

Los Angeles City Guide

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

ARCADIA

EAT | RESTAURANTS

DIN TAI FUNG DUMPLING HOUSE

"I love this place for their soup dumplings." - Chef Roy Choi (Kogi BBQ Trucks, LA)

Arcadia / Taiwanese

I 108 South Baldwin Avenue

2) 1088 South Baldwin Avenue T: 626.574.7068

www.dintaifungusa.com

LOLLICUP

"For great fried chicken." - Chef Susan Feniger (Border Grill, Street, LA) Fast Food/ Chinese 643 West Duarte T: 626.254.0800 www.lollicup.com

BEVERLY HILLS

EAT | RESTAURANTS

CUT BEVERLY HILLS

"One of Wolfgang Puck's restaurants that I like. The appetizers are my favorite here. The Crab and Shrimp Louis is a must-have item." - Chef Suzanne Tracht (Jar, LA) Steak 9500 Wilshire Boulevard T: 310.276.8500 www.wolfgangpuck.com

SPAGO

"Since it opened in 1982, it's truly been a classic. Everyone should taste the Smoked Salmon Pizza with Caviar and Côte de Boeuf." - Chef Josiah Citrin (Melisse) Californian 176 North Canon Drive P: 310.385.088 www.wolfgangpuck.com

URASAWA

"The only way to order is to have the omakase." - Chef Josiah Citrin (Melisse) Also recommended by Sushi Chef Tyson Cole (Uchi / Uchiko in Austin,TX) Japanese 218 North Rodeo Drive T: 310.247.8939

BRENTWOOD

EAT | SWEETS

BRENTWOOD SWEET ROSE CREAMERY

"Go for the Chocolate Peanut Butter Ice Cream." - Pastry Chef Jamie Cantor (Plantine, LA) Brentwood Country Mart 225 26th Street, Suite 51 T: 310.260.CONE www.sweetrosecreamery.com

CULVER CITY EAT | RESTAURANTS

A-FRAME

"I really like the food here." - Chef Susan Feniger (Border Grill, Street, LA) New American 12565 Washington Boulevard T: 310.398.7700 www.aframela.com

CULVER CITY

EAT | RESTAURANTS

FATHER'S OFFICE

"Perfect amount of age on the burger, with an awesome beer list and very knowledgeable staff." - Chef Nyesha Arrington (Wilshire, LA)

- American
- 3229 Helms Avenue T: 310.736.2224 www.fathersoffice.com

LUKSHON

"The food is different than anywhere else in LA. I like the kurobuta pork ribs, the chicken pops, and the lamb roti."

- Pastry Chef Jamie Cantor (Plantine, LA) 3239 Helms Avenue T: 310.202.6808 www.lukshon.com

SAKURA HOUSE

"Spicy Chicken Wings, Tomato Maki, Kurobota Pork Sausage, Miso Yaki Onigi." - Chef Josiah Citrin (Melisse, LA) Asian / Yakitori 13362 W Washington Boulevard T: 310.306.7010

TITO'S TACO'S

"The texture of these taco shells are impeccable, nice thick corn tortilla deep fried." - Chef Nyesha Arrington (Wilshire, LA) 11222 Washington Place T: 310.391.5780 www.titostacos.com

EAT | SWEETS

PLATINE COOKIES

Former pastry chef from French Laundry, Jamie Cantor Bakery 10850 Washington Boulevard T: 310.559.9933 www.platinecookies.com ROCKENWAGNER

"Anything 'pretzel they make is perfect." - Pastry Chef Jamie Cantor (Plantine, LA) Bakery 12835 Washington Boulevard T: 310.577.0747 www.rockenwagner.com

SCOOPS

"They close at 10pm or until they sell out, so try to get there before it's all gone! The Brown Bread ice cream is always on the menu and is a really nice mix of creamy and crunchy." - Pastry Chef Jamie Cantor (Plantine, LA) Ice Cream 3400 Overland Avenue T: 323.405.7055

