Discover the city’s best independent and globally inspired restaurants, bars, and markets.

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Welcome to Aurora, one of Colorado’s most culturally diverse cities, where over 160 foreign languages fill the air! This vibrant mix of language and culture is reflected in our food scene, boasting nearly 450 authentic specialty restaurants and markets. Plus, we’re home to many Colorado-born chains and national and global favorites that picked Aurora as their one-and-only Centennial State spot. Ready to eat and drink like a local? Use this guide to dive into a world of flavors.

“Aurora is the destination in Colorado for authentic cuisine. Our city is home to hundreds of global markets and award-winning local ethnic and independent eateries and breweries. For decades, we’ve been showcasing Aurora’s rich diversity that has brought intriguing flavors, smells and recipes from around our nation and the world. And for almost as long, we have been highlighting these culinary treats through this food guide. We hope you brought your appetite - let our dining scene transport you through your tastebuds!”

Mayor Mike Coffman

Price Key
(average entree)
$  -  $10 or less
$$ - $11-$15
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Ethiopian •••

**COZY CAFÉ**
350 Havana St.
303.997.9885
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$-$$$
North Central
Traditional Ethiopian fare like tibs and firfir (shredded flatbread with berbere seasoning) is the draw at this strip mall spot, which also has a popular veggie combo for the non meat eaters.

**EATOPIA**
1030 Havana St.
303.360.7372
eatopia.wix.com/chef-seble
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
Chef Seble shares the warmth and hospitality of Ethiopian cuisine all day long. In the a.m., opt for kinche (oatmeal seasoned with Ethiopian spice and butter). For lunch, try the beef-based house specialty, kitfo.

**FIDEL EAST AFRICAN RESTAURANT**
1074 S. Ironton St.
720.476.3027
Lunch, Dinner
$$
North Central
Go hungry to this Ethiopian spot, which doubles as a bar with a large selection of African beers. Rip off a piece of the spongy injera and dig in.

**GEEZ HABESHA RESTAURANT & BAR**
262 Havana St.
720.596.4809
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
North Central
Ethiopian lovers will find a lot to love at Geez Habesha, from the meaty tibs to dulet (minced beef with spiced butter, garlic, ginger and jalapenos) to homemade spaghetti and meat sauce.

**HIRA CAFE & PATISSERIE**
10782 E. Iliff Ave.
720.949.1703
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$
Southwest
Though it is open into the evening, HiRa is focused on morning eats. Pair your organic Ethiopian coffee with scratch-made pastries and Ethiopian breakfast plates from pastry chef-owner Hiwot Solomon, who also crafts exquisite custom cakes.
LANGANO ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT
10180 E. Colfax Ave., Ste. 116
303.842.8748
langano-restaurant.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$-$ $$
Mango House - Northwest
Named after Ethiopia’s Lake Langano, this spot is perfect for Ethiopian food die-hards and first-timers alike. They serve greatest hits like lamb tibs, chicken curry and doro wat (spicy chicken stew).

NILE ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT
1951 S. Havana St.
720.748.0239
Lunch, Dinner
$
Southwest
Every visit here requires an order of Ethiopian coffee and spongy injera (a traditional flatbread). You’ll use the latter to scoop up delicious bites, from beef simmered with berbere to the vegetarian combo plate.

SWEETPEPPER KITCHEN
15353 E. Sixth Ave.
720.678.5523
sweetpepperkitchen.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$-$ $$
Northeast
Shade Adebayo’s moin-moin (Nigerian spiced bean pudding) got so popular that she had to open a food truck to feed her fans. Now she’s added jollof rice, yam porridge, lots of meats and more to the roster.

IFKA CAFÉ
1535 S. Havana St., Unit M
303.745.3770
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$
Southwest
Traditional Somali cuisine is on the menu here, from chicken shawarma to roasted goat with rice to cambuulo (red beans and corn) to malawah (a sweet pancake).
Sudanese •••

SUDAN CAFÉ
10375 E. Iliff Ave
303.337.7409
Breakfast, Lunch
$
Southwest
The go-to order at this Sudanese eatery is ful, a traditional fava bean-based dish with eggs. Ask your dining companion to order the shakshuka (poached eggs in a red sauce), so you can steal a bite.

SUDAN CAFE & KHAIRAT INJERA BAKERY
10375 E. Iliff Ave.
303.337.7409
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$-$
Southwest
Ful (stewed, spiced fava beans) is the specialty at this Sudanese/Ethiopian restaurant, but coffee lovers will want to try their coffee service, poured from tiny metal pots.

West African •••

AKWABA RESTAURANT
16251 E. Colfax Ave.
720.467.2329
akwabarestaurant.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Northeast
This welcoming, family owned restaurant packs big flavors into West African dishes like peanut butter stew, Ivorian gumbo and yassa fish. Friendly staff help newcomers navigate the lengthy menu.

