

Restaurant Suggestions for RPM Dinners

Please verify details directly with the restaurants. If you notice outdated information or would like to suggest a new restaurant, contact Liz Worthy at lhworthy@lbl.gov.

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Near Berkeley Lab

Recommended with Reservations:

- **Comal** (*Mexican*) – Upscale and popular; reservations required, often 2 weeks in advance.
- **Eureka** (*American*) – Very nice; please reserve in advance.
- **Farmhouse Kitchen Thai Cuisine** (*Thai*) – Excellent food and newly renovated interior; highly recommended, please reserve in advance.
- **Pizzeria da Laura** (*Pizza*) – Great value for groups; large pizzas can be shared. Can usually accommodate 7–8 people within budget (including starters, dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks).
- **Kamado Sushi** (*Sushi*) – High quality; reservations required.
- **Gather** (*American*) – Very nice and on the pricier side, so better with small groups to stay in budget. Reservations required. Closed Tuesdays.
- **Agrodolce** (*Italian*) – Good, upscale option. Stay mindful of the budget. Reservations required.
- **Via del Corso** (*Italian*) – Good, upscale option. Stay mindful of the budget. Reservations required.

Walk-in or Casual Options (Reservations Recommended, but Not Always Needed):

- **Ippudo** (*Ramen*) – Popular Japanese chain with solid ramen offerings.

- **Tigerlily** (*Indian*) – Contemporary take on Indian cuisine.
- **Angeline's Louisiana Kitchen** (*Cajun*) – Southern flavors in a lively setting.
- **Tane Vegan Izakaya** (*Japanese, Plant-Based*) – Trendy vegan option with creative dishes.
- **Taste of the Himalayas** (*Nepalese/Indian*) – Good food; *closed on Tuesdays*.
- **Great China** (*Chinese*) – Excellent food, higher price point; *closed on Tuesdays*.
- **Da Lian** (*Chinese*) – Reliable and traditional.
- **Alborz** (*Persian*) – Often available without a reservation; good value.
- **Asaka Sushi & Bar** (*Sushi*) – A bit farther out; small but high quality. Call ahead.

Casual Alternatives (Usually No Reservation Needed)

These options are more informal and generally fit within budget:

- **Cancun** (*Mexican*) – Great value, good food, and a fun atmosphere. No table service.
- **Cholita Linda** (*Peruvian-inspired*) – Tasty and affordable. Shattuck location is closest; Temescal location has nicer ambiance.
- **Udupi Palace** (*Vegetarian Indian*) – Solid vegetarian dishes in a casual setting.
- **Platano** (*Salvadoran*) – Flavorful food and good prices. *Closes at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays*.
- **Crêpe à Moi** (*French Crêpes*) – Simple, affordable. No table service.

Near Solano Avenue

- **Bua Thai Kitchen** (*Thai*)
 - **Akemi** (*Japanese*)
 - **Bowl'd** (*Korean*)
 - **Little Star Pizza** (*Deep Dish Pizza*) – Cozy and stylish.
 - **Zachary's Pizza** (*Deep Dish Pizza*) – A bit more casual than Little Star.
 - **China Village** (*Chinese – Sichuan*)
 - **Sichuan Style** (*Chinese – Sichuan*)
 - **Mainichi Sushi** (*Japanese*)
 - **Zaytoon Mediterranean Restaurant and Bar** (*Mediterranean*)
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A Bit Further Away

- **Lemat Ethiopian Restaurant** (*Ethiopian*) – Rich flavors and highly rated.
- **Hancock** (*Korean*) – Excellent Korean cuisine.
- **Pyeong Chang Tofu** (*Berkeley or Oakland*) – Korean specialties, especially tofu stews.
- **Donato & Co.** (*Italian*) – Elegant and upscale; budget carefully. Reservations required.
- **La Mediterranee** (*Middle Eastern and Mediterranean*) – Warm, inviting atmosphere with classic dishes.
- **Yimm Oakland** (*Thai*) – Great food in a vibrant Oakland setting.