DOWNTOWN

EAT | RESTAURANTS

ABURIYA TORANOKO

"The Jidori Fried chicken is really good." - Chef Susan Feniger (Border Grill, The Street, LA) Japanese / Izakaya 243 South San Pedro Street T: 213.621.9500

DOWNTOWN

EAT | RESTAURANTS

ANA MARIA'S

"For the tongue gordita." - Chef Susan Feniger (Border Grill, The Street) Grand Central Market / Mexican 317 S Broadway, Suite C 9-10 T: 213.620.0477

CHURCH AND STATE

From thin-crust tartes to crispy pig's ears and roasted bone marrow. Recommended by chef Joe Miller (Joe's, Bar Pintxo, LA) French 1850 Industrial Street T: 213.405.1434 www.churchandstatebistro.com

LAZY OX CANTEEN

"They have a ton of interesting things like pork belly, chicken livers, and tongue." - Chef Susan Feniger (Border Grill, The Street, LA) New American 241 South San Pedro Street T: 213.626.5299 www.lazyoxcanteen.com

SARITA'S PUPUSERIA

"They do the most amazing loroco pupusa. It's a fantastic lunch." - Chef Susan Feniger (Border Grill, The Street, LA) Grand Central Market / El Salvadoran 317 S. Broadway T: 213.626.6320 www.grandcentralsquare.com

DRINK | COCKTAILS

LAS PERLAS

"It's all tequila, mezcal and Mexican beer." - Mixologist Ryan Goodspeed (Michael's Genuine, Miami) Also recommended by Ron Cooper (Del Maguey Mezcal) Mexican Bar 107 East 6th Street, Los Angeles 90014

T: 213.988.8355 www.lasperlas.la

RIVERA

"I think the best mixologist is Julian Cox. His drinks have a complexity, with floral and fruity profiles."

- Chef Roy Choi (Kogi BBQ Trucks, LA) 1050 S Flower Street, Suite 102 T: 213.749.1460 www.riverarestaurant.com

THE VARNISH

"Eric Alperin is my favorite bartender in L.A. and a tremendous host. More than any of the bartenders I know, he understand the theatrics and remembering that you are on stage and every day is sort of a new performance." - Bartender Daniel Shoemaker (Teardrop Cocktail Lounge, Portland) Lounge II8 E 6th Street T: 213.622.9999 www.thevarnishbar.com

DOWNTOWN

DRINK | WINE

CORKBAR

"They have a cool, clean and modern feel, as well as a massive selection of amazing wines. The sommelier Natalie is the best ever." - Chef Susan Feniger (Border Grill, The Street, LA) Wine Bar 403 West 12th Street T: 213,746,0050

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FIND | MARKETS

GRAND CENTRAL MARKET Recommended by chef Marcus Samuelsson (Red Rooster Harlem) Market 317 South Broadway T: 213.624.2378 www.grandcentralsquare.com

EAST SIDE

EAT | RESTAURANTS

PHILIPPE'S FRENCH DIP

"One of the best sandwiches ever made." - Chef Jimmy Bradley (Red Cat, Harrison, NY) Sandwiches 1001 North Alameda Street T: 213.628.3781 www.philippes.com

FAIRFAX | HOLLYWOOD EAT | RESTAURANTS

ANIMAL

"Ears, foie, kimchee, pickles, sunny side eggs, more pork, and lamb. Super rad. I dream of the crispy ears with sunny egg." - Chef Jamie Bissonnette (Toro, Coppa, Boston) New American 435 North Fairfax Avenue T: 323.782.9225 www.animalrestaurant.com

A.O.C. WINE BAR AND RESTAURANT Recommended by chef Chris Kobayashi (Artisan,

Paso Robles, CA) Californian 8022 West 3rd Street T: 323.653.6359 www.aocwinebar.com

BLD

"Great to take kids." - Chef Suzanne Goin (Lucques, A.O.C., Tavern, LA) New American 7450 Beverly Boulevard T: 323.930.9744 www.bldrestaurant.com