HOME STYLE FOODS COLORADO
12028 E. Mississippi Ave., F2
303.306.8614
Lunch, Dinner
$$-$ $$$
Southwest
Comfort food is what this little restaurant does best, serving up soul-warming West African dishes that change by the day. Portions are large, so you may want to share.
INGREDIENT TO KNOW:

BERBERE

Every culture uses its own unique blends of spices and herbs—combinations that immediately tell your palate where in the world it is. In Ethiopia, that one-of-a-kind flavor comes from berbere. The versatile spice blend is composed primarily of chiles, ginger, fenugreek, allspice, cinnamon, coriander, cardamom, cumin, cloves, and peppercorns. It's often used to marinate meat and flavor stews (including doro wat, Ethiopia's national dish) or sprinkled on top of fruit. Make your own at home or find it at Megenagna Grocery and Restaurant or online at the Spice Guy.

Find a list of Aurora's independent Ethiopian restaurants on page 80.
Stanley Marketplace - Northwest
Elevated, scratch-made American cuisine is the focus at this celebrated eatery (chef-owner Caroline Glover now a James Beard award winner and named one of the 10 best new chefs in the country by Food & Wine). The menu rolls with the seasons, and many of the shareable plates are kissed by the wood-fire oven.

ARAPAHOE SPRINGS BAR & GRILL
6700 N. Gaylord Rockies Blvd.
720.452.6900
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center - Northeast
This hotel poolside restaurant serves up burgers, sandwiches and salads, not to mention giant frozen drinks and beers for your al fresco sipping.

AURORA EATERY
14200 E. Alameda Ave.
auroraeatery.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Town Center at Aurora - North Central
Within this collection of more than a dozen virtual kitchens (takeout-and delivery-only spaces), taste global dishes like Momo Dumplings’ traditional Nepalese-style pockets and Lechonera La Familia’s Puerto Rican street food.

BOREALIS
13200 E. 14th Place
303.365.1234
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Northwest
This hotel restaurant inside the Hyatt Regency offers comfort food classics with a twist. Think: Beef stroganoff but make it a casserole, or meatloaf but made with wild game.

CARM & GIA METROPOLITAN
9598 E. Montview Blvd.
303.747.4008
carmandgiometropolitan.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
Combining Den-Mex flavors and Chicago street food, the cozy Carm & Gia is where you go when you want a really good burger (there are more than 20 options), burrito or char-grilled sausage. Nab a spot on the massive patio.
CHESTER’S PHILLY GRILL
2195 S. Chambers Road
303.338.0690
Lunch, Dinner
$
Southwest
Fill up on 8- or 12-inch takes on the Philly cheesesteak. Sure, you can go the classic route, or you can opt for one with jalapeños, mushrooms, or even marinara sauce. Fries, wings, and salads are available too.

DENVER BISCUIT COMPANY
2501 Dallas St.
303.377.7900
denbisco.com
Breakfast, Lunch
$$
Stanley Marketplace - Northwest
Find a dozen creative takes on the biscuit sandwich, like the Winona with buttermilk fried chicken and cheese or the breakfast-focused Tomahawk with sausage and egg. There’s a small bar, too.

DOZENS RESTAURANT
2180 S. Havana St.
303.337.6627
dozensaurora.com
Breakfast, Lunch
$$
Southwest
This long-standing breakfast and lunch spot is certain to have whatever you’re craving on the menu. Pastries—including the famous cinnamon roll—are baked fresh daily, and the pork green chili is always a hit.

ETAI’S GREEN HOUSE
12501 E. 17th Ave., Unit E
720.592.9825
etaisgreenhouse.com
Breakfast, Lunch
$$
Anschutz Medical Campus - Northwest
Get your day started on a healthy note with build-your-own breakfast bowls and burritos. (There are freshbaked pastries and coffee too.) Salads, wraps, and grain bowls comprise the lunchtime lineup at this quick-service eatery.

FIRE + SPICE
16455 E. 40th Circle
303.371.4333
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northeast
This sleek spot inside the Denver Airport Marriott is worth a stop for the Colorado beers, but it’ll also quench your cravings for a burger or cheesesteak.

THE FRENCH PRESS CAFÉ AND BAKERY
15290 E. Iliff Ave.
303.369.3111
myfrenchpress.com
Breakfast, Lunch
$$
Southwest
Wake up with coffee drinks made with beans from Denver’s own Pablo’s Coffee. In the morning, dig into the lox Benedict, seasonal French toast, or a reliable breakfast burrito. The turkey melt is a customer favorite on the equally expansive lunch menu.
GOLDEN FLAME HOT WINGS
18757 E. Hampden Ave., Unit 156
303.690.1171
gfhwings.com
Lunch, Dinner
$
South Central
Stock up for game day with bone-in or boneless chicken wings tossed in your choice of 18 sauces, plus a variety of specialty fries, fried appetizers, and family-size meal combos. There’s also a full bar and an outdoor patio.

