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Local Expert's Favorite Reno Restaurants

Reno, 2 Days

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AUTHOR NOTE: Here is a list of the NileGuide Reno Local Expert's top 10 restaurants. The top foods are the Pad Thai at Bangkok Cuisine, the lunch buffet at India Naan & Kabob, and, of course, the Awful Awful at the Golden Nugget.

My List

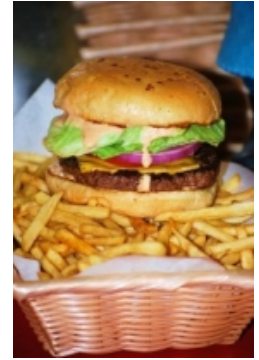
contact:
http://(775) 324-9653

location:
1305 N Virginia St
Reno NV 89503

1 Wolf Den

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:
Go Pack!

DESCRIPTION: Right across from the University of Nevada, this place drips with blue and silver Wolf Pack paraphernalia. It also includes a UNLV (Las Vegas) chair especially for Rebel fans...upside down on the ceiling! But this place is getting to be known as the second home of the Awful Awful burger. If you don't want to venture into the funky Golden Nugget, come here instead for the famous burger and fries and other fried and fast food like chicken fingers, chicken wings, sandwiches and good beer.
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contact:
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location:
233 N Virginia St
Reno NV 89501

hours:
Mo to Su from 12:00 AM to
12:00 AM

2 Little Nugget Diner

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:
The Awful Awful is the best burger in the West!

DESCRIPTION: The Little (Golden) Nugget in downtown Reno, right near the Reno Arch should not be confused with the much larger Nugget Casino in downtown Sparks, the city next to Reno. This little place really only houses a bar, a few slot machines and a diner in the back. However, this diner has become very well known for its great prices, large portions and the oh so wonderful Awful Awful Burger. It's named because it is awfully big and awfully good. The burger and its basket of fries cost around \$7, but it is a huge portion that you might have to share. The half-pound burger is juicy and flavorful and is topped with cheese, huge slabs of onion, tomato and lettuce and served on an excellent soft onion burger bun. This burger won the Food Network's Food Wars contest between the Sparks Nugget. The diner also serves up other good food including calamari sandwiches, bacon and eggs and a huge stack of pancakes that are great at 2 a.m. after a night on the town. The diner is a little dated and dingy, but for diner lovers, this is a great place to hang out at the bar and meet some interesting characters. © NileGuide



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contact:
tel: (775) 348-6222
http://www.indiakababcurry.com/

location:
1091 S Virginia St
Reno NV 89502

3 India Kabab & Curry

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:
Lunch is only about \$8.00

DESCRIPTION: India Kabab and Curry has become one of the most popular places for lunch in Reno. It's located just a few



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hours:

Open 7 Days a Week. Lunch Buffet: 11.30 AM to 3.00 PM. Dinner: 3.00 PM to 11.00 PM

miles from downtown in the MidTown area on Virginia Street. Their lunch buffet special is priced at \$6.95 and their dinner menu items cost between \$3.50 for appetizers and \$10.95 for main dishes.

The lunch buffet serves up salad, fresh fruit, rice, various meats in sauce and vegetables. There are some vegetarian options as well as a soup of the day. Some of the most popular items are the Chicken Tandoori, the Chicken Tikka Marsala, and the Murg Vindaloo. Some of the best items include the anise spiced carrots at the salad bar as well as the spicy mint sauce. There is usually a Pakora or a Samosa item as well.

The interior is clean and colorful and the bar is beautifully decorated with warm colors and chic lanterns. The bathroom is one of the nicest of the smaller restaurants in town.

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contact:

tel: (775) 323-3200
<http://www.4thstbistro.com/>

location:

3065 W 4th st
Reno NV 89523

hours:

Serving dinner five nights a week, Tuesday through Saturday, from 5:00 p.m. Reservations recommended but not required. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

4 4th Street Bistro

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Great for a special night out.

DESCRIPTION: The 4th Street Bistro near the railroad and the Truckee River has made a name for itself by serving some of the best, freshest and most organic food in the area. Really, no matter what you order, it will be delicious.

Some of their dishes include appetizers like Artisan Cheeses with White Truffle Honey and Petite Tagine of Louisiana Shrimp, main courses such as Pan Roasted Alaskan Halibut, Grilled Pork Tenderloin with White Polenta and Duck Confit with Wilted Spinach. Most main dishes will cost around \$35.

Their extensive wine list runs the gamut from sparkling wine to Sauvignon Blanc from France, Chardonnay from Sonoma Valley, Pinot Noir from Oregon and Merlot from Italy. Most bottles will run you about \$35-\$40 and there is a \$20 corkage fee. The desserts and coffee are elegant and feature items like Tirimisu, Creme Brulee and fresh local cheese.

The atmosphere is elegant, but low-ley with white tablecloths, low lighting and candles and French bistro posters on the wall. This is a popular place and can get noisy at night.

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4th Street Bistro

contact:

tel: +1 775 329 2600
<http://pegsglorifiedhamneggs.com/default.aspx>

location:

420 S Sierra St
Reno NV 89501

hours:

5 Peg's Glorified Ham & Eggs

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Get to Peg's early to avoid the rush.

DESCRIPTION: This is where the locals go for a huge breakfast that will last you way into the evening. Peg's is a popular coffee and breakfast spot that is well know for its



Waldo Jaquith

Mo to Su from 06:30 AM to 02:00 PM

huge portions, excellent staff and fun selection various items including stacks of pancakes, skillet meals and Latin inspired dishes.

Favorite menu items include the Huevos Ranchero served in a skillet with fresh salsa, beans, hash browns and fruit or the Mexicali Omelette with guacamole and salsa. For something lighter you can order the huge portion of Lox, Bagel and Cream Cheese or a Veggie Benedict. Their classes Eggs Benedict is excellent as well as the their French Toast and Pancakes. Prices are higher than your average coffee shop, but you won't have to eat again for the rest of the day. The average price for breakfast will run you about \$10 to \$12 per person. The weekend breakfasts can be very busy, especially during the summer and the holidays. © NileGuide

contact:

tel: +1 775 786 5700
<http://www.eldoradoreno.com/dining/chefsbuffet.aspx>

location:

345 North Virginia Street
Reno NV 89501

hours:

Mo to Fr from 07:45 AM to 10:45 AM, Mo to Fr from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM, Su to Th from 04:00 PM to 09:00 PM, Sa from 07:45 AM to 02:00 PM

6 Chef's Buffet

DESCRIPTION: This buffet at the Eldorado Hotel will bring a little bit of Paris to your dining experience. Diners are greeted with a light and airy atmosphere. Painted ceilings and mirrored columns are featured in this newly redecorated restaurant. The famous Mushroom Ravioli is served every night along with traditional steak and prime rib. Seafood lovers can get more than a bowl of chowder at the Friday night Seafood Extravaganza. Breaded Calamari, shrimp enchiladas and crab ravioli are some of the favorites. © wcities.com

contact:

tel: (775) 322-0299
<http://www.bangkokcuisinereneno.com/>

location:

55 Mount Rose Street
Reno NV 89509

7 Bangkok Cuisine Authentic Thai Dining: Reno's Original Location

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Daily lunch specials for \$7.

DESCRIPTION: This is probably some of the best Thai food in town. Bangkok Cuisine near MidTown is a family run restaurant with a large menu and very friendly service. The atmosphere brings in the decor of Thailand, but with a lounge-like twist. The entry way is a great place to hang out and some nights a hookah is brought out to be shared.

The menu includes fresh appetizers such as their wonderful Spring Rolls with chicken, bean threads and veggies or Fish Patties with basil, lemon leaves and red curry. Both their entrees and appetizers are known for their handmade sauces and dips in flavors ranging from curry and coconut milk to peanut sauce and spicy mustard.

Some of the top entrees are the delicious Pad Thai Noodles, their Drunken Noodles, Black Pepper and Garlic Beef or Spicy Crispy Duck. Bangkok serves a multitude of different dishes



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with red, green or yellow curry as well as sides of rice, salad and vegetables. The desserts can run the gamut from Deep Fried Bananas to Mango or Green Tea Ice Cream. Bangkok Cuisine also serves Thai Iced Tea and various teas and alcoholic drinks for their bar.
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contact:
tel: (775) 828-7311
<http://sushiclubreno.com/index.htm>

location:
294 E Moana Ln # 1
Reno NV 89502

hours:
11 a.m. daily

8 Sushi Club

DESCRIPTION: Don't let appearances deceive you. This sports bar-like sushi restaurant serves up the best sushi in Reno. The chefs are open and friendly and the atmosphere is fun. Locals will let you in on some of chef's "specials" and you can eat yourself silly with an all-you-can-eat lunch and dinner. Visitors from the Bay Area will even take a trip up to Reno specifically for a few rolls at the Sushi Club.

The typical rolls at the Sushi Club are some of the best: these include the San Francisco (try it deep fried with crab on top), the Rainbow Roll, the Salmon Skin Hand Roll and Wayne's Hand Roll with crab and scallops. One of the most delicious specials is a Shrimp Tempura with Crab on top.

Many of the larger rolls like the Caterpillar and the Mountain are only served during their all-you-can-eat dinners. At dinner and lunch you can also get mussels, daikon radish appetizers, miso soup and cabbage salad.

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contact:
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<http://www.yelp.com/biz/my-favorite-muffin-and-bagel-cafe-reno-2>

location:
340 California Ave
Reno NV 89509

hours:
Mon-Thu 6 am - 4 pm
Fri 6 am - 6 pm
Sat-Sun 7 am - 3 pm

9 My Favorite Muffin

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:
My Favorite Muffin has free WiFi.

DESCRIPTION: My Favorite Muffin is one of the most popular places in town for both breakfast and lunch. They are mostly known for their large menu of breakfast bagels and bagel sandwiches. Several of their popular sandwiches are the Big Apple Club with ham, turkey, bacon, American cheese, mayo, lettuce & tomato and the Roast Beef Parmagiana Grinder with thinly sliced roast beef with marinara sauce, roasted red peppers and melted Provolone cheese.

For breakfast you can get a good old fashioned Bagel with Lox or a Just Veggies! Omelet with scrambled eggs, green pepper, tomato & onion.

They also serve hot soup, salads, baked goods and small pizzas like the Grilled Chicken Bruschetta with chicken breast, fresh tomatoes, mozzarella, and oregano with just the right touch of garlic.

Their drinks range from coffee drinks like the Creme Caramel Latte or their great smoothies like the 90 calorie Mango Beach with Ten Fruit Juices, Mango, Peaches and Passion Fruit.



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The prices for most sandwiches are around \$6.95 and coffee and smoothies are around \$3.95.
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Reno Snapshot

Local Info

Reno has always been a bit of a black sheep. It is not as hip as Portland and Seattle and not as chic as Los Angeles or Las Vegas, but in its own way it's dynamic and funky in a small package. The one thing to understand about Reno is that it's NOT Las Vegas. Reno is more popular for its outdoor sports than its gambling, but it also has a thriving art, music and theater scene sprinkled with great restaurants and bars. The downtown area, famous for the Reno Arch and several casinos has hit on hard times with the bad economy, but look a block or two south around the Truckee River corridor for cafés, farmer's markets, bike trails, street performers, ice rinks and roller derbies. This is the Reno Arts District and this is the real Reno. Locals are friendly and open, and will be happy to let you in on their town's many secrets.

One of Reno's best assets is being central to the Western U.S. San Francisco is a three or four hour drive to the west, Yosemite is a four to five hour drive to the south, Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles and Las Vegas are about an hour or two plane ride away. Reno and the surrounding areas also straddle several different types of terrain. When you visit Reno, you have access to the mountains with its rivers and alpine lakes, ski resorts and hiking trails, you can visit the wide open desert of central and southern Nevada, and the Pacific Coast is only a few hours away.

Downtown Reno

The Virginia Street corridor is the center of activity for not only gambling, but special events as well. The bright lights of the casinos and the famous Reno Arch declaring "The Biggest Little City In The World," greet visitors as they enter downtown.

The boisterous casinos have been the main attraction along the Truckee River for decades. The Club Cal-Neva Hotel Casino has been around since 1948, and is still going strong as one of the most popular gaming establishments in town. Harrah's Reno opened as a full casino the same year and the action has never ceased. The National Automobile Museum, located two blocks east on Mill and Lake Streets, houses some fascinating antique

cars collected by William Harrah on his ride to fame and fortune. Harrah's Events Plaza is a center for downtown events and entertainment. The Circus Circus Hotel Casino is a favorite for family fun with high-flying acts and a great arcade for the youngsters. The Silver Legacy Resort Casino is known for sponsoring major events and adding to the revitalization of downtown. The Automated Mining Machine towering 120-feet over the casino floor is a wonderful attraction for visitors. The Eldorado Hotel Casino is a major host for special events, as well as popular gaming venues. A couple very popular nightspots downtown include Roxy's at the Eldorado and Limerick's Pub and Grille.

"Reno-vation" is taking place in the downtown area to make more open and attractive spaces for visitors and Renoites to enjoy. The Truckee River Walk is one of the first efforts. The whole city gets into the act to host one of the major cultural events in the nation, the Reno Summer Arts Festival featuring Artown. The Pioneer Centre for Performing Arts presents the Reno Philharmonic, the Nevada Opera and Nevada Festival Ballet. Marvelous museums are lavishly dispersed throughout the area including the Wilbur D. May Museum and Arboretum at Rancho San Rafael Park and the Nevada Museum of Art on Liberty Street downtown.

Some major hotel/casinos outside of the Virginia Street hub include the Peppermill Hotel Casino and Atlantis Casino Resort & Spa on South Virginia Street. East of downtown resides the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, a high-rise city in itself.

Sparks

Although it looks like it's part of Reno, this is a separate, thriving city. Founded in 1904, it served as maintenance facilities for the Central Pacific Railroad. Named for then-governor John Sparks, the city has come a long way in establishing itself as not only a great place to visit but to live. The Sparks Heritage Museum displays artifacts relating to the beginnings of the town that is sometimes known as the "Rail City."

The hub of activity is centered in Victorian Square at Interstate 80 and Victorian Avenue. John Ascuaga's Nugget towers over the Square and the hotel sponsors many major events taking place there. Fine

dining facilities in this establishment include Trader Dick's Restaurant and Aquarium Bar and Restaurante Orozko. Across the Square, you will find a great mid-sized hotel/casino, the Silver Club Hotel Casino. Smaller casinos are to be found as one strolls along the Square, one of the most popular being Rail City Casino. The casinos along Victorian Square host major events almost every month of the year. Sparks Hometowne Christmas is a favorite and the very popular Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off.

Carson City

The capital of Nevada is about 45 minutes south of Reno. The historical main street and homes give this small town its charm. Several great restaurants and the great Nevada State Museum are the main attractions. Carson City is also the start/end of the infamous Hwy. 50, or the "Loneliest Road in America" across Nevada. Just east of Carson City is the historic mining town of Virginia City where you can step back in time and mosey down on wooden sidewalks, dress up in Western wear and have your photo taken or jump on an authentic steam train for a ride down the mountain.

Lake Tahoe

One look and you'll know why it is called the Jewel of the Sierras. The areas surrounding the largest alpine lake in the country offer year-round recreation and beauty. The Cal-Neva Resort Hotel Casino, the favorite haunt of the "rat pack," is always popular for entertainment. The Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort, Spa & Casino is perhaps one of the most elegant places to lodge and have fun. MontBleu Casino Resort & Spa and Harrah's Lake Tahoe are also well known for fine dining and top entertainers.

During the summer months, the Zephyr Cove Resort & Marina beckons visitors to cruise on the M.S. Dixie II. On the south shore of the lake, Lake Tahoe Cruises offer sailing on the Tahoe Queen. The beaches and parks are popular for sunbathing and hiking. Sand Harbor presents the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival and Kings Beach hosts the Lake Tahoe Music Festival.

The ski resorts in the Sierra Nevada mountains are unmatched anywhere. Boreal Mountain Resort is usually the first of the season to open because of snow-

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making equipment. Granlibakken Resort & Conference Center offers fabulous lodging and conference facilities, as well as fine slopes. Heavenly Ski Resort and Northstar-at-Tahoe are first-rate for challenging ski

areas. Cross-country ski enthusiasts will find the best trails in North America at Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort in Soda Springs. And, of course, there is Squaw Valley USA, famous for hosting

the 1960 Winter Olympics and still a world-class venue for winter sports of all genres.

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