JITLADA

"For Jungle Lamb Curry – I love it. It's spicy. and it's the place is for serious Thai food lovers. " - Chef Nyesha Arrington (Wilshire, LA) Thai 5233 West Sunset Boulevard T: 323.663-3104 www.jitladala.com

!LOTERIA

Mexican Taco Stand - F.E.D. Recommended LA Farmer's Market | 6333 West Third Street T: 323.930.2211 www.loteriagrill.com

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

FAIRFAX | HOLLYWOOD

EAT | RESTAURANTS

MAO'S KITCHEN

"For pork fried rice, add cashews, and extra egg. Killer dining room with communal table and it's BYOB. Fun for celebrations!" - Chef Nyesha Arrington (Wilshire, LA)

Chinese 7313 Melrose Avenue 323,932,9681 www.maoskitchen.com

MOZZA

"It's always delicious." - Chef Roy Choi (Kogi BBQ Trucks, LA) Italian 6602 Melrose Avenue T: 323.297.0100 www.mozza-la.com

NOSHI SUSHI

"I especially like the warm blue crab hand roll. Get there early because they're always packed. Don't be discouraged about the wait, because the line moves fast." - Chef Suzanne Tracht (Jar, LA) Japanese / Sushi Wilshire Center 4430 Beverly Boulevard T: 323.469.3458

1: 323.469.3458 www.noshisushila.com

PIZZERIA MOZZA

"Everything on the menu is absolutely delicious." - Chef Suzanne Tracht (Jar, LA) Italian 641 North Highland Avenue T: 323.297.0100 www.mozza-la.com

RUEN PAIR RESTAURANT

"For Thai food and open late." - Chef Jon Shook (Animal, LA) Thai 5257 Hollywood Boulevard T: 323.466.0153

WEST HOLLYWOOD

EAT | RESTAURANT

INPACHI

Recommended by chef Suzanne Goin (Lucques / A.O.C./Tavern in LA) Japanese / Sushi 8711 Santa Monica Boulevard T: 310.358.9134

EAT | SWEETS

DISNEY FOUNTAIN SODA SHOP "It's my favorite milkshake."

- Chef Roy Choi (Kogi BBQ Trucks, LA) Soda Fountain 6834 Hollywood Boulevard T: 323.817.1475 www.elcapitan.go.com/soda_fountain/main.html

DRINK | COCKTAILS

CHATEAU MARMONT HOTEL

"For great scenery." - Chef Suzanne Goin (Lucques, A.O.C., Tavern, LA) Hotel Bar 8221 Sunset Boulevard T: 323.656.1010 www.chateaumarmont.com

FAIRFAX | HOLLYWOOD

DRINK | COCKTAILS

LA DESCARGA

"It's from Fidel Castro era. Amazing space without bring kitschy or cliche."

- Chef Roy Choi (Kogi BBQ Trucks, LA) Lounge

1159 Western Avenue www.ladescargala.com

LOADED

""The porkbelly kimchi fries alone make it worth the trip"

- Chef Robert Trester (Delphine, Hollywood) Bar
- 6377 Hollywood Boulevard T: 323.464.5623
- www.loadedrockbar.com

POWER HOUSE

Old school bar since the 50s. Recommended by chef Robert Trester (Delphine, Hollywood) 1714 North Highland Avenue T: 323.463.9438

FIND | MARKETS

HOLLYWOOD FARMERS MARKET

'One of the best markets.'

- Chef Suzanne Tracht (Jar) Ivar & Selma Avenue/ Hollywood and Sunset Blvd. (Sun: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m)

LA FARMERS MARKET

"For the farmers market and restaurant stands, it's great."

- Chef Jamie Bissonnette (Toro, Coppa, Boston)

HUNTINGTON MEATS

"Locally, we like to buy meat here." - Chef Suzanne Tracht (Jar)

PURITAN POULTRY "For the chicken."

- Chef Suzanne Tracht (Jar) Farmers Market / Restaurants / Food Stalls 6333 West 3rd Street T: 323.933.9211 www.farmersmarketla.com

KOREATOWN

EAT | RESTAURANTS

BEVERLY SOON TOFU HOUSE

"It's a hot caldron of spicy, silken tofu and can be your gateway into that part of the city." - Chef Roy Choi (Kogi BBQ Trucks) Korean 2717 West Olympic Boulevard, Suite 108 T: 213.380.1113 www.beverlysoontofu.com

HAN BAT SUL LUNG TANG

"They serve a cloudy, clear beef soup that we eat for breakfast in Korea with kimchee. That's all they serve, one soup." - Chef Roy Choi (Kogi BBQ Trucks) Korean

4163 W. 5th Street T: 213.383.9499

PARKS BBQ

"For the Short Rib Soup." - Chef Josiah Citrin (Melisse) Korean BBQ 955 SouthVermont Avenue T: 213.380.1717 www.parksbbg.com

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DRINK.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

MALIBU

EAT | RESTAURANTS

MALIBU SEAFOOD

"It is a fish market on one side and also an ubercasual food outlet where you order at the counter. It's the ideal place to have fantastic steamed lobster and addictive fried clams while sitting at picnic tables and watching the surf. - Sommelier/Restauranteur Caroline Styne (Lucques, AOC, Tavern, LA) Seafood 25653 Pacific Coast Highway

T: 310.456.3430 www.malibuseafood.com

MID-CITY

EAT | RESTAURANTS

ANGELINI OSTERIA

"I love going for lunch." - Chef Suzanne Tracht (Jar, LA) Italian

7313 Beverly Boulevard T: 323.297.0070 www.angeliniosteria.com

EL CARMEN

"It's my favorite late night place. They have over one hundred tequilas. - Chef Joshua Whigham (The Bazaar, LA) Mexican 8138 West Third Street T: 323.852.1552 www.elcarmenrestaurant.com

PROVIDENCE

"For molecular cuisine. Very clean flavors served elegantly." - Chef Joshua Whigham (The Bazaar, LA) New American 5955 Melrose Avenue T: 323.460.4170 www.providencela.com

SHORT ORDER

'Their turkey burger is the best and the only turkey burger I've ever found to be good.' - Chef Suzanne Tracht (Jar, LA) American 6333 West 3rd Street, Stall #110 T: 323.761.7970 www.shortorderla.com

SON OF A GUN

"For their chicken sandwich and their lobster roll." - Chef Roy Choi (Kogi BBQ Trucks, LA) American

8370 West 3rd Street T: 323.782-9033

www.sonofagunrestaurant.com

SUSHI TIME

T: 323.658.6700

'Hands down my favorite sushi restaurant in all of Los Angeles. It is a hole in wall spot with 24 seats, one sushi chef and two really charming Japanese servers. They play jazz music and put out some of the freshest and most delicious fish I've ever had. Their Spicy Tuna on Crispy Rice is legendary and their hand rolls are to die for." - Sommélier/Restauranteur Caroline Styne (Lucques, AOC, Tavern, LA) Mid-City West / West Hollywood Japanese / Sushi 8103 Beverly Boulevard

SANTA MONICA

EAT | RESTAURANTS

BAR PINTXO

Spanish Pintxos / Tapas & Wine Recommended by Chris Barnes (Chambers Street Wines, NY) 109 Santa Monica Boulevard T: 310.458.2012 www.barpintxo.com

BAY CITIES

'They do a sandwich called The Godmother, it's truly fantastic." - Chef Susan Feniger (Border Grill, Street, LA) Italian Deli / Bakery 1517 Lincoln Boulevard T: 310.395.8279 www.baycitiesitaliandeli.com

CORA'S COFFEE SHOPPE

'For the burrata caprese omelette, orange pancakes, fresh blueberries (when available), maple syrup.

- Chef Josiah Citrin (Melisse, LA) Italian/American 1802 Ocean Avenue T: 310.451.9562 www.corascoffee.com

FATHER'S OFFICE

"Perfect amount of age on the burger, with an awesome beer list and very knowledgeable staff." - Chef Nyesha Arrington (Wilshire, LA) American 1018 Montana Avenue T: 310.736.2224

HUCKLEBERRY

For fresh baked breads and pies with a warm comforting atmosphere. - Chef Joshua Whigham (The Bazaar, LA) American Bakery / Cafe 1014 Wilshire Boulevard T: 310.451.2311 www.huckleberrycafe.com

JIRAFFE RESTAURANT

'For their Roasted Beet Salad. It's such a good balance between sweet, crunchy, fresh and the creamy goat cheese mousse brings the whole dish together. Čhef Nyesha Arrington (Wilshire, LA) Californian 502 Santa Monica Boulevard T: 310.917.6671 www.jirafferestaurant.com

MELISSE

'Lobster Bolognese is one of my favorite dishes on the planet! Chef Nyesha Arrington (Wilshire, LA) French 104 Wilshire Boulevard 310.395.0881 www.melisse.com

SALUMERIA NORCINO AT THE MARKET

'For the salumi, the Affettati and the Cow Girl Cheeses. We're lucky to finally have this stunning variety of salumi and cheeses available to public in our neighborhood." - Restaurateur Piero Selvaggio (Valentino Restaurant Group, LA) Italian 395 Santa Monica Place T: 888.530.5202 www.norcinosalumeria.com

SANTA MONICA

EAT | SWEETS

ROCKENWAGNER

"Anything 'pretzel' that they make is perfect." - Pastry Chef Jamie Cantor (Plantine, LA) Cafe/ Bakery 311 Arizona Avenue T: 310.394.4267 www.platinecookies.com

FIND | MARKETS

SANTA MONICA FARMER'S MARKET "One of the best farmers markets in the country. Harry's Strawberries and Fitz Kelly's peaches are

sure to stop you in your tracks. - Food Forager Tyler Gray (Mikuni Wild Harvest) Wed: Arizona Ave/2nd Street Sat: Arizona Ave/3rd St /Sat: 2200 Virginia Avenue Sun: 2640 Main Street T: 310.458.8712

www01.smgov.net/farmers market

DRINK | COCKTAILS

CASA DEL MAR

"My favorite place for a cocktail. The view is great.' - Pastry Chef Jamie Cantor (Plantine, LA) Hotel Lounge 1910 Ocean Way

T: 310.581.5533

www.hotelcasadelmar.com

COPA D'ORA

"Vincenzo Marianella will make you cocktail concoctions with jams and mustards. Bartender Eric Alperin (The Varnish, LA) Lounge 217 Broadway T. 310.576.3030 www.copadoro.com/vincenzo-marianella.php

PICCA

"Mixologist Julian Cox makes an avocado guacamole cocktail at Picca that blows your mind.

- Chef Roy Choi (Kogi BBQ Trucks, LA) Peruvian 9575 W Pico Boulevard T: 310.277.0133

www.piccaperu.com

SHUTTERS ON THE BEACH

For the sunset and the view. Sunset / Beach Vista One Pico Boulevard T: 310.458.0030 www.shuttersonthebeach.com

THE HUNTLEY HOTEL

"In Santa Monica, there's nothing more spectacular than The Huntley Hotel on a clear evening for the sunset view. - Chef Josiah Citrin (Melisse, LA) Hotel Lounge IIII Second Street T: 310.394.5454 www.thehuntleyhotel.com

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

SILVER LAKE | ECHO PARK

EAT | SWEETS

BRITE SPOT "The Chocolate Caramel Banana Crème Pie is pretty ridiculous. It is open late. - Pastry Chef Jamie Cantor (Plantine, LA) Bakery / Dessert / Cafe 1918 W Sunset Boulevard T: 213.484.9800 www.clearwaterst.com/britespot

DRINK | COCKTAILS

THE THIRSTY CROW

"Speakeasy vibe and all the specialty drinks are made from scratch. Plus, they have an awesome seasonal drink menu." - Chef Susan Feniger (Border Grill, Street, LA) 2939 West Sunset Boulevard T: 323.661.6007 www.thirstycrowbar.com

DRINK | COFFEE

LAMILL COFFEE BOUTIQUE

Recommended by Master Sommelier Richard Betts Wine / Italian / Coffee

1636 Silver Lake Boulevard T: 323.663.4441 www.lamillcoffee.com

FIND | MARKET & SHOPS

A-GROCERY WAREHOUSE

"It's like wonderland. Any cook or any foodie would fall in love with this place" - Chef Roy Choi (Kogi BBQ Trucks, LA) 1487 West Sunset Boulevard T: 213.482.4803 www.newworldfoods.us

BAR KEEPER SILVERLAKE

"For bar tools, antique glassware, craft/artisanal spirits. Ask for Joe. He's a pioneer for the Los Angeles cocktail movement." - Bartender Eric Alperin (The Varnish, LA) Antique Barware 3910 VV. Sunset Boulevard T: 323.669.1675 www.barkeepersilverlake.com

STUDIO CITY

EAT | RESTAURANT

SUSHI NOZAWA

"It's all about the fish and the rice – that's it." - Chef Chris Kobayashi Artisan (Paso Robles, CA) I 1288 Ventura Blvd Suite C T: 818.508.7017 www.sushinozawa.com

VENICE

EAT | RESTAURANT

ABBOT'S PIZZA COMPANY

"Delicious pizza! The best part is the fact that you can order the pies by the slice." - Chef Nyesha Arrington (Wilshire, LA) Pizza 1407 Abbot Kinney Blvd T: 310.396.7334 www.abbotspizzaco.com

VENICE

EAT | RESTAURANT

LA CABANA

"Table side guacamole. It's super fresh and uses simple ingredients. I love that they are open late so I can go grab a bite after work." - Chef Nyesha Arrington (Wilshire, LA) Mexican 738 Rose Avenue T: 310.392.7973 www.lacabanavenice.com

LARRY'S

"Gourmet food by the beach! Everything is delicious especially the chicken liver mousse." - Chef Nyesha Arrington (Wilshire, LA) Gastropub 24 Windward Avenue T: 310.399.2700 www.larrysvenice.com

GJELINA

JELINA "It's urban and it's rustic." - Chef Amanda Freitag Also recommended by chefs Suzanne Goin (Lucques, A.O.C., Tavern, LA), Chris Santos (The Stanton Social), Chris Kobayashi (Artisan, Paso Robles, CA) New American 1429 Abbot Kinney Boulevard T: 310.450.1429 www.gjelina.com

Mao's Kitchen

"For pork fried rice, add cashews, and extra egg. This is a proper fried rice, nice al dente rice with tons of flavor! Killer dining room with communal table and it's BYOB. Fun for celebrations!" - Chef Nyesha Arrington (Wilshire, LA) Chinese 1512 Pacific Avenue T: 310.581.8305 www.maoskitchen.com

OSCAR'S CERVETECA

"Oscar's mom is in the back cooking. Most everything on the menu is indulgent (fried pickles, cheesy pots, a great burger, etc)." - Pastry Chef Jamie Cantor (Plantine, LA) Nuevo Latino / Californian / Seafood 523 Rose Avenue T: 310.310.8937

PICCOLO

"The pastas are always fresh and delicious." - Pastry Chef Jamie Cantor (Plantine, LA) Italian 5 Dudley Avenue T: 310.3145.3222 www.piccolovenice.com

THE TASTING KITCHEN

"If I am on the Westside the crew at Tasting Kitchen on Abbot Kinney has it down." - Bartender Eric Alperin (The Varnish, LA) 1633 Abbot Kinney Blvd T: 310.392.6644 www.thetastingkitchen.com

DRINK | COFFEE

INTELLIGENTSIA COFFEE

Coffee Bar - F.E.D. Recommended 1331 Abbot Kinney Boulevard T: 310.399.1233 www.intelligentsiacoffee.com

VENICE

DRINK | BAR

VENICE ALE HOUSE

"Get a few beers while enjoying the sunshine and people watching. - Pastry Chef Jamie Cantor (Plantine, LA)

Gastropub 2 Rose Avenue T: 310.314.8253 www.venicealehouse.com

THE OTHERROOM

"I love the vibe." - Chef David Myers (Comme Ça, David Myers Cafe, Pizzeria Ortica, Sola, Sona, LA) 1201 Abbot Kinney Boulevard T: 310.396.6230 www.theotheroom.com Eat | Sweets

BRITE SPOT

"The Chocolate Caramel Banana Crème Pie is pretty ridiculous. It is open late. - Pastry Chef Jamie Cantor (Plantine, LA) Bakery / Dessert / Cafe 1918 W Sunset Boulevard T: 213.484.9800 www.clearwaterst.com/britespot

FIND | SHOPS

TORTOISE & GENERAL STORE

Japanese Housewares - F.E.D. Recommended 1342 1/2 Abbot Kinney Boulevard T: 310.396.7335 1208 Abbot Kinney Boulevard T:310.314.8448 www.tortoiselife.com www.tortoisegeneralstore.com

WEST LOS ANGELES EAT | RESTAURANT

ECHIGO SUSHI

Recommended by chef Josiah Citrin (Melisse, LA) Japanese / Sushi 12217 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 201 T: 310.820.9787

LA PLAYITA

"Mariscos. Very fresh, quality ingredients and very inexpensive."

- Chef Nyesha Arrington (Wilshire, LA) Mexican / Seafood 3306 Lincoln Boulevard T: 310.452.0090

MORI

"Chef Onodera makes his own soy sauce, and tofu. They polish their own rice, and only use fresh wasabi." - Kristofor Lofgren (Bamboo Sushi, Portland, OR) Japanese I I 500 West Pico Boulevard T: 310.479.3939 www.morisushi.org SANTOUKA RAMEN

"The ramen at this restaurant in a strip mall is some of the best I've had. It competes with ramen in Japan." - Chef Joshua Whigham (The Bazaar, LA) Japanese Mitsuwa Marketplace 3760 S Centinela Avenue

T: 310.391.1101 www.santouka.co.jp

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

FOOD TRUCKS

KOGI BBQ TRUCK

Chef Roy Choi is credited with kicking off the food-truck craze. Korean Barbecue Twitter: @KogiBBQ www.kogibbq.com

EL CHATO

Recommended by chef Roy Choi (Kogi BBQ Trucks, LA)

Tacos

Southwest corner of Olympic Boulevard & La Brea Avenue www.elchatotacotruck.com

LA ESTRELLA TACO TRUCK

Recommended by chef Roy Choi (Kogi BBQ Trucks, LA) Tacos

York and Avenue 54, Los Angeles, CA 90042

LEO'S TACOS TRUCK

"They do the best El Pastor." - Chef Roy Choi (Kogi BBQ Trucks, LA) Tacos 4300 Eagle Rock Boulevard www.leostacos.com

RICKY'S FISH TACOS

"For fish tacos." - Chef Roy Choi (Kogi BBQ Trucks, LA) Tacos 1400 North Virgil Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90027 Twitter: @RickysFishTacos

R & R CATERING TACO TRUCK

"The taco truck is cheap and really good; the tongue taco is legit." - Chef Joshua Whigham (The Bazaar, LA) Mexican 3rd St and Vermont

SOUTH PHILLY EXPERIENCE

"They get Amaroso buns from Pennsylvania, they fly in their Herr's chips, they get real meat and slice it really thin. They bring in the cheese whiz and they've got the provolone. They really try to do everything from start to finish." - Chef Roy Choi (Kogi BBQ Trucks, LA) American Twitter: @southphillyexp www.southphillyexperience.com

