

Gabby Gourmet's Colorado Restaurant Guide
Aspen, Snowmass & the Roaring Fork Valley
By Lucy Lea Tucker

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."
— Charles M. Schulz

Restaurant name	Acquolina
Pig #	3
Cuisine:	Italian
Open:	D: Daily
Website:	acquolinaaspen.com
Address:	415 E. Main St.
Phone #:	970-925-8222
Area:	Main Street
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	Set on the bustling Main Street of Aspen and brought to you from the owners of Campo de Fiori, Acquolina has the largest selection of spirits in the valley - set in a sophisticated, uncluttered atmosphere with a beautiful interior. The romantic and modern-chic space boasts comfortable seating, a large bar area and big picture windows for people watching. Start with calamari with grilled shrimp and a chorizo "soria," cherry tomatoes and baby arugula or delight in the unique bronzino aromatizzato, striped bass fillet with garlic spinach, sweet pepper confetti with a red curry sauce. For your entree , enjoy classic Italian pastas, Milanese pounded breaded veal, wild salmon with grilled vegetables or the Colorado lamb sirloin with roasted garlic jus or the lighter option of mixed seafood with a white wine and tomato broth. No one goes thirsty with the impressive 20 page wine list. Acquolina is unique Italian fare with an emphasis on flavor.

Restaurant name	Ajax Tavern
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	Contemporary
Open:	L-D: Daily

Website:	thelittlenell.com/dining/ajax-tavern
Address:	685 E. Durant Ave.
Phone #:	970-920-6334
Area:	Gondola Plaza
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	<p>Ajax Tavern, just steps from the Silver Queen Gondola at the base of Aspen Mountain serves American and French dishes inspired by the bounty of Colorado. With an inviting bar area inside and a sunny deck and bar outside, the Tavern continues to serve après-ski favorites including the famous truffle fries tossed with Parmigiano-Reggiano, fresh parsley and truffle essence, and bottomless Rose on Tuesdays in the summer. Established as a top spot for incoming skiers, locals, tourists and celebrities alike, this hot spot is also a comfortable bistro for family and friends to gather any time. The patio is a highlight and draws you in at the base of iconic 'Ajax' Mountain. A woodsy interior with comfortable booths, round tables and a casual atmosphere sets the tone. Attached to the five star, five diamond hotel, The Little Nell runs the management and food service - enough said. The lunch and dinner menus are set with a variety of dishes ranging from staples like the Colorado lamb Bolognese, French onion soup - which is cooked for 48 hours to extract flavors or the chicken liver Bourbon pate. Don't forget the decadent Ajax Double burger made with meat from Kurt Russell's Home Run Ranch — and the fresh raw bar selections with ice cold East and West Coast oysters, king crab and other delicacies from the sea. Finish with seasonal cobblers or the interactive and fun chocolate fondue. The view alone is worth the price - then add in dedicated service, amazing cuisine and an extensive beer and wine list with something for everyone. The Ajax Tavern is, hands down, the place to eat well and 'to see and be seen' among the Aspen crowd on the patio for lunch or dinner or as an après-ski destination during ski season.</p>

Restaurant name	Artisan Hand Crafted Cuisine
Pig #	3
Cuisine:	Global Contemporary
Open:	D: Daily (Seasonal)

Website:	stonebridgeinn.com/snowmass-colorado-restaurants.php
Address:	300 Carriage Way
Phone #:	970-923-2427
Area:	Snowmass Village
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Snowmass Village
Restaurant Description:	<p>Located in Snowmass' Stonebridge Inn, the Artisan specializes in unmatched culinary craft. Chef Randall Baldwin runs the kitchen with locally sourced cuisine from the best ingredients of the season and of the valley. Dine on bar favorites like the mouth-watering pastrami sandwich on a soft pretzel roll or take it up a notch in the dining room with pan seared scallops, sweet potato hash with bacon. Try the shiitake and leek accented by chipotle aioli or the hazelnut crusted ruby red trout with brown sugar bourbon butter, grilled asparagus, and roasted fingerlings. Delight in local, pan seared elk loin medallions with manchego cheese, scalloped sweet potatoes with roasted poblano pepper. The setting is beautiful with a spacious lounge area featuring a welcoming bar, comfortable seating both inside and out onto the patio, weather permitting. The dining room offers a stunning view through panoramic windows. The wine list is extensive with several choices by the glass, all at very good prices. With excellent service and affordable prices, this restaurant suits every guest wishes when away from home. The Artisan is Snowmass' best 'elegant' restaurant, but Colorado casual enough for a pint of beer on the patio.</p>

Restaurant name	Asie
Pig #	3
Cuisine:	Chinese
Open:	L-D: Daily
Website:	asierestaurantaspen.com
Address:	413 E. Main Street
Phone #:	970-920-9988
Area:	Main Street
Price:	\$\$\$

Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	Set on Main Street in historic downtown Aspen, Asie is Aspen's answer to Asian fusion, featuring Chinese, Thai, and Japanese cuisines. The spacious outdoor patio and bar area add to the simple yet modern ambience. Kick off your dining experience with sushi rolls, sashimi tuna or Shanghai spring rolls, dumplings, fried rice, barbecued ribs or the house favorite 'chicken lettuce-wraps.' Everyone loves the Thai basil chicken sautéed with a savory jalapeño sauce. The red panang, green curry and the Peking duck are done to perfection. The plate presentation is simple and elegant. Asie is a great place to power through a business lunch, as there are great daily specials or just fill your hankering for Chinese delivery on a Sunday night. Be sure to say "hi" to the man who runs the show, everyone's pal, Charlie Huang!

Restaurant name	Aspen Kitchen
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	Contemporary
Open:	D: Daily
Website:	kitchenaspen.com
Address:	515 E Hopkins Ave #200, Aspen, CO 81611
Phone #:	(970) 300-4525
Area:	Aspen Core
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	<p>After a long awaited opening, Aspen Kitchen's beautiful, upstairs space greets locals, tourists and foodies alike with exceptional cuisine, a warm but expansive dining room and Aspen's largest patio. The glass-fronted, pink Himalayan salt dry aging room full of "saltbrick beef" greets you as you walk up to the host stand and the open kitchen beyond lets you see exactly what the chefs are cooking. The staffs are friendly and informative and do a great job of pairing wine with what you order. In the center of the dining room, there is a round table with a large selection of opened wine that make you feel like you are at an intimate dinner party. The house made ricotta is a must-order appetizer. The main course chicken is as succulent as they come and the 60- day dry aged steak is not to be missed. Just ask the Chef how it is aged and prepared and you might get a tour inside the patented dry aging room! Dessert will win you over in the end as the pastry chef creates complex flavors in unassuming packages, like the peanut butter ice cream rolled in peanut butter toffee fudge sandwiched between two rich, chocolate cookies – what a treat! Downstairs, the dance party awaits at Aspen Kitchen's sister nightclub, Rec Room Aspen, as it gets you right on the dancefloor working off all the fabulous calories consumed upstairs. Rec Room walls are filled with old vinyl records and a rotating DJ keeps the beats going.</p>
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Restaurant name	Bosq
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Fusion / Tapas
Open:	D: Daily
Website:	
Address:	312 S. Mill Street
Phone #:	
Area:	Aspen Core
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	Yes
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	

Restaurant name	bb's Kitchen
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	American-Bistro
Open:	L - D: Daily
Website:	bbskitchen.com
Address:	525 E. Cooper Avenue
Phone #:	970-429-8284
Area:	Aspen Core
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	Yes
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	bb's Kitchen serves up American comfort food with a view. With floor to ceiling windows, views of the surrounding mountains make this a popular spot. Longtime local and owner, Bruce Berger, describes bb's fare as: "Grandma's recipes with a modern technique." Wood detailing, a fireplace with warm and red tones, bb's has that cozy yet sophisticated feeling. Totally different than most places in Aspen, this is a neighborhood retreat in bustling downtown. There is a great patio with red awnings, inviting bar-lounge, open kitchen, and a menu where you want one of everything. Enjoy the gamut from soups, salads, sandwiches to pizza, risotto and duck pate. Dinner spans the globe from Asian lettuce wraps to Colorado elk tenderloin to Tandoori Lamb chops. Great wines, cocktails, and beer complement the food. bb's kitchen is just the place to be – better than your own kitchen and much more fun. Proudly serving modern American cuisine and offering rooftop views of the mountains.

Restaurant name	Big Wrap
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	American, To Go
Open:	L: Daily: Monday - Saturday
Website:	www.eataspen.com/aspen/restaurants/1006/big-wrap
Address:	520 E. Durant Ave.
Phone #:	970-544-1700

Area:	Aspen Core
Price:	\$
Patio:	No – but sidewalk benches available
Reservations:	No
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	Every day around lunch there is a line that winds out the door – for a reason! A hungry crowd of devoted locals and tourists alike descend upon this lovely wrap, salad, soup and smoothie spot, set smack-dab in the heart of town. This is the best value in town with everything under \$10 -- like the homemade vegan soups, fresh tacos and of course, the wraps! Favorites include the 'Pesto Wrapture' and the 'Thai Me Up' – delicious ingredients, seasoned well and wrapped up in a soft flour tortilla, or served in a bowl with lettuce. The 'Babs-E-Que' wrap named after proprietor, Babs, is also a favorite which includes BBQ sauce and mashed potatoes. The salads are fresh and unique. This is a great stop for 'to go' meals or stay and chat with the line of locals and ready the daily papers at the counter. The fresh, daily made chips are worth the line!

Restaurant name	Cache Cache
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	French - American
Open:	D: Daily (seasonal)
Website:	cachecache.com
Address:	205 S. Mill St.
Phone #:	970.925.3835
Area:	Aspen Core
Price:	\$\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	Indulge in the flavors of American and classic French cuisine with touches from the Mediterranean. Always filled with the beautiful people, Cache Cache has established itself as an essential in this food-lovers town. Their wine program is pretty spectacular too! The fabulous wine list and top notch table service add to the overall dining experience. Al fresco dining in the courtyard is as comfortable as dining inside the energetic interior. Start at the vibrant, pulsating bar with delectable black mussels, smoked Scottish salmon or King crab beignets and drink whatever the friendly bartenders are pouring by the glass. Coq au vin is done to the tee and presented beautifully in a black, cast iron pot. Marvelous entrées include pork tenderloin, osso buco and filet mignon. The Colorado rack of lamb is a signature dish that cannot be taken off the menu – cooked to perfection with a Dijon-herb crust, veal jus and potatoes au gratin. Finish with excellent desserts such as the apple crisp or the deliciously warm chocolate cake with caramel sauce. Put Cache Cache on the ‘must’ list when you visit Aspen.
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Restaurant name	Campo De Fiori
Pig #	3
Cuisine:	Italian
Open:	D: Daily
Website:	campodefiori.net
Address:	205 S. Mill Street
Phone #:	970-920-7717
Area:	Mill & Hopkins
Price:	\$\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	<p>Campo -- a place where dinner can easily turn into dancing at the bar. This sexy, subterranean restaurant is hopping with energy and activity any night of the week! Specializing in Italian fare from the north, central and south, Campo de Fiori maintains a busy and popular reputation with an always-crowded bar, dining room and outdoor courtyard. The small, lively Tuscan inspired trattoria known for handsome and beautiful bartenders and servers, presents an inviting, cozy setting. Elbow your way through the bar to settle in with friends and vie for service from those good looking guys behind the bar. Anitpasta includes Burrata, frutti de mare and Cozze e Vongole. Dine on classic Spaghetti Bottarga or the popular Penne Vodka. A nightcap espresso chocolate martini will hit the spot as a spontaneous dance party breaks out. Who said fun and food couldn't go hand in hand?</p>
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Restaurant name	Caribou Club
Pig #	TD4
Cuisine:	Contemporary
Open:	D: Daily
Website:	caribouclub.com
Address:	411 E. Hopkins Avenue
Phone #:	970-925-2929
Area:	Hopkins Ave. – Restaurant Row
Price:	\$\$\$\$
Patio:	No
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	This private club serves up Aspen's best food and drink to Aspen's elite and the visiting elite. Dining at the Club is legendary: the cuisine is Contemporary American, the Chef is Miles Angelo. Famous dishes that come out of the Caribou kitchen are: oysters poblano, Thai popcorn shrimp, bison tomahawk and campfire trout. The décor is described as 'English club with a western sensibility' a comfortable and elegant combination that makes you feel like you are sitting in Ralph Lauren's living room. This is the only place in Aspen that you can have dinner and then immediately hit the dance floor. The retro disco ball rotates as the contemporary tunes pump out of the DJ booth. The members loving their food made a natural progression to create a full service catering company. From intimate dinner parties to large extravaganzas, you do not need to be a member to enjoy the Caribou Club off premise.
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Restaurant name	Casa Tua
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Classic French/Italian
Open:	D: Daily, L: Daily: Summers only
Website:	casatualifestyle.com
Address:	447 E. Cooper Ave.
Phone #:	970-920-7727
Area:	Cooper Street mall
Price:	\$\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	This restaurant focuses on fine Italian fare with French and Swiss influences. In the summer, sit on the scenic, bustling walking mall and enjoy lunch delights like the pinzimonio salad – a medley of crudite and diced chicken or the unique Casa Tua Club Sandwich with the inclusion of scrambled eggs, for a twist. Casa Tua aims to make diners feel like they are in the home of a friend -- a friend with impeccable cooking skills and amazingly attentive service! The menu is robust and flavorful- from seared foie-gras with ginger and tomato marmalade to tagliolini with stone crab and zucchini. Perfect for a date-night or to catch up with friends over a long, fabulous meal -- treat yourself at this Aspen hot spot and you won't be disappointed. The members-only club upstairs boasts a mountain chic vibe and is a great location to throw an event.

Restaurant name	CHEFS CLUB by Food & Wine
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Regional American
Open:	D: Daily
Website:	chefsclub.com
Address:	315 East Dean Street
Phone #:	970-429-9581
Area:	Aspen Core
Price:	\$\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	CHEFS CLUB by Food & Wine magazine at The St. Regis Aspen Resort brings the Food & Wine brand to life. Each year CHEFS CLUB features several Food & Wine Best New Chefs to consult on a new menu. The rotating menu is decorated with famous dishes from restaurants across the country. Look out for the traveling chef series with Michelin star chefs creating special dinners at this unique restaurant concept. The open kitchen and bright, airy atmosphere of the restaurant welcomes all guests for a night of fun and adventure in dining. The patio is a lovely oasis in the summertime!

Restaurant name	Cloud Nine Alpine Bistro
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	European / Alpine
Open:	Winter only; L: Daily, D: Thursday nights
Website:	aspensnowmass.com/our-mountains/aspen-highlands/dining/cloud-nine-alpine-bistro
Address:	Aspen Highlands
Phone #:	970-923-8715
Area:	Ski to - mid-mountain Aspen Highlands
Price:	\$\$\$\$

Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen Highlands Mountain
Restaurant Description:	<p>Imagine a cozy European-style cabin in the Rocky Mountains serving fondue and raclette! Cloud Nine Alpine Bistro is a legendary mid-mountain restaurant that channels authentic European Alpine culture in a warm, welcoming environment. With views of the iconic Maroon Bells - North America's most recognizable, postcard perfect mountains – dining here is both a visual and gastronomic experience. Ski or snowboard to the unique and intimate bistro, located on Aspen Highlands beneath the high-speed quad aptly named 'Cloud Nine.' This full-service restaurant is open for lunch with a European-style Bistro menu that changes daily. Snow cat dinners are open to the public on Thursday nights, complete with gourmet meals that suit the European flair of the atmosphere and vibe. Choose an entrée and your choice of soup or assorted greens salad. The menu choices include: steak tartar, raclette, fresh game and vegetarian dishes, accented by international wine and fine champagne. Daily, rotating specials are worthy of your consideration - like the coq au vin or schnitzel. After 2 PM, and on certain nights, the mood turns exciting and a ski boot-clad dance party breaks out before everyone suits back up in their winter gear to ski down! Cloud Nine celebrated a fresh, new remodel for the 2015-2016 season – so be sure to ski in and dance out to check out the new, revitalized scene!</p>

Restaurant name	CP Burger
Pig #	3
Cuisine:	Retro-Burger Joint
Open:	Daily: L, D
Website:	cpburger.com
Address:	433 E. Durant Ave
Phone #:	970-925-3056
Area:	Aspen skating rink
Price:	\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	No
Brunch:	No

Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	Food-loving power couple, Craig and Samantha Cordts-Pearce have brought retro-casual into the modern light. Situated next to the Silver Circle Ice Rink in the heart of downtown Aspen, this walk-up eatery called 'CP Burger' is more than just a burger joint -- it is a gourmet twist to fast food and memorable experiences. If you ever dreamed of ordering a kale salad at a burger joint – this is the place! The notable 'Lulu's kale salad' with currants, pine nuts and parmesan makes for a fiber filler alongside your tasty fries and shakes. From falafel to tuna to veggie to the Chicano fire beef burger combinations, CP Burger's menu boasts variety, including healthier options too. But there's something more to this new eatery than their famed boozy, alcohol infused milkshakes - the experience! Take a lap around the ice rink (winter) or take a swing at miniature golf (summer) and a satisfying family meal becomes a life-long memory.

Restaurant name	Creperie Du Village
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	European / Raclette / Fondue
Open:	Daily: L - D
Website:	lacreperieduvillage.com
Address:	400 E. Hopkins Avenue
Phone #:	970-925-1566
Area:	Aspen – Mill & Hopkins – Restaurant Row
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	Yes
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	Find yourself at the best seat in town - the corner of Mill and Hopkins, sipping rose on the sunny patio facing Aspen Mountain. The Creperie is an authentic French café in the heart of Aspen, open daily from lunch through après-ski and dinner. With full bar, cozy furnishings, rafters stacked with wine bottles and other bric-a-brac lining the walls, a taste of the Alps appears in the ambience and on the menu. Featuring sweet and savory crepes, raclette, fondue, salads, charcuterie and cheese boards, favorites include the Mountain Club, a savory crepe with delicious gruyere, turkey and tomatoes. Don't spend long contemplating your dessert crepe – Nutella, lemon and sugar or the ménage a trois -- any way you go, you'll end up smiling. This restaurant is for celebrating special occasions or for holing up on a cold winter's day. Be prepared to settle in to this cozy, quaint atmosphere, as the service is designed to have you linger.
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Restaurant name	element 47 at The Little Nell
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	Contemporary
Open:	B-L-D: Daily
Website:	thelittlenell.com/dining/element-47
Address:	675 E. Durant Ave.
Phone #:	970-920-6313
Area:	Aspen core
Price:	\$\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	Yes: Sunday
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	<p>The Little Nell hotel is a slice of heaven with incredible rooms and friendly, caring people that know service inside and out. There is a reason why this hotel has a 70% customer return rate and earns the prestigious Forbes Five Star Award every year, as well as the AAA Five Diamond Award. The Nell's fine dining restaurant was remodeled in 2012 and reinvented as element 47 – the periodic number for silver, to play off the town's history as a silver mining town. A collection of commissioned, large-scale, contemporary artwork creates a unique space for dining, socializing and taking in the scene. A coffee table book about the collection curated by Little Nell owner and artist Paula Crown was published in late 2013, offering a look into each piece and the talent behind them. Chef de Cuisine Patrick Dunn's undeniably fantastic food complements this exciting space with thoughtful, seasonally-driven contemporary cuisine, highlighted with global influences. Favorite "e47" dishes include: the lemon soufflé pancakes and huevos rancheros for breakfast; for lunch – the infamous Cobb Salad and the top sellers at dinnertime include Maine lobster pot pie, the pine nut crusted chicken breast and pan seared ruby red trout. On the dinner menu, staples include the harvest vegetable salad, Chef Matt's pastas, which are fantastic, and an array of shared plates from oysters to blue crab. The cocktail and beer program shares the same local focus as the menu, highlighting some of Colorado's great distillers and brewers. Their Tableside Cocktails, prepared on an elegant cart that's wheeled over for each order, include a Margarita 47 made with top shelf tequila, fresh lime juice and nitrogen oxide for effect. For additional sipping, The Nell's wine list is spectacular, housing over 20,000 bottles found in the wine cellar and prominently showcased in a clear glass wine wall in the dining room, each decanted on their new, custom made gueridon. The Little Nell has had more master sommeliers come through its wine program than any other establishment in the country – ten and counting - including current Wine Director, Carlton McCoy, the second youngest Master Sommelier ever, as well as the second ever Master Sommelier of African American descent. You'll see why element 47 repeatedly receives awards from Wine Spectator and Wine Enthusiast magazines.</p>
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Restaurant name	Ellina
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	Italian
Open:	D: Daily, L: Summer
Website:	ellinarestaurant.com
Address:	430 E. Hyman Ave.
Phone #:	970-925-2976

Area:	Hyman Street Mall
Price:	\$\$/\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	<p>Ellina embraces American cuisine with an Italian influence. The warm, elegant decor and strands of Italian wedding lights hung at the entrance invite you in for a cozy experience. The exterior of this space has an intimate veranda and on-the-mall outdoor cafe-style seating, while the interior highlights the original brick and stone work dating back to 1880s. Try the braised artichoke bruschetta with truffles and an egg or the calamari fritti to get things started; next up savor the seared Mediterranean octopus or the famed oven-roasted rabbit. The service is extremely professional, leaving you feeling very pampered. The festive, front bar and bartenders bring the fun! The signature lemon-basil martini is a must to kick off your evening, and then dive into Ellina's greatest hits on their masterful, worldly-inspired wine list, curated by the charming and lovely Sommelier, Jill Carenvale.</p>

Restaurant name	520 Grill
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	Gourmet Fast Food
Open:	L-D: Daily, Seasonal
Website:	520grill.com
Address:	520 E. Cooper Avenue
Phone #:	970-925-9788
Area:	Fat City Plaza – Cooper Street
Price:	\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	No
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	Aspen’s favorite quick-serve joint, 520 Grill is where locals flock for healthy, high-quality eats. Located just a block from the gondola with ample seating and plenty of natural light, 520 Grill boasts the casual family atmosphere of a roadside diner—but one that cooks up homemade fare using premium regional ingredients. Every dish is made to order and you’ll find founding owner Troy Selby behind the counter daily. Renowned for half-pound, hand-crafted burgers --no fast food, pre-pressed meats here -- 520 uses a variety of meats and options including: buffalo, beef or turkey -- and all- beef kosher franks and turkey hot dogs. A genius idea inspired for meat lovers -- the bacon burger has bacon actually ground into the burger for an explosion of flavor. This hip, hot spot also offers fish tacos, daily specials and an amazing selection of fresh salads, like the Chipotle Caesar and Kale Quinoa, which has received rave reviews from day one. For the more selective palates, enjoy a build-your-own-salad and gluten free menu items as well. 520’s fresh-cut fries and their specialty sweet potato fries are something to write home about. Selby’s dedication to quality and devotion to friendly service are why 520 Grill has earned top acknowledgements from National Geographic Explorer, Ski magazine, Yelp, Trip Advisor, Lonely Planet and more. Serving fast, affordable fare to eat-in, take-out, or for downtown delivery, 520 Grill will undoubtedly become your go-to spot, too.
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Restaurant name	Fuel
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	American, Breakfast
Open:	B-L: Daily
Website:	eatsnowmass.com/snowmass/restaurants/1301/fuel-cafe
Address:	Snowmass Village Mall
Phone #:	970-923-0091
Area:	Snowmass Mall
Price:	\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	No
Brunch:	No
Location:	Snowmass

Restaurant Description:	A favorite quick stop, this little gem of a coffee shop is conveniently located right at the bus stop and entrance to the Snowmass Village mall. Sometimes a good cup of Joe is hard to find, but not at this quaint, coffee shop. Besides good coffee, you will also find unbelievable breakfast burritos and bagel sandwiches, a great selection of teas, a smoothie bar and classic panini pressed specialties for lunch. If you need to fuel up, follow the locals inside from the line outside and you will quickly find out that this is the place to be. This is a perfect way to start your morning on the way up the mountain in Snowmass.
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Restaurant name	Grey Lady
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	American/Nantucket cuisine
Open:	D: Daily, L: Summers
Website:	greyladyaspen.com/menu/
Address:	305 S. Mill Street
Phone #:	970-925-1797
Area:	Mill Street Mall
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	'Grey Lady' is a nickname for the fog on Nantucket. Over four years ago, the original Grey Lady restaurant opened in the Lower East Side of Manhattan, serving up Nantucket inspired fare with a nautical ambience. More recently, the Grey Lady opened in its namesake, Nantucket – in addition to the Aspen outpost. AYou'll feel like you are on a dock by the ocean with seafaring specialties like: lobster rolls, Thai shrimp corncakes, cornmeal fried oysters and surf and turf. In addition to great savory fare, Grey Lady serves up fancy cocktails like the Escobar Mule or the Master Cleanses. Come dine, drink and stay for fun at the Grey Lady - for the nightlife heats up after dark.

Restaurant name	Hickory House
Pig #	5

Cuisine:	American, Barbeque
Open:	B-L-D Daily
Website:	hickoryhouseribs.com
Address:	730 W. Main Street
Phone #:	970-925-2313
Area:	S-Curve on Main Street
Price:	\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	No
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	The big bear on the roof of the Hickory House is a landmark as one drives into Aspen on the S curve. A casual, no frills dining scene makes this rib shack a favorite for local ski bums and tourists. Go in hungry -- and come out fuller than you've ever been. As well as BBQ, the 'Hick House' serves up an unbeatable, hearty "greasy spoon" breakfast, and can be considered the best hangover cure in town. The baby back ribs put this local barbeque joint on Oprah's list of her "favorite things." Locals dominate this festive, fun joint -- and Monday night football is an institution. Consider the Hick House for delivery, take out or for catering a party.

Restaurant name	Hops Culture
Pig #	3
Cuisine:	Comfort
Open:	L - D: Daily
Website:	hopsculture.com
Address:	414 E Hyman Ave, Aspen
Phone #:	970-925-HOPS (4677)
Area:	Hyman Street mall
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No – special occasions

Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	Set in the style of a German Beer garden with long wooden tables on the Hyman Street mall, HOPS brings the feeling of Oktoberfest to the cobble stone streets of Aspen. The long wooden tables fill quickly with tourists ad locals alike on a nice, sunny day. With inviting indoor/outdoor seating at the entrance – the inside of the restaurant is spacious with a welcoming bar. There are tons of beers on their menu as well as tasty varieties of Moscow Mule drinks with crushed iced, served as they should be in copper mugs. They serve casual salads, sandwiches and the highly popular pretzel fondue for savory snacks and meals.

Restaurant name	Il Poggio Italian Restaurant
Pig #	3
Cuisine:	Italian
Open:	D: Daily
Website:	ilpoggio.webs.com
Address:	57 Elbert Lane
Phone #:	970-923-4292
Area:	Snowmass Mall
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	No
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Snowmass
Restaurant Description:	A favorite amongst the Snowmass crowd, Il Poggio offers authentic Italian cuisine, a lively atmosphere, brick oven fired pizzas, homemade pastas, elegant dining and an extensive wine list. Best orders include sweet potato & goat cheese ravioli, steak topped with gorgonzola, and gnocchi with veal tenderloin, asparagus, roasted tomato and truffle butter. Il Poggio also serves a variety of pasta dishes and entrees such as seared duck breast and pancetta-wrapped chicken breast. Don't forget dessert – Il Poggio is known for the tiramisu and selection of Italian desserts. A real special treat in the heart of the Snowmass mall – this place is a winner.

Restaurant name	J Bar
Pig #	5

Cuisine:	American
Open:	L-D: Daily
Website:	hoteljerome.aubergeresorts.com
Address:	330 East Main Street
Phone #:	970-920-1000
Area:	Main Street
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	No
Brunch:	Yes, Sundays only
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	Serving a contemporary American take of your favorite ski town food, drawing on regional and modern influences, Executive Chef, Rob Zack, whips up some amazing eats right in tune with the location - the heart and soul of Aspen. From your standard bar food specialties like buffalo wings and shoestring fries, to more off the beaten path specialties like artisanal charcuterie, 7X Colorado beef tacos and a top notch fish and chips. The J Bar is a sports bar, an après ski bar and a place for locals to belly up to the bar, as well as for newcomers to see what the old days were all about. The historic 'Aspen Crud,' a signature drink from the Prohibition days is a must - a delicious vanilla milkshake laced with bourbon! There is a devoted following for the burgers and little gem salad. New to the J Bar this year is brunch -- with outdoor seating on bustling Main Street, Aspen

Restaurant name	Jimmy's
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	Steakhouse, Seafood
Open:	Daily: D
Website:	jimmysaspen.com
Address:	205 S. Mill
Phone #:	970-925-6020
Area:	Restaurant Row
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes

Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	<p>Proprietors Jimmy Yeager and Grayson Stover are what makes this place tick. Walk up the outside stairway and enter an exciting and bustling bar area that keeps the crowd returning to the 19 year local tradition that is Jimmy's. Welcoming energy fills the always-busy bar and leads to the outside patio area, and further back to the dining room. Enjoy classic cocktails and "locally-priced" dinners in the bar – including the best tequila and mezcal selections you have ever seen. Jimmy's is known across the country for its stellar mezcal and tequila collection. However, quietly, the restaurant has developed a stellar wine program under the direction of a young rising star sommelier, Greg Van Wagner, who is just 27 years old. Van Wagner oversees a 500 bottle and growing list, with a focus on American wines, given the menu focus, though a nice selection of European, and some South American wines as well. He is so accessible and does such a beautiful job explaining wine in a welcoming way. Move into the more formal, inviting dining room where you can enjoy top notch service in a comfortable, relaxed setting. Start your meal with the inspired ahi tuna tartar or unique artichoke dip. For dinner, enjoy the signature steak - an 18 ounce big rib-eye on the bone or the organic salmon or Rocky Mountain Trout are lighter, healthier options. There are more than just steakhouse standards - the versatile menu includes items like roasted corn and jalapeno soup (made with local Olathe sweet corn), local farm vegetable nightly gazpacho, and quinoa stuffed zucchini cannelloni. Make sure to share the famed "Jimmy Mac," Jimmy's twist on the cheesy American classic with jalapenos and bacon. Hang around Jimmy's bar long enough and you may just run into to everyone you know in the world.</p>

Restaurant name	Jimmy's Bodega
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Seafood
Open:	D: Daily, L: summers only
Website:	jimmysbodega.com
Address:	307 S Mill Street
Phone #:	970-710-2182
Area:	Mill Street mall
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes

Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	Step into the fun, friendly atmosphere of Jimmy's Bodega located in the heart of the Mill Street mall by the dancing. For sipping, enjoy specialty bottled cocktails and a wine list focused on value and interesting finds. The Bodega features tequila and mezcal hand-selected by Jimmy himself. In summer, enjoy lunch, happy hour, and dinner on the best patio in town, and, of course, Jimmy's signature hospitality. Whether you are relaxing on the patio as the kids play on the jungle gym next door - or having a grown up meal inside, the Bodega is all about fun. Seafood, raw bar, tacos, salads, soups, and nightly specials make up the simple and upscale menu.

Restaurant name	Justice Snow's
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Contemporary
Open:	L - D: Daily
Website:	justicesnows.com
Address:	221 S. Mill Street
Phone #:	970-429-8192
Area:	Aspen core
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	Justice Snow is named for the Justice of the Peace that was in office when the historic Wheeler Opera House was built in the 1880s. Owner Michele Kiley teamed up with the best architects and designers in town to preserve and enliven the historic space with mining-camp details like an antique copper-top bar and machine-age light fixtures made from repurposed bicycle parts. Colorado and Western-influenced cuisine are the name of the game at this unique dining and watering hole. The tangy and tart fried pickles help you work up a thirst as your libation creation is carefully created. Mixologist, Joshua Peter Smith has crafted an innovative cocktail list unlike anything Aspen has ever seen. This place has an aggressive cocktail program focusing on barman ship - down to the correct type of vessel from which to drink absinthe. Justice Snow's features both small and large plates with moderate prices amidst a lively bar scene. Stick your head in and you won't want to leave this fun, entertaining speak easy.
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Restaurant name	Kenichi
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	Japanese, Sushi, Contemporary Asian
Open:	D: Daily
Website:	kenichiaspen.com
Address:	533 E. Hopkins Ave.
Phone #:	970-920-2212
Area:	Hopkins & Hunter
Price:	\$\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	<p>With outposts in Hawaii and Texas and the original location in Aspen, Kenichi embraces innovative twists on sushi and guarantees a raring good time! World-class, upscale fresh Japanese cuisine and smiling, happy wait staff will greet you at this long-standing favorite sushi spot. Locals dine alongside the rich and famous at the crowded sushi bar, in the cozy dining room, or seek solitude in your very own private room. The fun kicks off with your first sip of the sake mojito signature drink. Snag a seat at the sushi bar and friendly sushi chefs will entertain you and create masterpieces of Asian delight especially for you. Start with dynamite shrimp, try the X Games Blake Roll, the nightly dim-sum special, or crab cakes wrapped in a wonton shell. Non-sushi entrées include miso-marinated sea bass, salmon with blue cheese, macadamia-crusted lamb and Oriental roast duck. For dessert, tempt your taste buds with tempura ice cream. If you are looking for an all-night dining party – this is the place to be!</p>
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Restaurant name	Krabloonik
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	Colorado/Wild Game
Open:	L - D: Daily
Website:	krabloonik.com
Address:	4250 Divide Rd.
Phone #:	970-923-3953
Area:	Snowmass outskirts
Price:	\$\$\$ (Summer) \$\$\$\$ (Ski Season)
Patio:	No
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Snowmass

Restaurant Description:	Step into this unique place and you feel like you have stepped back in time. The cozy, cool bar gets you in the mood as you have a glass of something before you sit down to an elegant and fun eating experience. Located on the slopes of Snowmass, with views of Mount Daly and Capitol Peak, just getting here is an adventure in itself. Reservations are required for the ride and recommended for the meal. Start with the famed wild mushroom soup, baked Brie with lingon berries or a wild-boar chop. For your main course, continue to savor the tastes of the wilderness with roasted elk loin, bison or Rocky Mountain trout. Combination plates offer a chance to experience several different meats. The excellent wine list perfectly matches the top rated food. When summertime rolls around, prix fixe menus and “all you can eat ribs and BBQ” nights, accompanied by live music change the dining scene all together. What a crazy combination: dog sledding and fine food. Somehow, the concept works; given the snowy mountains and the crisp mountain air – the fresh fish and the wild game. No matter when you make the trek, dining at Krabloonik is an experience you will never forget.
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Restaurant name	L’Hostaria
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Italian
Open:	D: Daily
Website:	hostaria.com
Address:	620 E. Hyman Ave.
Phone #:	970-925-9022
Area:	Aspen core
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	<p>When choosing where to dine in Aspen, one is faced with endless options of exquisite culinary wonders. Tucked away in the east end of town is L'Hostaria, a locals' favorite for authentic Italian cuisine. Celebrating 20 years of business, it seems that L'Hostaria, like its wine selections, gets better with age. From the traditional antipasto selections paired with velvety burrata cheese to the fresh homemade pasta dishes and desserts, you will experience a meal that will leave you wanting to return night after night. Owner, Tiziano Gortan has created a successful restaurant by using his know-how of Italian cooking by pairing simple yet elegant ingredients to create flavorful meals. With Tiziano or Head Manager Fabrizio, there is always the authentic Italian double kiss when you are arrive and leave – and you are always happier than when you walked in the door. The affordably priced menu at the vibrant bar is one of the best in town, and the tenured, loyal staff keep your wine glasses full well into the night. Watch out for: Mim's Pinot bombs, homemade lemoncello nightcaps and the espresso martinis! If you are looking for good food, a good time and friendly people, visit L'hostaria and you will see why this place has such a devoted following of locals and tourists alike.</p>
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Restaurant name	Limelight Lounge
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	Pizza/Light Italian
Open:	D: Daily, Après
Website:	limelighthotel.com/aspen
Address:	355 S. Monarch St.
Phone #:	970-925-3025
Area:	Aspen core
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	No (Except for special dinners)
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	<p>Head on into your home away from home - the Limelight - to grab a hand-thrown pizza, ever-changing seasonal entrees, fresh salads, drink and dessert in the living room ambience. The scene is complete with a cozy fireplace and an outside patio with fire pits for roasting s'mores. Whether you're looking to maintain a powder day nirvana after the lifts close or seeking to decompress from a challenging road ride up to Independence Pass, the Lounge offers a relaxed atmosphere that's ideal for clicking off a helmet and letting your hair down. Chef Jeff Gundy dishes up delicious, light Italian fare featuring the finest local and organic ingredients. Try the top fave pizzas --they are a great sharable meal. The Limelight Lounge is home to Aspen's Longest Happy Hour, from 3 - 7 PM. daily. Five nights per week, Aspen's favorite local bands play from 4pm-7pm in the winter & 6:30pm-9:30pm in the summer, Thursday through Monday. Twice a month, the Lounge hosts popular three-course beer dinners sponsored by select breweries, largely from Colorado. Each course is designed to complement a unique, seasonal brew. Come try this unique hotel eatery and you will be hooked.</p>
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Restaurant name	Lynn Britt Cabin
Pig #	TD4
Cuisine:	Colorado
Open:	L - D: Winter, special events
Website:	aspensnowmass.com/our-mountains/snowmass/dining/lynn-britt-cabin
Address:	45 Village Square
Phone #:	970-923-0479
Area:	Mid-mountain at Snowmass.
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Snowmass

Restaurant Description:	<p>Hold on to your hat, because you are in for the meal of your life: start with a chair lift or cat ride as your chariot up the mountain for lunch or dinner at this elegant spot. If romance is your thing, go for the cat ride at night and enjoy live music when you arrive. This quaint cabin, built in the early 1900s is spectacular; the interior is rustic and comfortable and the surrounding scenery is beyond description. The food is upscale gourmet and completely divine, serving Colorado cuisine at its finest -- featuring elk, lamb and bison. Take in the surroundings and relax in the moment with a glass of wine. Then start the adventure that is dining - enjoy elk chili, bison meatloaf, poached lobster with shallot mignonette, crisp striped bass with gnocchi, or Asiago stuffed chicken breast on a bed of baby spinach. The menu changes frequently based upon availability of seasonal ingredients. Every dish is magnificent to the eye and even better to taste. Leave room for dessert! The portions are very generous and the service exemplary. This dining experience is a must when you visit Snowmass. Fun, new après ski specials with Woody Creek Distiller's 'Gin & Juice'specials, savory appetizers and rotating DJs kicked off this past spring ski season.</p>
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Restaurant name	Matsuhisa Aspen
Pig #	TD4
Cuisine:	Japanese, Sushi
Open:	D: Daily (Seasonal)
Website:	matsuhisaaspen.com
Address:	303 East Main Street
Phone #:	970-544-6628
Area:	Corner of Main St. & Monarch St.
Price:	\$\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	Matsuhisa is Aspen's one and only Nobu-famed gourmet Japanese Seafood & Sushi Restaurant. Set in a historic Victorian house on the Main Street of Aspen, this hip restaurant is the most exciting dining scene in Aspen. Delights range from Adam's special sushi roll to yellowtail sashimi spiked with jalapenos and cilantro, to tuna on a miso chip, to the Peruvian influenced new style salmon or the famed blackened cod cooked on a limestone rock. Desserts include a Bento Box filled with molten chocolate cake or the sensational Japanese mochi ice cream flavors that change daily. The world class wine, sake and a cocktail list that will have you coming back for. Matsuhisa offers a downstairs restaurant with a huge sushi bar while upstairs you will find a more relaxed, bar atmosphere and the same impeccable service. At the chic downstairs restaurant bar, the udon noodle bowl warms the soul after a great powder day. The cuisine is worth every bit of the hype Matsuhisa receives. Without a doubt, this is Aspen's best seafood and a worthy visit for both locals and travelers, time and again. New this year, Matsuhisa delighted nearby Denverites with a location in Chery Creek.
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Restaurant name	Meat & Cheese
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	Charcuterie with an Asian twist
Open:	Open: L - D
Website:	meatandcheeseaspen.com
Address:	319 E. Hopkins
Phone #:	970-710-7120
Area:	Restaurant Row
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	Meat & Cheese, the 'go to' spot is a butcher, frommagerie and specialty food shop pantry all in one, with a restaurant attached. It's the best addition to 'Restaurant Row' in Aspen! Cured meats, local Avalanche Farm cheeses and a bit of Asian flair with spicy Korean flavors, coconut red curry chicken soup and kimchi sandwiches make up the menu. Meat & Cheese has a casual vibe with walk-in seating. You can do your gift and/or grocery shopping on one side of the market storefront, and enjoy a sit down meal and drinks on the other side. People go crazy over the cauliflower side dish, shared dishes and desserts. NEW! Hooch is the new bar downstairs from Meat & Cheese – what a cool speak easy-style vibe and great cocktails with excellent service!
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Restaurant name	Mezzaluna
Pig #	3
Cuisine:	Italian
Open:	L-D: Daily
Website:	mezzalunaaspen.com
Address:	624 E. Cooper Ave.
Phone #:	970-925-5882
Area:	Aspen core
Price:	\$\$-\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	Soak up the scene outside on the sunny patio, inside at the U shaped bar or the bustling, open air dining room at Mezzaluna. This is an easy place to make friends and blend in with the Aspen scene. Dine on casual California and modern Italian influenced cuisine that ranges from fresh fish to tasty salads to Italian classics. Appetizers include a classic creamy tomato soup, unique, super-sized calamari flash fried with a spicy chili sauce and ahi tuna carpaccio with pickled seaweed and wasabi caviar. Try Grandma's stuffed shells with Italian sausage or the herb marinated veal chop with wild mushroom demi-glace and creamy corn polenta. The Chinese chicken salad and traditional chicken parmesan are top sellers in the poultry section. There is even a 'steak and fries' plate to please every palate. A cheerful crowd is almost always saddled up to the bar with the fiery pizza oven as the backdrop. Happy hour and après ski deals are found in the form of personal wood-fired pizzas and bottled beer to keep the locals happy. This bustling energetic mainstay keeps the crowds coming back season after season, year after year.
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NEW!

Restaurant name	Mi Chola
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Mexican
Open:	L - D: Daily
Website:	eataspen.com/aspen/restaurants/1370/mi-chola
Address:	411 East Main Street
Phone #:	970-925-3663
Area:	Main Street
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	Spanish for "my girl," Mi Chola is a newly renovated version of the long run Cantina restaurant - conveniently poised on the corner of Mill and Main Street - Aspen's busiest corner. Such a great tequila selection, so little time! Always a festive and fun atmosphere for casual Mexican dining and drinks, Mi Chola is the hottest new favorite as Aspen's favorite lunch, happy hour or dining establishment. Enjoy hot chips and tangy salsa as you mull over their menu and sip on one of the famous margaritas. Swing in anytime - enjoy sporting events on their big screen TVs, a big family get together or happy hour with friends.

Restaurant name	Monarch
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Steakhouse
Open:	D: Daily
Website:	monarchaspen.com/#welcome
Address:	411 Monarch St.
Phone #:	970-925-2838
Area:	Aspen core
Price:	\$\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	Located at the corner, street-level entrance of the exclusive Dancing Bear complex, the interior is impressive with black and white tiled floors, luxurious leathers and a brand new secret wine room. Run by Aspen power-house restaurateurs Craig and Samantha Cordts-Pearce, this sexy steakhouse has a delightful outside patio with flowers galore. The enthusiastic sommelier will readily assist in pairing your food choices with wines and unique beer offerings. Stares such as caviar, scallops, oysters and poutine are followed by a sexy selection of steaks, salads and side dishes like the Welsh Cheddar Jacket Potato.

Restaurant name	New York Pizza
Pig #	3
Cuisine:	Pizza/Italian
Open:	L - D: Daily, Late Night
Website:	eataspen.com/aspen/restaurants/1075/new-york-pizza
Address:	409 E. Hyman Street
Phone #:	970-920-3088
Area:	Aspen core
Price:	\$
Patio:	No

Reservations:	No
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	The finest cuisine in Aspen past midnight! New York Pizza is a reliable place to grab a slice and enjoy a beer. Big thin-crust slices start at \$3, so this Big Apple-style pizzeria is hard to beat for the budget-conscious. Open until the wee hours and after the bars close, this joint is about as good as late-night eating gets in this one horse town! The line out the door for late night service can be daunting – but if you know the right people, it goes quickly.

Restaurant name	Phat Thai
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Thai
Open:	D: Mon-Sat
Website:	phatthai.com
Address:	343 Main Street, Carbondale, 81623
Phone #:	970-963-7001
Area:	Main Street Carbondale
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Carbondale

Restaurant Description:	Think Thai inspired street food in a hip, small town atmosphere and you've got Carbondale's Phat Thai restaurant. Set in a "turn-of-the-century" row building complete with exposed brick and hardwood floors, the scene is updated with modern touches like a long, steel bar that welcomes friendly chatter. Just across the road from his fantastic new restaurant Town, Phat Thai takes on an Asian dimension for Chef-Owner Mark Fischer. With authentic recipes full of flavor, taste and unique ingredients, there is reason why the bar is always hopping and the dining room is always packed. Satisfy your Asian craving with traditional favorites like the five-spice BBQ sticky pork ribs, garlic and cilantro steamed crab with celery, green onion, chilies, fish sauce as well as a selection of spicy curry dishes, stir fries, noodles and rice. Try something new and different with Spicy Mama ramen, BBQ pork and a soft poached egg served with shiitake mushrooms and bok choy. The Thai specialties are reasonably priced, a nice wine list, fun cocktail menu and friendly, knowledgeable service to make the experience even more fun. On Friday nights enjoy live entertainment and a totally hip scene that takes over the streets of Carbondale.
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Restaurant name	Pine Creek Cookhouse
Pig #	TD4
Cuisine:	Colorado Cuisine
Open:	L - D: Daily (Seasonal)
Website:	pinecreekcookhouse.com
Address:	11399 Castle Creek Road Aspen, 81611
Phone #:	970-925-1044
Area:	Outside of Aspen
Price:	\$\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Ashcroft, CO (outside of Aspen)

Restaurant Description:	<p>Located 12 miles outside Aspen, past the ghost town of Ashcroft, at the base of the Elk Mountain Range, the Pinecreek Cookhouse is a dining experience to say the least! Gourmet cuisine meets authentic mountain atmosphere, as the restaurant is housed in a log cabin with breathtaking wilderness surroundings. Best known for creatively prepared, naturally raised, local meats and game specialties, this is the place to experience Colorado at its best. In the winter you arrive to the restaurant by horse drawn sleigh or cross country skis, snowshoes or hiking boots from the ghost town. When summertime rolls around, you can drive right up to the door or work up your appetite with a road bike ride in from town. The Pinecreek Cookhouse is a must eat experience if you are in the area.</p>
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Restaurant name	Piñons
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	Contemporary Colorado Cuisine
Open:	D: Daily (seasonal)
Website:	pinons.net
Address:	105 S. Mill St. Aspen, 81611
Phone #:	970-920-2021
Area:	Mill & Main
Price:	\$\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	<p>Piñons is one for the dining history books! Classic, savored eateries like Pinons lay the ground work for establishing Aspen as a food lover's haven. It's no wonder that this Aspen restaurant continues to rate high with locals and travelers. The welcoming distinguished interior, impeccable tenured staff and delicious food remain consistent and irresistible. Enjoy the taste of crème fraîche and caviar on oysters or a salad made with asparagus and burrata, baked brie and pine nuts. Fans return for the specially cooked steaks, buffalo, ruby red trout and even the tofu enchilada has a following at this upscale American steakhouse. A simple filet of beef turns knock out with Hudson Valley foie gras and black truffle sauce. Desserts like the chocolate Nutella banana tart keep the clientele returning often. Piñons makes for a memorable meal. The cozy bar presents a special bar menu that is quite reasonable and walk-ins are encouraged – or the back patio in the summertime cannot be beat for the views.</p>
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Restaurant name	Plato's
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Contemporary, Sustainable, Infusion
Open:	Daily: D
Website:	platosaspen.com
Address:	845 Meadows Road Aspen, CO 81611
Phone #:	970-925-4240
Area:	S Curve Aspen - At the Aspen Meadows Resort
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	Overlooking the Roaring Fork River, the Elk Mountain range and gorgeous groves of Aspen trees, this truly unique dining locale boasts an intimate atmosphere with simple, yet elegant Bauhaus-inspired design and décor. Sustainable in practice, food products and ingredients are sourced from local and regional farmers and even Plato's very own backyard garden -- because in the end, real, fresh and simple ingredients come together to create unforgettable dishes. A noteworthy wine list complements Plato's award-winning cuisine and service to reflect the flavors of the season in such dishes as Crystal River Farms Roasted Bone Marrow, Summer Asparagus and Colorado Lamb Loin. Local Goat Cheese Agnolotti, Crystal River Lamb Tartar and Troyer Farms Brick Roasted Chicken. For more casual fare, try the amazing Falafel Burger or Chicken Club by the pool. Plato's is located at the magnificent Aspen Meadows Resort
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Restaurant name	Prospect - Hotel Jerome
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	American
Open:	B-L-D: Daily
Website:	hoteljerome.aubergeresorts.com
Address:	330 East Main Street Aspen, 81611
Phone #:	970-544-7814
Area:	Main Street
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	Yes
Location:	Aspen

<p>Restaurant Description:</p>	<p>Prospect is an upscale American bistro at the Hotel Jerome. The hotel's restaurant is the centerpiece of the property's top-to-bottom renovation, which debuted in December 2012. For over 125 years, Hotel Jerome has defined the true character of Aspen, drawing visitors from around the world with exquisite accommodations, acclaimed dining and true hospitality. The lobby Living Room is the place to be - designed for après ski, drinks anytime of the day or night, American tapas and small dessert plates. Executive Chef Rob Zack brings classically inspired yet contemporary dishes to the menus at the J Bar, Prospect and the lobby Living Room. Having begun his career at Hotel Jerome nearly 20 years earlier, Zack repeats history and brings his own experience and point of view to the table. The Living Room is designed to feel exactly like that -- as an open, expansive space for guests to relax and settle in over small plates and drinks. The menu consists of light, shareable snacks. The fun and sociable selection of snacks and appetizers is top notch.</p> <p>A nod to the town's rich mining history, Prospect offers hearty and diverse American dishes that are meant to be eaten socially. Chef Zack reviewed menus from the hotels past and reinterpreted a few of the dishes using contemporary techniques. Family recipes also have place on the menu, such as his Italian grandfather's meatballs. Zack's approach to cooking is simple: fresh, quality ingredients. Much of the menu is locally sourced from Avalanche Cheese Company in Basalt to 7X Colorado Beef, as well as other local farms. Complementing the cuisine is a rich and varied wine program. The Hotel Jerome is a step back in time with a contemporary, decorative flair, thoughtful food and drinks -- it is a mandatory stop in Aspen.</p>
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Restaurant name	The Pullman
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	American
Open:	L - D: Daily
Website:	thepullmangws.com
Address:	330 7th Street Glenwood Springs 81601
Phone #:	970-230-9234
Area:	Downtown Glenwood
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes

Brunch:	Yes - weekends
Location:	Glenwood Springs
Restaurant Description:	<p>The hottest thing to hit Glenwood Springs since the Springs themselves! If Glenwood had hipsters, they would hang out here. Amazing, soulful Colorado-based cooking, the Pullman brings great dining and a well-balanced menu to this interesting town. Mark Fischer of Colorado's restaurant empire fame adds this address to his fantastic restaurant resume of: the newest Town in Carbondale, Phat Thai in Carbondale and the new Harman's in Denver. Fischer shows his terrific style as he offers an American menu to entice locals and tourists at The Pullman. The trains rattle by; the setting is high-tech, featuring high ceilings with exposed pipes, brick, big windows, and shades of green and gold on the walls. Totally casual, affordable, fun-- and great food, this place is the spot to be in Glenwood. Small plates include oysters, truffled pork rinds, chevre fritters, grilled calamari, and rellenos stuffed with oxtail and dates. Salads shine with many choices and pasta pleases with mac and cheese, lamb meatballs and feta gnudi, and perogiis. Large plates go from a burger, mussels, and chicken, to hanger steak, Berkshire porchetta, lamb and fish. Sandwiches at lunch are tasty: chicken with gruyere and ham, fried egg on English muffin with bacon and cheese, pulled pork on a bacon biscuit, and a Reuben. Decadent desserts end the meal. The wine list is great, service is excellent. On this Pullman, the dining car is the place to be.</p>

Restaurant name	Pyramid Bistro
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Health-conscious World Cuisine
Open:	L - D: Daily (Seasonally)
Website:	pyramidbistro.com
Address:	221 E Main St Aspen, 81611
Phone #:	970-925-5338
Area:	Main Street inside Explore Bookstore
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	<p>In a turn-of-the-century Victorian house, upstairs from the quaint bookseller on Main Street, Pyramid's dining room feels like a romantic, intimate tree house hideaway. A menu that emphasizes a touch of Thai influence, greens, whole grains, berries and beans, Pyramid Bistro is a toast to your health. Dubbed the "first nutritarian restaurant" by Dr. Fuhrman, who calculates the most nutrients per calorie, this healthy hotspot offers organic and conscious cuisine as well as embracing initiatives like 'meatless Mondays.' The menu caters fabulously to the vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free diner, but former chef of the renowned Syzygy restaurant, Martin Oswald, doesn't discriminate. Dishes spotlight natural chicken, meat and fresh fish -- everyone is sure to be delighted by the selection of choices, but more importantly, by the incredible flavors. Oswald dishes up some of the most savory dishes around from sweet potato lasagna with roasted peppers and cremini mushrooms to decadent vegan chocolate cake; meals are meant to nourish and that's exactly what Pyramid Bistro strives to do. Pyramid Bistro leads Aspen's "nutritarian" movement with its nutrient-rich menu, presenting dishes to fit vegetarian, vegan, macrobiotic, raw-food and gluten-free diets -- even the wines are bio-dynamic, organic and sustainably produced. Start with the kale crunchies, cashew crust and apple butter, then order the stir fry with forbidden rice or one of the fish and chicken specials. Owner Martin Oswald led Aspen's adoption of Meatless Mondays, making it the first city to join the national campaign.</p>
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Restaurant name	Riverside Grill
Pig #	3
Cuisine:	American
Open:	L, D: Daily
Website:	
Address:	181 Basalt Center Circle Basalt, CO 81621
Phone #:	970-927-9301
Area:	Old Town basalt
Price:	\$ - \$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	No
Brunch:	Yes
Location:	Basalt

Restaurant Description:	Serenely set by a rushing river in the cute town of Basalt, the Riverside Grill is the only place in the valley with outdoor deck seating overlooking the Frying Pan River. Tucked away between Clark's Market and Taylor Creek Fly Shop, "the riv" is open for lunch, happy hour and dinner daily. With its casual atmosphere and one-of-a-kind location, this is a great place to take the family or enjoy the afternoon sun on the patio with co-workers and friends. From juicy angus burgers and grilled rainbow trout, to crispy calamari with sweet chili sauce and a healthy quinoa salad, Riverside's menu is sure to please all. Riverside Grill is a local favorite hotspot, for private parties and events with the "open" design and 360 degree bar. Be sure to stop by for the live music on Friday nights or check out their 'Meatless Mondays' vegetarian offerings, and 'Fat Tuesday' specials. Visit Riverside Grill today, because, without a doubt – you will have fun!
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Restaurant name	Rustique Bistro
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	County French
Open:	D: Daily
Website:	rustiquebistro.com
Address:	216 S. Monarch St. Aspen, 81611
Phone #:	970-920-2555
Area:	Monarch & Hopkins
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	<p>Aspen delights in a little slice of the French Provencal country with the cuisine and charm of Rustique Bistro. The cozy, romantic ambience with soft lighting and a feel for France will have you ‘parlez-vous-ing francais’ in no time! Start with crispy frog legs with tomato vinaigrette, a divine pâté plate or the best salmon tartar. Don’t forget to nibble on an order of pommes frites in a cone or the acclaimed cheese tray. The salad course reaches a new height when herb-marinated goat cheese arrives mounded on arugula salad with summer tomatoes. Endive with arugula, Roquefort and poached pears would please royalty, as would the bowl of onion-soup gratinée. Those who know stop by or call in to inquire of the ‘Weird Dish of the Night,’ or other specials like the ‘Risotto of the Moment’, Fish Special or Nightly Plat du Jour. The rest of the menu offers an enormous selection of possibilities to please any normal or weird diner’s palate. ‘Weird’ dishes include specials like the sautéed sweetbreads, crispy and delicious with haricots verts and wild mushrooms. The roasted half-chicken and mashed potatoes taste like mother wished she could make, and pot-au-feu of short ribs with roasted carrots, potatoes and horseradish crème falls off the bone. The duck cassoulet and the calf’s liver with bacon and onions, potato purée and sauce Dijon, fruites de mer – say “oui, oui!” The mussels are terrific as each sauce is perfectly blended not to overpower the main part of the dish. Finish with a classic French favorite like the chocolate pot au crème, the apple tarte tatin or almond pear financier...Bon Appetit!</p> <p>New this year, Owner, Rob Ittner opened the Aspen Cooking School below/adjacent to Rustique.</p>
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Restaurant name	Sam’s Smokehouse
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	Barbeque / Southern
Open:	L: Winter only
Website:	aspensnowmass.com/events-and-activities/on-mountain-dining/sams-smokehousedining/
Address:	130 Kearns Road, Snowmass, CO 81615
Phone #:	970-923-8686
Area:	Snowmass ski area – mid mountain
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Snowmass

Restaurant Description:	Deemed as the “best BBQ on a mountain” by local foodies, Sam’s Smokehouse is located at the top of the Village Express chairlift on Snowmass at Sam’s Knob. Sam’s Smokehouse features a wall of windows on the west side with spectacular views of Garret’s Peak, Mount Daly, and the surrounding backcountry. Take a break from the slopes and indulge at the quick stop café and dedicated espresso bar; this kind of break will have you geared up and back on the slopes in no time with a jolt of delicious java and a delectable baked good. Or take a load off and sit-down in the lovely dining room with friendly, sit-down service. Here you will dive into barbecue-style smokehouse meats paying homage to Texas, Carolina and St. Louis style BBQs, as well as a variety of other Southern-style delights like fried green tomatoes, hearty salads and interesting soups. Now, it becomes clear why people bother to ski at all!
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Restaurant name	SO Café – Aspen Art Museum
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	New American
Open:	Tue – Sun 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Website:	aspenartmuseum.org
Address:	637 E. Hyman Ave.
Phone #:	970-925-8050
Area:	Aspen - core
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	No/Yes during high ski season
Brunch:	Special Occasions
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	Enjoy a cultural coffee, lunch, snack or après ski (or apres hike or bike) with wine, cheese and art on the AAM’s roof-deck at SO cafe. The fresh and thoughtful menu changes every Tuesday. With an airy ambience on the rooftop and unprecedented views of Aspen Mountain and Independence Pass, SO features an innovative, rotating menu prepared from fresh locally sourced ingredients by AAM culinary partners Julia and Allen Domingos. SO is named after a type of free-flowing Japanese brushstroke as well as, of course, an English expression of quantification and excitement. A non-collecting institution, the AAM presents the newest and most important evolutions in international contemporary art and provide audiences with thought-provoking experiences of art, culture and society. Admission is always free.

Restaurant name	Steakhouse 316
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Steak, American
Open:	D, Daily
Website:	steakhouse316.com
Address:	316 E. Hopkins Avenue Aspen, 81611
Phone #:	970-920-1893
Area:	Restaurant Row – Hopkins Street
Price:	\$\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	Steakhouse 316 brings a New-York-vibe to the Aspen dining scene with a boutique steakhouse styled to feel like a 1920s Moulin Rouge boudoir with velvet banquettes, warm black paneled walls and bordello-style light fixtures. The steak-focused menu includes custom sauces, salads, seafood, decadent side dishes and other steakhouse staples. If you are in the mood for a rich evening of steak and fun - this is the place to stop. Tuck into a booth and enjoy some oysters and a steak. Lovely outside seating draws a great crowd in the summertime.

Restaurant name	Sundeck
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Cafeteria featuring American and Asian fare
Open:	L: Daily, Special dinners (Seasonally)
Website:	aspensnowmass.com/our-mountains/aspen-mountain/dining/sundeck
Address:	675 E. Durant Ave. Aspen, 81611
Phone #:	970-920-4600
Area:	Top of Aspen Mountain via Gondola or hike
Price:	\$\$\$

Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	No
Brunch:	No
Location:	Atop Aspen Mountain
Restaurant Description:	Ride the Silver Queen Gondola from downtown to the crest of Aspen Mountain to find this jewel of a restaurant overlooking spectacular peaks in the Rockies. You'll feel like you are on top of the world! Relax under the open sky on the patio, sit inside where you can eat in a dining room rich with copper accents and natural wood or just socialize, drink and grab a meal at the elegant bar. Locavore-centered cuisine is served cafeteria-style and prepared while you watch. The menu ranges from Asian stir fries and salads to freshly fired, hand-tossed pizzas. A variety of baked goods and pastries satisfy all of your sweet cravings. Dining this high never tasted so good. Skiers will love taking a break in this idyllic spot, and in the summer, guests are met with an array of activity from hiking, yoga, Euro bungy and Frisbee golf to classical and bluegrass music, just outside the Sundeck's doorstep. The Sundeck is often used for large events, hosting parties from 30 to 450 with exquisitely themed buffets. Parties or wedding receptions in this location can't be beat.

Restaurant name	Town
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	Contemporary American
Open:	L - D: Daily
Website:	towncarbondale.com
Address:	348 Main St. Carbondale 81623
Phone #:	970-963-6328
Area:	Downtown Carbondale
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Carbondale

Restaurant Description:	<p>Happen upon the little town of Carbondale and you'll be surprised to find a foodie mecca, with Chef-Owner Mark Fischer's latest addition, Town, sitting right in the middle. By day, Town is a 'grab and go' bakery, a coffee shop, a lunch room and a gathering spot. By night, Town is something a little more ambitious, yet still accessible - a restaurant and bar that connects a community through eating. Pick a table by the window and pay for the basket of breads and house churned butter when you first sit down - it is worth it! The baked goods are made in-house at the adjoining bakery that greets you as you walk in the door of Town. Starters like the chile scented hamachi crudo with guacamole or the rabbit tacos with pickled onions, tomatillo and queso fresco are special treats you probably won't find anywhere else in the world. The entree halibut with cauliflower, carrots, oranges and a yellow curry is spectacular. Don't miss the side dish of the artichokes with sage butter and potatoes - it is the best thing on the menu. To wet your whistle, enjoy local beer and a fab selection of wine glasses from \$7 to \$12. The creative and delectable sticky bun toffee pudding was the icing on top for dessert. What a sweet beginning to end at an adorable place called Town.</p>
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Restaurant name	Trecento Quindici Decano
Pig #	3
Cuisine:	Italian
Open:	Daily: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Website:	stregisaspen.com/trecentoquindici
Address:	315 East Dean Street Aspen 81611
Phone #:	970-920-3300
Area:	Aspen Core
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	Coming soon
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	Trecento Quindici Decano is the main restaurant in the fabulous St. Regis Aspen Resort. With incredible views overlooking the St. Regis Aspen courtyard, as well as Aspen Mountain, Trecento satisfies in every way, offering extraordinary contemporary Italian cuisines guaranteed to please food-lovers of all ages. Executive Chef Samir Roonwal mixes bold flavors with traditional cuisine using handmade pastas and pizzas to create an epicurean experience beyond expectation. With a welcoming atmosphere, Trecento brings a homey, yet upscale dining experience with exemplary service to any affair.
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Restaurant name	Venga Venga Cantina & Tequila Bar
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Modern Mexican
Open:	Daily: L, D
Website:	richardsandoval.com/vengavenga/
Address:	105 Daly Lane Snowmass Village, 81615
Phone #:	970-923-7777
Area:	Snowmass Mall
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	Yes, Saturday & Sunday
Location:	Snowmass
Restaurant Description:	Panoramic views, a vibrant atmosphere, authentic cuisine and with over 75 different tequilas to choose from, there's no wonder why Venga Venga Cantina and Tequila Bar has received so much press. Famed, globetrotting chef-owner Richard Sandoval was instilled with a passion for the cuisine of his heritage. His approach to cooking is simple and embedded in his mantra, "Old ways, new hands". With interpretations on traditional dishes and adding an innovative twist, this modern Mexican-style cuisine is a popular destination. Enjoy bottomless Bloody Marys, mimosas or house margaritas for \$15.99 for two hours! Located at the end of the Snowmass Village Mall, there is no better place to bask in the afternoon sun with afresh margarita in hand and dine on authentic Mexican fare. This is the best Tex Mex food you will find in the Valley.

Restaurant name	Viceroy Snowmass: Eight K
Pig #	5

Cuisine:	American; Contemporary Global
Open:	B-L-D: Daily
Website:	viceroyssnowmass.com
Address:	130 Wood Road Snowmass Village, CO 81615
Phone #:	970-923-8008
Area:	Snowmass Base Village
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	Yes
Location:	Snowmass
Restaurant Description:	<p>Viceroy Snowmass, the uber-hip, luxury ski resort located in the Base Village development in Snowmass, features two favorite restaurants: Eight K and Nest Public House, along with poolside dining.</p> <p>Eight K – arguably the sexiest room in Snowmass has an ambience that is warm, friendly and cutting-edge with a contemporary feel. The menu features options utilizing local farms' products like the flatbread sandwiches with selections like heirloom tomato, wild mushroom with balsamic onion, fontina, pea shoots, truffle oil and duck confit with caramelized shallots, roasted red grapes, wild arugula and saba. Unique and interesting Dubbed “high mountain cuisine with southern roots” – by far, the most popular menu items include Thai style tender pork ribs, BBQ shrimp and grits, blackened Hamachi crudo for starters, and popular main dishes include The Truffle Burger, prosciutto wrapped elk loin, and gnocchi with chanterelles. Don't miss the Lagniappe (“a little something extra”) sides. Anything on the menu with a Louisiana twist created by Cajun Chef Will Dolan is sure to be a winning choice.</p>

Restaurant name	Victoria's
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Aussie- American breakfast and lunch
Open:	Daily: B-L
Website:	aspensespresso.com
Address:	510 E. Durant, Aspen, CO 81611
Phone #:	(970) 920-3001

Area:	Durant Street – Aspen Core
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	No
Brunch:	Yes
Location:	Aspen
Restaurant Description:	A true “Aussie brekkie” experience with a nod to European heritage, Victoria’s is hands down the best place to find a flat white, latte or Match Green Tea in Aspen. Sausage rolls, muffin tops and homemade yogurt are the way to go in the morning before hitting the slopes in the winter or for dining in on the patio, lounging in the summer sun. Curries, sandwiches AKA “sangas” and the ‘wine/spirits bar’ gets going in the afternoon and early evening. Drop into this cool café for a (caramel) slice of Aspen life, Aussie-style!

Restaurant name	Village Smithy
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Casual American
Open:	B, L: Daily D: Wed-Sun
Website:	villagesmithyrestaurant.com
Address:	26 South Third Street Carbondale, CO 81623
Phone #:	970-963-9990
Area:	Main Street Carbondale
Price:	\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	No
Brunch:	Yes
Location:	Carbondale

Restaurant Description:	<p>Back in the seventies this mom and pop team turned a charming 'black smith' building into a community restaurant. In 2009 their son and a partner took over and continued the tradition that is now Carbondale's gathering place and a true icon with an eclectic and enthusiastic environment. The Smithy's exceptionally friendly wait staff is documented by an old sign in the restaurant say is all: "We reserve the right to serve everyone." The popular breakfast eatery runs the gamut familiar favorite breakfast dishes, like the blueberry cornmeal pancakes to the delightfully unexpected such as our Fresh Spinach and Wild Mushroom omelette. Village Smithy is everyone's choice for the best breakfasts available in the region. Their popular breakfast dishes run the gamut from familiar favorites to the delightfully unexpected such as Santiago skillet, a bed of hash browns with grilled chicken, mild green chilies, black beans, corn, jack cheese and two eggs and cheese blintzes filled with cottage cheese, cream cheese and sour cream topped with fresh fruit. Around lunchtime, there is a fine selection of entree salads, sandwiches, burgers, and Mexican dishes. The Asian Chicken Salad with its homemade Tamari dressing has been a local's favorite for years. The large open air deck, surrounded by gardens, will make it hard for you to leave. Feel free to let your kids run wild on the lawn while you sit back, relax and enjoy an authentic, small town dining treat. The food is delicious and the wait-staff is exceptionally friendly. An old sign in the restaurant says it all: "We reserve the right to serve everyone."</p>
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Restaurant name	Whitehouse Tavern
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	American
Open:	D: Daily
Website:	hillstone.com/whitehousetavern
Address:	302 East Hopkins Avenue Aspen, Colorado 81611
Phone #:	970-925-1007
Area:	Hopkins Street – Restaurant Row
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	No
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	The White House Tavern resides in the historic A.G. Sheppard House on Restaurant Row in Aspen. The house was built in 1883 on a lot purchased from Isaac Cooper for \$300. It served as a miner's cottage at the turn of the century and it remains one of the oldest structures in Aspen. Though it is run by the Hillstone and Houston's' chain of restaurants, the White House Tavern does not feel like a chain at all. Whitehouse offers a tasty selection of appetizers, salads and sandwiches along with distinctive wines, beers, and cocktails with great service - which is hard to find in this town with high turnover. Favorites include the crispy chicken and the fish sandwiches. Their kale salad with crushed peanuts is a big hit as well. Go for the lively and convivial atmosphere with an exposed kitchen and interesting artworks set in a cozy, wood paneled interior. Due to the intimate size and casual nature - they do not accept reservations, nor do they serve desserts. Bar seating is always available on a first-come first-served basis. This is a fun place to hang out in Aspen!
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Restaurant name	Wild Fig
Pig #	3
Cuisine:	Italian, Mediterranean
Open:	D: Daily
Website:	thewildfig.com
Address:	315 E. Hyman Aspen, 81611
Phone #:	970-925-5160
Area:	3rd & Hyman
Price:	\$\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	No
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	<p>The first restaurant of the Cordts-Pearce Aspen restaurateur empire is the lovely, Mediterranean influences, Wild Fig. A quaint, well-lit spot right in the heart of town, this gem is very small, with a few seats inside and a few seats outside. The atmosphere is casual, with lots of glass, an engaging bar for gathering or dining, and a charm that makes everyone feel at home instantly. The white French subway tiled walls and warm burgundy red banquetts add to the Mediterranean, brasserie-type feel. The patio adds additional seating (weather permitting, though there are heaters.) The delicious bread is served in napkins, and the wine list is fantastic with many offerings by the glass or bottle at reasonable prices. The cuisine is Mediterranean, covering Greece, Morocco, Italy, France—or whatever suits the chef's whim of the day. Start with French onion or mushroom soup, baba ghanoush or falafel, or a spinach and feta pie with tzatziki sauce. Terrific flavors leave your taste buds begging for more. Try the daily “fish in a bag” for a seafood dining adventure! Life gets even better if you order the chocolate soufflé or beignets for dessert. The coffee arrives in a French press, which makes the experience so European and special. By Aspen standards, Wild Fig is very affordable; by any standard, this is a restaurant where you want to be. The Mediterranean platter and a bottle of wine and one would be content any night of the week.</p>
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Restaurant name	Woody Creek Tavern
Pig #	5
Cuisine:	American
Open:	L-D: Daily
Website:	N/A
Address:	#2 Woody Creek Plaza Woody Creek, 81656
Phone #:	970-923-4585
Area:	7 miles west of Aspen
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	No
Brunch:	No
Location:	

Restaurant Description:	This laid-back hangout with colorful scenery is the perfect spot to enjoy a fresh lime margarita, kick up your heels and have a good time. Located on the outskirts of Aspen, locals and part-time Aspenites swear by the Mexican specials, like the chicken Estofado served twice a week, the enchiladas, the fish tacos and the guacamole and homemade tortilla chips. The BLT aims to please and does not skimp on the bacon. The locally raised Limousin burgers are tops in town, and more than one has connived, unsuccessfully, to get the recipe for the WCT signature salad dressing. There can be a wait to dine at this distinguished dive, which boasts a menu of sandwiches, Mexican food, soups, salads and appetizers. Bike here in the summer and hang for hours on the sunny patio! Belly up at the bar and you are sure to hear a good yarn or two from the staff or local dwellers, also called "Woody Creatures." Take in the atmosphere by checking out the zillions of photos, mementos and unique artwork that plaster the walls and ceilings. It is no wonder that ranchers, city folk and Hunter S. Thompson pick this spot to refuel and whet their whistle— it has zest, color and delightfully good food.
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Restaurant name	Zocalito
Pig #	4
Cuisine:	Latin America, Spanish, Mexican
Open:	D: Daily
Website:	zocalito.com
Address:	420 E. Hyman Ave. Aspen, CO 81611
Phone #:	970-920-1991
Area:	Hyman Street Mall
Price:	\$\$
Patio:	Yes
Reservations:	Yes
Brunch:	No
Location:	Aspen

Restaurant Description:	<p>This unique, colorful, friendly restaurant is the closest thing you'll get to authentic, traditional Mexican cuisine in Colorado. Start off at the bar and enjoy some amazing queso with chorizo and homemade tortilla chips to go along with a refreshing and tasty mojito, which is made right in front of you with locally grown mint and mashed with fresh lime juice, cane sugar, Appleton's rum and soda. The margaritas are made fresh with lime juice for that sweet taste of Mexico you can only find south of the border. Owner-Chef Michael Beary makes incredibly tasty carnitas, chili rellenos, grilled vegetable chayote and black bean sopes which are thick tortillas topped with black beans, cheese and pork loin that hit the spot for flavors and fun. Several times a year, Beary flies down to Mexico to dig up exotic ingredients like dried chilies from Oaxaca and other specialties like Chapulines (grasshoppers) for us to enjoy locally. Zocalito is the only importer in the U.S. of seven different rare chiles from Oaxaca that are essential to making moles the right way! You will find a variety of different moles, some that you have never even heard of or tasted before. All of the wines in the restaurant are either from Spain or Central America. Come inside and try this little slice of Mexico hidden below the streets of Aspen.</p>
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