

LAMORINDA'S DINING GUIDE

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If you want to take a trip from Europe to Asia, through the Middle East and back to the United States, it's not necessary to break the bank: exploring Lamorinda's restaurants will provide you with an extensive international experience. Lamorinda is the home of more than 80 restaurants (not counting the fast food joints). For breakfast alone, your range of choices includes the Ranch House Café or Terzetto in Moraga, the Lafayette Park Hotel, Chow or Squirrels in Lafayette and Geppetto in Orinda; not to forget the 2 Peets Coffees and a few Starbucks. At lunch time, your choice really is impressive. Oasis in Lafayette offers flavorful Middle Eastern treats, Mucho Wraps in Moraga is the spot for favorite Mexican specialties; places for home made sandwiches and salads abound; try Ferrari's in Lafayette, Geppetto in Orinda or Amoroma in Moraga.

Whatever you're in the mood for, you'll find it in Lamorinda: Sushi? Ken Sushi in Lafayette, Tamami's in Moraga or Yu Sushi in Orinda. Americana: Don't miss Bo's in Lafayette, the Ranch house in Moraga or Casa Orinda. In the mood for a romantic evening? Head for the Duck Club at the Lafayette Park Hotel where you'll enjoy your evening as late as 1 PM in the Bistro, you will also want to try Postino on Mount Diablo Blvd, the "Carmel coast" style of the place will charm your date. If you want to dine in Moraga, try Michael's, recently acquired by Patrick from Pennini's. If you're in the mood for live entertainment, take that special someone to Joe's of Lafayette for jazzy and funky entertainment, to Petar's for Irish, oldies or hip hop music, or to the Orinda House, a must for live jazz; and did you know that Terzetto features live music on Friday night? If Italian food strikes your fancy, many excellent choices are available. Amoroma in Moraga is a favorite, La Finestra is nestled on Lafayette circle and La Piazza in Orinda gets only positive reviews, and that's not to mention the many restaurants that offer pizzas and that have been family favorites for Friday night fun.

Chinese restaurants are probably the largest group in our area. The creativity and diversity of that category is endless and half the fun is not knowing where to start. Do you prefer Uncle Yu's or Lily's House of Lafayette? Chef Chao, Fan or China Moon of Moraga? Szechwan Chinese restaurant in Orinda? Your choices do not end there. Thailand is well represented as well and you can visit other countries such as India with Swab Indian cuisine in Lafayette, or India Palace (in Lafayette too), a restaurant that will start delivering to all of Lamorinda for free, starting in April. So, don't just sit there — travel the world without leaving home.

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Chef Chao

Chef Chao is one of the area's first Chinese restaurants specializing in Mandarin and Szechwan cuisine. Recognized as one of the friendliest and most family-focused restaurants in Moraga, Chef Chao has made a tradition of hosting birthdays for children of all ages. Kids and parents alike want to have their pictures taken with the famous emperor's hat (or empress, as the case may be). You're sure to recognize many of your friends and neighbors on the Wall of Fame as you enter the restaurant. Henry Chao is proud to offer more than 200 superbly cooked dishes representing the unique flavor and tradition of Chinese cuisine. 343 Rheem Blvd. – **Moraga – 376 1740**

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China Moon


If you're looking for elegant and sophisticated Chinese dining, you need look no further than China Moon. Under the direction of its new owner, China Moon presents a wide assortment of Mandarin and Szechwan cuisine. Nestled in the Rheem Shopping Center of Moraga, the restaurant provides a pleasant environment for sharing food and conversation among family and friends. China Moon offers many unique specialties such as their famous home "tea-smoked" duck and whole flounder dinner. The lunch menu is also not to be missed with favorites including Sesame Chicken and Chicken in Black Bean Sauce. Don't forget to ask for the home-made Dim-Sum. **380 Park St (in the Rheem Shopping Center), Moraga – 376 1828.**

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GEPPETTO'S CAFFE,

"Where Friends Meet", has enjoyed 15 years of business in the Orinda Village. Voted "Best Frappé" in Lamorinda by the Orinda Sun, and Best "Cheap Eats" by Diablo Magazine. As a customer described it in the March 6th issue of the SF Chronicle, the reason to come to Geppetto's is "because all the nice people in Orinda come here." Geppetto's uses only the finest ingredients, Boar's Head meats, San Francisco roasted Capricorn Coffees, and Berkeley's Latest Scoop gelato. Sip a cappuccino while enjoying the tranquil setting on the front patio overlooking the golf course or join us for lunch. Authentic espresso drinks, pastries, soup, salads and delectable sandwiches served daily.
6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 7-3:30 Saturday.

India Palace Restaurant

As you enter India Palace Restaurant, the subtle aroma of the exotic fresh home made spices greets you. It's worth taking the up ramp on Mount Diablo Boulevard to go enjoy the perfectly made North Indian cuisine. The menu offers a very large selection of dishes, from the favorite Chicken Tikka Massala, to vegetarian, lamb, poultry and tandoori entrees. Appetizers, soups, salads and desserts are available. The lunch buffet is open daily from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM, dinner is served from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. India Palace, which successfully runs two restaurants in Mill Valley and Berkeley, will **deliver to all of Lamorinda for free** starting in April. 3740 Mount Diablo Blvd. Lafayette. 284-5700