurprisingly, the menu has a Cantonese bias. *Mu'er* ("tree ear") black fungus marinated in ferocious wasabi (RMB 28) was a lively opener, followed by a wonderful crab and beancurd soup (RMB 38), stylishly served over a flame. Mains of spicy wok-fried prawn and pan-fried beef with mushroom (both RMB 98) were decent if unspectacular, but our perfectly baked mini egg custard tarts (RMB 36 for six) finished the meal with a wobbly flourish. There's no shortage of Cantonese-style hotel restaurants in Beijing, but Jin Zhuan is definitely above par. *Tom O'Malley*



Stadium Dog

Daily 10am-2am. Entrance 10, Workers' Stadium (inside the East Gate), Chaoyang District (6546 8364)
朝阳区工体东路工人体育场东门内10号进口

Beijing is wild for wieners right now. Stadium Dog, beside Gate 10 of the Workers' Stadium, is the latest purveyor of America's best-loved blue-collar snack. Decked out in a saucy livery of mustard yellow and ketchup red, the tidy restaurant features stool seating and a no-nonsense menu of meat in bread (RMB 20) and beer. The dogs – American beef, Italian, bratwurst or veggie – are a breed above your regular frank, and can be slathered with a bewildering range of toppings like onions, sauerkraut, grated cheese, coleslaw, jalapeños, olives and about a dozen imported mustards, including Bavarian sweet and Dijon. For the ravenous, RMB 65 gets you a three-dog combo plus a soft drink or bottle of Yanjing. By no means the wurst deal in town. *Tom O'Malley*



Vegetarians' Celebration 慈来素食

Daily 10am-11pm. 1-13 Haoyun Jie (Lucky Street), Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu, Chaoyang District (5867 0204)
朝阳区朝阳公园西路好运街1-13号

Vegetarians' Celebration sounds like the sort of place where herbivores go wild. Dishes with names like "Lotus Pond Under Moonlight," "Ocean Elixir" and "Rendezvous of the Loving Hearts" sound intriguing rather than appetizing, but don't mistake them for bad translations. Take, for instance, "Heavenly Rain Falls on the Plants in a Whisper" (RMB 48), a savory blend of bamboo shoots and broad beans sautéed with olive leaves, with a couple of red-hot chilli peppers thrown in for extra sizzle. Considering that house rules prohibit MSG and keep oil and salt to a minimum, it's a whole lot of flavor – so tasty, in fact, even carnivores will find it hard to complain. Think not of "imitation" meat; think only of devouring a hearty meal that will leave you fully satisfied. *Lisa Liang*



Muse (Sanlitun) 妙

Daily 10pm-4am. 1/F, Tongli Studios (next to Kokomo entrance), 43 Sanlitun Beilu, Chaoyang District (6415 6388)
朝阳区三里屯北路43号同里1层

"Parisian Vietnamese Brasserie" Muse has finally relocated from its CBD location to the much greener pastures of Sanlitun. With its enviable location in Tongli Studios, the new venue is primed to attract ample foot traffic. The interior sports the same Gallic-influenced mahogany theme and parquet flooring as its predecessor, and the menu too remains virtually unchanged; what's notable is the superior quality of the food. Our modest lunch of *nem* Saigon shrimp rolls (RMB 25), beef fried rice noodles (RMB 30) and a glass of iced Vietnamese coffee (RMB 20) was much fresher and better prepared than any we've had at the other venues in recent memory. Here's hoping they can keep it up. *Jerry Chan*

COLLECTING VALUES

ART, WINE AND THE GLOBAL AUCTION MARKET

by Edward Ragg and Fongyee Walker

From the Bible to medieval painting to Marcel Proust, wine has been the subject of much art and literature. It's hard to imagine a still life without a glass of wine or bunch of grapes appearing somewhere. The place of wine in artists' lives is also indisputable, if often misunderstood. Francis Bacon, who liked to offer "Champagne to his real friends, and real pain to his sham friends," drank tactically and not in the volumes some biographers suggest. Bacon's love of Krug especially seems to have done wonders for his work.

A more disturbing element in the last few decades, however, has been the "tradability" of art and wine. Australian art critic Robert Hughes traces the exorbitant value in art sales to the idolization of the *Mona Lisa* and its first visit to American shores in 1963. According to Hughes, the "Mona Lisa Curse," where art is admired for its monetary worth over its aesthetic qualities, now infects the entire contemporary art scene. In the wine world, auction houses discovered their first really "tradable" wines in the 1982

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Bordeaux vintage. Until recently, most auction houses from Christie's to Zachys lived in a blessed age, auctioning off top Bordeaux, Burgundy's Domaine de la Romanée Conti and a few other bijoux gems.

With new clients in China now catching the auction bug, however, it's unlikely the world's top wines will ever return to the relative "affordability" of even a decade ago. But there are also major differences between auctioning fine wine and auctioning fine art, especially contemporary art. The quality of the world's top wines has increased hugely in the last decade as technological know-how, largely pioneered in Australia, New Zealand and the US, has come home to Bordeaux and Burgundy. Yes, critics argue over particular wines, just as art critics will debate the "greatness" of Damien Hirst or Ai Weiwei compared with Van Gogh. But no one can question the quality of the winemaking at Château Lafite-Rothschild, Pétrus or



Opus One. Moreover, unless teetotal, even the most cynical collectors can always drink their "investments" if they choose! Can art investors, if their "stock" depreciates, be merely happy to admire their works with an aesthetic eye?

One happier marriage between art and wine is in the label. Since 1945, Château Mouton Rothschild has invited renowned artists to offer a design for each new vintage (see www.theartistlabels.com), with designs

from Picasso, Chagall, Kandinsky, Robert Motherwell and most recently Lucian Freud. Such art-inspired labels now also grace New World bottles from the likes of Australia's Leeuwin Estate and Peter Lehmann, each with their "Art Series" ranges. Long may this particular marriage continue.

Edward Ragg and Fongyee Walker run Dragon Phoenix Fine Wine Consulting (www.longfengwines.com), Beijing's first independent wine consultancy and are authors of the Dragon Phoenix Wine Blog.

SELECT SIPS

One to quaff
2007 Woop Woop Cabernet Sauvignon, South Australia (RMB 166)

This is fantastic value. Very dark purple in color; the nose packs ripe blackcurrant fruit, plenty of oak and a powerful palate with high alcohol, chewy ripe tannins and medium acidity. Great with BBQ meats. (Available from Montrose; contact Aline Wang at aline@montrose.com.hk)

One to drink
2006 Gunderloch Riesling Kabinett "Jean Baptiste," Rheinhessen, Germany (RMB 234)

In Zuckmayer's play, *The Merry Vineyard*, the character of Jean Baptiste was based on this winery's founder, Carl Gunderloch. A classic German Riesling, this is light green-

gold sporting a delicate apple fruit nose with mineral notes followed by an off-dry palate with refreshing high acidity and moderate alcohol. Delightful summer drinking. (Available from Watson's; contact Lily Li at LilyLi@asw.com.hk)

One to savor
2005 Leeuwin Estate "Art Series" Shiraz, Margaret River, Western Australia (RMB 444)

From the famed "Art Series" label, this is precisely what Western Australian Shiraz should be. Dark purple in color; the nose has restrained black cherry and blueberry fruit, cool-climate black pepper notes and a gorgeous palate with ripe tannins, medium acidity and balanced alcohol. (Available from ASC; hotline 400 883 2299)



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Knife Skills

A ROYAL LESSON IN FOOD SCULPTURE

by Tom O'Malley

Mention carvery to a Brit and we think of Sunday roasts at the local pub. But to Chef Bai Wei, it's the art of *shipin diaoke* (食品雕刻), or food sculpture. We asked the registered Imperial cook how he turns a pumpkin into a Picasso.

tbj: the Beijinger: What do you sculpt?

Bai Wei: I can make anything, but the most popular is the dragon and the phoenix, animals that are a symbol of blessing and fortune.

tbj: How do you do it?

BW: I use a fruit knife to carve potatoes, cucumbers, pumpkins and carrots, but my favorite to work with is *qing zhi*, a jelly derived from seaweed.

tbj: Is it a disappearing art?

BW: People have been carving for 3,000 years. I can say there are only about 100 people licensed to do it now. You cannot learn from a school – only from a family member or a specific master.

tbj: What happens to your creations after the meal?

BW: There is a Qing dynasty rule that says you cannot reuse them. I feel a bit sad when I see them in the trash, but often the customer wants to take them home. I like that.

"I carved a 1.5-meter flying eagle for Jackie Chan"

tbj: What's the strangest piece you've ever made?

BW: I was asked to carve a motorbike for a member of the Arabian royal family. They didn't believe I could do it, so I took a carrot and carved it in front of their eyes in half an hour.

tbj: What's the biggest piece you've carved?

BW: A *jinlong bi* (nine-dragon screen) like the one in Beihai Park. It was two meters long and one meter high; it took me three days. It was for a political leader, but I can't say who.

tbj: So you sculpt for celebrities?

BW: I carved a 1.5-meter flying eagle for Jackie Chan. I chose that animal as a blessing on his career, to make it fly like the eagle.

tbj: Can you carve me?

BW: In China it's not polite to carve someone's portrait. If I did, I'd use a carrot, but it wouldn't look much like you.

Bai Wei is head chef at Mei Wei Zhen restaurant in China World Shopping Mall. For address, see our dining directory under "Imperial."

Noon-3pm. SALT (6437 8457)

Taverna Lunch Set

Dine on Mediterranean faves like sautéed baby squid, suckling pig and pan-fried Dover sole. RMB 78 for two courses plus coffee or tea. (Add RMB 28 for a dessert.) Taverna at 1949 – The Hidden City (6501-1949)

Mon-Sat

Meat and Wine Luncheon Menu

Choose three courses including tuna carpaccio, 150g fillet steak with fries and crème brûlée. RMB 148+10%. 11.30am-2.30pm. The Meat and Wine Co. (6512 1761)

Every Thu

Bodega Fever

Fill up on as much tapas as you can from Scarlett's wide-ranging selection. RMB 88. 6-10pm. Scarlett, Hotel G (6552 2880)

Every Fri, Sat & Sun

Rollin' Weekend at Haiku

All California rolls and sushi are buy-one-get-one-free. 11.30am-2.30pm. Haiku by Hatsune (6508 8585)

Every Sat

Brazilian Feijoada at SALT

Enjoy Brazil's national dish, *feijoada* (slow-cooked beans, homemade sausage and pork), accompanied by *farofa* (mandioca meal) with bacon, garlic and onion, fresh spring greens, delicious pork crackling, seasoned rice and sauces (RMB 148). Other options abound on SALT's signature lunch menu: RMB 178 (two courses), RMB 198 (three courses). Noon-3pm. SALT (6437 8457)

Every Sat & Sun

Discount Dim Sum

Everything must go at the Mudan Garden Restaurant! All Cantonese dim sum a whopping 50% off until the end of September! They must be crazy! Hotel New Otani Chang Fu Gong (5877 5630)

Share & Taste at Sadler

Create your own communal family meal of pizza, pasta and more from a special a la carte menu. RMB 88/person, free for kids below 6 years old. 11am-4pm. Ristorante Sadler (6559 1399)

Every Sun

All-Star Steak Sundays

Free glass of wine or Tsingtao draft beer with every Australian Angus rib-eye steak. 6pm-midnight. All-Star Bar & Grill (5905 6999)

Half-Price Sunday Dinner

50% off your total food bill every Sunday evening at Scarlett. 6-10pm. Hotel G (6552 3600)

All month

Australian Wagyu at Prego

Smooth and buttery wagyu beef on sale all month in Prego. Fair dinkum! Westin Beijing Financial Street (6629 7815)

Baby Peking Duck at Lan

Diners can now sample an innovative take on Beijing's classic dish, featuring Sichuan spices and strawberry sauce. RMB 198+10% for duck set including condiments. Lan Club (5109 6012)

Banqueting at Green T. House

Two new banquet packages have been launched at Green T. House and Green T. House Living. One blends music and storytelling to recount the history of tea, while the other is a fun dinner party where guests use Green T. dollars to bid for pieces of contemporary art. Both feature a spread of signature dishes and live music performances, and all guests receive a tea gift pack. RMB 488. Green T. House (6552 8310)

Classic French at Boulud

Maison Boulud introduces a new

menu of fresh summer dishes and hearty French classics like escargots, steak tartare, coq au Riesling and more. 6-10pm. Maison Boulud (6559 9220)

Fapai Brunch at Comptoirs

Enjoy eggs your style plus ham, cheese, salami, a breadbasket including croissants, and fresh orange juice and coffee. RMB 78. Mon-Fri 7am-3pm, Sat-Sun 7am-4pm. Comptoirs de France (5135 7645)

Journey of French Taste

The gastronomic sojourn through France's regional cuisines continues, with dishes from Alsace currently under the spotlight. RMB 308 for four-course set menu, RMB 250 for wine pairing, RMB 125 for beer pairing. Maison Boulud (6559 9200)

Lunch it! at Scarlett

Pick one main course from the menu and enjoy a buffet of salads, cold cuts, and desserts, rounded off with coffee or tea. RMB 98. 11.30am-3pm. Scarlett, Hotel G (6552 2880)

Mosto One-Year Anniversary Menu

Chef Daniel has prepared a month-long tasting menu of favorites from the past year, including seared foie gras with saffron risotto, oven-roasted codfish and the fabulous chocolate soufflé with Sichuan pepper ice cream. RMB 350, RMB 450 (with wine pairing). Mosto (5208 6030)

Pinot Brasserie New Menu

New northern French dishes like confit of pork with black pudding and roasted apples face off against the Southern flavors of seared red tuna with Provençal ratatouille. JW Marriott (5908 8953)

Sweet Deal at Sugar Bar

Every evening, selected desserts like marble cheesecake, white forest cake, lemon meringue and tiramisu are half-price. RMB 12-14. From 8-12pm. Sugar Bar at 1949 – The Hidden City (6501 1949)

Ten years of Brasserie Flo

To mark this historic anniversary, a revised menu of French classics designed by Michelin-starred chef Daniel Chambon will be available throughout September. Brasserie Flo (6595 5135)

Thai Tapas Special

Lantung's Thai tapas set menu is just RMB 60 before 6pm and after 11pm every day. Lantung (5905 6213)

Union Bar & Grille Set Menus

Order from a *prix fixe* menu of three courses including baked potato skins, rib eye steak and New York cheesecake. RMB 108-238. Union Bar & Grille (6415 9117)

BRUNCH AND BUFFET

From Sep 13

FIZZtastic Champagne Brunch

Beijing's newest Sunday bubbly brunch ups the stakes with premium Tattler Champagne on free-flow and a lip-smacking array of international gastronomy. A tea master, calligrapher and resident jazz band will keep the atmosphere lively all afternoon. The "Kidz Paradise" features a special food buffet, cartoons and toys for the tots. RMB 398+15%. 11.30am-3pm. Hilton Wangfujing (5812 8888 ext 8411)

Sep 14-23

Taste of Singapore Buffet

Feast on *bak kut teh* (slow-cooked soup), chilli crab, curry fish head, Hainan chicken rice, *roti prata* (flat dough pancakes), and satay at this Southeast Asian food festival. RMB 158+15%. 5.30-9.30pm. Presidential Hotel (5858 5588 ext 8690)



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Sep 7: Party Time at Latin Grillhouse

Music, dancing and *feijoada*. See listing, p41.

Mon-Fri

Simply Dim Sum Lunch

Chef Joyce Zhu lays out a hearty dim sum feast to remind you about life's simple pleasures. RMB 88. Noon-3pm. Zen5es, Westin Beijing Chaoyang (5922 8880)

Mon-Sat

Aroma at the Ritz-Carlton

Every day is a feast at Aroma, featuring Southeast Asian, Chinese, Japanese and Western buffet treats plus mouthwatering desserts. RMB 168. 11.30am-2.30pm. Ritz-Carlton (5908 8161)

Every Tue

All About Pasta & Wine

Gorge on a mouth-watering selection of all-you-can-eat pasta plus free flow of red and white house wine. RMB 148. 6-10pm. Scarlett, Hotel G (6552 2880)

Every Thu

American Buffet BBQ

Indulge at this Yankee all-you-can-eat fest of grilled hot dogs, kebabs, short ribs, hot wings and more. RMB 99. 5-11pm. All-Star Sports Bar & Grill (5905 6999)

Every Fri

Eating with Nemo

Dive into fresh seafood – king crabs, oysters, lobster, caviar and salmon; have it steamed, fried or roasted to your taste at live cooking stations. RMB 228 (including coffee and tea), RMB 288 (including local draft beer), RMB 120 extra for free flow of wine. All prices+15%. 6-10pm. Elements, Hilton Chaoyang (5865 5020)

Every Fri & Sat

Greenfish Seafood Buffet

Get wrecked in a briny sea of crabs, scallops, oysters and lobster, where the wine flows like the tide. Chinese barbecue, risotto, and caviar stations (with free vodka) for the landlubbers. RMB 288 (including free-flowing wine and soft drinks). Kids half-price. 6-9.30pm. Greenfish, Ritz-Carlton Beijing Financial Street (6601 6666 ext 6255)

Every Sat

Eatery Saturday Brunch

Go west to this Summer Palace retreat for a tempting spread of pan-fried dim sum, Japanese tempura, a tandoori station and other international dishes. Dine alfresco in the garden whilst the kids are entertained in the Children's Corner. RMB 368 (includes free flow of Piper-Heidsieck Champagne, cocktails and wine). 11.30am-3pm. Eatery, Four Points by Sheraton Beijing Haidian (8610 8889)

Seafood Saturdays

International buffet favorites with a seafood twist. Alfresco seating in the garden. RMB 258 (including free flow of wine and beer). Ladies eat for half price. 5-9pm. St. Regis (6460 6688)

Every Sat & Sun

Dim Sum High Tea at Summer Palace

A scrumptious selection of more than 40 varieties of Cantonese and Huaiyang dim sum; the meal includes an unlimited supply of selected Chinese tea. RMB 98+15%. 2-4pm. China World (6505 5838)

IFW Weekend Lunch Buffet

The International Food Warehouse presents over 100 types of international dishes freshly prepared in live kitchens. RMB 198 (includes free flow of sparkling wine and soft drinks). 11.30am-2.30pm. Park Hyatt (8567 1568)

Seafood Night at East 33

A royal spread of king crabs, two types of oysters (try the ones from Fujian province), salt-cooked scallops, Norwegian salmon and more. Save room for the fresh Boston lobster – each diner is entitled to one. RMB 298+15% (including soft drinks). 6-10pm. Raffles Hotel (6526 3388 ext 5171)

Every Sun

Agua Aperitivo Brunch

Round off the weekend with all-you-can-eat Spanish tapas from the brunch menu served on Agua's stunning terrace. Mention this listing when booking to receive a complimentary glass of Cava on arrival. RMB 198+10%. 11am-3pm. Agua (6559 6266)

All-American Country & Western Buffet

Mosey on down for an evening of cowboy hats, country music and soul food; baby back ribs and fried chicken grilled over hickory wood, cornbread and rock salt potatoes. Finish off with flag-waving sweets like chocolate macadamia cheese pie and peanut butter silk pie. RMB 158. 4.30-9pm. Café 99, The Regent Beijing (8522 1888 ext 5650)

Asian Experience in Hawka

Sample a buffet of exotic street food from Mumbai, Tokyo, Bangkok and Hong Kong alongside a huge range of Asian/Pacific beers. RMB 138+15%. 6.30-10pm. Marriott Hotel City Wall (5811 8266)

Brunch at Boulud

A brunch for epicures that includes the (in)famous DB Burger, filled with braised short ribs and foie gras. Free (kids under 6), RMB 98 (one-course), RMB 158 (two-course), RMB 208 (three-course), RMB 238 (four-course) plus an RMB

35 supplement for the burger and 5% service charge. 11am-4pm. Maison Boulud (6559 9200)

Bubblicious

Dim sum, Mongolian BBQ, tep-panyaki, Indian faves, pizza, carved meat, and an international assortment of cold and hot dishes and desserts, along with juice and smoothie stations. A kids' corner entertains the young'uns. This month, bring your schoolteacher ID card to claim a 15% discount! RMB 368 (includes unlimited Veuve Clicquot champagne, beer and wine), RMB 338 (includes wine and beer), RMB 298 (no booze), RMB 149 (kids 6-12), free (kids 0-5). All prices+15%. 11.30am-3.30pm. Westin Beijing Chaoyang (5922 8880)