JUS GRILL
17200 E Iliff Ave Ste 100
720.513.2979
jusgrillauroraco.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$
South Central
Jus Grill serves traditional American fusion food and there is no lack menu items to choose from. This family-friendly restaurant offers everything from Cajun catfish to Tex Mex.

LOADED FRY EMPORIUM
14200 E. Alameda Ave.
720.654.7735
loadedfryemporium.com
Lunch, Dinner
$
North Central
Sure, they have the more typical burgers and chicken sandwiches, but you’re there for the fries topped with shrimp scampi, buffalo chicken and surf and turf. Because life is too short not to overload your fries.

LUCKY BIRD
14515 E. Alameda Ave., Unit A
parkside-eatery.com/theluckybird
Lunch, Dinner
$
North Central
Chicken tenders lovers, unite! This spot focuses on hand-breaded bird, serving a menu of fried chicken sandwiches, salads, tenders and sweet potato waffle fries.

NGL BURGERS
382 S. Chambers Road
303.752.2521
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$
North Central
Don’t be misled by the name: This family-owned spot is more than big burgers at an affordable price. You’ll also find a lineup of Mexican bites, such as a breakfast burrito and carne asada plate.

OLD HICKORY STEAKHOUSE
6700 N. Gaylord Rockies Blvd.
720.574.1476
Dinner
$$$$
Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center - Northeast
Sometimes you just need a big hunk of beef. Or a seafood tower full of king crab legs, shrimp, oysters and lobster. This steakhouse is the place to feast on both surf and turf.

PARKWAY BAR & GRILL
22775 E. Aurora Parkway
303.693.6200
parkwaybarandgrill.com
Breakfast (weekends), Lunch, Dinner
$$$$
Southeast
When you’re finished with your pick from the global menu at this family-owned eatery (think: Cobb salad, St. Louis ribs, fish and chips, pork carnitas), burn off the calories with a round of pool or shuffleboard.

ROSENBERG’S BAGELS & DELICATESSEN
2501 Dallas St.
303.955.0466
rosenbergsbagels.com/stanley
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$
Stanley Marketplace - Northwest
New York-style bagel sandwiches for breakfast and lunch. Pizzas and Italian sandwiches at night.
ROSIE’S DINER
14061 E. Iliff Ave.
303.752.3663
rosiesdiner.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
Groove to old-school tunes (there are jukeboxes at each table) over an all-day menu of classic diner food at this 1950s-inspired eatery. Did we mention there are more than a dozen milkshake flavors?

STANLEY BEER HALL
2501 Dallas St.
720.749.5098
stanleybeerhall.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Stanley Marketplace - Northwest
Find 51 pour-your-own beer taps filled with mostly local brews at this neighborhood hangout. Wash those down with a selection of American pub food (think: burgers, wings, salads). Sit inside or on the open-air, dog-friendly patio, which is heated in the winter.

THE COMMON GOOD
13025 E. Montview Blvd.
720.760.5760
eatatthecommongood.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$$-$$$$
Northwest
This bright, locally sourced restaurant inside the Benson Hotel attracts neighbors and visitors alike. The globetrotting menu takes on everything from burgers to shakshuka to baked rigatoni.

WOODGRAIN BAGEL AND COFFEE
13120 E. 19th Ave.
303.724.2224
woodgrainbagels.com
Breakfast, Lunch
$
Northwest
You know New York-style bagels, but do you know Montreal-style? The sweeter, denser bagels are boiled in honey water and baked in a wood-fired oven for extra crunch. Try one plain or loaded up as a sandwich.

WOOLLEY’S GRILL AND LOUNGE
16450 E. 40th Circle
720.599.3750
woolleyssclassicsuites.com/dining
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$$-$$$$
Northeast
Nibble on wings, a flatbread and other American classics inside Woolley’s Classic Suites, nestled next to a koi pond. You may want to come back for the breakfast buffet, an all-you-can-eat feast of bacon, pastries, pancakes and made-to-order omelets.

HUNGRY WOLF HICKORY SMOKED BBQ
13110 E. Mississippi Ave.
303.750.2344
hungry-wolf-bbq.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
Dig into hickory-smoked meats like ribs, rib tips and pulled pork. For your side, choose between Oklahoma-style collard greens, potato salad and baked beans. Tip: Save room for peach cobbler.
J & T’S FAMILY KITCHEN
14200 E. Alameda Ave., Ste. 1039B
720.325.7917
jtsfamilykitchen.net
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$-$ $$
North Central
The Lone Star State is the inspiration for this family run restaurant, dishing out Texas favorites like brisket sammies, Frito pie, smoked meatloaf and the open-faced cheeseburger topped with Texas chili.

ROLLING SMOKE BAR-B-QUE
2501 Dallas St.
720.573.4142
rollingsmokebbq.co
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Stanley Marketplace - Northwest

SEASONED SWINE BBQ
11601 E. Montview Blvd.
303.954.8701
seasonedswine.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
Owner Jacob Viers’ life was changed when he first tore into a rack of cherry smoked ribs. Bringing that barbecue experience to Aurora, the Seasoned Swine is best known for its meats by the pound and swinewiches.

BACKSTREET TAVERN & GRILL
1150 S. Galena St.
303.745.4003
Lunch, Dinner
$
North Central
Backstreet is first and foremost a bar, with cold beer on tap, pool tables and live sports on the TVs. But there are also three patios and a menu full of American classics, like the staff favorite Reuben sandwich.

BOOKMAKERS BURGERS BOURBON BREWS
25791 E. Smoky Hill Road
303.353.8298
bookmakersbarandgrill.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southeast
With more than 150 bourbons, whiskies, and ryes available—including plenty from local distillers—your drink choice is easy. Now you just need to decide which made-with-COLORADO-beef burger (or sandwich or salad) to pair it with.

CEDAR CREEK PUB
2100 N. Ursula St.
303.537.4124
cedarcreekpub.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Anshutz Medical Campus - Northwest
The rotating beer roster at this American pub is strong with local options, and the full bar includes Colorado wines. The menu is focused on salads, sandwiches and burgers.
FAT BOYS SPORTS BAR & GRILL
10660 E. Alameda Ave.
303.344.1905
fatboysportsbarandgrill.com
Brunch, Lunch, Dinner
$$
South Central
A friendly spot to catch the game, Fat Boys is known for its catfish, burgers, smoked ribs, and pulled pork, wings, and salads—plus sizable portions.

THE FRONTIER CLUB
18881 E. Colfax Ave.
303.367.8637
thefrontierclubaurora.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northeast
With live music on weekends and a handful of pool tables, this place is a hub of activity. Sustenance comes in the form of chicken wings, burgers, sandwiches, Mexican classics, pasta—and a full bar.

HIDEAWAY LOUNGE
2627 S. Parker Road
303.671.4633
Dinner
$
Southwest
At this quintessential sports bar, catch the game while enjoying a pint of beer and a Philly cheesesteak. Or get your own competition going on the pool or foosball tables.

JJ’S PLACE
2340 S. Chambers Road
303.369.1704
jjsplaceaurora.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
South Central
This all-day sports bar has food to match whenever the game is on, from morning omelets to later-in-the-day salads, wings and burgers. Wash your pick down with a well-crafted Moscow mule.

LEGENDS OF AURORA SPORTS GRILL
13690 E. Iliff Ave
303.671.0560
legendsofaurora.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest / Southwest
A locals’ favorite, Legends is a great neighborhood spot to watch a game, play trivia, have a drink and nosh on solid bar food (like award-winning pizzas, wings and salads).

MOUNTAIN PASS SPORTS BAR
6700 N. Gaylord Rockies Blvd.
720.574.1470
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center - Northeast
This sports bar inside the Gaylord serves up standard pub food like burgers, nachos, loaded fries and ribs. Enjoy it all while watching the big game on the bigscreen - they’ve got a 75-foot TV.

OASIS BAR AND GRILL
15064 E. Mississippi Ave.
303.955.7251
oasisgrillaurora.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$-$$$
Southwest
The happy hour at Oasis has to be the longest in town. It stretches from 11 a.m. all the way to 7 p.m., which means even cheaper beers to wash down your burgers and catfish nuggets.

PITCHER’S SPORTS BAR & RESTAURANT
1670 S. Chambers Road
303.751.7115
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
Fun is the theme at Pitcher’s, where seven pool tables await and the karaoke machine runs on Friday and Saturday nights. Hungry? Load up on potato skins, wings, burgers or breakfast all day.
**THE ROCK RESTAURANT & BAR**  
22934 E. Smoky Hill Road  
303.690.7934  
rockrestaurantandbar.com  
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
**Southeast**  
You’ll find a little bit of everything at the Rock, including breakfast until 1 p.m. every day. Sit on the covered outdoor patio and enjoy a hearty sandwich or chile rellenos.

**SCOOTERS SPORTS BAR & GRILL**  
13698 E. Alameda Ave.  
303.366.0019  
scooterssportsbarandgrill.com  
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
**North Central**  
Pair your pint of local beer with one of six burgers, the popular chicken fried steak or a shareable pub appetizer. Breakfast is served until 2 p.m.

**THE ANGRY CLOVER**  
15350 E. Smoky Hill Road  
303.693.4500  
theangryclover.com  
Brunch, Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
**South Central**  
This live music and sports destination offers all the American pub food you’d expect - burgers, wings, tots - plus across-the-pond fare like Irish nachos and corned beef and cabbage.

**THE FAMOUS DOOR BAR & GRILL 2**  
15220 E. Hampden Ave.  
720.870.3236  
Lunch, Dinner  
$  
**South Central**  
Come for the myriad pool tables. Stay for the friendly staff and menu of burgers and shareable appetizers.

**Q’S QUISINE**  
5428 S. Parker Road  
720.476.8127  
qsquisine.net  
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
**South Central**  
It doesn’t get much better than a plate of pulled pork with sides of collard greens and mac and cheese. Unless you cap it off with peach cobbler or banana pudding, that is. You’ll find it all at the family run Q’s.

**SWIRK SOUL FOOD**  
2205 S. Peoria St.  
303.337.0549  
swirksoulfoodtogo.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
**Southwest**  
Soul food classics are on the menu at Swirk: catfish, hot links, ribs (pork or beef) and fried chicken with all the fixings. Don’t overlook the sides, with offerings like fried okra and mac and cheese.

**WALDO’S CHICKEN & BEER**  
24153 E. Prospect Ave.  
303.974.9681  
waldoschicken.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
**South Central**  
Dipped into an overnight pickle brine and dredged in buttermilk and seasoned breading, Waldo’s fried chicken is all crispy, golden goodness. If fried isn’t your thing, they’ve also got rotisserie chicken, southern sides and that namesake beer.
**Burmese •••**

**URBAN BURMA**  
10180 E. Colfax Ave.  
626.628.5430  
urbanburma.co  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
*Mango House* - Northwest  
The first Burmese restaurant in Colorado, Urban Burma has been earning fans since 2019. Everyone comes back for more of the garlicky noodles, rich curries and bright salads, all of which are dished out of their Mango House kitchen.

**Chinese •••**

**AKI ASIAN HOT POT RESTAURANT**  
12303 E. Mississippi Ave., #125  
720.638.3193  
akihotpot.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
*North Central*  
When one bowl just won’t do, head to Aki for endless hot pot. Customize your bowl with tons of seafood, meats and veggies to choose from.

**BIRD’S NEST**  
10605 E. Mississippi Ave.  
917.893.0547  
birdsnestaurora.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$  
*Southwest*  
Honey chicken is a favorite at this affordable by-the-scoop Chinese restaurant. While it might be light on ambiance, it’s definitely heavy on value.

**CHINA CAFE 4**  
16870 E. Iliff Ave.  
303.369.0330  
chinacafe4.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
*South Central*  
Take your pick between the American-style Chinese food menu and the “real” Chinese cuisine options, like the array of pork dumplings, braised meat dishes, and spicy noodles.

**CHINA CHEF**  
636 Peoria St., Suite A  
303.363.7622  
chinachefaurora.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
*Northwest*  
It’s helpful to know what you’re craving when you place an order at takeout-only China Chef, where the menu has entire sections devoted to sweet-and-sour dishes, egg foo young, lo mein, fried rice…and more.

**DILLON’S DUMPLING HOUSE**  
3571 S. Tower Road  
303.862.5728  
dillonsdumplinghouse.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
*Southeast*  
There are 10 types of soup dumplings alone at Dillon’s, so yeah, they kind of know what they’re doing when it comes to folding and pleating. They’ve also got a lengthy list of noodles, ramen and stir-fry.
**FORMOSA GARDEN**  
16645 E. Smoky Hill Road  
303.693.6290  
aurorafosmogarden.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
South Central  
Formosa Garden is mostly known for its Szechuan eats, but you’ll find some Thai influences too. The orange chicken and Cantonese wonton soup are favorites.

**GOLDEN WOK ASIAN RESTAURANT**  
15282 E. Hampden Ave.  
303.766.1489  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
South Central  
A warm, contemporary space to dig into expertly prepared—and easily shareable—Chinese dishes, such as Hunan-style sliced duck, sesame chicken, and hot-and-spicy tofu.

**HUANG’S YA TING**  
15622 E. Sixth Ave.  
303.360.8989  
huangyatingrestaurant.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
North Central  
The menu is long and the service is quick at this family owned operation. Fill up on Chinese plates like sesame chicken, pork lo mein and Mongolian beef.

**KP ASIAN CAFE**  
12201 E. Mississippi Ave., #111  
720.456.7745  
kpasiancafe.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
North Central  
This is one of those barebones, mom-and-pop Chinese restaurants where the menu is full of more choices than you can shake a chopstick at. Start with the eggrolls and explore from there.

**MASON’S DUMPLING SHOP**  
9655 E. Montview Blvd.  
303.600.8998  
masonsduellingshop.com/aurora  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
Northwest  
Whether you order your dumplings steamed, boiled or pan-fried, be assured they were handmade that very morning. Round out your meal with buns and a hot rice or noodle dish.

**NANA’S DIM SUM & DUMPLINGS**  
2495 S. Havana St.  
720.923.6145  
nanasdumplingsaurora.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
Southwest  
Crab rangoons, truffle soup dumplings, bao and fried sesame balls are just some of the dim sum items you’ll want crowding your table. Bonus: You get a show watching staff fold the dumplings.

**NEW CANTON BBQ**  
2751 S. Parker Road  
303.369.7500  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
Southwest  
This is the spot for those seeking bona fide, tasty Chinese barbecue. Expect an array of meats—the roast duck is a hands-down favorite—as well as rice and noodle dishes.
NEW CHINA CITY
10300 E. Colfax Ave.
303.341.0888
Lunch, Dinner
$-$$
Northwest
Everything you’d expect from a classic Chinese takeout spot – kung pao chicken, crab cheese wontons, heaping portions and good prices. Just be sure you get it to-go, as seating is limited.

OLD TOWN HOT POT
2852 S. Havana St.
303.658.0870
oldtownhotpotco.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$$
Southwest
Think of Chinese hot pot as an Asian spin on fondue: You add raw meats, seafood, vegetables, noodles and more into a pot of flavored broth to cook at your table. Old Town offers it as an all-you-can-eat.

TASTY POT
6330 S. Parker Road
720.222.0219
tastypotaurora.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
South Central
This beloved Taiwanese hotpot chain brings ready to eat soups and sizzling skillets to Aurora. Just as popular as the hot dishes might be the full menu of bubble teas and juices.

TEN SECONDS YUNNAN RICE NOODLES
2000 S. Havana St.
720.583.2839
tensecondsyunnanricenoodles.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Southwest
Known as crossing-the-bridge noodles thanks to an ancient tale, this traditional dish originated in the Yunnan province of China. Find about a dozen varieties at this comfortable spot.

TSAI SHEN GARDEN
15200 E. Sixth Ave., Unit 2-E
303.366.8818
Lunch, Dinner
$
Northeast
Tsai Shen Garden is the kind of affordable neighborhood eatery—with quintessential American-Chinese dishes—that families love to frequent.

U&I BBQ KARAOKE BAR
1555 S. Havana St., Unit C
303.750.0059
renjianyanhuoui.com
Dinner
$-$$$$ 
Southwest
Skewer out while singing your heart out at this Chinese barbecue karaoke joint. Eat and drink in the restaurant or in one of the private karaoke rooms, where you can unleash your inner Beyonce until 2 a.m.

VOLCANO TEA HOUSE
2781 S. Parker Road
720.536.5656
onemorenoodle.com
Lunch, Dinner
$
Southwest
Tea—specifically, milk tea in a variety of creative flavors—is the specialty at this pastel-hued cafe. To eat, choose a deep-fried appetizer and one of the hand-pulled noodle soups or entrees.
CHUTNEY INDIAN CUISINE RESTAURANT
2740 S. Havana St., Unit K
303.997.6202
chutneyindiancuisine.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$ Southwestern
All your favorite Indian dishes are on the menu here—curry, tikka masala, saag, vindaloo, the list goes on. You’ll also find a compelling selection of vegetarian options and plenty of appetizers to share.

HALDI INDIAN CUISINE & BAR
24223 E. Prospect Ave.
303.993.6688
haldiindiancuisine.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$ Southeast
Tables at this contemporary Indian restaurant are brimming with samosas, curries, kormas and masalas. While the entrees are great, start with the tomato coconut soup and thank us later.

MASALAA
3140 S. Parker Road, Unit 7 and 8
303.755.6272
Lunch, Dinner
$ Southwest
Expand your Indian cuisine repertoire at this all-vegetarian restaurant. The dosas—pliable-yet-crispy crêpes made from rice and lentils—are abundant.

MOMO DUMPLINGS
14200 E. Alameda Ave., #1039B
303.359.4305
momo-dumplings.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$ North Central
Billed as Colorado’s first Indian fusion dumplings, Momo folds and pleats delicious little bundles filled with shrimp, veggies, pork, lamb and more. Be sure to grab some Himalayan sauce and a strawberry lassi.

MONSOON CUISINE OF INDIA
24107 E. Commons Ave.
303.627.5444
monsoonsouthlands.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$ Southlands - Southeast
At this contemporary Indian eatery, tradition reigns (aka, tandoor-fired meats, curry and vindaloo). But you’ll also find inventive updates, like the baked-to-order, spicy bullet naan.

SMOKY HILL INDIAN RESTAURANT
22942 E. Smoky Hill Road, Unit A
303.627.9679
smokyhillindian.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$ Southeast
At dinnertime, you can choose among classics like paneer tikka masala, butter chicken and lamb vindaloo, but at lunch you don’t have to choose. The buffet lets you try an array of dishes—just make sure you’ve got room for it all.

STAR OF INDIA RESTAURANT
3102 S. Parker Road, Unit A-10
303.755.1921
starofindiadenver.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$ Southwest
Family-owned for more than two decades, this restaurant concentrates on Northern Indian cuisine. The most popular dishes are the masalas and kormas. There’s also a full bar.

TAZ INDIAN RESTAURANT
10731 E. Alameda Ave., Unit G
303.366.3011
tazindianrestaurant.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$ North Central
A cozy eatery focusing on North Indian dishes like curries, masalas and tandoors. Don’t miss out on the homemade momo (Nepali-style dumplings), prayer wheels and decor.
Mochi is kind of indescribable: It’s chewy; it’s sticky; it’s creamy. But what actually is it? Mochi are small, round rice cakes that are made by pounding, molding, and then baking steamed, short-grain sticky rice. They are available in a wide variety of appealing colors and flavors (think: green tea, chocolate, strawberry). The Japanese dish is traditionally a special occasion treat consumed around the new year, but it’s become a year-round offering here in the States where you’ll often find it served as mochi ice cream.

For a list of Aurora’s independent Japanese restaurants, turn to page 20.
Japanese

ASUKA RAMEN & POKE
5580 S. Parker Road
720.542.8888
asukaaurora.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
South Central
A lengthy list of poke bowls and ramen vie for your attention at this cozy counter restaurant serving big portions, but don’t sleep on the boba milk teas, smoothies and juices.

FUYU RAMEN
6180 S. Gun Club Road
303.993.5986
fuyuramenco.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southeast
Be sure to slurp your way through Fuyu’s ramen menu (the spicy Diablo is a favorite), but don’t overlook the Japanese rice bowls. And maybe throw in a boba tea to reward yourself for getting through a Wednesday.

GOKU HIBACHI EXPRESS
14107 E. Colfax Ave.
720.532.1091
gokuhibachiexpress.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$-$$$
Northeast
Hibachi means “fire bowl,” and that’s what you’ll get at Goku, which grills up ribeye, chicken, shrimp and veggies. You can bring the hibachi home, too, with their carryout and delivery options.

HARU SUSHI & POKE
12303 E. Mississippi Ave., Unit 137
303.284.7771
harusushipoke.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$-$$$$ 
North Central
Inside Great Wall Market, Haru offers affordable sushi rolls, poke bowls and musubi. While it’s mostly takeout, there are a few tables if you want to stick around.

HIBACHI GRILL & SUPREME BUFFET
1026 S. Sable Blvd.
303.337.4264
hibachigrillcotogo.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
North Central
Hibachi Grill and Supreme Buffet offers a range of menu items ranging from sushi to traditional hibachi cuisine. Make sure to check out the buffet - its namesake won’t disappoint!
KATSU RAMEN
1930 S. Havana St., Unit 4
303.751.2222
ramendenver.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
Katsu’s chef hails from Osaka, Japan, bringing authenticity—and lots of flavor—to the seven varieties of ramen on the menu.

LEEZAKAYA
2710 S. Havana St.
720.769.6595
leezakaya.com
Dinner
$$-$$$$-$$$$$
Southwest
Leezakaya serves top-notch sushi and noodles in an equally stunning setting. This is the place to go to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or just making it through the week. Sake lovers will find lots to love, including premium bottles.

MISAKI AT STANLEY
2501 Dallas St.
720.400.1212
misakidenver.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Stanley Marketplace - Northwest
Sushi rolls lead the menu at this bustling restaurant, but don’t overlook the variety of other Japanese bites, including karaage (fried chicken) and udon soup.

MT. FUJI SUSHI & HIBACHI
6100 S. Main St., Unit H-101
303.699.9388
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Southlands - Southeast
Satisfy all your Japanese food cravings here, where you can enjoy sushi, classic teriyaki or udon dinners, or a communal, hibachi-style dining experience. Pair your meal with sake.

SAKURA HIBACHI & SUSHI
14045 E. Evans Ave.
303.750.7979
sakuracolorado.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$$
Southwest
At this contemporary Japanese steak house, choose between the hibachi tables or dining room, which has an extensive menu of sushi, ramen, tempura and noodle dishes.

SARKU JAPAN
14200 E. Alameda Ave., #2064A
720.492.1052
sarkujapan.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
North Central
This chain is known for their teriyaki bowls, which are cooked to order in front of you. Based around the quick, fresh lunches that are ubiquitous in Japan, Sarku brings that same style of cooking to the States.
SONODA’S SUSHI
3108 S. Parker Road, D1
303.337.3800
aurorasonodassushi.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$-$$$$
Southwest
Sushi might be in the name, but there’s a lot more going on here than just rolls and sashimi. Feast on udon noodles, teriyaki steak, tempuras and teriyakis, and, yes, the fresh sushi.

SUGAMI HIBACHI EXPRESS
15434 E. Mississippi Ave.
303.745.2935
sugamihibachiexpress.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
It’s hard to tell what people love more here—the huge portions or the great prices. While they have a full Chinese menu as well, the specialty is hibachi, and it’s even better with the house extra yummy sauce.

SUSHI KATSU
2222 S. Havana St., Unit H
303.368.8778
sushikatsudenver.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Southwest
Sushi Katsu is an all-you-can-eat restaurant with 40-plus sushi rolls on the menu, plus pan-fried gyoza, octopus salad, chicken teriyaki and yaki soba.

SUSHI TOTORO
4243 S. Buckley Road
303.766.0045
sushitotoro.net
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Southeast
Cooked or uncooked? That is the question at Sushi Totoro, where the menu includes fried tempura proteins, grilled meats and seafood, nigiri, sashimi and rolls full of fresh fish.
 **Korean •••**

**ANGRY CHICKEN**
1930 S. Havana St., Unit 13
303.353.2680
angrychickenco.com

Lunch, Dinner
$$

Southwest
Satisfy your Korean fried chicken craving. Choose from an array of sauces (spicy soy is popular). Two soups are also available and cooked hot-pot style at the table.

**BONCHON**
6790 S. Cornerstar Way, Unit A
303.731.6866
bonchon.com

Lunch, Dinner
$$

Cornerstar - South Central
There’s serious ASMR going on at Bonchon, where the hand-battered, double fried chicken delivers maximum crunch. Whether you order drums, sticks, wings or boneless, it’s all about that crunch.

**CUPBOP KOREAN BBQ IN A CUP**
13700 E. Colfax Ave.
720.741.2409
cupbop.com

Lunch, Dinner
$$

Northwest
If you like to play with your food, Cupbop is for you. The shakeable Korean BBQ cups, cheesy corn dogs and fish-shaped samanco ice cream are just plain fun. (And a hit on social media.)

**DAE GEE**
1910 S. Havana St., Unit 1
303.873.6800
daee.com

Lunch, Dinner
$$$

Southwest
At this classic Korean barbecue hot spot, cook your own galbee (beef short ribs), bulgogi (marinated chicken, pork or beef) or scallops at the table. Enjoy a plethora of traditional sides.

**DAGIYA**
5612 S. Parker Road
720.630.7713
dagiyaofficial.com

Lunch, Dinner
$$

South Central
Meaning “chicken darling,” Dagiya comes from two locals wanting to bring a Korean chicken shop to Colorado. Besides the fried bird, they also sling street food staples like ddukboeki (rice and fish cakes in a gochujang sauce).
**FUNNY PLUS**
2779 S. Parker Road
303.745.3477
Dinner
$$-$ $$
Southwest
This Korean beer hall and restaurant is a lot of fun. The lively atmosphere and flavor-packed menu full of hibachi, barbecue, fried chicken and other Korean favorites make this a popular night out destination.

**K POCHA**
2648 S. Parker Road, Unit 11
720.328.9328
kpochaco.com
Dinner
$$$
Southwest
After filling up on bulgogi, kimchi pancakes, pork belly skewers and soju, get loud in one of K Pocha’s private karaoke rooms. Open till 2 a.m., this is the spot for late-night cravings.

**KPOT KOREAN BBQ & HOT POT**
14180 E. Ellsworth Ave., Unit B
720.930.9804
thekpot.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$$
North Central
Wear your best stretchy pants for this all-you-can-eat Korean barbecue and/or hot pot restaurant. (Yes, you can do both!) It’s interactive, it’s a ton of food and it’s sure to please everyone with more than 50 items to grill and dip.

**MOOBONGRI SOONDAE**
2787 S. Parker Road
720.696.7188
moobongriusa.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Southwest
One of South Korea’s top food franchises brings the noodle plates, hot pot and soups to Aurora. Entrees come with a variety of banchan (side dishes), so you get to try even more flavors.

**MR. TANG**
2680 S. Havana St., Unit M
303.955.2273
mr-tang.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Southwest
Whether you’re already acquainted with Korean dishes like wang galbi tang (beef short rib soup with noodles) and bibim naeng myeon (spicy cold buckwheat noodles), you’ll feel welcome at this lovely restaurant.

**MYUNGRANG KOREAN HOTDOG AURORA**
2623 S. Parker Road
720.470.4776
myungrangamerica.com
Lunch, Dinner
$
Southwest
Korean hot dogs have been gaining popularity, and this spot gives you all the options. From dipped in Flamin’ Hot Cheeto flakes to rolled and fried with sweet potato cubes to a basic cheesy dog, these rice battered hot dogs are habit forming.
SEOUL KOREAN BBQ & HOT POT
2080 S. Havana St.
303.632.7576
seoulkoreanbbq.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
It may say “BBQ” on the sign, but Seoul diners know that really means grilling—not smoking—your choice of meat or seafood over a cooker set into the table. Also enjoy cook-it-yourself hot pots.

SILLA KOREAN BARBECUE
3005 S. Peoria St.
303.338.5070
sillabbq.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Southwest
Silla specializes in traditional Korean cuisine, including tabletop BBQ, but many diners return for the restaurant’s other regional specialties: hearty soups, pan-fried mackerel and buckwheat noodles.

SONMAT BANCHAN
2000 S. Havana St., #4749
720.840.0362
Lunch, Dinner
$
Southwest
If sides are your favorite part of every meal, then this is the spot for you. Sonmat Banchan specializes in Korean side dishes like noodles, pickled vegetables, pancakes and sushi.

THANK SOOL
2222 S. Havana St.
720.485.3682
thanksool.com
Dinner
$$$
Southwest
Get a taste for Korean nightlife culture at this K-Pub, where you can sip on soju, taste specialties like spicy rice cakes and army stew and bop to K-Pop until 2 a.m.

WOO RI KOREAN RESTAURANT
2648 S. