




National Humanities Conference 2016

Restaurant List

Local Recommendations



*These are some of our favorite Salt Lake City restaurants; including everything from fine dining to casual lunch spots!
Recommendations come from UH staff or reviews.*


Restaurants Near the Hotel

Blue Iguana

Blue Iguana offers an inviting and colorful Mexican dining experience. The cuisine is a combination of traditional recipes and new and unique flavors. Try the classic margarita and a large chile relleno, and enjoy the live music on weekends!

- 165 S. West Temple (Just up the block/2 minute walk from hotel)
- <http://blueiguanarestaurant.net/>
- 801-533-8900
- Open for: Lunch, Dinner
- Reservations: Yes (recommended)
- Cost: Moderate (\$10-20 entrees)
- Bar: Full bar
- Private Parties: No

Squatters Pub

A local favorite, Squatters is a great destination for Utah-made beer and an afternoon snack or late night bites, with an extensive beer list and anything from pub food to fine meals. Try the Roadhouse Nachos with slow-roasted pork and the Hop Rising Double IPA.

- 147 W Broadway (0.2 miles/ 3 minute walk from hotel)
- www.Squatters.com
- 801-363-2739
- Open For: Lunch & dinner
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderate (entrees \$10-15)
- Bar: Full bar
- Private Parties: Yes
- Smaller Parties (10-20) can make reservations as normal, but no separate space
- Main Floor: Seat up to 60
 - Food/Beverage minimum of \$2500 + tax & gratuity
- Second Floor (The Loft): Seat up to 125
 - Food/Bev minimum of \$5000 + tax & gratuity
- Third Floor (Grain Floor): Seat up to 75
 - Food/Bev minimum of \$2000 + tax & gratuity

New Yorker

One of SLC's finest dining establishments, this elegant steakhouse is a perfect option for fine dining with friends, family, or business companions. Established in 1978, the New Yorker offers the best steaks in the city, and has three private rooms for business dinners.

- 60 W. Market Street (0.2 miles/ 4 minute walk from hotel)
- <https://newyorkerslc.com/>
- (801) 363-0166
- Open For: Lunch and Dinner
- Closed Sundays
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Expensive (\$30+ entrees)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: Yes
 - 3 Private Rooms with rental fees, no food/beverage minimum
 - Palm Court: Seats 8-14 with \$50 rental fee
 - Little Apple: Seats 8-18 with \$75 rental fee
 - Wine Cellar: Seats 17-45 with \$100 rental fee

Olive Bistro & Wine Bar

This small bistro and wine bar has the best crepes in town. Pop in for a coffee in the morning, or a glass of wine and a hummus plate in the afternoon. If you're in the mood for something more filling, try their dinner entrees or gourmet salads.

- 57 W 200 S, Ste 103 (0.1 mile/3 minutes from hotel)
- www.theolivebistro.vpweb.com
- 801-364-1401
- Open For: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Closed for dinner on Sundays
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderate (\$10-15)
- Bar: Wine & Beer
- Private Parties: Yes, but no separate rooms

Red Rock Brewing Company

Featuring award-winning local brew, this place is a downtown classic. Although it's home to delicious pub sandwiches and wood-fired pizzas, my favorite is the Chicken Schnitzel paired with a Hefeweizen.

- 254 S 200 W (0.2 miles/3 minute walk from hotel)
- www.Redrockbrewing.com
- 801-521-7446
- Open For: Lunch & dinner
- Reservations: No
- Cost: Moderate (\$10-15)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: No

Settebello Pizzeria Napoletana

This is a go-to spot for authentic wood-fired Italian pizza. Classic, simple combinations such as Quattro Formaggi and Margherita pizzas are my favorites. I always pair with a Moscato sweet wine, but they also have a great beer selection.

- 260 S 200 W (0.2 miles/ 4 minute walk from hotel)
- <http://www.settebello.net/>
- 801-322-3556
- Open For: Lunch and dinner
- Reservations: No
- Cost: Moderate
- Bar: Beer & Wine
- Private Parties: No

Market Street Grill

Open in 1980, Market Street was the first SLC restaurant to fly fish in daily and is still one of Utah's most popular seafood restaurants. The clam chowder and bread make a delicious light lunch, and the San Francisco Cioppino and crab cakes are favorites.

- 48 W Market Street (0.2 miles/4 minute walk from hotel)
- <https://marketstreetgrill.com/locations/downtown/>
- 801-531-6044
- Open for: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderate/Expensive (entrees \$15-40)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: Yes
 - Back room seats around 20 guests
 - No minimum charge, no room rental cost (put in reservation as normal and ask for the private room)

Valter's Osteria

Valter's Osteria is a modern twist on a Tuscan Granary; intimate, but always busy, and the chef delights with old Italian favorites honed from his mother's cooking to create inventive new dishes and seasonal specialties. Valter will often stop by your table to be sure you're enjoying every morsel.

- 173 W Broadway (0.2 miles/4 minute walk from hotel)
- www.Valtersosteria.com
- 801-521-4563
- Open For: Dinner
- Closed Sundays
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Expensive
- Bar: Full bar
- Private Parties: Yes
 - Private Room seats up to 30 guests
 - \$150 room rental fee and \$1500 food/beverage minimum

Naked Fish Japanese Bistro

Enjoy the simple and untainted taste of sushi sitting cross-legged on floor pillows in this traditional Japanese bistro. Slightly less well known (and with a much shorter wait) than its neighboring sushi bar, Takashi, Naked Fish offers fresh fish, traditional rolls, and a simple yet elegant ambiance.

- 67 E 100 S (0.2 miles/ 5 minute walk from hotel)
- www.Nakedfishbistro.com
- 801-595-8888
- Open For: Lunch (Tues-Fri only) and Dinner (Tues-Sun)
- Closed Mondays
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Expensive
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: Yes
 - Large table can seat 25, separated from main room by sliding screens
 - No minimum or rental fee

Bambara

Located in the eclectic Hotel Monaco, Bambara offers a restaurant fit for foodies. Try the all-local cheese board for starters, then choose from a variety of New American style fish, beef, and chicken dishes (Cast Iron Roasted Chicken and corn bisque are crowd favorites). Bambara has an extensive wine list and great craft cocktails, or you can enjoy a mimosa with Smoked Salmon Benedict during their weekend brunch.

- 202 S Main Street (0.2 miles/5 minute walk from hotel)
- <http://www.bambara-slc.com/>
- 801-363-5454
- Open for: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Weekend Brunch
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Expensive (\$20+ entrees)
- Bar: Full bar
- Private Parties: Yes
 - Semi-Private: West Vault Room
 - Room for up to 20 guests
 - \$200 room rent, \$1250 minimum
 - Private: Chairman's Office
 - Room for up to 24 guests
 - \$200 rent, \$1500 minimum

Market Street Oyster Bar

Market Street Oyster Bar is the upscale pub side of Market Street Grill. They're famed for having the largest selection of fresh oysters in the state. Seafood is their specialty, but you can also get a burger or, another favorite, the Four-Cheese Ravioli Marinara. This is also a great place for a pre-dinner drink and appetizer: try the massive onion rings!

- 54 W Market Street (0.2 miles/4 minute walk from hotel)
- <https://marketstreetgrill.com/menus/market-street-oyster-bar/>
- 801-531-6044
- Open for: Lunch, Dinner, Sunday Brunch
- Closed for Lunch on Saturday and Sunday
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderate/Expensive (entrees \$15-40)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: Yes
 - Back room seats around 20 guests
 - No minimum charge, no room rental cost (put in reservation as normal and ask for the private room)

Lamb's Grill Café

Salt Lake City's oldest continually operating restaurant, Lamb's has been open since 1919, serving traditional American food for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and brunch. Come for salads, fish, and pastas during lunch and dinner, or visit for breakfast and be sure to try their benedicts or fresh-made waffles!

- 169 S Main St (0.2 miles/5 minute walk from hotel)
- www.lambsg grill.com
- 801-364-7166
- Open for: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Weekend Brunch
- Closed on Sundays
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderate (\$10+)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: Yes
 - Per person cost from limited menu, 22% gratuity
 - Banquet Room: Fits 65 people, \$150 room rental cost
 - Smaller Room: Fits 20 guests, \$100 room rental cost

Takashi

Despite being far from an ocean, Salt Lake City still has sushi of the finest quality! Takashi's creations are ingenious, and their fish is fresh enough to melt in your mouth. Our favorite downtown sushi place often has a line out the door for dinner, and regulars who only want to eat at the sushi counter. You can make a reservation if you have 6-10 guests, but only for groups that are seated before 6 pm.

- 18 W Market St (0.3 miles/ 4 minute walk from hotel)
- No website but reviewed on yelp and here is a facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Takashi/117898704903498>
- 801-519-9595
- Open For: Lunch and Dinner
- Closed Sundays
- Reservations: Yes (6-10 people seated before 6 pm)
- Cost: Expensive (entrees \$20+)
- Bar: Full bar
- Private Parties: No

Eva

With a “New American eclectic” menu and a “Slightly Mediterranean” flavor, this small restaurant can offer you anything from Wagyu Steak Bruschetta to comfort foods like Shrimp and Grits and Mac & Cheese. If you’re in need of great pastries, or desserts before or after dinner, or for a great brunch, head up the street to their sister shop, Eva’s Bakery Boulangerie, at 155 S. Main St.

- 317 S Main St (0.3 miles/5 minute walk from hotel)
- <http://evaslc.com>
- 801-359-8447
- Open For: Dinner
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderate
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: Yes (only on the patio)
 - Patio seats up to 24 guests with a \$500 minimum

Padeli’s Street Greek

Best as a casual lunch spot, Padeli’s Street Greek lives up to its name with authentic Greek street food ordered at the counter. You can build your own gyros or fill up on delicious souvlaki and falafel.

- 30 E Broadway (0.3 miles/ 6 minute walk from hotel)
- <http://www.padelisstreetgreek.com/>
- 801-322-1111
- Open For: Lunch and Dinner
- Reservations: No
- Cost: Inexpensive (under \$10)
- Bar: No bar
- Private Parties: No

From Scratch

Few restaurants can boast an in-house flourmill, and whatever the chefs can’t create from scratch to make their famous pizzas, burgers and salads, they source from local producers. The crowd favorite is their White Out Pizza, but you can’t go wrong with the basic Margherita or a Bleu Cheese Bacon Burger.

- 62 E Gallivan Avenue (0.4 miles/7 minute walk from hotel)
- www.fromscratchslc.com
- 801-961-9000
- Open For: Lunch, Dinner
- Closed on Sundays, Open on Saturday for dinner only
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderate (entrees \$10-20)
- Bar: Beer & Wine
- Private Parties: No separate room
 - Largest table can seat 12
 - No minimum charge, but maximum of 2 checks for the table

Bruges Waffles & Frites

Featured on Man vs. Food, Bruges is a tiny spot with a huge, authentic Belgian flavor. If you have a sweet tooth, try the signature waffles with crème fraiche and seasonal fruit. For something heartier, try the Machine Gun Sandwich (lamb sausage, frites, and andalouse sauce).

- 336 W. Broadway (0.4 miles/10 minute walk from hotel)
- <http://www.brugeswaffles.com/>
- (801) 363-4444
- Open for: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Closed for dinner on Sundays
- Reservations: No
- Cost: Inexpensive (under \$10)
- Bar: None
- Private Parties: No

Michaelangelo’s on Main

A long-standing Italian restaurant with a casual ambiance and a \$6.99 lunch entrée, offering a full and happy belly without emptying your wallet! Try the Gnocchi with Gorgonzola and the Ravioli Amatriciana.

- 132 S. Main St (0.3 miles/6 minute walk from hotel)
- www.Mainstreetitalian.com
- (801) 532-0500
- Open for: Lunch and Dinner
- Closed on Sundays
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderate (\$8-15 entrees)
- Bar: Beer & Wine
- Private Parties: Yes
 - Back Room seats 50 guests
 - Buffet style, ranging from \$17-\$30 per person
 - No minimum cost

Caffé Molise

Its beautiful ambiance inside and out makes you feel like you stepped into an Italian café. Their bread is to die for and the Ravioli con Zucca remains my favorite pasta in the city, and don’t miss their homemade desserts. The café offers a full bar, but the wine and beer are more impressive than their cocktails.

- 55 W 100 S (0.3 miles/6 minute walk from hotel)
- www.caffemolise.com
- 801-364-8833
- Open for: Lunch, Dinner
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderate/Expensive (\$15+ entrees)
- Bar: Full bar
- Private Parties: Yes
 - Seats up to 30 guests
 - \$2000-\$2500 minimum
 - Seats up to 60 guests
 - \$2500-\$3000 minimum

Martine

A sophisticated New American delight with an urban vibe and a continually changing menu, Martine initiated the small plate movement in Salt Lake City with a great variety of creative tapas, locally sourced, handcrafted cuisine, and one of the best wine lists in the city. Intimate seating in a beautiful old brownstone.

- 22 E 100 S (0.4 miles/8 minute walk from hotel)
- <http://www.martinecafe.com/>
- 801-363-9328
- Open for: Lunch and Dinner
- Closed on Sundays
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Expensive (\$20+ entrees)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: Yes
 - No room fees or minimums
 - Downstairs Room:
 - Fits 25-38
 - Mezzanine
 - Fits about 18 guests
 - Back Room with boardroom table
 - Fits 15 guests
 - Options for tray passed hors d’oeuvres, prix fixe menu, buffet style

Tony Caputo's Market and Deli

This great Italian deli offers a fresh fish market and a chocolate and cheese heaven. Take treats back to the hotel or stay and try their specialty Caputo Sandwich or Meatball Sub.

- 314 W Broadway (0.4 miles/10 minute walk from hotel)
- www.caputosdeli.com
- 801-531-8669
- Open: Grocery shopping, Lunch
- Reservations: No
- Cost: Inexpensive (meals under \$10)
- Bar: Beer & wine
- Private Parties: No

Copper Onion

New American fare or a great brunch in a modern setting; food is fresh and flavorful! Along with Copper Lounge (their sister bar next door), the Onion is known for craft cocktails. Try the Ricotta Dumplings or Copper Onion burger.

- 111 E 300 S, Ste 170 (0.4 miles/10 minute walk from hotel)
- www.thecopperonion.com
- 801-355-3282
- Open for: Lunch, Dinner, Weekend Brunch
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderate/Expensive (\$12-\$30 entrees)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: No

Taqueria 27

This delicious departure from traditional Mexican food offers staples like roasted guacamole, but the real treats are their creative tacos, like duck confit with grilled pears, bleu cheese, and roasted beets!

- 149 E 200 S (0.5 miles/ 10 minute walk from hotel)
- www.taqueria27.com
- 385-259-0940
- Open For: Lunch & Dinner
- Reservations: No
- Cost: Moderate
- Bar: Full bar
- Private Parties: No separate room
 - Can book out restaurant, seats 90-100

Cucina Toscana

One of Salt Lake City's best Italian restaurants, Cucina Toscana features an authentic northern Italian menu in an elegant setting. Start with the off-menu cheese platter, then try the burrata or salmon carpaccio appetizers and the gnocchi entrée; for dessert, you can't miss their cannolis.

- 282 S 300 W (0.5 miles/10 minute walk from hotel)
- <https://toscanasl.com>
- 801-328-3463
- Open for: Dinner only
- Reservations: Yes (recommended)
- Cost: Expensive (\$30+ entrees)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: Yes
 - No room rental fees or food/beverage minimums
 - Enoteca Room:
 - Seats 15-22 guests (must have at least 15)
 - Limonaia
 - Seats up to 48 guests
 - Vivace
 - Seats up to 150 guests

Carlucci's Bakery

Right next door to Caputo's is this family owned and operated bakery. Their fresh baked pastries and desserts are worth packing back to the hotel, but don't leave without trying some lunch as well- they're famous for the tomato basil soup, and the Garlic & Herb Goat Cheese sandwich is a personal favorite.

- 314 W Broadway (0.4 miles from hotel/next door to Caputo's; 10 minutes from hotel)
- www.carluccisbakery.com
- 801-366-4484
- Open for: Breakfast, Lunch
- Closed on Sundays
- Reservations: No
- Cost: Inexpensive (under \$10)
- Bar: No bar
- Private Parties: No

Finca

Named after the Spanish word for "farm" or "estate," this restaurant offers creative Spanish tapas and small plates, with food sourced from local farms and artisans. If you're starving, Finca has a few great large entrees (including a paella to die for), but our recommendation is to go with companions and get many small plates to share! Our favorites are empanadas of the day, tosta seta, and bacon wrapped dates. Finca has an exclusively Spanish wine list, but their bar highlights cocktails & spirits from around the world. Though they have private rooms with rental fees, we've also had dinner in small rooms adjacent to the main dining room with no extra charge or minimum.

- 327 W 200 S (0.4 miles/10 minute walk from hotel)
- www.fincasl.com
- 801-487-0699
- Open For: Lunch, Dinner, Weekend Brunch
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Expensive (small plates \$10+, entrees \$25+)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: Yes
 - Jerez Room: Room for up to 24 guests
 - \$800 minimum OR \$300 room rental fee plus cost of food/drink
 - Rioja Room: Room for up to 32 guests
 - \$1200 minimum OR \$400 room rental fee plus cost of food/drink

Este Pizzeria

Este Pizzeria offers you a fun, casual lunch or dinner, New York City style! The garlic knots are a favorite, but only for those who take their garlic seriously! Try them along with a pepperoni or margherita pizza for a cheesy treat.

- 156 E 200 S (0.5 miles/10 minute walk from hotel)
- www.estepizzaco.com
- 801-363-2366
- Open For: Lunch & Dinner
- Closed for Sunday dinner
- Reservations: No
- Cost: Inexpensive
- Bar: Beer & Wine only
- Private Parties: No

Pallet

Named for the historic building that houses it, with an updated interior, Pallet is a casual but adventurous restaurant. It has a seasonal menu and uniquely crafted cocktails. Make a meal of small plates, or dine on the Branzino as a main course.

- 327 S 400 W (0.6 miles/ 12 minute walk from hotel)
- www.Eatpallet.com
- 801-935-4431
- Open For: Dinner only
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Expensive (entrees \$20+)
- Bar: Full bar
- Private Parties: No

Current Fish & Oyster

Fresh seafood from regional America with a focus on sustainability and classic preparations. Current is famous for their raw oyster bar, crab cakes, and grilled calamari, but for a larger plate, try the pan roasted sea scallops!

- 279 E 300 S (0.7 miles/13 minute walk from hotel)
- <http://www.currentfishandoyster.com/>
- (801) 326-3474
- Open for: Lunch, Dinner, Weekend Brunch
- Closed: Sunday evenings
- Reservations: Yes (recommended)
- Cost: Moderate/Expensive (\$11-\$30 entrees)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: Yes

Ichiban Sushi

Housed in an old church with a charming atmosphere. Sit on cushions at intimate low tables, or eat in the main dining room with the sushi bar. Their shared plates and appetizers are a great way to prepare the palette for a meal of Japanese Soul Food or the Chef's Specialty Sushi Rolls. Our favorites are the Lotus, Jazz, Mia, and Escolar rolls.

- 336 S 400 E (1 mile/ 20 minute walk or quick taxi from hotel)
- www.ichibanutah.com
- 801-532-7522
- Open for: Dinner
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderate (\$10+)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: Yes

Oasis Café

If you are looking for a meditative vibe for any of your meals, this is the place. Situated in the same building as Golden Braid Books, it's a true sanctuary for conscious living in the city, and a hot lunch spot for business or pleasure. Try a grilled cheese sandwich paired with their roasted tomato soup, beet tower salad, grilled tuna steak sandwich, lox crostini, or curry veggie wrap—they're all great. Coffee is roasted in-house.

- 151 S 500 E (1 mile/ 20 minute walk or short taxi from hotel)
- <http://www.oasiscafeslc.com/>
- 801) 322-0404
- Open For: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
- Reservations: Yes, especially for lunch
- Cost: Moderate/Expensive
- Bar: Beer & Wine Only
- Private Parties: No private room
 - Sheltered back area fits 20
 - Limited menu available
 - No food/beverage minimum

Tin Angel

Situated in an old Pioneer-era home, Tin Angel is a locally driven and locally owned art and dining experience! Enjoy a craft cocktail along with small plates of speck-wrapped shrimp and espresso crusted beef tenderloin, or a glass of wine with the gorgonzola cream sauce gnocchi as an entrée.

- 365 W 400 S (0.6 miles/12 minute walk)
- www.thetinangel.com
- 801-328-4155
- Open For: Lunch, Dinner, Saturday Brunch
- Closed Sundays
- Reservations: No
- Cost: Moderate (entrees \$12+)
- Bar: Full bar
- Private Parties: No

Gourmandise: The Bakery

A European-style café and bakery with an assortment of European pastries for a decadent breakfast, and the extended menu of soups, sandwiches, and salads makes it ideal for lunch. They offer combination deals to try multiple menu items. Our favorites are the chicken pesto panini and citrus fennel salad, and their soups and quiches du jour are usually great.

- 250 S 300 E (0.7 miles/15 minute walk from hotel)
- www.gourmandisethebakery.com
- 801-328-3330
- Open For: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Closed on Sundays
- Reservations: No
- Cost: Inexpensive (lunch around \$10)
- Bar: Beer & Wine
- Private Parties: No separate room
 - Can accommodate large groups if called ahead

HSL

With a modern setting and an imaginative and diverse menu, HSL offers a wide variety of loosely defined New American cuisine and thoughtful cocktails. Ingredients are sourced with care and the menu is often changed to reflect what's in season and available locally. Our favorites are the sides of roasted cauliflower and flatbread, but we've heard tales of their beef cheek burger and roasted pork shank.

- 418 E 200 S (0.9 miles/18 minute walk or quick taxi from hotel)
- www.hslrestaurant.com
- 801-539-9999
- Open For: Dinner
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderate/Expensive (entrees \$15-30)
- Bar: Full bar
- Private Parties: No separate room
 - Option to buy out restaurant for 30 people or more

Restaurants Worth a Short Drive

Please note: Uber and Lyft are active in SLC and less expensive than taxis. If you take a cab, negotiate the cost up front—cabs are not allowed to charge more than \$25 for one or two persons!

Em's Restaurant

In the heart of SLC's historic Marmalade Hill (and just up the hill from the Utah Humanities office), this quaint neighborhood bistro is housed in the renovated hundred-year old Center Street Market Building. Just steps away from the Utah State Capitol Building, small and quiet enough for conversation, Em's offers mouth-watering farm-to-table menu classics. Try their smoked salmon benedict for brunch, the chicken and asparagus salad for lunch, or the rack of lamb with jalapeno jelly for dinner.

- 271 N Center St (1 mile/ 5 minute taxi/uber ride from hotel)
- <http://www.emsrestaurant.com/>
- 801-596-0566
- Open for: Breakfast (Sun), Lunch (Wed-Fri), Dinner (Wed-Sun)
- Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Expensive (\$20+ entrees)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: Yes
 - Separate room seats up to 25 guests
 - No minimum or room rental fee

Manoli's

Relatively new to Salt Lake City and a quick favorite, this gem brings Greek cuisine into the small plate dining phenomenon, allowing guests to enjoy a great variety and sense of community through sharing. Try an assortment of mezes, making sure not to miss the Kefthetes (Greek meatballs) or the Htapodi (charred octopus).

- 402 E 900 S (1.7 miles/ 8 minute taxi/uber ride from hotel)
- <http://www.manolison9th.com/>
- (801) 532-3760
- Open for: Dinner and Weekend Brunch
- Closed Mondays
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderately Expensive (\$15-30)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: No

Avenue's Bistro on Third

A favorite of Utah Humanities staff who live in the neighborhood, this is worth a drive for a great breakfast, lunch, or brunch. Cozy and quaint (only about 8 tables inside), the food is locally sourced, sometimes even from their backyard garden! Their daily quiches and the Biscuits and Gravy are favorites, and your check is delivered tucked into an interesting book.

- 564 3rd Avenue (1.7 miles/ 8 minute taxi/uber ride from hotel)
- www.Avenuesbistroonthird.com
- 801-831-5409
- Open for: Breakfast, Lunch, Brunch
- Closed Monday and Tuesday
- Reservations: No
- Cost: Moderately Expensive (\$12-20 entrees)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: No

Frida Bistro

Just like its namesake, Frida Bistro is full of passion. This creative Mexican restaurant has fresh and festive food. Each meal is an experience, especially the Puerco con Mole Negro and Salmon con Ajonjoli dinner entrees. The homemade Mexican chocolate and chile cookies are a delicious indulgence.

- 545 W 700 S (1.5 miles/ 6 minute taxi/uber ride from hotel)
- <http://fridabistro.com/>
- 801-983-6692
- Open for: Lunch (Mon-Fri) and Dinner
- Closed on Sundays
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Expensive (\$20+ entrees)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: Yes
 - One separate room seats up to 10 guests, another up to 20
 - No food or beverage minimum, no room rental fee

Red Iguana

What could possibly cause people to line people to line up for a wait in the frosty air of winter? Or in the heat of summer? Or any other day? Red Iguana lays claim to the best Mexican food of the city, and has won just about every food award to prove it, plus a feature on Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives. With unique yet traditional recipes, Red Iguana offers food "like abuela used to make" and seven wonderful moles—try the sampler.

- 736 W North Temple (1.5 miles/ 6 minute taxi/uber ride from hotel) or 866 West 200 North for Red Iguana 2—less likely to have a waiting list but equally good food in the same neighborhood.
- www.Rediguana.com
- 801-322-1489 or 801-214-6050 (for Red Iguana 2)
- Open For: Lunch and Dinner
- Reservations: Yes (for groups of 6 or more)
- Cost: Moderate (\$15+ entrees)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: Yes
 - Red Tree Room seats 20-55 guests (separate building, same chef)
 - Fixed menu
 - No minimum

Meditrina

Meditrina gives us a dynamic dining experience with a multitude of flavors in creative tapas-style dining with fresh ingredients. Start with the cheese plate, which will wake up your palette. The blistered shishitos with cinnamon and miso are delightful, as is the albacore tartare.

- 165 W 900 S (1.8 miles/ 9 minute taxi/uber ride from hotel)
- <http://www.meditrinaslc.com/>
- 801-485-2055
- Open for: Lunch and Dinner
- Closed Mondays
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderately Expensive (\$15-30)
- Bar: Beer and Wine
- Private Parties: Yes

Cucina

This small deli-turned-restaurant is another favorite neighborhood spot! This is everything from a great morning coffee shop, to a neighborhood deli at lunch, to an upscale wine bar and tapas restaurant for dinner. Creative menu and wine list, personal attention from servers and owner, good vibe all around.

- 1026 E 2nd Avenue (2.4 miles/10 minute taxi/uber ride from hotel)
- www.Cucinadeli.com
- 801-322-3055
- Open for: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderate (\$10-20 entrees)
- Bar: Beer & Wine
- Private Parties: No

Pago

An intimate, farm-to-table restaurant in the quaint 9th and 9th neighborhood, Pago is an exceptional dining destination for American cuisine. The atmosphere is simple, elegant, and charming, ingredients are always fresh and seasonal, (some even coming from their own micro-farm nearby), and the wine list is extensive. You can fill up on small plates or spoil yourself with their Tri Tip Steak or the delicious Pago Burger.

- 878 S 900 E (2.5 miles/ 11 minute taxi/uber ride from hotel)
- <http://www.pagoslc.com/>
- 801-532-0777
- Open for: Lunch, Dinner, Weekend Brunch
- Reservations: Yes
- Cost: Moderately Expensive (\$15-30)
- Bar: Full Bar
- Private Parties: No

BARS

Despite Utah's image as a dry state, Salt Lake City has a huge variety of local drinking establishments: pubs, cocktail bars, and speakeasies abound! The list below is of venues that we recommend more for drinks and bites.

Red Door

Located just west of Bambara, this is a small, lively martini bar with the perfect mix of live music and an intimate setting if you want a cool (but not quiet) after-dinner drink.

- 57 E 200 S #102 (0.1 mile/3 minute walk from hotel)
- www.Behindthredoor.com
- No Phone
- Food Available: No
- Price: Expensive (\$10+ cocktails)
- Bar Type: Cocktails

Poplar Street Pub

If you want to feel at-home in a typical neighborhood pub with a friendly atmosphere, head to Poplar. You can't miss their crab cream cheese dip or their bleu cheese bacon burger.

- 232 S 200 W (0.2 miles/3 minute walk from hotel)
- www.Poplarstreetpub.com
- 801-532-2715
- Food Available: Yes
- Price: Moderate (\$5-10 drinks, \$10-15 food)
- Bar Type: Pub

Beerhive Pub

Beerhive Pub is legendary in Salt Lake City for its multi-page beer selection, as well as for the strip of ice all along the old wooden bar that keeps patrons' brews chilled. Food is available, but mediocre, so we recommend eating before coming to Beerhive for some beers and games.

- 128 S Main St (0.3 miles/6 minute walk from hotel)
- 801-364-4268
- Food Available: Yes
- Price: Moderate (\$5+ beers)
- Bar Type: Beer and Wine Only

Keys on Main

Looking for entertainment with your drinks? Keys on Main is SLC's best dueling piano bar, whose musicians have a dry sense of humor, witty commentary, and incredible skill on the keys. These pianists can play anything, and if you're willing to put down a tip for the players, they'll take requests and the whole bar will party by your side! Food is unexciting, but the bar is always busy; be careful of the special concoctions, which are sweet and strong.

- 242 S. Main St (0.3 miles/6 minute walk from hotel)
- <http://www.keysonmain.com/Salt-Lake-City/>
- 801-363-3638
- Reservations Recommended
- Food Available: Yes
- Price: Moderately Expensive
- Bar Type: Pub, sweet cocktails

Gracie's

A classy downtown spot with the heart and soul of a pub. Drinks are moderately priced, and the pub food is deliciously unhealthy, but if you need a salad or a quinoa wrap, they can make that happen too!

Complete with table games and, often, live music.

- 326 S West Temple (0.1 mile/3 minute walk from hotel)
- www.graciesslc.com
- 801-819-7565
- Food Available: Yes
- Price: Moderate (\$5-10 drinks)
- Bar Type: Pub

BTG Wine Bar

By The Glass is a classy and inviting setting and a unique find. Offering a great selection of wines, including specially crafted flights, the wine bar is supplied with food by its "big sister," Caffé Molise.

- 63 W 100 S (0.2 miles/5 minute walk from hotel)
- www.btgwinebar.com
- 801-359-2814
- Food Available: Yes
- Price: Moderate (\$7-10 wine)
- Bar Type: Wine

Bodega

One of SLC's favorite newer spots, Bodega is a speakeasy-style bar. Don't be surprised when you first enter into a very small spot; you will need to speak with the attendant to be guided through the nondescript doors and downstairs to a dimly lit room that speaks of the Prohibition Era. This is the kind of place where you can give your bartender creative control and never be disappointed. The food is delicious, but servings are small and pricy, so we recommend it for a snack, rather than a full meal. It's a popular place with locals on weekends.

- 331 S Main St (0.3 miles/6 minute walk from hotel)
- www.Bodega331.com
- 801-532-4042
- Reservations Recommended
- Food Available: Yes
- Price: Expensive (10+ cocktails)
- Bar Type: Craft Cocktails

Whiskey Street

This gastropub is a favorite weekend spot for college students and 20-somethings. They have a considerable food menu and a drink list just as sizeable. We usually go for the drinks and enjoy the food on the side (the Parmesan Truffle Fries are sinfully delicious), but if the noise of rowdy young adults doesn't bother you, this is a great dinner spot.

- 323 S Main St (0.3 miles/6 minute walk from hotel)
- www.Whiskeystreet.com
- 801-433-1371
- Food Available: Yes
- Price: Moderately Expensive (drinks around \$10)
- Bar Type: Micro Beers and Craft Cocktails

Bourbon House

Just about everything you could ask for in a bar. On different days of the week, you can find it manifested as a sports bar, a karaoke hot spot, a live music concert hall, or an unassuming game room with great energy, craft beers, and a great whiskey selection. If you don't know where to look, it's easy to miss this speakeasy-style bar in the basement of the Walker Center.

- 19 E 200 S (0.3 miles/6 min walk from hotel)
- <http://www.bourbonhouseslc.com/>
- (801) 746-1005
- Food Available: Yes
- Price: Moderate (\$4-5 beers, \$7-8 wines and cocktails)
- Bar Type: Pub

Copper Common

Known for their small plates, burgers, and craft cocktails, Copper Common is a chic cocktail bar and eatery with an industrial mid-century vibe. Bartenders at this late night spot are masters of the craft cocktail; come for a drink and stay for the Bacon Wrapped Dates or the Patty Melt. Next door to SLC's art film theater, Salt Lake Film Society, if you want to make a night of it.

- 111 E 300 S (0.4 miles/10 minute walk from hotel)
- <http://coppercommon.com/home>
- (801) 355-0543
- Food Available: Yes
- Price: Moderately Expensive (beers \$6-7, cocktails \$10+)
- Bar Type: Micro Beers and Craft Cocktails

Bar X

Opened the year that Prohibition was repealed in 1933 and now owned by Ty Burrell of Modern Family, Bar X features an ambient, backlit bar and a speakeasy vibe. Drinks are truly "craft" cocktails, and are made uniquely and with precision, so have patience when ordering. The bar is relatively small, so arrive early to avoid the crowd, or plan to stand on a weekend night.

- 155 E 200 S (0.5 miles/10 minute walk from hotel)
- www.Barxsaltlake.com
- 801-355-3618
- Food Available: No
- Price: Expensive (\$10+ cocktails)
- Bar Type: Craft Cocktails (beer also available)

Tavernacle Social Club

This bar, named irreverently after Salt Lake's famous Tabernacle Choir, offers a different kind of music. Tavernacle is a more casual dueling piano bar than Keys on Main, but the music and company are just as good! No food is sold here, but they'll allow you to bring in your own.

- 201 E 300 S (0.5 miles/11 min walk from hotel)
- www.Tavernacle.com
- 801-519-8900
- Food Available: No (can bring in your own)
- Price: Moderate
- Bar Type: Full Bar
- Reservations Recommended

Maxwell's East Coast Eatery

Maxwell's occupies the ground floor of an historic building. During the day, this eatery serves Italian pizzas and pastas, but we prefer this spot for after-dinner drinks--it turns into a laid-back club with a social atmosphere and high energy. If you're coming for food, come early to avoid the noise. If you're coming for drinks and a great time, come in the evening, and be sure to try their Hot Toddy if it's cold out!

- 357 S. Main Street (0.3 miles/7 minute walk from hotel)
- www.Maxwellsece.com
- 801-328-0304
- Food Available: Yes
- Price: Moderate
- Bar Type: Full Bar

Green Pig Downtown Pub & Grill

On the outside, Green Pig looks like a neighborhood dive bar. In reality, it's a great sports pub, a weekend music venue, and a mellow and friendly atmosphere. If it's nice out, there's a fantastic view from the rooftop bar. We usually stick with beers here; their cocktails are expensive and mediocre. Some weekend nights get popular enough to warrant a small cover charge; be sure to check ahead if that's a deal breaker.

- 31 E 400 S (0.4 miles/10 minute walk from hotel)
- www.thegreenpigpub.com
- 801-532-7441
- Food Available: Yes
- Price: Moderate (\$5-10 beer)
- Bar Type: Pub

Beer Bar

As a next-door neighbor and under the same ownership, Beer Bar is the yin to Bar-X's yang. Connected to its companion by a small hallway and a door, Beer Bar offers an extensive beer list, sports games, and locally made bratwursts, pretzels, and fries.

- 161 E 200 S (0.5 miles/10 minute walk from hotel)
- <http://www.beerbarslc.com/>
- 801-355-2287
- Food Available: Yes
- Price: Moderate (\$5+ beers)
- Bar Type: Beer and Wine Only

Under Current

The cocktail bar side of Current Fish & Oyster carries over some of the delicious seafood and meals from next door. Favorites are the oysters, clam dip, and meatballs. Despite the great food, Under Current is known for their drinks, which are top-notch and expertly prepared without the crazy prices. Come here if you'd like a classy bar scene along with your seafood.

- 270 S 300 E (0.7 miles/ 15 minute walk or short taxi/uber from hotel)
- www.Undercurrentbar.com
- 801-574-2556
- Food Available: Yes
- Price: Moderately Expensive (drinks around \$10)
- Bar Type: Craft Cocktails