Hot and Wet BBQ Pool Party

Enjoy a BBQ on the landscaped rooftop garden, a dip in the outdoor pool, and a free flow of beer, wine and music. RMB 158. 11am-4pm. Doubletree by Hilton (6338 1999 ext 1628)

Indian Sunday Brunch

Seafood dishes, live cooking and vegetarian options abound at this new bargain brunch buffet. RMB 48. 11.30am-3pm. Mirch Masala at Ritan Highlife (8563 6304)

inspired Sunday Bubbly Brunch

Travel the culinary world with caviar, live seafood, tartare stations, make-your-own sushi rolls, teppanyaki ice cream, delectable desserts and much more. Magicians, musicians, dancers and the Kids Club entertain patrons. RMB 368+15% (includes free flow of Pommery Pop champagne, wine, beer, martinis, etc.), RMB 298+15% (soft drinks, juice and mocktails), RMB 148+15% (kids younger than 12), free (kids under 6). 11.30am-3pm. The Westin Beijing Financial Street (6629 7810)

Monsoon at The InterContinental

The lavish spread includes roast meats, lobster, oyster, dim sum, luscious desserts and more. Three types of champagne to choose from. RMB 398+15% (includes free flow of champagne), RMB 268+15% (no alcohol), RMB 128 (kids under 12). 11.30am-3pm. Monsoon (5852 5888 ext 5916/7)

Open Bar Brunch at Elements

Feast on a huge range of roasted meat and Pan-Asian delicacies from live cooking stations, accompanied by live jazz. Kids are entertained by a magician and games at the Kids Club. RMB 348 (free flow of cocktails and Mumm Champagne), RMB 288 (free flow of local beer and soft drinks). All prices+15%. Noon-3pm. Elements, Hilton

Chaoyang (5865 5020)

SALT Summer Sundays

SALT's bubbly brunch welcomes new breakfast dishes like fig pancakes with Parma ham and truffle honey, and fresh polenta with bacon, truffles and poached egg. Indulge in Chef Gaby's special Sunday treats from the bar (including her seriously spicy Bloody Mary). Non-alcoholic and children's options available. Reservations encouraged. RMB 288 (includes three courses and free-flow summer wines and cocktails). Noon-4pm. SALT (6437 8457)

Sureño Sunday Brunch

Lazy Sunday dining on Mediterranean treats like bruschetta, baked eggs with smoked salmon, pasta of the day, grilled meat and chicken and hangover-busting jugs of sangria. RMB 268. Noon-3pm. Sureño (6410 5240)

All month

Hot & Spicy at Senses

Spice it up with a mix of tender meats, fresh seafood and crisp veggies, thrown together with fragrant spices from Hunan and Sichuan. RMB 228+15% (lunch), RMB 298+15% (dinner). 11.30am-3pm, 5.30-10pm. Senses, Westin Financial Street (6629 7810)

BEVERAGE SPECIALS

Sep 3-6

New World, New Frontiers

Celebrated Australian chef Paul Wilson teams up with countryman and class-leading wine critic Nick Stock for some seriously special wine-paired dinners. RMB 788. 6pm onwards. (Sunday brunch: RMB 298. 11.30am-3pm.) Jaan, Raffles City Hotel (6526 3388 ext 5331)

Mon-Fri

Afternoon Tea on the Terrace

A tasty selection of Italian finger sandwiches, desserts and cookies, plus an unlimited selection of gourmet tea or coffee. RMB 58. 2.30-7.30pm. Invito Café (5905 6906)

Sep 16

Tavola Wine Dinner

Executive chef Alberto Alboreggia and French sommelier Oliver Gilles join forces to bring you a memorable evening of Italian food and fine wine. Reservations required. RMB 480. 6.30-10pm. Tavola (8532 5068)

Lazy Aperitivo, Italian Style

Please your palate with a selection of authentic Italian snacks and cold cuts while enjoying a glass of Prosecco. RMB 98. 5-7pm. Invito Café (5905 6906)



All month: Pinot Brasserie New Menu

Seared red tuna with Provençal ratatouille. See listing, p47.

Every Wed

Wine Lovers Wednesdays

Buy one bottle and get the second for half-price at one of Beijing's oldest Italian restaurants. Metro (6552 7828)

Every Thu

Wine Club

Discover some of the world's finest wine regions with sommelier Julia Zhu at these tastings that feature five wines and one cocktail, accompanied by expert commentary and canapes. RMB 150+15% per person. One East, Hilton Beijing (5865 5030)

Thu-Fri

Black Sesame Wine 'n Dine

A six-course Chinese dinner is prepared in front of you and paired with two New World wines. RMB 250. 7-10pm. Black Sesame Kitchen (136 9147 4408) www.blacksesamekitchen.com

Lobby Wine Tasting

Savor a wide selection of imported bottles in the elegant Lobby Lounge. RMB 138 for free flow of wine. 6-8pm. InterContinental Beijing Beichen (8437 1288)

Sizzling Summer BBQ

Chargrilled meat and buckets of chilled beers in the Zen garden. Summer in Beijing really ain't so bad. RMB 228 (including three beers). 6-10pm. Westin Beijing Financial Street (6629 7815)

Every Fri

Best Brews Weekend Barbecue

Wash down a variety of popular barbecue food with well-loved imported beers like Brooklyn Lager, Pure Blonde, Victoria Bitter and Crown Lager. RMB 100. 6-10pm. Four Points by Sheraton Beijing Haidian (8610 8889)

Friday Wine Fever

Order a bottle from 15 selected wines priced at RMB 200 and tuck in to a free flow of tapas. 8-12pm. Enoteca (6587 1578)

Every Sat & Sun

Afternoon Tea in the Sky

Sip tea, munch delectable pastries, cakes and desserts, and marvel at the view from the 63th floor of the Park Hyatt. RMB 298+15% for two. 2-6pm. The Lounge, Park Hyatt (8567 1796)

Champagne High Tea at Centro

Splash out with three brands of Champagne, fine specialty teas and delectable sweets (e.g. profiteroles with vanilla cream and fresh strawberries) and savories (e.g. smoked duck breast with mango). RMB 98 (no champagne), RMB 158 (includes sparkling wine), RMB 198 (includes Champagne). 2-5pm. Centro (6561 8833 ext 42)

All month

Birthday Bubbly

Celebrate your birthday with a booking of eight or more at either Aqua or Shiro Matsu and receive a free bottle of Champagne or a birthday cake. Mention this promo when booking. Aqua restaurant group (6559 6266)

COOKING CLASSES

Sep 2, 5

The Art of Sushi

Know your *nigiri* from your *nori*

as Chef Max Levy teaches the skills behind Japan's earliest fast food. Reservations required. RMB 388. 11.30am. Bei, The Opposite House (6410 5230)

Sep 2, 9

Dine with Eileen

Beijing Eats author Eileen Wen Mooney will be speaking at this three-course Imperial banquet dinner. Reservations required. RMB 388 (paired with Italian wine supplied by Cambulac). 6.30pm. Red Capital Club (6402 7150)

Sep 18, 25

Southeast Asian Cooking

Chef Gan will create a three-course menu while you take notes, prep vegetables and slurp complimentary tea. After the food is ready, everyone tucks in over a glass of wine. RMB 288+15%. 10am-12.30pm. Village Café, The Opposite House (6410 5230)

Sep 26

SALT Chef's Masterclass

Chef Ana Esteves will guide you through the preparation, cooking and plating of four to five courses. Includes a recipe pack, SALT apron and T-shirt, and a free glass of wine as you sit down to enjoy your creations. All levels welcome. Bookings essential. RMB 588. 9.30-11.30am. SALT (6437 8457)

Sep 29

French Gourmet Cooking Class

Sofitel's executive chef Yannick shares his savoir-faire every last Tuesday of the month in this class teaching the fundamentals of French cooking. RMB 268, RMB 368 (including three-course lunch menu and coffee or tea. Sofitel (8599 6666)

Every Thu

Lunchtime Cooking Class

Study specific cooking techniques at a weekly lunchtime class with the master chefs who taught founder Jen Lin-Liu (author of *Serve the People: A Stir-Fried Journey Through China*). Reservations required. RMB 250. 11am-1.30pm. Black Sesame Kitchen (136 9147 4408) www.blacksesamekitchen.com

Every Sat

Black Sesame Saturday Gourmet

Learn the secrets of Chinese cooking in a courtyard kitchen. Includes demonstration, hands-on cooking, and a leisurely afternoon lunch. Reservations required. RMB 300. 1-4pm. Black Sesame Kitchen (136 9147 4408) www.blacksesamekitchen.com

All month

Chinese Regional Cuisine

Discover the art of chopping, marinating and stir-frying. Featured cuisines include Cantonese, Hunan, Sichuan or Beijing homestyle. Classes also devoted to "cooking with tea," feng shui cooking and more. RMB 220, RMB 200 (members). The Hutong (6404 3355, 8915 3613) www.the-hutong.com

Hutong Eats Snack Tour

Embark on a foodie romp through historic old Beijing and sample tasty alleyway snacks. RMB 400. 11.30am-2pm. Check website for details. www.hiasgourmet.com/hutong-eats (6400 9199)

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North African cuisine leans towards Middle Eastern, while West African emphasizes starches, gravies, spices and grilled meats.

Moro Flavorful tagines, couscous and tapas, all made with market fresh, authentic ingredients. But with only 28 seats in this blink-and-you-will-miss-it spot, reservations are a must. Tue-Sun noon-2pm, 6-11pm. 8 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (8448 8250, 130 1112 8039) 朝阳区新源南路8号

Ras Ethiopian Cuisine Sit at a mesob and eat injera bread dipped in kitfo, ye'siga we't and ye'shiro while you enjoy live dance and music performances and a coffee ceremony. Good service, authentic food, and a great atmosphere make for a heady culinary experience. Mon-Fri 10.30am-10.30pm, Sat-Sun 11am-11pm. 7 Sanlitun Lu (next to the Friendship Supermarket), Chaoyang District. (6468 6053) 埃塞俄比亚餐厅, 朝阳区三里屯北路7号(小友道超市旁)

AMERICAN

This culinary tradition prizes portion size almost as much as it does ketchup, particularly when it comes to hamburgers, steaks and egg-based breakfasts. Creole/Cajun, America's finest culinary strain, is well represented in Beijing.

All-Star Sports Bar & Grill Boasting 65 plasma screens and tons of sound equipment, All-Star supplies sports fanatics with fine burgers, tacos, pastas and steaks. Mon-Fri 5pm-2am, Sat-Sun 11am-2am. Bldg 5, 1/F, Solana Shopping Mall, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6999) www.all-starclub.com 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商务区 5-1



American Steak & Eggs Affordable meals from classic American diner breakfasts to fancier dinner specials. Bottomless cups

of coffee and North American style give it a distinctly authentic feel. Voted "Outstanding Value" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Mon-Fri 7.30am-midnight, Sat-Sun 6.30am-midnight. Yuyang Lu (between Gahood Villa and Capital Paradise), Baixinzhuang, Houshayu, Shunyi District. (8046 7118); 2) Mon-Fri 6.30am-midnight, Sat-Sun 5.30am-midnight. Xiushui Nanjie, Jianguomenwai (behind Friendship Store, one traffic light west of Silk Market), Chaoyang District. (6592 8088/8788); 3) Mon-Fri 6.30am-8pm, Sat-Sun 7am-8pm. B1 Excel Centre, 6 Wudinghou Jie, Xicheng District. (6629 0006/8) www.steakeggs.com.cn 喜来中北美西餐. 1) 顺义区后沙峪镇白辛庄村榆阳路嘉浩别墅附近; 2) 朝阳区建国门外秀水南街(友谊商店北面, 秀水西边第一个红绿灯); 3) 西城区金融街武定侯街6号

The Astor Grill Succulent steaks and beautifully presented dishes in a newly renovated swish atmosphere. Check out the rooftop terrace and seafood BBQ. Mon-Fri 11.30am-2pm; daily 6-10pm. 3/F, St. Regis Hotel Apartments, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6460 6688 ext 2637) 艾斯特扒房, 朝阳区建国门外大街21号国际俱乐部饭店公寓3层

Blue Frog Massive portions will give Americans the hometown fuzzies - chow down on their self-proclaimed "Best Burger in China" and see for yourself whether bigger is indeed better. They also feature friendly wait staff, a sizable drinks menu, outdoor patio, kid's playroom, and Wi-Fi. Voted "Outstanding Burger" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 10am-1am. L312, Europlaza, 99 Yuxiang Lu, Tianzhu Zhen, Shunyi District. (8046 6337); 2) Daily 10am-2am. S4-30, 3/F, Bldg 4, The Village at Sanlitun, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 4030) www.bluefrog.com.cn 蓝蛙. 1) 顺义区天竺镇欧翔路99号北京欧陆时尚购物中心



心(欧陆广场)L312室; 2) 朝阳区三里屯北路19号三里屯Village4号楼3层S4-30



Chef Too Billing itself as a friendly neighborhood joint, Chef Too impresses with its smart interior and well-trained staff. Tue-Fri 11am-2pm, 5-10pm; Sat-Sun 9:30am-3pm, 5-10pm. Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu (north of Block 8), Chaoyang District. (6591 8676, chefbilly@yahoo.com) 美西西餐厅, 朝阳区朝阳公园西路枣营南里小区东门南侧



Element Fresh This sunny Shanghai import proves that American food can be good for you too. Try the hearty, healthful salads, smoothies and sandwiches, or the popular weekend brunch. Voted "Best Restaurant of the Year," "Outstanding Outdoor Dining," "Outstanding Brunch (standalone)" and "Best Sandwich," in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Mon-Fri 9am-11pm, Sat-Sun 8am-11pm. Shop 833, Bldg 8, The Village at Sanlitun, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 1318) www.elementfresh.com 新元素, 朝阳区三里屯路19号The Village南区8号楼833单元

Grandma's Kitchen Sandwiches, gravy-based dinners and high-powered desserts from middle America. Stencilled walls and grandma's hospitality. Voted "Best Brunch (standalone)," "Best Burger," and "Best Family-Friendly Restaurant" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 9am-10pm. 47-2 Nanchizi Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6528 2790, bj.grandmas.kitchen@hotmail.com); 2) Daily 10am-10pm. 28 Xicheng Hutong (across from Beixinqiao subway exit C), Dongcheng District. (8403 9452, bj.grandmas.kitchen@hotmail.com); 3) Daily 10am-11pm. 5/F, Wudaokou Shopping Mall, Haidian District. (6266 6105, bj.grandmas.kitchen@hotmail.com); 4) Daily 7:30am-11pm. 11A Xiushui Nanjie, Jianguomenwai, Chaoyang District. (6503 2893, bj.grandmas.kitchen@hotmail.com); 5) Daily 7:30am-11pm. 1-2/F, Bldg B, Jianwai Soho, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (5869 3055/3056, bj.grandmas.kitchen@hotmail.com) 祖母厨房, 1) 东城区南池子大街47-2号; 2) 东城区北新桥石雀胡同28号(地铁五号线北新桥站C出口); 3) 海淀区五道口购物中心5层; 4) 朝阳区建国门外秀水南街甲11号(友道商店后面); 5) 朝阳区东三环中路39号建外Soho座1-2层

Let's Burger Among Beijing's hamburger restaurants, Let's Burger is the latest and best. It offers the classic burgers and the snazzier ones like Mexicano, Wagyu beef and mini burgers. Well-priced house wine and imported beer on offer as well. Voted "Best Burger" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11:30am-midnight. D101A, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Beijing, Chaoyang District. (5208 6036) 朝阳区三里屯北街81号

那里花园D101a

One East Modern American cuisine with "build-your-own" gourmet burgers and the largest selection of US wines in Beijing. Their good value-for-money set lunch consists of delicate dishes that won't send you to sleep when you get back to the office. 15 percent service charge. Mon-Fri noon-2:30pm; 6-10:30pm. 2/F, Hilton Beijing, 1 Dongfang Lu, Chaoyang District. (5865 5030) 东方路一号, 朝阳区东方路1号希尔顿酒店2层

Peter's Tex-Mex Grill The mighty Lone Star state rises again! With a menu offering burritos, fajitas and enchiladas, this eatery pays tribute to Texas' enduring popularity. Voted "Outstanding Mexican" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 7:30am-11:30pm. Hairun International Apartment, 2B Jiangtai Lu (southeast of Holiday Inn Lido), Chaoyang District. (5135 8187, 8627 3734); 2) Mon-Fri 9:30am-11pm, Sat-Sun 7:30am-11:30pm. 88A International Club, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (8532 2449) 彼得西餐, 1) 朝阳区将台路乙2号海润国际公寓公建2号(丽都假日酒店东南边); 2) 朝阳区建国门外大街21号国际俱乐部88A



Sizzler Enjoy unlimited trips to the salad bar along with steaks, seafood, ribs and other grilled treats at this American chain. 1) Daily 11am-9pm. 2/F, Jiamao Shopping Mall, 33 Guangshun Beidajie, Wangjing, Chaoyang District. (6471 3876); 2) Daily 10am-10pm. B1-30 Glory Mall, 18 Chongwenmenwai Dajie, Chongwen District. (6714 0399); 3) Daily 11am-9:30pm. FF16, Food Forum, B1/F, The Malls at Oriental Plaza, Dongcheng District. (8518 6315); 4) Daily 11am-9pm. B1/F, Grand Pacific Mall, 133 Xidan Beidajie, Xicheng District. (6651 5283); 5) Daily 11am-10:30pm. International Club, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie (next to St. Regis Hotel), Chaoyang District. (6532 0475); 6) Daily 11am-10pm. 2/F, Anzhen Hualian Department Store, Anzhen Xili, Chaoyang District. (6441 9996); 7) Daily 11am-10pm. 102 Beilishi Lu (west of Fuchengmen Hualian Department Store), Xicheng District. (6835 0610) 时时乐, 1) 朝阳区望京广顺北大街嘉茂购物中心二层; 2) 崇文区崇文门外大街18号 国瑞城购物中心 B1-30; 3) 东城区东方新天地1区地铁层食通天大街FF16商铺; 4) 西城区君太百货地下一层; 5) 朝阳区建国门外大街21号(国际俱乐部旁边); 6) 朝阳区安贞西里华联商厦2层; 7) 西城区北礼士路102号阜成门华联商场西侧

Tribute North The Beijing extension of Hong Kong restaurant Tribute serves up fine Northern Californian cuisine, with set menus rotated regularly. Daily 7am-10pm. Inside Shama Luxe Chang'an, 9 Gongyuan Xijie, Jianguomenwai Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6525 7223/9751) 北部食堂, 东城区建国门内大街贡院西街9号莎玛长安内

Union Bar & Grille The grill restaurant that's classy enough to bring a date for steaks, wings, burgers and more. Nice brunch too. Mon-Fri 11am-11pm, Sat-Sun 11am-12pm. 56-31, 3/F, Bldg 6, The Village at Sanlitun, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6415 9117) 优年美式餐厅, 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village6号楼3层S6-31

BAKERIES & DELIS

The legacy of the Earl of Sandwich: Meat between pieces of bread. Stock up on bread, cold cuts and other goodies at these import shops.

Bento & Berries Sporting a bright and trendy design (from the same firm behind Centro), the combination bakery, cafe

and deli-takeout offers food and drink as diverse as its target customers. But the real appeal remains in its daytime draws: free delivery (if you're located within 500 meters of the Kerry Centre), a selection of English-language newsstand magazines and newspapers, and, of course, wireless Internet. Mon-Fri 7am-11pm, Sat-Sun 7am-7pm. 1/F, Shangri-La's Kerry Centre Hotel, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6561 8833 ext 45) 缤味美食屋, 朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心饭店1层

Boucherie Michel Artisanal French butchery serving up quality cuts of beef, veal, lamb and pork, as well as sausages, cheese, quiche and freshly roasted chickens. Daily 9am-8pm. 1/F, Jiezuo Dasha, Xingfucun Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (6417 0489, boucheriemichel@hotmail.com) 米歇尔肉店, 朝阳区幸福村中路杰座大厦底层

Comptoirs de France Offers a variety of freshly baked rolls, baguettes, and loaves of bread alongside tempting pastries and chocolates. Voted "Outstanding Sandwiches" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 7am-9:30pm. 4 Ritan Beilu (next to Jenny Lou's), Chaoyang District. (8562 3355); 2) Daily 7am-9pm. 1/F, East Lake Club, 35 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6461 1525); 3) Daily 7am-9pm. 1/F, Bldg 5, Hairun International Condominiums, 2B Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang District. (5135 7645); 4) Daily 7am-9pm. Rm 102, 1/F, Bldg 15, China Central Place, 89 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (6530 5480); 5) Daily 7am-9pm. L-111, Europlaza, 99 Yuxiang Lu, Tianzhu Zhen, Shunyi District. (8046 6309) www.comptoirsdefrance.com 法派, 1) 朝阳区日坛北路4号; 2) 东城区东直门外大街35号东湖俱乐部1层; 3) 朝阳区将台路乙2号海润国际公寓商业5层; 4) 朝阳区建国路89号华贸中心15号楼102; 5) 顺义区天竺镇裕翔路99号欧陆广场111室

Delicatessen Features a variety of homemade cakes, freshly made sandwiches, and a wide selection of cheeses, sausages, wine gourmet coffee and wines. Items can be taken away or consumed on the spot. Daily 7am-9pm. 1/F, Lido Place, 6 Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang District. (6437 6688) 熟食店, 朝阳区将台路6号北京丽都假日饭店1层

Kempi Deli Some of the best bread, cakes and desserts in town. Next time you want a birthday cake, try their incredible Black Forest chocolate cake. Discounts after 8pm (9pm weekends). Daily 7am-10pm. 1/F, Kempinski Hotel, Chaoyang District. (6465 3388 ext 5741) 凯宾美食廊, 朝阳区凯宾斯基饭店1层

Kiosk Grilled steak sandwiches, burgers and thick-cut fries are the highlights at this Serbian-owned establishment. The

Nali branch operates out of a tiny shack, with outdoor seating, while the Xingfu Yicun location serves cocktails and other drinks at its second-floor bar. 1) Daily 11am-10pm. 1 Xingfu Yicun (in the first alley west of the Xindong Lu intersection), Chaoyang District. (6416 3068); 2) Daily 9am-8pm. Nali Mall (next to Jazz-Ya), Sanlitun Beijing, Chaoyang District. (6413 2461) 南斯拉夫烤肉店, 1) 朝阳区幸福一村1号; 2) 朝阳区三里屯北街那里服装市场

No More Bunz Hotdog Perhaps the best bun-accessorized treat to hit Beijing, this hole-in-the-wall booth sure does fry a good hot dog (RMB 15-25). Opened by a Canadian and run by the jovial Mr. Wei, the stand offers four kinds of sausages, all with good-quality meat and many toppings. No seats, but delivery available. Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat-Sun 10am-6:30pm. Bldg 1, Xingfu Ercun (southwest corner of Xindong Lu and Dongzhimenwai), Chaoyang District. (Chinese 8602 1672, English 135 0107 1114) 朝阳区新东路幸福二村1号楼(新东路和东直门外的西南角公交车站后)

BEIJING

The capital's culinary history reflects the diversity of its residents though most dishes feature large portions and rich sauces. See also: Beijing Duck.

Hot Bean Cooperative Run by a group of hip youngsters, the whimsical hand-painted walls and a big old tree in the middle of their courtyard make for a pleasant place to chill, but it's the chicken wings that are the main draw. Daily 10am-10pm. Just inside Chaodou Hutong (50m north of Jiaodaokou Nandajie and Kuan Jie intersection), Dongcheng District. (8401 6165) 炒豆合作社, 东城区交道口南大街炒豆胡同

Jiumen Xiaochi Taste some of the best of Beijing's traditional snacks at this collection of *laozihao* snack stalls; most relocated from Dashilan'r when the Qianmen area underwent renovation. Daily 10am-10pm. 1 Xiaoyou Hutong, Xicheng District. (6402 5858) 九门小吃, 西城区孝友胡同1号

Noodle Bar This hip 12-seat bar is not your everyday *mianguan'r*. The ingredients are excellent, and the agile kung-fu chefs will capture your attention with their noodle-pulling skills. Daily 11am-10pm. 1949-The Hidden City, Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu (behind Pacific Century Place), Chaoyang District. (6501 1949) 面吧, 朝阳区工体北路4号院(盈科中心南面)

The Roadhouse at Mutianyu Fantastic Great Wall views and hearty Chinese country food including fresh rainbow

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trout. Sat-Sun and holidays 11am-3pm, or by prior appointment. 12 Mutianyu Village, Huairou District. (6162 6506) www.roadhouseatmutianyu.com 大路馆儿, 怀柔区慕田峪村12号

Wenyu Nailao Regulars of this Beijing dairy snack outlet include tough old men who stride into the little store for their daily fix. The owners of Wen Yu are descendants of cooks from the imperial kitchens. 49 Nanluogu Xiang, Dongcheng District. (6405 7621) 文字奶酪店, 东城区南锣鼓巷49号

Yuebin Restaurant Beijing's first privately-owned restaurant post-1949 is also one of its finest. Don't miss the *guo doufu he* (wok tofu boxes) and *ganshao huangyu* (fried yellow croaker). Daily 11am-2pm, 5-9pm. 43, 31 Cuihua Hutong (opposite the main gates of the National Art Museum of China), Dongcheng District. (6524 5322) 悦宾饭店, 东城区翠花胡同43, 31号(中国美术馆对面)

BEIJING DUCK

Authentic oven-roasted Beijing duck is sliced into about 120 pieces and served with plum sauce, fresh spring onions and pancakes.

Bianyifang This "laozhao" (time-honored brand) restaurant, whose first branch is located in the historic Qianmen area, has been serving up some of the capital's finest duck since 1855, and boasts its own special slow roast technique for more mouth watering results. 1) Mon-Fri 10.30am-2pm, 5-9.30pm; Sat-Sun 10am-9pm. 6 Beisanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (8208 1019, 5857 2687); 2) Daily 11.30am-2pm, 5-9pm. 4/F, Bldg 1, Dacheng International Center, 78 Dongsihuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (5962 6999); 3) Daily 11am-9.30pm. 3/F Building 2, New World Shopping Mall, 3 Chongwenmenwai Dajie, Chongwen District. (6708 8680); 4) Daily 11am-2pm, 5-9pm. 73 Tiantan Donglu, Chongwen District. (6702 0904) www.bianyifang.com (便宜坊). 1) 朝阳区北三环中路6号; 2) 朝阳区东四环中路78号大成国际中心1号楼4层; 3) 崇文区崇文门外大街3号新世界商场二期3层; 4) 崇文区天坛东路73号

Da Dong Roast Duck Da Dong's reputation was built on its original Tuanjiehu branch, but the newer Nanxincang spot adds decorative class to the classic Da Dong ducks, which have a reputation for being among the very best in the city. Voted "Best Beijing Duck," "Outstanding for Impressing Visitors" and "Best Restaurant of the Year (Chinese)" in our 2009 Reader Restaurant Awards. Daily 11am-10pm. 1) 5/F, Jinbao Dasha, Jinbao Jie, Dongcheng District. (8522 1234); 2) 1-2/F, Nanxincang International Plaza, 22A Dongshihitiao, Dongcheng District. (5169 0329); 3) 3 Tuanjiehu Beikou, Dongsanhuan Lu (southeast corner of Changhong Qiao), Chaoyang District. (6582 2892/4003) 北京大董烤鸭店. 1) 东城区金宝街金宝大厦5层; 2) 东城区东四十条甲22号新侨国际大厦1-2楼(立交桥西南角); 3) 朝阳区团结湖北口3号楼东三环(长虹桥东南角)

Duck de Chine Decked out with industrial chic concrete flooring and a high, wood-beamed ceiling, this restaurant brings Chinese and French duck-roasting traditions together on the same menu. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10.30pm. 1949-The Hidden City, Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu (opposite the south gate of Pacific Century Place Mall), Chaoyang District. (6501 8881) 全鸭季, 朝阳区工体北路4号院(太平洋百货南门对面)

Liquor Roast Duck Restaurant Somewhat off the beaten path, Li Qun serves quality ducks in a traditional Beijing courtyard and is well worth the trek out to Qianmen. To spare yourself a lengthy wait – for your duck as well as a table – reserve and order in advance if possible. Daily 10am-10pm. 11 Beixiangfeng, Zhengyi Lu (northeast of Qianmen), Dongcheng District. (6705 5578) 利群烤鸭店, 东城区前门东大街正义路口北翔凤胡同11号

Made in China Don't let the hotel environs throw you – this stylish joint on the first floor of the Grand Hyatt boasts a contemporary take on northeastern Chinese cuisine, along with some of the

city's finest roast duck. This open-kitchen restaurant is a must-go. Voted "Outstanding Beijing Duck" and "Outstanding Restaurant of the Year (Chinese)" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10.30pm. 1/F, Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1 Dongchang'an Jie, Dongcheng District. (6510 9608) 长安一号, 东城区东长安街1号东方广场北京东方君悦大酒店1层

Quan Ju De A name synonymous in Beijing with roast duck, Quan Ju De's celebrated birds have passed through the mouths of visitors from Fidel Castro to Richard Nixon over the years. The original branch still serves duck by the tourist busload. Voted "Outstanding Beijing Duck" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 11am-9pm. Tower 1-3, Bldg A, Tianchuang Shiyuan, 309 Huizhong Beili, Chaoyang District. (6480 1685/6); 2) Daily 11am-3pm, 5-10pm. 57 Di'anmen Xidajie, Xicheng District. (6612 8557, 6617 1570); 3) Daily 11am-2pm, 4.30-9pm. 9 Shuaifuyuan Hutong, Wangfujing Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6525 3310); 4) Daily 10.30am-9pm. 1/F, Jingxin Dasha, 2A Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6466 0896) 全聚德. 1) 朝阳区慧忠里309号天创世缘A座1-3楼; 2) 西城区地安门西大街57号; 3) 东城区王府井大街帅府园胡同9号; 4) 朝阳区东三环北路甲2号京信大厦1层

BUFFETS

Aroma Aroma offers five distinct cuisines: Japanese, Indian, Chinese, Southeast Asian, and Western favorites. Extensive buffet counters or a la carte menu available all day every day. Daily 11am-2.30pm, 6-10.30pm. The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 83A Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (5908 8777) 香溢, 朝阳区华贸中心建国路甲83号丽思卡尔顿酒店

Cafe Cha A sumptuous buffet featuring a sushi and sashimi station, pastas, pizzas, Thai laksas and tandoori specialties. Their dessert section is a show-stopper. Daily breakfast 6-10am, lunch 11.30am-2.30pm, dinner 5.30-9.30pm. Shangri-La Hotel, 29 Zizhuyuan Lu, Haidian District. (6841 2211 ext 6715) 咖啡Cha, 海淀区紫竹院路29号香格里拉饭店

City Wall Bistro This sleek, contemporary all-day buffet restaurant boasts live cooking stations intermingled with the tables. Daily 6am-11am, noon-midnight. Beijing Marriott Hotel City Wall, 7 Jianguomen Nandajie, Dongcheng District. (5811 8255) 城墙小馆, 东城区建国门内大街7号北京万豪酒店

Garden Court Brasserie-style buffet featuring an extravagant Champagne brunch on Sundays. Voted "Outstanding Brunch (hotel)" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 6-10am, 11.30am-2pm, 6-11pm. St. Regis Hotel, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6460 6688 ext 2340) 景苑咖啡厅, 朝阳区建国门外大街21号国际俱乐部饭店

Kranzler's Don't miss their classy East-meets-West buffet. Daily 6-10.30am, 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30pm-midnight. 1/F, Kempinski Hotel, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6465 3388 ext 4105) 客来思餐厅, 朝阳区亮马桥路50号凯宾斯基饭店1层

Monsoon A cafe-style restaurant offering an innovative selection of Asian and Western cuisines. The outgoing staff and animated food preparation in the open kitchen create a fun and casual dining experience. Daily 6-10.30am, 11.30am-2pm, 5.30-11pm. InterContinental Hotel, 11 Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District. (5852 5888 ext 5916/5917) 季候风, 西城区金融街11号洲际酒店

Red Orange Enjoy daily menus fresh from the market and extensive pan-Asian and Western delights from the interactive open kitchen buffet. Daily 6-9.30pm. 1/F, Crowne Plaza Sun Palace Beijing, 12 Qisheng Zhongjie, Beisanhuan Donglu, Chaoyang District. (6452 1608/6429 8888 ext 6320) 红橙, 朝阳区七圣中街12号新云南皇冠假日酒店

Senses A contemporary buffet and a la carte restaurant offering a unique combination of Asian and international cuisine. On Sundays, Senses and sister

restaurant Prego host inspiRED, one of the most lavish brunches in town. Voted "Outstanding Brunch (hotel)" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 6.30-10.30am, 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10pm. 1/F, The Westin Beijing, 9B Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District. (6629 7810) 味, 西城区金融大街乙9号北京金融街威斯汀大酒店1层

Taste Lively, cool, clean and fresh, this all-day restaurant comes with interactive cooking stations and healthful "super foods" corners that help jump start your day. On Sundays, Taste hosts Bubblicious, which readers voted "Best Brunch (hotel)" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 6.30-10.30am, 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10pm. 2/F, Westin Beijing Chaoyang, 1 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (5922 8888 ext 8178) 朝阳区新源南路1号朝阳威斯汀大酒店2层

VIC 24-hour buffet dining with food from around the world. Mon-Fri 6-10.30am, noon-2.30pm, 6-10.30pm, Sat 6-11am, 6-10.30pm, Sun noon-3pm. 6/F, Sofitel Hotel, Tower C, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (8599 6666) VIC 国际美食, 朝阳区建国路93号万达广场C座6层

CAFES & TEAHOUSES

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The Bookworm Bright, airy and filled with books. Offers light sandwiches, salads and pastas as well as heartier fare. Wine list features 40 options. 1) Mon-Sat 8am-8pm, Sun 8am-5pm. The First Courtyard, Hegezhuang Village, Shunyi District. (6431 2108, books@beijingbookworm.com, kidsclub@beijingbookworm.com); 2) Daily 9am-2am. Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6586 9507, books@beijingbookworm.com, kidsclub@beijingbookworm.com) www.chinabookworm.com 书虫书吧. 1) 顺义区崔各庄乡, 何各庄村一号院; 2) 朝阳区工体北路4号院

Cafe Europa If you're craving authentic Italian or European cuisine, then consider Cafe Europa and expect an evening of fine-dining, cafe-style, with an internationally stocked wine bar. The oxtail is highly recommended. Daily 11.30am-10pm. Rm 1113, Bldg 11, Jianwai Soho, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (5869 5663) www.cafeeuropa.cn 朝阳区东三环中路39号建外Soho11号楼1113

Cafe Zarah Decked with sofas, photography and vases of fresh flowers, this German cafe serves cakes, soups, salads, and sandwiches from the owner's personal recipe book. Daily 9.30am-midnight. 42 Gulou Dongdajie, Dongcheng District. (8403 9807) www.cafezarah.com 东城区鼓楼东大街42号

Club Sandwich Run by friendly management from New Jersey, this deli offers Wi-Fi and sandwiches filled with roast beef, gouda, prosciutto, olives, brie and other treats. Settle into one of their unusually large chairs, or get delivery. Daily 9am-10pm. 1/F, Bldg 1, Sun City, 18 Xinzhou Jie, Dongcheng District. (8447 3949) 三明治俱乐部, 东城区新中街18号阳光都市1号楼底商

Ineverland Cafe White sofas, bold greens and natural lighting brighten up this pricey, minimalist cafe. Text 139 1189 8357 to see your message floating on the second-floor screen, and don't miss the thoughtful bookstore in the basement. Daily noon-midnight. Rm 1314, Bldg 19, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (5820 5369, 5820 6125) www.ineverland.com

onewaystreet.cn 单向街无何有咖啡, 朝阳区建国路93号万达广场19号楼1314

Panino Giusto Delightful Italian deli created by the team behind Panino Teca. Daily 9am-12pm. 1/F, 55 Jiezu Dasha, Xingfu Zhongjie, Chaoyang District. (6417 7515/7531, paninogiusto@yahoo.com.cn) 朝阳区幸福中街杰座大厦55号1层

Panino Teca This casual-chic cafe bakes its own bread daily on the premises and then uses it to make an exhaustive variety of sandwiches. Voted "Outstanding Sandwiches" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Delivery is available. 1) Daily 8.30am-midnight. S2-11, Bldg 2, The Village at Sanlitun, 19 Sanlitun Lu (across from Aperitivo and Nali Patio), Chaoyang District. (6416 1416); 2) Daily 8am-11pm. 1 Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang District. (8454 1797) 品味店. 1) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village2号楼S2-11; 2) 朝阳区三里屯北小街1号

Schoolhouse Canteen The Schoolhouse at Mutianyu Great Wall serves casual Western food and affords great views of the Great Wall from its outdoor terrace. Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat-Sun 9am-8pm. 12 Mutianyu Village, Huairou District. (6162 6506/6287) www.schoolhousecanteen.com 小园, 怀柔区慕田峪村12号

Sugar Bar Pastries and sugary delights from the in-house bakery, with a wide range of coffees. Daily 11am-11pm. 1949-The Hidden City, Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu (behind Pacific Century Place), Chaoyang District. (6501 1949) 朝阳区工体北路4号院(盈科中心南面)

Teahouse of Fu Classical teahouse with exquisite Ming/Qing furniture on the south bank of Houhai. 10.30am-midnight. 23-3A, Yangfang Hutong, Bajiao Ting (inside Houhai park, east of Shiqiao), Deshengmenwai Dajie, Xicheng District. (6616 0725/6343) 茶家傅, 西城区德胜门内大街石桥东后海公园内八角亭羊坊胡同甲23-3号



Tube Station Hearty sandwiches and strong coffee to help recharge your batteries between classes. Sun-Thu 10am-10pm, Fri-Sat 10am-11pm. 500m north of Beijing Normal University East Gate, Haidian District. (6200 4439) 站点, 海淀区北师大东门往北走500米



Village Cafe This casual dining place offers a contemporary take on international favorites such as grilled shark burger on Turkish bread, and couscous salad with roasted pumpkin. Buffet breakfast and a la carte lunch and dinner. Daily 24hr. 1/F, The Opposite House, Bldg 1, The Village at Sanlitun, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6410 5210, villagecafe@theoppoositehouse.com) 朝阳区三里屯路11号三里屯Village1号楼瑜舍1层

Yuemingyuan Teahouse Traditional

teahouse providing a quiet reprieve for frayed urban nerves. Wide selection of snacks and teas available. Daily 9am-midnight. 24 Dongdaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6507 4661) 月明园. 朝阳区东大桥路24号

CANTONESE

Includes Chaozhou and Fujian style cuisines, as well as dim sum. Fresh ingredients, quick stir-frying and steaming are used to preserve the ingredients' natural flavors. See also: Hakka.

XXXXX Cantonese restaurant by day and KTV hotspot by night, this quasi-futuristic bistro serves up a range of Guangdong favorites. Daily 10.30am-midnight. 4 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6586 3948) 狮子山下. 朝阳区工体北路4号院三里屯南路

Celestial Court Seafood and dim sum in a luxurious setting for those on an expense account. Mon-Fri 11.30am-2pm, 6-10pm. 2/F, St Regis Hotel, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6460 6688 ext 2460 or 2462) 天宝阁. 朝阳区建国门外大街21号北京国际俱乐部饭店2层

China Kitchen Modern Chinese food with Cantonese influences, including dim sum sets. Try the private rooms for views of hutong rooftops. Daily 12am-2pm, 6-9.30pm. 3/F, Grand Mercure Xidan, 6 Xuanwumennei Dajie, Xicheng District. (6603 6688 ext 3303) 中餐厅. 西城区宣武门内大街6号西单美爵酒店3层

The Deluxe Restaurant A contemporary-looking place with an excellent set meal for two available only at lunch. Daily 10.30am-3pm, 5.30-10.30pm. 3/F, Comfort Inn, 6 Gongti Beilu (west of Pacific Century Plaza), Chaoyang District. (8523 6668) 凯悦酒家. 朝阳区工体北路6号凯富酒店3楼盈科中心西侧

Di With an emphasis on its elegant setting to world-class cuisine, Di also offers six private rooms for a more intimate experience. Daily 11.30am-2pm, 5.30-10pm. 8 Beichen Xilu, Chaoyang District. (8437 1333) 粤秀轩中餐厅. 朝阳区北辰西路8号院4号楼

East Ocean Seafood Restaurant Authentic southern import serves up a sumptuous dim sum feast. Daily 11am-3pm, 5-11pm. 39 Maizidian Jie, Chaoyang District. (6508 3482) 东海海鲜酒家. 朝阳区麦子店街39号

Elements An open kitchen dining experience featuring "pan-Asian" cuisines and other culinary styles from around the world. Daily 6-10am, noon-2.30pm, 6-10pm. 2/F, Hilton Beijing, 1 Dongfang Lu, Chaoyang District. (5865 5000 ext 5020) 元素阁. 朝阳区东方路1号希尔顿酒店2层

Full Moon Though its Huadu hotel location has seen better days, Full Moon still reels 'em in for the dim sum on weekends. Daily 11am-midnight. Huadu Hotel, 8 Xinyuan Nanlu (Inside Huadu Hotel), Chaoyang District. (6597 1237) 福满楼. 朝阳区新源南路8号华都饭店内

GL Cafe Hong Kong fare served in a vast cafeteria; cheap, greasy and always open: perfect for 4am feasts. 1) Daily 24hrs. 20 Chaowai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6588 9963); 2) Daily 24hrs. 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, beside St Regis Hotel, Chaoyang District. (6532 8282); 3) Daily 24 hours. L134, 1/F, China World Shopping Mall, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6505 6868) 金湖. 1) 朝阳区朝外大街20号; 2) 朝阳区建外大街21号(国际俱乐部饭店旁边); 3) 朝阳区建国门大街1号国贸商城1层L134

Hang Heung's Kitchen The stylish white and orange dining room serves a full range of classic HK-style cafe food and traditional dinnertime favorites all without MSG. The Kitchen's large selection of barbecued and roasted meats, such as crispy-skinned juicy suckling pig, comes highly recommended. Daily 7am-midnight. 1-2 Taihua Apartment, Chongwenmenwai Dajie, Chongwen District. (6708 3155) 恒香楼. 崇文区崇文门外大街太华公寓1-2号商舖

Herbal Cafe This Hong Kong cafe doesn't drench their food in oil, MSG and salt, serves herbal teas, soups, dim sum, and stir-fries in a comfortable atmosphere. 1) Daily 8am-4am. B02, 17 Wanda Plaza,

93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (5820 4679); 2) Daily 11am-11pm. 56-33, 3/F, The Village at Sanlitun, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6416 0618) 泰和草本工坊. 1) 朝阳区建国路93号万达广场10号楼B02; 2) 朝阳区三里屯电报19号三里屯Village3层s6-33

Horizon Good variety of Chinese dishes; classy atmosphere. Dim sum available in the afternoon only. Voted "Outstanding Dim Sum" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10pm. 1/F, Shangri-La's Kerry Centre Hotel, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6561 8833 ext 41) 海天阁. 朝阳区光华路1号嘉里中心饭店1层

Jewel Well presented authentic Cantonese cuisine and signature dishes from around China. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10.30pm. 1/F, The Westin Beijing, 9B Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District. (6606 8866 ext 7820) 金城阁. 西城区金融大街乙9号北京金融街威斯汀大酒店1层

Jin Ding Xuan Cantonese chain that specializes in fresh and steaming baskets of dim sum. Voted "Best Dim Sum" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 24hrs. 1) 77 Hepingli Xijie, Dongcheng District. (6429 6888); 2) 1/F, Entrance B03, north corner of Jinyuan Shopping Mall, 1 Yuanda Lu, Haidian District. (8887 1155); 3) Yiyuan No.15, Anhuibeili, Yayuncun, Chaoyang District. (6497 8978); 4) 16 Pufang Lu, across from Carrefour, Fengtai District. (6761 7161); 5) 15 Tuanjiehu Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (8596 8881) 金鼎轩酒楼. 1) 东城区和平里西街77号; 2) 海淀区远大路1号金源时代购物中心北侧1层B03入口; 3) 朝阳区亚运村安慧北里逸园15号; 4) 丰台区方庄蒲芳路16号(家乐福对面); 5) 朝阳区团结湖南路15号

Le Parisien With an owner from Hong Kong and a kitchen serving up all things Cantonese, Le Parisien's French connection is a mystery to ponder over dinner. It's bright and informally smart, with attentive service worthy of a Michelin star. While the food doesn't reach those heights, it's nevertheless delicious, with undoubted highlights such as the clay pot rice dishes. Daily 11am-4am. Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6586 4488) 富豪饭堂. 朝阳区工体北路4号院

Noble Court Fine Cantonese cuisine featuring dim sum as well as seafood dishes. Mon-Fri 11.30am-2.30pm, Sat-Sun 10.30am-2.30pm; daily 5.30-10pm. B1/F, Grand Hyatt Beijing Hotel, Oriental Plaza, 1 Dongchang'an Jie, Dongcheng District. (8518 1234 ext 3822) beijing.grand.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/entertainment/restaurants/index.jsp 悦庭. 东城区东长安街1号东方广场北京东方悦大酒店地下1层

Pearl Serves dishes from the Pearl River Delta region (Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Macau), French vintages and Chinese liquors in a posh interior featuring clean modern lines, antiques and individually designed private rooms. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10pm. Beijing Marriott Hotel City Wall, 7 Jianguomen Nandajie, Dongcheng District. (5811 8200) 珍珠中餐厅. 东城区建国门南大街7号北京万豪酒店

Sampan Restaurant Specialties like shark's fin soup and roast pigeon, complemented by traditional favorites and very good dim sum. Mon-Fri 11am-3pm, 5.30-10pm, Sat-Sun 10.30am-3pm, 5.30-10pm. 1/F Gloria Plaza Hotel, 2 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6515 8855 ext 2155) 船餐厅. 朝阳区建国门外大街2号北京凯莱酒店1层

Shang Palace Authentic Cantonese cuisine in an opulent setting. Enjoy the view of the oriental garden while dining on braised abalone and tiger shark's fin soup. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10pm. Shangri-La Hotel, 29 Zizhuyuan Lu, Haidian District. (6841 2211) 香宫. 海淀区紫竹院路29号香格里拉饭店

Sui Yuan Offers the standby upscale Cantonese fare you'd expect of a Chinese restaurant in a five-star hotel, but with added flavors of Beijing and Sichuan mixed in for good measure. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10pm. 3/F, Doubletree by Hilton, Beijing, 168 Guang'anmenwai Dajie, Xuanwu District.

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Tao Zhu Gongguan Owned by one of Taiwan's richest men, this lush restaurant is adorned with Thai and Buddhist furnishings and serves distinctive and meticulously prepared dishes. Not cheap, but dim sum is half-price at lunch. Daily 11am-2pm, 5-9.30pm. 1/F, Sanquan Apartments, 38 Maizidian Jie, Chaoyang District. (6507 7328) 陶朱公馆, 朝阳区麦子店街38号三全公寓1层

Yao Chi Modern in design, traditional in taste, this Cantonese restaurant will have you back with its great service and attention to details. Watch the chefs at work in the open kitchen as you sample the delicate dim sum. Daily 11am-2.30pm, 5.30-10pm. 7 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (8587 6888) 瑶池中餐厅, 朝阳区东三环中路7号

ZEN Revamped Si Chou Lu reinvents the dynasty look with golden opulent tones and traditional Cantonese cuisine by Chef Mark Ko from Hong Kong. 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10.30pm. Intercontinental Hotel, 11 Financial Street, Xicheng District. (5852 5888) 西城区金融街11号洲际酒店

ZenSes A mix of authentic Cantonese flavors plus original gourmet food presentation styles, supplemented by signature dishes from China's other major regional cuisines - Beijing, Shanghai, Sichuan, Hunan, and Zhejiang. Includes 11 private dining rooms and individual show kitchens. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10.30pm. 4/F, Westin Beijing Chaoyang, 1 Xinyuan Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (5922 8888 ext 8121) 朝阳区新源南路1号, 朝西威斯汀大酒店4层

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Latin Grillhouse All-you-can-eat meat, potent caipirinhas and pulsing Brazilian music make this a great venue for after-match parties and office blowouts. Daily 11am-3pm, 5-11pm. C1-11, Block 1, Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6126/8) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商区1号楼C1-11

The Side Saddle The Saddle Cantina's side venture consists of a Subway-style bar where late-night revelers and Sanlitun shoppers can build their own mighty burritos from a selection of fillings (beef, chicken and shrimp), sauces (nacho cheese, jalapeno, BBQ), greens (cilantro, guacamole, bell peppers, etc.) and extras (rice, beans, cheese and sour cream). Daily 11am-2am. 1/F, South wing (next to Ciro's Pomodoro), Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Beilu,

Chaoyang District. (5208 6005) 朝阳区三里屯北路81号那里花园内南侧1层

CONTEMPORARY CUISINE

The Eatery Dine all day in this pleasant hotel restaurant featuring an international buffet with live cooking stations. Daily 6-10.30am, 11.30am-2pm, 5.30-10pm. Four Points by Sheraton Beijing, Tower 1, 25 Yuanda Lu, Haidian District. (8889 8888) 海淀区海淀区远大路1号北京海淀福朋喜来登酒店

Aguatierrafuego Market fresh contemporary cuisine with a Latin twist served in a tasteful, uncluttered dining room set among the Ming-era granaries of Nanxincang. The menu changes weekly and features an RMB 68 set-lunch special. Daily 11am-11pm. A15 Warehouse Complex, Nanxincang, 22A Dongshishitiao, Dongcheng District. (6409 6620) 阿添福餐厅, 东城区东四十条甲22号南新仓国际大厦谷仓群A15

Bei Artistically presented North Asian cuisine in a peaceful, minimalist setting. Choose among three tasting menus and a page of a la carte dishes. Mon-Sat 5.30-10pm. B1/F, The Opposite House, Bldg 1, The Village at Sanlitun, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6410 5230, info@beirestaurant.com) www.beirestaurant.com 朝阳区三里屯路11号三里屯Village1号楼瑜舍地下1层

Blu Lobster From the professional service to the state of the art cooking techniques, this five-star restaurant is a must-go place in Beijing even at its expensive price. Tue-Sun 5.30-11pm. Valley Wing 1/F, Shangri-La Hotel, 29 Zizhuyuan Lu, Haidian District. (6841 2211 ext 6727 / 6728) 蓝韵, 海淀区紫竹院路29号北京香格里拉饭店新阁一层

China Grill Get a bird's eye view of Beijing while dining on grilled meats, fish and seafood and some classical Chinese dishes at this restaurant at the top of the Park Hyatt. This is one cosmopolitan experience you should not miss. Voted "Outstanding for Impressing Visitors" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 6-10.30am, 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10.30pm. 66/F, Park Hyatt Hotel, 2 Jiauguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (8567 1234) 北京亮, 朝阳区建国门外大街2号柏悦酒店66层

Chynna Serving Northern Chinese cuisine and a range of other regional classics with a modern twist. An extensive wine list and in-house tea master round out the offerings. Daily 10.30am-2pm, 5.30-11pm. 5/F Hilton Hotel Wangfujing, 8 Wangfujing Dongjie, Dongcheng District. (5812 8888) 东城区王府井希尔顿酒店王府井东街8号

Domus By the owners of Tiandiijia, this luxurious and elegant courtyard is located on the east side of the Forbidden City. Awash with Italian furniture, Domus offers great outdoor seating, posh environment and contemporary European cuisine. Daily 11am-11pm. 115 Nanchizi Dajie, Dongcheng District. (8511 8015) www.domusrestaurant.com 东城区南池子大街115号

Green T. House Like Alice stepping into the Mad Hatter's Chinoiserie tea party. Tea-infused fusion cuisine served in an impressively fanciful atmosphere. Voted "Outstanding Decor" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-11.30pm. 6 Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6552 8310, 6552 8311, info@green-t-house.com) www.green-t-house.com 紫云轩, 朝阳区工体西路6号

Green T House Living This suburban establishment is a meticulously designed fusion of architectural styles, colors and sculptures. Daily 11.30am-11.30pm. 318 Hegezhuang Village, Chaoyang District. (84564922 ext 8, 136 0113 7132, 136 0113 7232, info@green-t-house.com) www.green-t-house.com 紫云轩, 朝阳区崔各庄乡合各庄村318号

IFW (International Food Warehouse) Managed by the Park Hyatt, IFW offers top quality choices in Japanese, Chinese, Singaporean and Western cuisines; the lunch menu is particularly attractive and affordable. Wine by the glass and bottle adds

to the sparkle, as does prompt, attentive service. Michael Wester Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-9.45pm. B1/F, Park Life, Yintai Center, 2 Jiauguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (8567 1568) 朝阳区朝阳区建国门外大街2号北京柏悦酒店地下1层

Lan Club Voted "Best Decor" and "Best for Impressing Visitors" in the 2009 Reader Restaurant Awards, this luxury Philippe Starck-designed restaurant offers fresh interpretations of Cantonese cuisine as well as dishes from Hunan, Sichuan and other regions. Daily 9am-11pm. 4/F, LG Twin Towers, 12B Jiauguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (5109 6012/13) www.lan-global.com 兰会所, 朝阳区建国门外大街乙12号LG双子座4层



Mosto Opened in 2008 by former SALT Chef Daniel Urdaneta, Mosto offers inventive, exciting contemporary food with a South American touch. The hacienda facade leads to a smart contemporary interior with an open kitchen and bar. Excellent wine list, friendly staff. Voted "Outstanding Restaurant of the Year (non-Chinese)" and "Outstanding Business Lunch" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily noon-3pm, 6-10.30pm. 3/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5208 6030) www.mostobj.com 摸石头, 朝阳区三里屯北路81号那里花园3层

Qi Enjoy a culinary journey through China that highlights seven regional cuisines including Sichuan, Cantonese and Beijing fare with a modern twist. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10.30pm. 2/F, The Ritz-Carlton, Financial Street, 1 Jinchengfang Dongjie, Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District. (6601 6666) 气, 西城区金城坊东街1号金融街丽思卡尔顿酒店2层



SALT This innovative restaurant in a fresh modern minimalist setting has weekly two-course or three-course set meals. Voted "Outstanding Restaurant of the Year (non-Chinese)," "Best Service," "Outstanding Business Lunch," "Best Steak," and "Outstanding Wine List" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Mon-Sat noon-3pm, 6-10.30pm, Sun Brunch noon-4pm. 2/F, 9 Jiaingtai Xilu (opposite the Japanese School, west of Rosedale Hotel), Chaoyang District. (6437 8457) www.saltrestaurantbeijing.com 盐, 朝阳区将台西路9号2层(珀丽酒店西边)

Scarlett The new incarnation of 25 Degrees is a chic wine bar and restaurant serving seafood, salads, pastas, premium cuts of meat including Australian sirloin and roast lamb chops, as well as classic French desserts. Daily set menus, drinks specials and evening parties also on offer. Daily 7am-2am. Hotel G, 7A Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6552 2880) www.hotel-g.com 朝阳区工体西路甲7号北京极线内

Tao Consistent contemporary food that's

reminiscent of five-star hotel quality. Weekly set lunch menus and dinner a la carte menu featuring signature tasting menu. Voted "Outstanding Place for a Romantic Meal" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 10.30am-2pm, 5-11pm. 1-34 Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu (north of Chaoyang Park West Gate), Chaoyang District. (5867 0209) 乐道, 朝阳区朝阳公园西路1-34号(朝阳公园西门北边)

DUMPLINGS

Steamed, fried or boiled flour skins stuffed with a wide assortment of meats and vegetables. Beijingers tend to go heavy on the vinegar dipping sauce. Also see Dongbei.

Baoyuan Jiaozi Wu Ever wished dumplings had exteriors to match their mysteriously exciting fillings? Then head to Baoyuan for a healthful rainbow of dumplings, their dough dyed with vegetable and fruit such as spinach, carrot, blueberry and grape. Daily 11am-10pm. North of 6 Maizidian Jie, Chaoyang District. (6586 4967) 宝源饺子屋, 朝阳区麦子店街6号楼北侧

Din Tai Fung The internationally renowned chain is now in Beijing. Taste just one dumpling and you'll know why they're famous around the world. Voted "Outstanding Shanghai" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Mon-Fri 11.30am-9.30pm, Sat-Sun 11am-10pm. 24 Xinyuan Xili Zhongjie, Chaoyang District. (6462 4502); 2) Mon-Fri 11.30am-9.30pm, Sat-Sun 11am-10pm. 6/F, Shin Kong Place, China Central Place, 87 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (6533 1536); 3) Mon-Fri 11.30am-9.30pm, Sat-Sun 11am-10pm. 7/F, Dangdai Shangcheng, 40 Zhongguancun Dajie, Haidian District. (6269 6726) www.dintafung.com.cn 鼎泰丰, 1) 朝阳区新源西里中街24号; 2) 朝阳区建国路87号华贸中心新光天地6层; 3) 海淀区中关村大街40号当代商城7层

Xiaolumian Located in a stone farmhouse amidst the fresh air of a walled orchard, in the shadow of Mutianyu Great Wall. "Choose your handmade noodles and then select the accompanying soups, sauces, and vegetables. Ideal for private parties. Weekends and holidays 11am-3pm or by appointment. 130 Yingbeigou Cun, Huairou District. (6162 6506) www.xiaolumian.com 小庐面, 怀柔区营北沟村130号

EUROPEAN

See also French, German, Greek, Italian and Pizza for more extensive listings.

Aria This elegant restaurant with live jazz performances serves inventive European food from monthly changing menus. Though the kitchen can be uneven, when they're really on, it's bliss. Voted "Outstanding Wine List" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-10pm; bar 11am-midnight. 2/F, China World Hotel, 1 Jiauguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6505 2266 ext 38, 6505 3318) 阿丽雅, 朝阳区建国门外大街1号中国大饭店2层

The Bar & Grill The dining room's rich wood-paneled surfaces and plush upholstery create the ideal environment to enjoy a rich selection of grilled seafood, meat and poultry. Daily 4pm-1am (bar), 6-11pm (grill). 2/F, The Regent Beijing, 99 Jinbao Jie, Dongcheng District. (8522 1789) 酒吧和扒房, 东城区金宝街99号北京丽晶酒店2层

Budapest Hungarian Restaurant The first Hungarian restaurant to open in Beijing serves goulash and other Magyar specialties. Daily 10am-midnight. 2/F, Bldg 6, China View, Gongti Donglu, Chaoyang District. (8587 1028/1058) 朝阳区工体东路中国红馆大厦6号楼202室

Cafe Europa If you're craving authentic Italian or European cuisine, then consider Cafe Europa and expect an evening of fine-dining, cafe-style, with an internationally stocked wine bar. The oxtail is highly recommended. Daily 10.30am-10pm. Rm 1113, Bldg 11, Jianwai Soho, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (5869 5663) www.cafeeuropa.cn 朝阳区东三环中路39号建外Soho11号楼1113

Fish Nation Expect hearty servings of

chunky chips, Belgian beer and the largest piece of boneless fish you may ever encounter in China. 1) Daily 9.30am-1.30am. 31 Nanluogu Xiang (near Jiaodaokou), Dongcheng District. (6401 3249); 2) Sun-Thu 11am-3am, Fri-Sat 11am-4am. Sanlitun Houjie (around the corner from Poachers Inn), Chaoyang District. (6415 0119) 鱼邦. 1) 东城区交道口南锣鼓巷31号; 2) 朝阳区三里屯北街(青年酒吧附近)



Morel's High-quality, locally-bred beef and great seafood are used in typical Belgian dishes. Be sure to book ahead. Voted "Outstanding Steak" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Tue-Sun 11.30am-midnight. 1) East block, 27 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6437 3939); 2) Gongti Beilu (opposite Workers' Gymnasium North Gate, northwest corner of Chunxiu Lu), Chaoyang District. (6416 8802) 莫劳龙玺西餐. 1) 朝阳区亮马桥路27号东座1层; 2) 朝阳区工体北路春秀路西北角工人体育馆北门对面

The Orchard A secret garden, tucked away in Shunyi. Difficult to find, but worth the journey for continental cuisine served in a charming country setting. Voted "Outstanding Brunch (standalone)" and "Outstanding Family-Friendly Restaurant" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Tue-Sun noon-2.30pm (Sun lunch until 3pm), 2.30-6pm (coffee), 6-9pm (dinner). Hegezhuang, shunbai lu (we recommend calling for directions), Shunyi District. (6433 6270) 果园. 顺义区顺白路何各庄(建议给餐馆打电话问详细地址)

Vineyard Cafe This hard-to-find hutong cafe, which specializes in comfort food and comfy couches, is both hip and sensible, and their hearty breakfasts are excellent weekend brunch fare. Tue-Sun 11.30am-10.30pm, closed Mon. 31 Wudaoying Hutong (just north of the Confucius temple), Dongcheng District. (6402 7961, info@vineyardcafe.cn) www.vineyardcafe.cn 葡萄院儿. 东城区五道营胡同31号

FRENCH

Serious culinary tradition that includes simple bistro fare, delectable pastries and haute cuisine. See also: European.

Brasserie Flo Owned by the powerful Flo Group, and now a Beijing institution. Faultless French classics include the onion soup, steak au poivre, and profiteroles. Voted "Outstanding French" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Delivery available. Daily 11am-3pm, 5.30-11pm. Rainbow Plaza (Longbo Guangchang), 16 Dongsanhuan Beilu (south of the Great Wall Sheraton), Chaoyang District. (6595 5135/9) www.flo.cn 北京福楼餐厅. 朝阳区东三环北路16号隆博广场二层

Cafe de la Poste A stone's throw from the Confucius Temple, this neighborhood favorite offers a simple menu of steak, salads and potatoes, plus superb vegetarian options. Beijing's French community pack in every night, drawn by the casual atmosphere and friendly staff. Daily noon-3pm, 6pm-midnight. 58 Yonghegong Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6402 7047) www.cafedelaposte.com.cn 东城区雍和宫大街58号

Crepanini Run by two Bretons, this hole-in-the-wall sells savory and sweet crepes, waffles and paninis. Drinks include coffee, cider and pastis. Sun-Thu noon-midnight, Fri-Sat noon-2am. A110, 1/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Beilu, Chaoyang

District. (5208 6092) 可百尼尼. 朝阳区三里屯北路81号那里花园1层A110室

Jaan This fine dining restaurant presents a light and innovative interpretation of classic French cuisine. The decor consists of tall, picturesque French windows, elaborate crystal chandeliers and a grand piano resting on the original 1924 dance floor. Daily noon-2pm, 6-10pm. Raffles Beijing Hotel, 33 Dongchang'an Jie, Dongcheng District. (8500 4186, 6526 3388 ext 4186) 家安. 东城区东长安街33号北京饭店莱佛士

Juliette's Unpretentious, unspectacular French brasserie with a terrace. Set lunches and dinners are well-priced, with a la carte also available. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-10pm. 1/F, Tongli Studio, 43 Sanlitun Beilu (southwest of 3.3 Shopping Mall), Chaoyang District. (6417 8188) 朝阳区三里屯北路43号同里一层

Le Petit Gourmand Warm and cozy space with a menu featuring crepes and couscous. Also boasts a library of over 9,000 books and wireless internet. Voted "Outstanding French" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 9am-midnight. 3/F, Tongli Studios, Sanlitun Houjie, Chaoyang District. (6417 6095, fax 6413 0765) www.lepetitgourmand.com.cn 小美食家. 朝阳区三里屯后街同里3层

Le Petit Paris Pleasant bistro with decent food at reasonable prices, especially sandwiches. The plant-filled outdoor patio is the place to sit in the warmer months. Daily 9am-11pm. 29 Sanlitun Lu (opposite the French School), Chaoyang District. (6416 9381) 小巴黎. 朝阳区三里屯路29号北酒吧街

Le Pré Lenôtre Le Pré Lenotre exudes all the grandness of fine French dining and matches it with professional service and delicious food. Daily 9am-2pm, 6.30-10pm. 6/F, Sofitel Hotel, Bldg C, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (8599 6666) 朝阳区建国路93号万达广场C座6层

Maison Boulud à Pékin Famous New York chef Daniel Boulud brings his take on French food to Beijing. Excellent food and service. Voted "Best French," "Outstanding Place for a Romantic Meal," "Outstanding Service," and "Best Wine List" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Mon-Fri 11am-2.30pm, 6-10.30pm, Sat-Sun 11am-4pm, 6-10.30pm. Ch'ien Men 23, 23 Qianmen Dongdajie, Dongcheng District. (6559 9200) 布鲁塞法餐厅. 东城区前门东大街23号

Pinot Brasserie Like a French boulevard café, this place serves a wide range of European brasserie staples. Daily 11.30am-2pm, 6-10pm. JW Marriott Hotel, 83 Jianguo Lu, China Central Place, Chaoyang District. (5908 8550) 朝阳区建国路83号JW万豪酒店1层

FUSION

Asian and European culinary traditions meet in what tends to be the most experimental and cutting edge of Beijing cuisine.

Cafe Lakeside Versatile enough for a family meal or romantic night by the lake, this colorful cafe serves a mixture of European and Southeast Asian fare. Kids – and their parents – will love the playground. Great wine selection as well. Daily 11am-10pm. 15 Luoma Dajie, Luogezhuang, Houshayu, Shunyi District. (8048 3466) 湖畔之家. 顺义区后沙峪罗各庄罗马大街15号

The CourtYard Dine on carefully prepared fusion food in a modern and romantic interior. Views of the Forbidden City and surrounding hutongs create a unique atmosphere. Voted "Best Place for a Romantic Meal" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 6-midnight. 95 Donghuanmen Dajie (north of Donghuanmen parking lot at the Forbidden City), Dongcheng District. (6526 8883) 四合院. 东城区东华门大街95号(故宫东华门停车场北面)

East 33 Oriental mystique and Western chic meet both in cuisine and design in this restaurant which offers brick oven pizzas and crisp Peking Duck on the same menu. A lively open-plan kitchen anchors the main dining room. Daily

6.30am-10.30pm. Raffles Beijing Hotel, 33 Dongchangan Jie, Dongcheng District. (6526 3388 ext 5171) 东三十三. 东城区东长安街33号北京饭店莱佛士

Vasco's Imaginative and original Macanese cuisine with a Portuguese twist designed by the creative Chef de Cuisine Ricardo Bizarro. Ask for water sommelier Forrest Zhao to match your meal with artisan water. Daily 6.30-11am, 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-9.30pm. The Hilton, 8 Wangfujing Dongjie, Dongcheng District. (5812 8888) 东城区王府井东街8号希尔顿酒店

WISH Restaurant & Lounge With garden seating, trendy atmosphere and live music, this restaurant is hip dining at its finest. Daily 11am-12.30am. 6 Fangyuan Xilu, Lido Garden (700m east of Xiaoyun Qiao on the Eastern Fourth Ring Road), Chaoyang District. (6438 1118/8883) 6E 133 0112 2787 (English Service) www.wu-tong-wish.com 梧桐. 朝阳区芳园西路6号东四环霄云桥东700米路北丽都花园南门

GERMAN

Even with icons like bratwurst, beer and sauerkraut, it's really not as heavy as you think: coffee, decadent desserts, strudels and sweets. See also: European.

Drei Kronen 1308 Brauhaus The largest microbrewery in town makes its three signature beers to a 700-year old Bavarian recipe. Traditional costume, retro advertisements and German cuisine add to the authentic beer hall feel. Beers are half price in the daily happy hour from 5-7pm. Sun-Thu 11.30am-midnight; Fri-Sat 11.30am-late. 1/F, Bldg 5, China View, Gongti Donglu, Chaoyang District. (6503 5555) 皇冠自酿啤酒坊. 朝阳区工体东路中国红楼5号楼1层

Paulaner Brauhaus One of Beijing's best choices for authentic, if pricey, German food, the Paulaner brews its own beer. Daily 11am-1am. Kempinski Hotel, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6465 3388 ext 5732) 普拉那啤酒坊餐厅. 朝阳区亮马桥路50号凯宾斯基饭店

Schindler's Anlegestelle (Schindler's Docking Station) The Sanlitun sister of Schindler's Tankstelle (the Filling Station) has much in common with the original - including two-for-one draft beer during happy hour (5.30-7.30pm) and great German food. The Docking Station has a larger, lighter feel, with towering ceilings and a wide-open dining room. Daily 11am-late. 10 Sanlitun Beixiaoje, Chaoyang District. (6463 1108) 申德勒码头餐厅. 朝阳区三里屯北小街10号

Schindler's Tankstelle Hearty sausages and frosty steins of beer blend with a nice view of Ritan Park's greenery. 1) Daily 11am-2am. 10 Sanlitun Beixiaoje, Chaoyang District. (6463 1108); 2) Daily 11.30am-10pm. 1 Houshayu Zhen, Shayu Lu, Shunyi District. (8042 2291); 3) Daily 11am-late. 15A Guanghua Lu (200m east of Ritan Park South Gate), Chaoyang District. (8562 6439) 申德勒加油站. 1) 朝阳区三里屯北小街10号; 2) 顺义区沙峪路后沙峪镇1号; 3) 朝阳区光华路甲15号(日坛南门往东200米)

GUIZHOU & GUANGXI

Characterized by dishes that are light on onion and ginger, and flavors that are tart and slightly spicy. Includes Miao minority style cooking featuring pineapple rice.

Da Gui Decked out in minimalist decor, this Guizhou joint specializes in dry pots, sour soup fish, cured meats and glutinous rice dishes. A must try is their stir-fried yuan xiao. Daily 10am-2pm, 5-10pm. 69 Daxing Hutong, Jiadaokou, Dongcheng District. (6407 1800) 大贵. 东城区交道口大兴胡同69号

Miao Minority Restaurant This restaurant caters to the dinner-and-show type crowd with its nightly Miao minority show. Dishes include oven roasted bullfrog and Guizhou-style dog meat hot pot. 1) Daily 9.30am-1.30pm, 4-9pm. 300m north of the west gate of Tsinghua University, Haidian District. (6256 9150); 2) Daily 11am-1.30pm, 4-9pm. 54 Fuxingmen Dajie (across from Minzugong), Xicheng District. (6607 9738) 盛祥. 1) 海淀区清华大学

西门北侧300米路西; 2) 西城区复兴门大街54号(民族宫对面)

Private Kitchen 44 An attractively converted courtyard residence serving Guizhou signatures like suantang yu. Daily 10am-2pm, 4.30-11pm. 44 Xiguan Hutong, Beixinqiao, Dongcheng District. (6400 1280) www.xiguanhutong44.coku.com 私家厨房. 东城区细管胡同44号

Xiao Cute red and white establishment situated on four levels offers attentive Guizhou fare and cheery service. Must try their sour soup fish and deep-fried potato pancakes. Daily 10.30am-11pm. 130 Gulou Dongdajie, Dongcheng District. (6401 8004) 东城区鼓楼东大街130号

HOMESTYLE

Chinese comfort food; dishes that are ubiquitous throughout China.

Bai Zhou Xiang Rice porridge, in all its many forms, supplement the congee collection with a variety of homestyle xiaochi. 1) Daily 24 hours. 6 Zaoying Beili (1/F, Boning Park), Chaoyang District. (6507 9656); 2) Open daily 24 hours. 1/F Bldg A, Eastgate Plaza, 9 Dongzhong Jie, Dongcheng District. (6418 5681) 百粥乡. 1) 朝阳区枣营北里6号(佰信花园一层); 2) 东城区东中街9号东环广场A座一层

Xiao Wang Fu A favorite among local expats, Xiao Wang Fu serves homestyle fare and duck in a bustling, family-friendly environment. The fancier Ritan Park branch offers the chance for a nice after-dinner stroll, but is pricier than the other locations. 1) Daily 5.30pm-1.30am. 15 Qianhai Beiyuan, Xicheng District. (6613 1118); 2) Daily 11.30am-2pm, 5.30-10pm. Inside the North Gate of Ritan Park, Ritan Lu, Chaoyang District. (8561 5985); 3) Daily 11am-10.30pm. Bldg 2, Guanghua Lu Dongli, Chaoyang District. (6591 3255) 小王府. 1) 西城区前海北沿15号; 2) 朝阳区日坛路日坛公园北门内; 3) 朝阳区光华路东里2号楼

HOT POT

Raw foods brought to your table and cooked in a bubbling broth. Tastes vary with regional styles.

Ding Ding Xiang The secret is in the sauce: this popular hot pot place has delicious, savory sesame dipping sauce to accompany the goods: lamb, lots of lamb. One of the cleaner mutton hot pot places in town, albeit with gruff, unhelpful service. Voted "Outstanding Hot Pot" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 11am-10pm. 2/F, Yuanjia International Apartments, Dongzhimenwai, Dongzhong Jie (opposite East Gate Plaza), Dongcheng District. (6417 9289); 2) Daily 11.30am-11pm. 1/F, 14 Dongzhong Jie, Dongzhimenwai, Dongcheng District. (6417 2546); 3) Daily 11am-10pm. Bldg 7, Guoxing Jiayuan, Shouti Nanlu, Haidian District. (8835 7775/7779); 4) Daily 11am-10pm. 6/F, Shin Kong Place, 87 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (6530 5997/7172) 鼎鼎香. 1) 东城区东直门外东中街东环广场对面元嘉国际公寓2层; 2) 东城区东直门外东中街14号1层; 3) 海淀区首体南路国兴家园7号楼1层; 4) 朝阳区建国路87号新光天地6楼D6006号

Haidilao Hot Pot This popular eatery is as famous for its hospitality as it is for its authentic Sichuan cuisine. Get your nails done and enjoy a fruit plate while you wait in the long queue. Don't forget to ask for the noodle show - an energetic waiter will pull noodles right in front of your table. Voted "Best Hot Pot" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 24hrs. 2A Baijiazhuang Lu (next to No. 80 Middle School), Chaoyang District. (6595 2982); 2) Daily 24hrs. 7/F, New Wedding Shopping Center, 109 Xidan Beidajie, Xicheng District. (6617 4063); 3) Daily 10.30am-3am. 3/F, Beiyue Dasha, 2A Huixin Dongjie, Chaoyang District. (8463 9300) 海底捞火锅. 1) 朝阳区白家庄路甲2号(八十中学西侧); 2) 西城区西单北大街109号婚庆大楼7层; 3) 朝阳区惠新东街甲2号北奥大厦3层

I Rock My Pot No false advertising: this individual hot pot joint will rock your world. Choose from a dozen broths (including mushroom, curry and tom yum goong), a long bar of sauces and an extensive selec-

tion of vegetables, seafood and meats (including ostrich). Daily 10.30am-2pm, 5-10pm. 37-38 Chaowai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (5879 0999) 锅儿滚. 朝阳区朝外大街37-38号(昆泰国际中心步行街)

Little Sheep Nationwide chain serves mutton hot pot with a twist: a special cumin-based broth. No dipping sauce required. Voted "Outstanding Hot Pot" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 10am-midnight. Northwest corner of Caishikou intersection, Xuanwu District. (6316 6668); 2) Daily 24hours. 209 Dongzhimennei Dajie, Dongcheng District. (8400 1669) 小肥羊. 1) 宣武区菜市口路口西北角; 2) 东城区东直门内大街209号

Wudai Hong Kong-style Hot Pot A makeover turned this former Sichuan-style hot pot restaurant into a two-story Hong Kong-style hot pot palace. Daily 11am-2pm, 5-10.30pm. Inside Workers' Stadium south gate, Chaoyang District. (6500 5318) 五代港式火锅餐厅. 朝阳区工人体育场南院内

Xiaobeilou Wholesome mushroom hot-pot with nourishing soup bases. A little pricey, but worth it for the good service and quality ingredients. Daily 10.30am-10.30pm. 1A Tuanjiehu Beiwutiao, Chaoyang District. (6593 6593/8597 8135) 小蓑菜. 朝阳区团结湖北五条甲1号

HUAIYANG

Exquisite knife skills in this type of cooking means beautiful presentations.

Summer Palace Light and delicious Huaiyang and Cantonese cuisine cooked with flair. Check out their daily tea cocktails and French Bordeaux selections. Daily 11.30am-2pm, 6-10pm. Lobby, China World Hotel, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6505 2266 ext 34) 夏宫中餐厅. 朝阳区建国门外大街1号中国大酒店大堂

Z.Y.X. HVC Tastefully themed in lavender and aromatic dark wood, this three-story restaurant focuses on light and mildly sweet Yangzhou cuisine. Don't miss the "lion head" meatballs and wild mountain greens, a native specialty. Daily 9.30am-2pm, 4.30-10pm. 5 Haoyun Jie, 29 Zaoying Lu, Chaoyang District. (5867 0276) 南国紫钰轩. 朝阳区枣营路29号好运街5号

HUNAN & HUBEI

Hubei: Famous for its freshwater fish, tender meat and thick soups that go well with rice. Hunan: Thick and pungent in flavor. Dishes use copious amounts of chili, pepper and shallots.

Karaiya Spice House DUpscale, foreigner friendly fare courtesy of Alan Wong. Daily 11.30am-2pm, 5.30-10pm. Bldg 8, The Village at Sanlitun, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6415 3535) 朝阳区朝阳区三里屯路19号The Village南区8号楼

Lujiua Guo Hunan restaurant famous for its *bu er guo* - a fish soup served in a huge clay pot that can feed four. Also offers a wide variety of dry-wok dishes featuring fish, mushrooms, bamboo shoots, cured meat, donkey meat, intestines and duck. Look out for the poster quoting Hunan's favorite son, Mao Zedong: "The leader's highest command: The more of this type of eatery, the better." Daily 10am-11pm. 19 Nanheyuan Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6524 1487) 刘家锅. 东城区南河沿大街19号

Wang Pangzi Great find for some delectable donkey dishes. Daily 9.30am-10pm. 86 Gulou Xidajie, Xicheng District. (8672 7507) 王胖子. 1316 7363 540) 王胖子驴肉火烧. 西城区鼓楼西大街86号

ICE CREAM

From gelato to frozen yogurt all the way to full-fat whole milk iced dairy products.

Cold Stone Creamery Imported from America, this ice cream haven customizes your ice creams with fruits, nuts and chocolates, all mixed on a marble slab. Try the seasonal creations such as pumpkin pie and green tea galore. Daily 10am-10pm. 1) L108-109 Europlaza, Yuxiang Lu, Tianzhou Zhen, Shunyi District. (8046 6323); 2) B1/F, China World Tower 1, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6505 8588); 3) Shop C1-2a, Solana Shop-

ping Park, 1 Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6058); 4) B1-25 Joy City, 131 Xidan Beidajie, Xicheng District. (5971 6399); 5) Floor M, New Gate City Mall, 19 Zhongguancun Dajie, Haidian District. (8248 6368, 8248 6358); 6) Shop 1016, Bldg C, Yansha Outlets Tower, 9 Dongsihuan (East Fourth Ring at Gongda Qiao), Chaoyang District. (8738 3266) www.coldstonecreamery.com 酷圣石冰淇淋. 1) 顺义区天竺镇裕翔路99号欧陆广场L108-109; 2) 朝阳区建国门外大街1号国贸1座B1层; 3) 朝阳区朝阳公园西路1号Solana蓝色港湾C1-2a店铺; 4) 西城区西单北大街大悦城B1-25号店铺; 5) 海淀区中关村大街19号新中关购物中心M层; 6) 朝阳区东四环工大桥燕莎奥特莱斯二期C座1016店铺

Gustomenta This ice cream shop-cum-cafe-cum-cocktail bar offers a tempting array of gelato flavors, as well as light Italian snacks and salads. Daily 9am-midnight. Sanlitun Beilu (opposite the French School), Chaoyang District. (6417 8890) 朝阳区三里屯北路 (法国大使馆学校对面)

IMPERIAL

Eat like an emperor. A wide range of dishes with light flavors and exquisite presentation paying careful attention to color, smell and taste.

Li Jia Cai Mr Li's house restaurant deserves its devoted following. It serves set meals of Imperial-style food in an unpretentious setting at prices ranging RMB 230-2,000 per person. English is spoken and reservations are a must. Daily 11am-1pm, 5-8.30pm. 11 Yangfang Hutong, Deshengmennei Dajie, Xicheng District. (6618 0107) 厉家菜. 西城区德胜门内大街洋房胡同11号



Mei Wei Zhen With complex concoctions like the "Buddha Jumps the Wall," they specialize in high-end imperial cuisine. Daily 9am-2pm, 5-11pm. 1) 48 Xihai Nanyan, Xicheng District. (8328 4099); 2) 1/F, Novotel Peace, 3 Jinyu Hutong, Dongcheng District. (6559 7671); 3) L124, 1/F, West Wing, China World Shopping Mall, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6505 6139) 美味珍御膳. 1) 西城区西海南沿48号; 2) 东城区王府井金鱼胡同3号诺富特和平宾馆首层东侧; 3) 朝阳区建国门外大街1号国贸西楼1层L124

Red Capital Club The place to impress out of town guests, the Red Capital Club's courtyard setting capitalizes on nostalgic kitsch and well-known Beijing dishes. Features a 1950s-style cigar and cocktail lounge. Daily 6pm-midnight. 66 Dongsi Jiutiao, Dongcheng District. (6402 7150, 8401 8886) 新红资俱乐部. 东城区东四九条66号

Tiandi Yijia Aristocratic food, environment and prices, a stone's throw away from the Forbidden City. Daily 11am-2pm, 5-10pm. 140 Nanchizi Dajie, Dongcheng District. (8511 5556) 天地一家. 东城区南池子大街140号

INDIAN/PAKISTANI

Copious amounts of herbs and other natural seasonings create flavorful curries and tandoori dishes served with rice, dal (lentils) and naan bread. In Beijing, often coupled with Thai cuisine.

Ganges Indian Restaurant Experience authentic Indian cuisine at Ganges Indian Restaurant, offering over 180 items in the menu including both southern and northern Indian classics like chicken tikka masala and lamb roganjosh. Tailor-made menu parties can be arranged for large parties. Voted "Outstanding Indian/Pa-

kistani" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 10.30am-midnight. 1) 138A, B1/F, The Place, 9 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6587 2999); 2) 5/B, Hairun International Apartment, 2 Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang District. (5135 8353); 3) Sancitang Xiezi Lou, 160 Chengfu Lu, Haidian District. (6262 7944); 4) 593-3, The Village at Sanlitun, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6416 0181/6121) www.ganges-restaurant.com 恒河印度餐厅。1) 朝阳区光华路9号世贸天阶地下1层138A; 2) 朝阳区将台路2号海润国际公寓底商5号; 3) 海淀区成府路160号三才堂写字楼1层13号; 4) 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯VillageS93-3

Hazara High quality with prices to match served in a stylish, intimate setting. Voted "Outstanding Decor" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Accepts foreign currencies, Visa and Mastercard. Tue-Sun 5.30-10.30pm. Inside Face bar, 26 Dongcaoyuan, Gongti Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6551 6788) 朝阳区工体南路东草园26号

Indian Kitchen The menu is divided into an assortment of spicy subcontinent specialties, but the indecisive can check out the buffet lunch, served weekdays. Voted "Outstanding Indian/Pakistani" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5-11pm. 2 Sanlitun Beixiaojie (opposite Korean embassy), Chaoyang District. (6462 7255) 北京印度小厨。朝阳区三里屯北小街2号



Mirch Masala Tasty, authentic and affordable in a pleasant, well-lit environment. Vegetarian and vegan friendly. Delivery also available. 1) Daily 11.30am-3pm, 5-10.30pm. 130, Bldg 2, Ritan Highlife, (across from the North Gate of Ritan Park), Chaoyang District. (8563 6304); 2) Daily 11.30am-3pm, 5-10.30pm, 60-2 Nanluoguo Xiang, Dongcheng District. (6406 4347) www.mirchmasala.com.cn 马沙拉之香。1) 朝阳区雅宝路日坛公园北门日坛上街2号楼130号; 2) 东城区南锣鼓巷60-2号

Mughal's Beijing Friendly staff serve up authentic Indian and Pakistani tandoori and curry dishes in this nicely decorated restaurant. Their tikka masalas are especially worth trying. Also offers weekdays set lunch and summertime terrace seating. Daily 12am-3pm, 6-11pm. 4/F, Nali Patio, 81 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (5208 6082/134, 6638 2160, mughalbeijing@yahoo.com) www.mughalbeijing.cn 朝阳区三里屯路81号那里花园4层

Raj Indian Restaurant and Bar Located in a 200-year old courtyard close to the Drum Tower, Raj offers a wide variety of authentic and reasonably priced Indian dishes. Large rooftop open in summer. Daily 11am-2pm, 5-11pm. 31 Gulou Xidajie (west of the Drum Tower), Xicheng District. (6401 1675, info@raj.com.cn) www.raj.com.cn 拉兹印度餐厅。西城区鼓楼西大街31号

The Taj Pavilion Friendly management and some of Beijing's finest Indian food in an authentic setting. Popular and a reliable favorite. Voted "Best Indian/Pakistani" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-10.30pm. 1) L222, Europlaza, 99 Yuxiang Lu, Tianzhu Zhen, Shunyi District. (8046 3238); 2) 1/F, West Wing, China World Shopping Mall (next to KFC), Chaoyang District. (6505 5866); 3) 3/F, Holiday Inn Lido, Jiangtai Lu, Shoudu Jichang Lu, Chaoyang District. (6436 7678, 6437 6688 ext 3811) 泰姬楼印度餐厅。1) 顺义区天竺镇裕翔路99号欧陆时尚购物中心L222室; 2) 朝阳区国贸西楼1层肯德基旁边;

3) 朝阳区首都机场路将台路丽都假日酒店广场缤纷廊3层



The Tandoor Good food, mirror-covered walls and Indian dancers are just enough to distract from the high prices and overly formal service. Daily 11.30am-2pm, 5.30-10.30pm. 1/F, Zhaolong Hotel, 2 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6597 2211, 6597 2299 ext 2112) 天都里印度餐厅。朝阳区工体北路2号兆龙饭店1层

ITALIAN

Red meat and wine, fish and seafood - not to mention great olive oil and pasta. Classic Mediterranean fare. See also: European.

Agrilandia Fresh ingredients grown on site; great suburban locale ensures lots of room for the kids and dogs to scamper. Daily 9am-9.30pm. Baigezhuangcun, Mapozhen, Shunyi District. (6940 7700, 130 0127 1094) www.agrilandia.cn 意大利农场。顺义区马坡镇白各庄村

Annie's Unpretentious, affordable Italian food that's very popular with our readers. Set lunch menu and other specials. Voted "Best Italian," "Outstanding Family-Friendly Restaurant" and "Best Value" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Free delivery. 1) 11am-11pm. Ritan High Life 2-3-93, (across from North Gate of Ritan Park), Chaoyang District. (8569 3031); 2) Daily 11.30am-11pm. 16 Dongsanhuan Lu (next to CD Jazz Club), Chaoyang District. (6503 3871); 3) Daily 11am-11pm. West Gate of Soho New Town, 88 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (8589 8366); 4) Daily 11am-11pm. A1 Nongzhan Nanlu (near the west gate of Chaoyang Park), Chaoyang District. (6591 1931); 5) Daily 11am-11pm. Jixianqiao, Jiangtai Lu, Shangye Jie, Chaoyang District. (6436 3735); 6) Daily 11.30am-11pm. Across from Western Academy Beijing, 5 Laiguangying Donglu, Chaoyang District. (8470 4768) 安妮。1) 朝阳区神路街39号日坛上街2-3-93; 2) 朝阳区东三环北路16号(农展馆正门南侧); 3) 朝阳区建国路88号Soho现代城西门; 4) 朝阳区农展南路甲1号(朝阳公园西门南侧); 5) 朝阳区酒仙桥将台路商业街; 6) 朝阳区来广营东路5号京西学校对面

Assaggi Charming, conveniently located restaurant with a tree-lined roof garden and terrace. Don't miss their tasty fresh pasta and home-made bread. Voted "Outstanding Italian" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-11pm. 1 Sanlitun Beixiaojie, Chaoyang District. (8454 4508) 尝试。朝阳区三里屯北小街1号

Barolo Casual yet upscale Italian with an open kitchen, Barolo wine choices and delicious desserts. Features three-course business set meals. Mon-Sat 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-11pm. 2/F, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, China Central Place, 83A Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (5908 8888, 5908 8151) 巴罗洛。朝阳区建国路甲83

Cepe Offers authentic northern Italian cuisine in a modern, trendy setting. The low-key atmosphere makes it the perfect place for a romantic dinner. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-10.30pm. The Ritz-Carlton Financial Street, 1 Jinchengfang Dongjie, Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District. (6629 6996) 意味轩。西城区金城坊东街1号北京金融街丽思卡尔顿酒店大堂

Ciro's Pomodoro An international chain with restaurants in London, Dubai and Kuwait, this spacious Italian diner has nightly performances, DJs, live bands, a long extended bar, and alfresco seating. Daily 11am-3am. 81 Sanlitun Beilu,

Chaoyang District. (5208 6008) 波莫多洛。朝阳区三里屯北路81号



Daccapo A contemporary Italian restaurant with plenty of flair and a great wine selection. Weekday set lunch with two or three courses available. Daily noon-2.30pm, 5.30-10.30pm. 2/F, The Regent Beijing, 99 Jinbao Jie, Dongcheng District. (8522 1789) 迪卡博意大利餐厅。东城区金宝街99号北京丽晶酒店2层

Da Giorgio Sophisticated and simple in both decor and food. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10pm. 2/F, Grand Hyatt Beijing Hotel, Oriental Plaza, 1 Dongchang'an Jie, Dongcheng District. (6510 9628) 意餐厅。东城区东长安街1号东方广场北京东方悦大酒店2层

Danieli's Classy, elegant Italian restaurant. Tastefully decorated; good service and food. Mon-Fri 11.30am-2pm, 6-10pm, Sat-Sun 6-10pm. 2/F, St Regis Hotel, 21 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6460 6688 ext 2441) 丹尼艾丽意大利餐厅。朝阳区建国门外大街21号国际俱乐部饭店2层

Ecco Traditional Italian in a relaxing atmosphere. Daily 6-10.30pm. Four Points by Sheraton Beijing, Tower 1, 25 Yuanda Lu, Haidian District. (8889 8888) 海淀区远大路1号北京海淀福朋喜来登酒店

La Dolce Vita Classic Italian eatery offering authentic oven-fired pizza as well as a wide range of pastas and salads. Voted "Outstanding Italian" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Free delivery within a 3km radius. Daily 11am-11pm. 8 Bei Xindong Lu, Chaoyang District. (6468 2894) 甜蜜生活。朝阳区新东路北段8号

Metro This cozy, romantic place is one of Beijing's oldest Italian restaurants, where diners can match sauces and freshly made pastas, and select from a fine wine list. Mon-Fri 11.30am-3pm, 6.30-10pm; Sat-Sun 11.30am-10pm. 9 Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6552 7828) 美特柔。朝阳区工体西路9号

O Sole Mio Serving pizza, pasta and all your other Italian standards, no surprises, though the cozy atmosphere is nice. Daily 11am-midnight. 1/F, Jiezuo Dasha, 55 Xingfucun Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (6417 7022) 朝阳区幸福村中路55号杰座大厦1层

Piazza Italia Three floors of Italian culinary items galore: a deli and café (level 1), grocery store and cooking school (level 2), and Italian restaurant Boscolo (level 3). Daily 8am-10pm (grocery), 11am-10pm (café and deli). Shop L02, Bldg 18, China Central Place, 89 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (5200 8080) 朝阳区建国路89号华贸中心18号楼L02

Prego A modern Italian restaurant serving authentic regional home-style dishes prepared by an Italian chef. Daily 11am-11.30pm. 1/F, The Westin Beijing, 9B Jinrong Jie, Xicheng District. (6606 8866 ext 7815) 意大利餐厅。西城区金融大街乙9号北京金融街威斯汀大酒店1层

Ristorante Sadler Headed by two-star Michelin chef Claudio Sadler, this restaurant delivers well-executed dishes in a contemporary setting. There is a chef's table that seats 12, a gourmet food shop with freshly baked bread and a casual dining restaurant, Andiamo, downstairs. Daily 11.30am-2pm, 6-10.30pm. Ch'ien Men 23, 23 Qianmen Dongdajie, Dongcheng District. (6559 1399) 东城区前门东大街23号



Tavola Excellent Neapolitan-style Italian cuisine in a setting that works equally well for intimate dinners or group events. Business set lunch RMB 108-138. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-11pm. 2/F, The Grand Summit, Section B, Liangmaqiao Diplomatic Mansion, 19 Dongfang Donglu, Chaoyang District. (8532 5068) www.tavola-bj.com 朝阳区东方东路19号亮马桥外交公寓会所2层

Toscana Italian Restaurant Located near the Kerry Centre, this Tuscany-inspired restaurant is a prime spot for CBDers during lunchtime. Daily 10am-10pm. 1/F, Uni-construction Building, 25 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (6508 4265) 托斯卡纳。朝阳区东三环中路25号住总大厦1层

Trattoria La Gondola Elegant decor and a well-developed wine list could convince you that you're in Venice. Entrees include pastas, pizzas, seafood, veal and rib eye, but non-sequiturs like satay chicken pizza with yogurt and peanuts remind you that you're still in China. Prices and service to match the hotel location. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm and 5.30-11pm. Lufthansa Center, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6465 3388 ext 5707) 意大利威尼斯餐厅。朝阳区凯宾斯基饭店亮马桥路50号

JAPANESE

Raw fish, udon noodles and curries that lean towards the sweet side of the flavor spectrum. Usually aesthetically pleasant.

Haiku by Hatsune Haiku by Hatsune aims to outdo Hatsune with sexier ambiance and an all-encompassing menu - soups and salads, yakitori, karaage, etc. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 6-11.30pm. Block 8, 3/F, (above Kong Yiji) south side of No. 8 Apartments on Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6508 8585 ext 203) www.block8.cn 隐泉之语。朝阳区朝阳公园西门8号公馆内南侧3层

Hatsune Voted "Best Japanese" in our 2009 Reader Restaurant Awards. Both of the stylish venues specialize in unique sushi and hand rolls. 1) Daily 11.30am-2pm, 5.30-10.30pm. 58-30 (Opposite Element Fresh), Bldg 8, The Village at Sanlitun, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6415 3939); 2) Daily 11.30am-2pm, 5.30-10pm. 2/F, Heqiao Bldg C, 8A Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6581 3939) 隐泉日本料理。1) 朝阳区三里屯路19号The Village南区8号楼58-30; 2) 朝阳区光华路甲8号和乔大厦C座2层

Isshin Japanese Sushi Restaurant Cool decor and mellow aural ambience. Good set meals at reasonable prices. 1) Daily 11am-2pm, 5-10pm. Door 3, Bldg 8, Ziguang Development Plaza, 11 Huixin Dongjie, Chaoyang District. (6482 3600); 2) Daily 11am-2pm, 5-10pm. 35 Chengfu Lu (30m north of the traffic lights next to Wudaokou subway station), Haidian District. (8261 0136); 3) Daily 11am-1.30pm, 5-9pm. 2/F, Bldg 1, Oversea Student Dormitory, Beijing Normal University, Haidian District. (5880 9785); 4) Daily 11.30am-2pm, 5.30-10pm. Rm 1501, Bldg 15, Jianwai Soho, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (5869 5769) 一心日本料理。1) 朝阳区惠新东街11号紫光发展大厦B座3单元; 2) 海淀区城府路35号院(五道口城铁站旁信号灯往北30米路西院内); 3) 海淀区北京师范大学留学生公寓二层; 4) 朝阳区东三环中路39号建外Soho15号楼1501

Kagoya Hachibay Expensive Japanese yakiniku dining in a five-star hotel setting. Good food but even more awesome prices. Daily 11am-2pm, 6-10pm. 6/F, Sofitel Hotel, Tower C, Wanda Plaza, 93 Jianguo Lu (next to Wanda Interna-

tional Cineplex), Chaoyang District. (6581 00721/4E8599666 ext6226) 宠屋八兵卫。朝阳区建国路93号万达广场C座索菲特酒店6层

Le Igosso Homey atmosphere, inventive dishes and great chocolate cake. Daily 7-10am, 11am-2pm, 5:30-9:30pm. Jiuxian Apartments, 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang District. (6431 5632) 藤崎亭。朝阳区酒仙桥路2号酒仙公寓

Matsuko Great lunchtime buffet with sushi, sashimi, noodles and more. Voted "Outstanding Japanese" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Mon-Fri 11.30am-2pm, 5-10.30pm, Sat-Sun 11am-2.30pm, 5-10.30pm. 1) 39 Liangmaqiao Lu (opposite 21st Century hotel), Chaoyang District. (8453 4062); 2) Baijiazhuang (south east corner of Changhong Qiao), Chaoyang District. (6582 5208); 3) 2/F, Jinglong Dasha, 225 Chaoyang Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6509 8999) 松子。1) 朝阳区亮马桥39号(21世纪饭店对面); 2) 朝阳区星期五餐厅对面松阪屋; 3) 朝阳区朝阳北路225号京龙大厦2层

Redmoon Includes a sushi bar and cigar lounge. See Bars & Clubs Directories. Daily 5pm-1am. 1/F, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Beijing Oriental Plaza, 1 Dongchang'an Jie, Dongcheng District. (6510 9366) 东方亮。东城区东长安街1号东方君悦酒店大厅 2) 朝阳区安家楼亮马桥路27号

Shiro Matsu High-market Japanese restaurant boasts a mesmerizing environment and exceptional attention to culinary detail – most notably, in their dissection of the fugu fish. Daily 6-11pm. Ch'ien Men 23, 23 Qianmen Dongdajie, Dongcheng District. (6559 6266) 东城区前门东大街23号

Sixth Sense Sleek and modern, the menu offers affordable Japanese cuisine, including teppanyaki. The rooftop terrace offers views of the city. Daily 11am-2pm, 5-9.30pm. 4 Jianguomennei Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6559 6667) 北京和仓6号。东城区建国门内大街4号

Suzuki Japanese regulars flock to Mr. Suzuki's hidden office building restaurant for pickled octopus, goma-doufu, Kobe beef and other tantalizing treats. Daily 11am-2pm, 5-11pm. 30 Hetao Yuan, Guandong-dian Beijie, Chaoyang Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5138 9826) 铃木。朝阳区朝阳北路关东店北街核桃园30号

Todai Hotel buffets, move over! At this Japanese all-you-can-eat restaurant, size matters. Offerings include sashimi, sushi, pizzas, seafood, dim sum, tandoori, stir-fries, teppanyaki, grilled meats, crepe machines and a chocolate fountain. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10pm. Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6888) 都泰。朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾商业区

Votaro Famous among Japanese and Korean students for its classic cuisine and moderate prices, Votaro is also spacious and well designed. Daily 11.30am-2.30am. 6/F, Dongyuan Plaza, 35 Chengfu Lu (next to the light-rail station), Haidian District. (6252 3831) 鱼太郎。海淀区成府路35号东源大厦6层

Yotsuba With fish flown in from Tokyo's Tsukiji market several times a week, Yotsuba serves incomparably fresh traditional Japanese fare. Regulars come here for dishes that are served nowhere else in Beijing and at a fourth of the price of Tokyo. Voted "Outstanding Japanese" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Call ahead several days for reservations; large parties are not recommended. 1) Tue-Sun 5-11pm. Next to Bldg 2, Xinyuan Xili Zhongjie (near Xindong Lu), Chaoyang District. (6467 1837); 2) Daily 11.30am-2pm, 5-10pm. 2/F, Bldg 8, Lakeview Place, Dragon Bay Villa, Shayu Huanlu, Houshayu, Shunyi District. (8042 2284) 四叶。1) 朝阳区新源西里中街2号楼旁(近新东路); 2) 顺义区后沙峪镇沙峪环路8号楼2层

KOREAN

Seemingly endless varieties of kimchi, other spicy pickled vegetables and savory bbq.

Beihai Dao Hip foreign students and yummy pots of lemon soju. Daily 24 hours. 2/F, Xijiao Hotel Health Club, Wudaokou, Haidian District. (6233 5776) 北海道。海淀

区五道口西邻宾馆康乐中心2层

Haitanghua Pyongyang Cold Noodle Restaurant Cold War holdover serving North Korean-style eats and atmosphere. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10pm. 8 Xinyuan Xili Zhongjie, Chaoyang District. (6461 6295/6298) 海棠花平壤冷面馆。朝阳区新源西里中街8号

Han Na Shan With more than 30 locations scattered around town, this is one of Beijing's most popular Korean BBQ places. Voted "Best Korean" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 10.30am-11pm. 1) 8 Huayuan Donglu (near the Guo'an Theater), Haidian District. (8203 7888/6886); 2) 11A Chunxiu Lu, Chaoyang District. (6417 8377) 汉拿山。1) 海淀区花园东路8号(国安剧院附近); 2) 朝阳区春秀路甲11号

Saveurs de Corée Relax on a rooftop seat at this sophisticated Korean bistro, where the set menus are reasonably priced and the dishes are delicate, health-conscious, and intelligently proportioned. Voted "Outstanding Korean" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily noon-10.30pm. 29 Nanluogu Xiang, Dongcheng District. (6401 6083) www.saveursdecree.com.cn 韩香馆。东城区南锣鼓巷29号

Sorabol High-priced chain of Korean restaurants serves standards like bulgogi, *banfan* and delicious raw beef. Voted "Outstanding Korean" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 9am-10pm. 2/F, Landmark Towers, 8 Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6590 0630); 2) Daily 10am-10pm. Basement, Lufthansa Centre, Chaoyang District. (6465 3388 ext 5720) 萨拉伯尔。1) 朝阳区东三环北路8号亮马河大厦二层; 2) 朝阳区燕莎地下一层

MEDITERRANEAN

Anti-stress and relaxing meals include wines and herbs of Southern Europe to the spices of Northern Africa.

Sureño Nestled within the stunning interior of The Opposite House, Sureño dishes up modern Mediterranean cuisine from its beautiful open kitchen with wood-fired ovens. Daily noon-11.30pm. B1/F, The Opposite House, The Village at Sanlitun, 11 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6410 5240) www.surenorestaurant.com 朝阳区三里屯路11号三里屯Village瑜舍地下1层

Taverna This rustic-chic Mediterranean tavern offers charming presentation and ambiance. Daily noon-2.30pm, 6-10.30pm. 1949-The Hidden City, Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu (behind Pacific Century Place), Chaoyang District. (6501 8882) 朝阳区工体北路4号院(盈科中心南面)

The Olive Cafe Daily 10am-11pm.. 17 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6417 9669) 朝阳区工体北路17号

MIDDLE EASTERN

Lamb dishes chock full of dill, mint, cinnamon, oregano and pepper as well as hummus and flaky filo dough-based dishes.

1001 Nights Sanlitun-area restaurant serving some of the best Middle Eastern food in Beijing – falafel, tabouleh, hummus and kebabs. Nightly belly dancing. Voted "Best Middle Eastern" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11am-2am. Gongti Beilu (opposite Zhaolong Hotel), Chaoyang District. (6532 4050) www.1001nights.cn 1001夜。朝阳区工体北路兆龙饭店对面



Rumi Beijing's only purveyor of Persian cuisine. Its plush, minimalist interior is inviting, but the savory kebabs seal the deal.

Don't miss the innovative dessert selection. No alcohol, but fine to bring your own. Voted "Outstanding Middle Eastern" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11.30am-midnight. 1A Gongti Beilu (opposite Zhaolong Hotel), Chaoyang District. (8454 3838) www.rumigrill.com 入迷。朝阳区工体北路甲1号兆龙饭店对面

Shash Though hard to find, this Uzbekistani restaurant offers a stunning venue, and allows you to experience the flavors and artistic finery of the ancient Silk Road. Specialties include tandoor-baked dishes and excellent chuan'r. Daily 11am-10pm. 10 Xiangjun Beili (next to Saint Angel Hotel), Huijialou, Chaoyang Beilu, Chaoyang District. (5190 7230/7236/7239) 沙市。朝阳区呼家楼向军北里4巷10号



Sim Sim This Middle Eastern restaurant near Ritan Park offers daily happy hours (noon to 5pm) when main courses are 10% off. Daily noon-2am. 3/F, 39 Ritan High-life (opposite north gate of Ritan Park), Chaoyang District. (8569 3102/03) 西姆西姆。朝阳区朝阳区神路街39号院03-91<日坛公园北门对面3层

Turkish Mum The name is no joke -- there really is a Turkish mom here. The menu features dolmas, kebabs, soups and a variety of mouthwatering mains. Daily 11am-midnight. 3 Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (8532 3979) 土耳其妈妈。朝阳区工体北路3号

PIZZA

Italian favorite adopted by many countries and cultures. For more extensive Italian food listings see: Italian or European.

Hutong Pizza Serves square pizzas – some of the best in Beijing – tasty veggie burgers, draft beer and wine in a beautifully restored traditional home. Voted "Outstanding Pizza" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Local delivery available. Daily 11am-11pm. 9 Yindingqiao Hutong, Xicheng District. (8322 8916) 胡同比萨。西城区银锭桥胡同9号

The Kro's Nest American-styled pizza joint, serving up its infamous "gigantic" pizzas along with onion rings, fries, wings and draft beers. Voted "Outstanding Pizza" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Mon-Thu 10am-10pm, Fri-Sun 10am-11pm. Inside Workers' Stadium North Gate (next to Vics), Chaoyang District. (6553 5253); 2) Mon-Fri 10am-10pm, Sat-Sun 10am-midnight. 1 Fuyuanmen (400 meters north of Beijing University West Gate, on the north-west corner of the intersection), Haidian District. (6252 8057); 3) Tue-Thu 11am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11am-11pm. Bldg 8, Youyan Dasha, 2 Beitaping Zhuang Qiao, Xicheng District. (8201 4899) www.thekrosnest.com 鸟巢。1) 朝阳区工体北门内; 2) 海淀区福缘门1号(从北大西门往北走400米, 在路口的西北角); 3) 西城区北太平庄桥2号有研大厦B座

La Pizza A large brick oven is the focal point of this jolly pizzeria, where a comically rotund Italian chef bakes 12-inch pizzas loaded with yummy toppings. Daily 10.30am-3pm, 6-11pm. SA-48, Bldg 3, Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6106) 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商区3号楼SA-48

Peppes American and Italian style pizzas, salads, appetizers with dips and tasty smoothies and shakes. A supervised play area for children upstairs. Daily 11am-midnight. S4-34, 3/F, Bldg 4, The Village at Sanlitun, 19 Sanlitun Beilu, Chaoyang District.

(6415 0888) 派乐仕匹萨。朝阳区三里屯北路19号三里屯Village南区4号楼3-4层

Pizza Buona Thin crust pies with traditional toppings. Daily 10.30am-midnight. 7 Gongti Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6551 3518) 百好乐。朝阳区工体西路7号

Pyro Pizza Classic thin-crust pizza served up with a good selection of affordable draft beers. Daily 11am-3am. B1/F, Bldg 12, Huaqing Jiayuan, Wudaokou (5 min from Wudaokou subway station), Haidian District. (8286 6240) 海淀区五道口华清嘉园12号楼地下1层

The Tree Enjoy these popular thin-crust pies, and wash everything down with a Belgian beer. Voted "Best Pizza" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily noon-2am. 43 Sanlitun Beijie (100m west of Sanlitun North Bar street, Youyi Youth Hostel, behind Poachers Inn), Chaoyang District. (6415 1954) www.treebeijing.com 树。朝阳区三里屯北街以西100米Poachers后面三里屯医院旁

RUSSIAN

Nice breads, borscht and enthusiastic use of sour cream, not to mention vodka.

The Elephant Good place to stuff your face and get drunk without the pretension of uppity, hyper-designed restaurants. Good Russian food, especially the appetizers, like stuffed mushroom caps. Daily noon-midnight. In a small alley off Yabao Lu (50m north of Yatal Dasha), Chaoyang District. (8561 4073) 大象象。朝阳区朝外头条甲93号(雅宝路亚太大厦向北50米)

Little Birch Western Restaurant The anti-El-ephant – good Russian cuisine without the Yabao Lu glitz. With its clean diner feel, it's an ideal place for a quiet dinner with your comrades, or dining alone with Anna Karenina. Daily 11am-11pm. 24 Fuchengmenwai Dajie, 1/F, Jingbin Hotel, Xicheng District. (6858 2233 ext 1666) 小白。西城区阜成门外大街24号京滨饭店1层

White Nights The food at White Nights remains true to the spirit of Mother Russia. Get your ruble's worth with succulent pepper-corn beef tenderloin accompanied by a working man's serving of creamy mashed potato. The service however, could induce discontent among the masses. Daily 10.30am-midnight. 13A Beizhong Jie (off Dongzhimennei Dajie), Dongcheng District. (8402 9595) 白夜西餐。东城区东直门内大街北中街甲13号

SHANDONG

Light food characterized by the use of shallots and garlic emphasizing fragrance and freshness. Big portions, and because of its long coastline, seafood is prominent.

Tong He Ju Ignore the drab facade: This bustling *laozihao*, whose original branch was established in Xisi in 1822, is a great place to enjoy the salty taste of traditional Shandong cuisine. Daily 10.30am-1.30pm, 5-8pm. Bldg 8, 71 Yueyun Nanjie, Sanlihe, Xicheng District. (6852 2917) 同和局。西城区三里河月云南街乙71号

SHANGHAI

Dishes that are slightly sweet and delicate.

Hujiang Xiangmanlou Very good eels stewed in oil sauce and *xiaolongbao* dumplings. 11am-2pm, 5-9pm. 34A Dongshihitiao, Dongcheng District. (6403 1368) 沪江香满楼。东城区东四十条甲34号

Jade Garden Cantonese and Shanghaiese cuisine in a sophisticated setting. The place gets particularly convivial on the weekends with Cantonese families gathering for dim sum feasts. Voted "Outstanding Shanghai" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 10.30am-10.30pm. 6 Jiqingli, Chaowai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6552 8688) 苏浙汇。朝阳区朝外大街吉庆里5号楼

Lu Lu Restaurant chain serving traditional Shanghai fare in a neo-classical setting. Voted "Outstanding Shanghai" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 10.30am-10pm. 5/F, New Zhongguang Building, 19 Zhongguancun Dajie, Haidian District. (8248 6868); 2) Daily 11am-4pm, 5pm-10pm. 9 Fuxing Lu, Haidian District. (6858 3661); 3) Daily 11am-2.30pm, 5-10pm. 1A

Ciyunsi, Chaoyang District. (6508 0101, 6508 0505) www.lulurest.cn 北京警署酒家
东方店: 1) 海淀区中关村大街19号新中大
大厦5层; 2) 海淀区复兴路9号; 3) 朝阳区
慈云寺甲1号

SHANXI & SHA'ANXI

Stewed dishes from provinces well known for their flavorful vinegar and noodles.

Jin Yang Restaurant The first Shanxi restaurant to open up in Beijing after the revolution, this clean, comfortable restaurant used to be a favorite of Lao She. The noodles are still very impressive but most people come for the signature duck. Daily 10.30am-2pm, 5-9pm. 241 Zhushikou Xidajie, Xuanwu District. (6303 1669) 晋阳饭店, 宣武区珠市口西大街241号

Noodle Loft Homestyle Shanxi dishes and noodles in a posh environment. Try the *youtiao*, a steamer basket full of shotgun shell-shaped noodles. Daily 11am-10pm. 1) 18 Baizhiwan Lu (south of Soho New Town), Chaoyang District. (6774 9950/5372); 2) 3 Heping Xijie, Chaoyang District. (5130 9655) 面酷, 1) 朝阳区百子湾路18号 (Soho现代城往南); 2) 朝阳区和平西街3号

Xian Bai Wei Madam Wang whips up the best *roujiamo* in town at this friendly Shaanxi snack joint. Daily 11am-10pm. 76 Yonghegong Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6402 7070) 鲜百味, 东城区雍和宫大街76号

Xi'an Fanzhuang Famous for its *yangrou paomo*: a hearty lamb broth in which hand-torn bits of hard bread are soaked just before eating. A no-nonsense dive where you come for the food but stay for the old-school service. Daily 10.30am-10pm. 20 Xinjiekou Nandajie (across from the Xinjiekou Baihuo Shangchang), Xicheng District. (6618 1476) 西安饭庄, 西城区新街口南大街20号 (新街口百货商场对面)

SICHUAN

Distinguished by its tongue-numbingly spicy flavors. Emphasizes the use of chili, pepper and prickly ash. Garlic, ginger and fermented soybean are also used.

Chuan Ban Its location in the first floor of Sichuan province's Beijing rep office fuels its reputation as the most authentic Sichuan cuisine in town. Reasonable prices but often crowded, so expect a wait during peak dinner hours. Voted "Outstanding Sichuan" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Mon-Fri 7-9am, 10.50am-2pm, 4.50-9.30pm; Sat-Sun 7am-10pm. 5 Gongyuan Toutiao, Jianguomennei Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6512 2277 ext 6101) 川办餐厅, 东城区建国门内贡院头条5号

Hong Jing Yu The original spiky fish (*shuizhuyou*) shop in Beijing. Clean and nicely lit. Daily 11am-10.30pm. Bldg 14, Guangxi-men Beili, Chaoyang District. (6420 4776) 红京鱼, 朝阳区光熙门北里14号楼

Kuxia Yizu Specializes in shrimp, usually of the spiky variety. Sample the Sichuan *shuizhu* shrimp, Leshan spicy shrimp or the oddly named "Sex and the City" (spicy crawfish). Daily 11am-2pm, 5-11pm. Dongsi Sitiao (western end), Dongsi Beidajie, Dongcheng District. (6400 8499) 酷虾逸族, 东城区东四北大街东四四条

Longshun Yuan Mala Xiangguo Long Shun Yuan's knack for impossibly potent spice has won it a devoted following. Calling ahead is recommended. Daily 9am-midnight. 1) 1 Huayuan Heyin Zhonglu, Wangjing(Near Guangshun Beidajie), Chaoyang District. (6473 3452); 2) 1/F, Tianxia Binguan, 8A Zhongguancun Nandajie, Haidian District. (6213 0489); 3) Eastern side of Anhuili, Yayuncun, Chaoyang District. (6481 0510) 龙顺园麻辣香锅, 1) 朝阳区望京花园河荫中路东1号(近广顺北大街); 2) 海淀区中关村南大街甲8号天厦宾馆1层; 3) 朝阳区亚运村安慧里东 (北辰购物中心东)

Lord of Salt Innovative Sichuan cuisine in a sassy historical environment. Daily 10am-2pm, 5-9.30pm. Nanxincang, 22 Dongshishitiao, Dongcheng District. (6409 6185) 天下盐, 食色空间, 东城区东四十条22号南新仓文化休闲街

Mala Youhuo (Spice Spirit) Imaginatively decorated chain of restaurants catering

to a young, affluent crowd. Stick to the (extremely good) Sichuan staple dishes. Reservations recommended. 1) Daily 11am-midnight. 3/F, Sky Plaza, Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Dongcheng District. (8460 8558); 2) Daily 11am-10pm. 7/F, Grand Pacific Mall, 133 Xidan Beidajie, Xicheng District. (8265 6688); 3) Daily 11am-10.30pm. West gate of the Taiyang Yuan Xiaoku, Dazhong Si, Haidian District. (8211 9966) www.spice-spirit.com 麻辣诱惑, 1) 东城区东直门外大街天恒大厦3层(东方银座东); 2) 西城区西单北大街133号君太百货7层; 3) 海淀区大钟寺太阳园小区西门

Noble Club This massive garden-style restaurant focuses on large groups and fine dining, which make it the perfect venue for impressing business clients or entertaining wedding guests. The menu, divided into Sichuan and Cantonese cuisines, offers a range of seafood and vegetarian options. Daily 11am-11pm. 166 Hepingli Zhongjie, Dongcheng District. (6428 1188) 乙十六号商务会所, 东城区和平里中街乙十六号

South Beauty More a brand than a restaurant chain, South Beauty specializes in upscale locations and gorgeous, snooty staff. Voted "Outstanding Restaurant of the Year (Chinese)" and "Best Sichuan" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. A dozen locations round town. For the full list, check www.thebeijinger.com. 1) Daily 11am-11pm. 3/F, Pacific Century Place, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6539 3502); 2) Daily 11am-10pm. 2/F, West Wing, China World Shopping Mall, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6505 0809); 3) Daily 6am-10.30pm. 1/F, Shuncheng Hotel, 16 Financial Street, Xicheng District. (6622 8989); 4) Daily 11am-10pm. B888, B1/F, Oriental Plaza, 1 Dongchang'an Jie, Dongcheng District. (8518 6971); 5) Daily 11am-10pm. 4/F, Oriental Kenzo (Ginza Mall), 21 Dongzhimenwai Zhongjie, Dongcheng District. (8447 6171); 6) Daily 11am-11pm. B1, Kerry Centre Mall, 1 Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (8529 9458); 7) Daily 11am-10pm. 1/F, Henderson Shopping Mall Center, Jianguomennei Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6518 7603); 8) Daily 10.30am-10.30pm. Sunshine Plaza (east door), 68 Anli Lu, Chaoyang District. (6495 1201); 9) Daily 11am-10pm. 7-1, 7 Huayuan Lu, Xidan (west of Bank of China Tower), Xicheng District. (5851 8498/9); 10) Daily 11am-11pm. 2/F, Manhattan CNT Building Beijing (south of Swissotel), Dongcheng District. (8528 2330); 11) Daily 10.30am-10.30pm. 1/F, Tower A, Raycom Info-Tech Park, 2 Kexue Nanlu, Haidian District. (8286 1698); 12) Daily 11am-10pm. Across from the International Hotel, Chaoyang District. (6518 7603) 倩江南, 1) 朝阳区工体北路太平洋百货3层; 2) 朝阳区建国门外大街1号国贸西楼2层; 3) 西城区金融大街甲16号顺成饭店(平安大厦东侧面顺成酒店南面); 4) 东城区东长安街1号东方广场地下1层B888; 5) 东城区东直门外中街21号东方银座广场4层; 6) 朝阳区光华路1号嘉里商场B1北侧; 7) 东城区建国门内大街恒基中心商场首层; 8) 朝阳区安立路68号漂亮阳光广场东侧面; 9) 西城区华远路7号7-1 (西单中国银行总部西侧); 10) 东城区首创大厦2层(港澳中心瑞士酒店南面); 11) 海淀区中关村融科资讯中心A座北侧(海淀区科学院南路2号); 12) 朝阳区国际饭店对面

Yuxiang Renjia Consistently good Sichuanese food in a pleasantly rustic-themed environment. Voted "Outstanding Sichuan" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Mon-Fri 11am-10pm, Sat-Sun 11am-2.30pm, 5-9.30pm. 3/F, Bldg A, TYG Center, 2C Dongsanhuan Beilu (north of Sanyuan Dongqiao), Chaoyang District. (8441 7068); 2) Daily 11am-2pm, 5-9pm. 5/F, Lianhe Dasha (Union Plaza), 20 Chaoyangmenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6588 3841); 3) Daily 10.30am-10.30pm. 1011, Bldg 4, Jianwai Soho, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (5869 0653); 4) Mon-Fri 10am-2pm, 5-9pm; Sat-Sun 10am-9pm. Hepingli Nankou, across from the Guojia Linye Ju, Chaoyang District. (8422 0807); 5) Daily 10.30am-9pm. 6/F, Parkson Shopping Center, Fuxingmen, Xicheng District. (6602 3706) 渝乡人家, 1) 朝阳区东三环北路丙2号天元港中心A座3层 (三元东桥北侧); 2) 朝阳区朝阳门外大街20号联合大厦5层; 3) 朝阳区东三环中路39号建外Soho4号楼1011; 4) 朝阳区和平里南口国家林业局对面; 5) 西城区复兴门百盛购物中心6层

SOUTHEAST ASIAN

Chili crabs, black pepper crabs and drunken prawns. A well-rounded representation of Southeast Asian delectables.

Asia Bistro A place to go for Asian fusion, this hotel-restaurant specializes in cuisine from Thailand and Vietnam, with the key event being the RMB 388/268 brunch buffet (with flowing champagne and wine/with beer) 11.30am-3pm on Sunday afternoons. 11.30am-3pm on Sunday afternoons. Daily 6am-midnight.. Lobby, JW Marriott Hotel, 83 Jianguo Lu, China Central Place, Chaoyang District. (5908 8511) 朝阳区建国路83号JW万豪酒店

Asian Star Southeast Asian restaurant serves a mishmash of Indian, Thai, Singaporean and Malaysian cuisines. Daily 11am-2.30pm, 5-10.30pm. 26 Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6582 5306) 亚洲之星新马印, 朝阳区东三环北路26号

Cafe Sambal Authentic up-market Malay food in a lovely courtyard. Daily noon-midnight. 43 Doufuchi Hutong (just east of Jiugulou Dajie), Xicheng District. (6400 4875) 西城区豆腐池胡同43号(旧鼓楼大街往东走)

Hawka Inspired by Singapore's celebrated hawk food stalls, Hawka's open kitchen turns out popular Asian street foods and serves them in a five-star environment. Wed-Sun 5.30pm-10pm. Beijing Marriott Hotel City Wall, 7 Jianguomen Nandajie, Dongcheng District. (5811 8888 ext 8266) 霍克亚洲餐厅, 东城区建国门南大街7号北京万豪酒店

Nyonya Kitchen Peranakan cuisine at its finest, and if you don't know what that is, no problem. The owners seek to instruct and offer up spices and curry pastes fresh from Malaysia. Daily 11am-10pm. Across from Gaojiayuan Middle School, opposite the Lido Hotel, Chaoyang District. (6433 7377) 娘惹厨房, 朝阳区高家园中学丽都饭店对面

Prima Taste Kitchen The Beijing branch of this international chain serves a variety of Singaporean dishes, from popular street food snacks to seafood. Unit FF03, The Malls at Oriental Plaza, 1 Chang'an Jie, Dongcheng District. (8518 6146) 东城区东长安街1号东方新天地FF03

Purple Haze Bistro A step up from the original Gongti Beilu location, this hip spot offers the same great Thai cuisine in classier surroundings, with live jazz on Wednesday and Sunday nights. Entrees start around RMB 50. Voted "Best Thai" by our sister publication the beijinger in their 2009 Reader Restaurant Awards. Daily 11am-11.30pm. Rm 201, Bldg 3, China View, corner of Gongti Dong and Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6501 9345, purplehaze@purplehaze.com.cn) www.purplehaze.com.cn 紫苏庭, 朝阳区工体东路丙2号中国红街3号楼201室

Traders Cafe With a typical buffet a la carte menu and a sprawling buffet what makes Traders stand apart from the rest of the hotel crowd is the quality of the Singaporean and Malaysian cuisine on offer. Standouts include Hainanese chicken rice, laksa, and nasi lemak, but watch out for the high hotel prices. Daily 6am-11pm. Traders Hotel, 1 Jianguomenwai Dajie, Chaoyang District. (6505 2277 ext 35) 三江咖啡厅, 朝阳区建国门外大街1号国贸饭店内

The Yard This sister restaurant of Nyonya Kitchen oozes elegance and charm. Its menu satisfies even the most traditional of Malaysian palates. With service as refined as the setting, this is a truly affordable culinary pleasure. Mon-Thu 10am-2.30pm, 5-9.30pm, Fri-Sun 10am-9.30pm. 3 Kaifa Jie, Xibaixinzhuang, Houshayu, Shunyi District. (8049 9449) 庭院餐厅, 顺义区后沙峪西白辛庄开发街3号

SPANISH

Olive-oil inspired seafood, paellas and beautiful jamon serrano.

Agua No watery hues here – the decor is hot and spicy. The food and service of this Spanish/Catalonian restaurant matches its upscale setting inside the Ch'ien Men 23 complex. Daily noon-2pm, 6.30-10.30pm. Ch'ien Men 23, 23 Qianmen Dongdajie,

Dongcheng District. (6559 6266) 东城区前门东大街23号

Ashandi This Beijing veteran has served up authentic, unpretentious Spanish fare since 1998. The sangria and gazpacho are delicious, but the bistro-style setting feels worn-out – go with a group or it might just be you and the *fuyuyuan*. Daily 11.30am-2pm, 6-11pm. 168 Xinzhong Jie (opposite north gate of Workers' Gymnasium), Chaoyang District. (6416 6231) 阿山蒂, 朝阳区新中街168号工人体育馆北门对面



MARE Nice atmosphere. Go for tapas every day and paella on weekends. Both English and Spanish menu available. 11.30am-11.30pm. 1/F, E-Tower, 12C Guanghua Lu, Chaoyang District. (6595 4178/2890) 古老海西餐厅, 朝阳区光华路12号数码01大厦1层

Olas Tapas Café Offers a warm ambience, inexpensive drinks and good food. The "tapas" are mini-meals, rather than little bar snacks in the Spanish style. Daily 10am-10pm. S9-10 The Village at Sanlitun, Sanlitun Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6417 5657) 朝阳区三里屯北路三里屯Village南区S9-10

STEAKHOUSES

CRU Steakhouse The sleek, warm design of the JW Marriott's steak restaurant is reflective of the rich, refined cuts served up by its open kitchen. Daily 11.30am-2pm, 6-10pm. 2/F, JW Marriott Hotel, China Central Place, 83 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (5908 8530) 朝阳区建国路83号华贸中心JW万豪酒店2层

Grange Grange is probably the only place on Earth that successfully incorporates 1920s Gatsby-style with an experimental chemistry lab: Expect all of your dipping sauces to be doled out of beakers and pipettes. This steakhouse serves mean and delicate cuts. 20 kinds of mustard, salt and pepper available. Daily 6am-11pm. 2/F The Westin Beijing Chaoyang, 1 Xinyuan Nan Road, Chaoyang District. (5922 8888) 朝阳区新源南路1号

The Meat & Wine Co. Top-notch wagyu steaks in stately surroundings, enticing appetizers like peri-peri prawns, luscious desserts and a classy wine list. Daily 11am-3pm (lunch); 6pm-close (dinner, last orders 10pm). Ch'ien Men 23, 23 Qianmen Dongdajie, Dongcheng District 东城区前门东大街23号

Steak Exchange As the name indicates, this restaurant serves up a wide variety of steaks in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. Daily 11.30am-2.30pm, 5.30-10pm. InterContinental Hotel, 11 Financial Street, Xicheng District. (5852 5888 ext 5916) 西城区金融街11号洲际酒店

TAIWAN

Light, sweet dishes that use ginger and basil prominently. Includes seafood, small dishes and snacks.

Bellagio Moneyed hipsters satisfy their midnight munchies at this hip, Taiwanese eatery. Don't miss the stunning shaved ice desserts. Voted "Best Taiwanese" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 11am-10pm. 6/F, Shin Kong Place, 87 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (6530 5658); 2) Daily 11am-5am. 6 Gongti Xilu, south of the Gongti 100 Bowling Alley, Chaoyang District. (6551 3533); 3) Daily 11am-4am. 35 Xiaoyun Lu, nearby Kiss Disco, Chaoyang District. (8451 9988); 4) Daily 11am-2am. Bldg 4, Area 2 Anhui Beili, Yayuncun, Chaoyang District. (6489 4300) 鹿港小镇,

1) 朝阳区建国路87号新光天地6层; 2) 朝阳区工体西路6号(工体100南边); 3) 朝阳区霄云路35号; 4) 朝阳区亚运村安慧北里2区4号楼(炎黄艺术馆斜对面)

Home Sweet Home The decor is simple, but the flavors are vigorous, with excellent traditional Taiwan dishes such as o-a-chian, three cup chicken and Taiwanese sausage. Voted "Outstanding Taiwanese" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11am-2pm, 5-10pm. 235 Chaoyangmennei Xiaojie, Chaoyang District. (6522 9889) 小城故事, 朝阳区朝阳门内小街235号

Shin Yeh Recently renovated to appeal to a more modest crowd, the food here is authentic Taiwanese food with imported foodstuff from the island itself. Check out the seasonal dishes and drinks as well. Voted "Outstanding Taiwanese" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 11am-10pm. L401, 4/F, The Gate Mall, 19 Zhong-guancun Dajie, Haidian District. (8248 6288); 2) Daily 11.30am-3pm, 5.30pm-midnight. 6 Gongti Xilu (ground floor of the Gongti 100 bowling alley), Chaoyang District. (6552 5066) 欣叶, 1) 海淀区中关村大街19号新中关购物中心4层L401; 2) 朝阳区工体西路6号(工体100一层)

Slim Taste Noodles & Bar Choose from heaps of noodles, as well as a respectable selection of dumplings, wontons, soups, congees and desserts. Slurp on bubble tea while debating the slimming properties of your nutritious meal. Daily 10am-11pm. S9-32, South Area, the Village at Sanlitun, 19 Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang District. (6415 9699) 西龙纤味拉面馆, 朝阳区三里屯路19号三里屯Village南区S9-32

THAI

Fresh ingredients often used with fish sauce, lemon-grass and coconut milk. Spicy. See Indian and Vietnamese listings for additional Thai choices.

Banana Leaf Some have described it as Disney on speed. Somewhere, amidst a river crawling with fake alligators, long tail boats and overflowing with exotic plastic fruits, lies the answer to your Thai food cravings. Voted "Outstanding Thai" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 11am-11pm. Inside Sanyuan Dongqiao (on the west side, opposite Jingxin Dasha), Chaoyang District. (6460 2340); 2) Daily 11am-11pm. Courtyard 4, Gongti Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6506 8855); 3) Daily 11am-10pm. 2/F, Finance Center, Zhong-guancun Shopping Center, 58 Beisihuan, Haidian District. (5986 3666) 蕉叶, 1) 朝阳区三元东桥内西侧, 京信大厦对面; 2) 朝阳区工体北路4号院内凯富酒店后; 3) 海淀区北四环西路58号中关村广场金融中心商业2楼

Lan Na Thai A suave Thai eatery decked out with a collection of authentic Southeast Asian artifacts, serving good quality, classic Thai dishes at expensive prices. Voted "Outstanding Decor" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily noon-2.30pm, 5.30-10.30pm. 26 Dongcaoyuan, Gongti Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6551 6788) 兰娜, 朝阳区工体南路东草园26号

Lantung This three floor bar, lounge and restaurant is a breezy retreat for some spicy Thai cuisine. By night, the large lakeside seating and plush couches are perfect for a drink or two. Daily 10.30am-2am. Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6213) 兰棠, 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商区



Purple Haze Thai cuisine served amongst purple hues. Books, coffee and Wi-Fi

create the perfect atmosphere for a lazy afternoon. Wednesday night jazz at the China View location. Voted "Best Thai" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 11am-11.30pm. Opposite the north gate of the Workers' Stadium (in the small alley behind the ICBC Bank), Chaoyang District. (6413 0899, 8774 6387, purplehaze@purplehaze.com.cn); 2) Daily 10.30am-midnight. 201, Bldg 3, China View, C2 Gongti Donglu, Chaoyang District. (6501 9345, purplehaze@purplehaze.com.cn) www.purplehaze.com.cn 紫苏庭, 1) 朝阳区工体北门对面胡同工商银行后; 2) 朝阳区工体东路丙2号中国红街3号楼201

Serve the People Popular restaurant with a large laowai fan base and pleasant terrace. Fans laud the tom kha gai, coconut chicken soup, that offers the perfect blend of spicy, sour and sweet. Honorable mention for "Best Thai" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 11am-10.30pm. 1 Sanlitun Xiwujie (next to Athena), Chaoyang District. (8454 4580); 2) Daily 11am-11pm. Feijiacun Yuan, 8 Laiguangying Donglu (near the Cuigezhuang police station), Chaoyang District. (8470 4792) 为人民服务, 1) 朝阳区三里屯西五街1号; 2) 朝阳区来广营东路8号费家村院(近崔各庄派出所)

TIBETAN

Features mutton and yak meat in a variety of cooking styles as well as the barley-based tsampa.

Makye Ame Beijing's premier Tibetan restaurant. The best dishes are curried potatoes, roasted lamb, grilled mushrooms and beef with pickled carrots. The original Xiushui location is rustic and cosy, the second branch opulent and ten times bigger. 1) Daily 11am-midnight. 2/F, Jinhuyuan Gongyu, Baijia Zhuang Dongli 23, Chaoyang District. (6508 9886); 2) Daily 11.30am-2am. 11A Xiushui Nanjie, Jianguomenwai, Chaoyang District. (6506 9616) 玛吉阿米, 1) 朝阳区白家庄东里23号锦湖园公寓会所2层; 2) 朝阳区建国门外秀水南街甲11号

Norbulingka Opened by a Han Chinese who's "really into Tibet!" This huge dinner-and-a-show restaurant has authentic, rug-draped benches, and hit-or-miss Tibetan classics. Perhaps your only chance to see the Tibetan Wayne Newton. Daily 11am-midnight. 30 Yonghegong Dongli, Dongcheng District. (6407 8288) 罗布林卡藏族文化主题餐, 东城区雍和宫大街30号

VEGETARIAN

No animals were harmed in creating the dishes served in these restaurants, though the vegetables may have suffered terribly.

Lotus in Moonlight A large array of meatless and fishless dishes, made from tofu and related products. You can tell it's the real deal by the number of monks who dine here. Hard to find, but worth the search. Voted "Outstanding Vegetarian" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Mon-Fri 11am-2pm and 5-9.30pm, Sat-Sun 11am-9.30pm. 12 Liufang Nanli, Chaoyang District. (6465 3299); 2) Mon-Fri 11am-2pm and 5-9pm, Sat-Sun 11am-9pm. 3/F, Disanjie Creative Space, 66 Beisihuan Xilu, Haidian District. (6268 0848/1318) 荷塘月色素食, 1) 朝阳区柳芳南里12号楼; 2) 海淀区北四环西路66号第三楼3层

Pure Lotus Vegetarian Run by monks, their creative dishes will leave you with a full stomach and a clear conscience - and a considerably lightened wallet. Voted "Best Vegetarian" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11am-11pm. 1) Tongguang Bldg, 12 Nongzhuang Nanlu, Chaoyang District. (6592 3627, 8703 6669); 2) 3/F, Holiday Inn Lido, Jiangtai Lu, Chaoyang District. (8703 6668, 6437 6288) 净心莲, 1) 朝阳区农展馆南路12号(通广大厦内); 2) 朝阳区丽都假日饭店三层, 首都机场将台路

Sea of Lotus Vegetarian From simple dishes to imperial cuisine, this tranquil spot caters to vegetarians. Also carries a great selection of fresh tea. Daily 9.30am-9.30pm. 12 Cheniandian Hutong (across from the Hebei Hotel), Andingmennei Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6403 6169) 莲花海素食, 东城区安定门内大街车辇店

胡同12号

Vegan Hut Simple vegan eatery serving fast and delicious set meals with no MSG. Stall 0912, 2/F, Bldg 9, Jianwai Soho, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District. (5869 9856, 139 1172 9610) 维根小屋, 朝阳区东三环中路39号建外Soho9号楼2层0912

Veg-on Modest black and white décor, yummy vegetarian dishes and sweet Taiwanese desserts will have you back for more. Set lunches available. Does not use MSG. Voted "Outstanding Vegetarian" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11am-10pm. Solana, 6 Chaoyang Gongyuan Lu, Chaoyang District. (5905 6301/6) 家乡素食, 朝阳区朝阳公园路6号蓝色港湾国际商区

Xiangyang Xiaozhu Classic Chinese dishes rendered guilt-free draw the staff vegan back to this restaurant again and again. Daily 11am-2pm, 5-9pm. Beisanhuan (20m west of Dazhong Si), Haidian District. (8211 2104) 香阳小筑, 海淀区北三环大钟寺西20米

VIETNAMESE

Light, relatively uncomplicated cooking with fresh flavors; not as spicy as Thai food. Favorites include beef noodle soup and imperial rolls. See also: Thai.

Luga's Pho Pho Pho and other Vietnamese dishes from the ever-cheerful Luga. View the Tongli cespit from the safety of the terrace. Daily 24hrs. Above Luga's (opposite Tongli Studio), Sanlitun Houjie, Chaoyang District. (6413 2786) 朝阳区三里屯后街同里对面

Muse Parisian Vietnamese Brasserie A modish Indochine eatery with bowls of pho, spring rolls, soups and coffees of both Vietnamese and French persuasion. Voted "Best Vietnamese" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11am-11pm. 1 Chaoyang Gongyuan Xilu, Chaoyang District. (6586 3188) 妙, 朝阳区朝阳公园西路一号

Nuage Worth visiting for its chic, French colonial atmosphere - complete with dim lighting, rickshaws and waitresses in stylish ao dai - and its stunning lakeside location. While the ambiance glistens with charm, the food can fall short of the mark. Voted "Outstanding Vietnamese" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11am-11pm. 22 Qianhai Dongyuan, Xicheng District. (6401 9581) 庆云楼, 西城区前海东沿22号

Va Va Voom The blaring Viet-pop, calendars and plastic stools of the Hanoi pho stall have been replaced with acid jazz, exposed ceilings and designer chairs at this chic restaurant which serves classic Vietnamese fare such as fresh summer rolls, grilled duck salad and pho noodles. Set lunch specials and buy two get one free on "Exotic Martinis" weekdays 5-7.30pm. Daily 11am-11pm. S4-32, 3/F, Bldg 4, The Village at Sanlitun, 19 Sanlitun Beilu, Chaoyang District. (6416 3732, 6417 2210) 越时代, 朝阳区三里屯北路19号三里屯Village南区4号楼3层S4-32

XINJIANG & MUSLIM

No pork but plenty of lamb dishes best represented by everybody's favorite lamb skewers (yangrou chuan'r), best eaten with various Arabic-style flat breads (naan).

Afunti Over-hyped and now over-priced. Busesloads of tourists pack this high-end Xinjiang style restaurant every night. Stage plays host to the Afunti band with patrons occasionally dancing on the tables. Voted "Outstanding Xinjiang" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 10.30am-11pm. 166 Chaoyangmennei Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6527 2288, 6525 1071) 阿凡提, 东城区朝内大街166号

Crescent Moon Muslim Restaurant This clean, atmospheric neighborhood dive is possibly one of the best in town. From the homemade yogurt and the all-Uighur staff to the king of mutton chuan'r, this little gem is as authentic as it gets. Voted "Outstanding Xinjiang" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 10.30am-11pm. 16 Dongsi Liutiao (alley number six, 100m west of Chaonei Beixiaoje), Dongcheng

District. (6400 5281) 弯弯的月亮, 东城区东四六条16号

Kaorou Ji Serving Qingzhen (Muslim) cuisine to Beijingers since the Qing dynasty. Try their house speciality: barbecued lamb and steamed sesame buns. Daily 11am-11pm. 14 Qianhai Dongyuan, Xicheng District. (6404 2554) 烤肉季, 西城区前海东沿14号

Xinjiang Islam Restaurant Hearty Xinjiang cuisine from the people who know it best in Beijing: the staff of Xinjiang province's Beijing representative office. Daily 11am-10pm. Xinjiang Provincial Government Office, 7 Sanlihe Lu, Xicheng District. (6830 1820) 新疆伊斯兰饭庄, 西城区三里河路7号

Xinjiang Red Rose The rowdy Red Rose packs 'em in with nightly music and belly dancing performances. Good for kebabs, but no place for the quiet conversationalist. Voted "Best Xinjiang" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 11am-11pm. Inside Xingfu Yicun 7 Xiang, opposite Workers' Stadium North Gate, Chaoyang District. (6415 5741) 新疆玫瑰餐厅, 朝阳区工人体育场北门对面幸福一村7巷内

YUNNAN

This cuisine is a moderate balance of a light use of spices paired with fresh and tender ingredients.

Dali Courtyard With atmospheric decor, soothing music and easy-going hospitality, it's a pity the food doesn't quite measure up to the ambiance. Set menu only. Voted "Outstanding Outdoor Dining," and "Outstanding Yunnan" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 10am-9.30pm. 67 Xiaojingchang Hutong, Gulou Dongdajie, Dongcheng District. (8404 1430) 大理, 东城区鼓楼东大街小经厂胡同67号

Middle 8th Restaurant Comfortable, hip Yunnan restaurant. Try the Yunnan-style spare ribs and the dragon beans. There is also a separate and slightly down-market barbecue section diagonally opposite the Sanlitun store. Voted "Best Yunnan" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 11am-11.30pm. Zhongba Lou, Sanlitun Zhongjie, Chaoyang District. (6413 0629); 2) Daily 11am-10.30pm. R17, Zhongguancun Pedestrian Mall, 15 Zhongguancun Dajie, Haidian District. (5172 1728) 中八楼, 1) 朝阳区三里屯中街中八楼; 2) 海淀区中关村大街15号中关村广场步行街R17

No Name Restaurant Burrowed within Houhai's hutongs, this stylish Yunnan eatery attracts trendsetters eager to escape Yinding Qiao's neon, noise and tourists. The most compelling reason to visit might be the rooftop terrace. Voted "Outstanding Yunnan" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. Daily 10.30am-2am. 1 Dajinsi Hutong, Xicheng District. (8328 3061) 无名云南餐吧, 西城区大金丝胡同1号

South Silk Road Opened by a Beijing-based artist, this super-hip restaurant offers a minimalist interior, down-home Yunnan specialties and their own brand of rice wine. Voted "Outstanding Yunnan" in our 2009 Restaurant Awards. 1) Daily 11am-10.30pm. 3/F, Bldg D, Soho New Town, 88 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang District. (8580 4286); 2) Daily 10.30am-10pm. 5/F, APM Mall, Wangfujing Dajie, Dongcheng District. (6526 8401); 3) Daily 10.30am-10.30pm. 2-3/F, Bldg 4, Area 2, Anhuili, Chaoyang District. (6481 3261) 崇古古道, 1) 朝阳区建国路88号Soho现代城D座3层会所; 2) 东城区王府井大街新东安广场5层; 3) 朝阳区安慧里2区4号楼3层

Yunteng Shifu Consistent, fresh Yunnan cuisine. Specialties include the mint leaf salad, fried goat's cheese, pine needle salad and mushroom dishes such as fried mushroom slices and dried mushrooms in spicy oil. Meat dishes galore as well, but quite easy to piece together a vegetarian meal here. Daily 11am-10pm (Hall 2), 11.30am-1.30pm, 5.30-10pm (Hall 1). Yunnan Provincial Government Office, 7 Donghuashi Beili Donggu, Chongwen District. (6711 3322 ext 7105) 云腾宾馆食府, 崇文区东花市北里东区7号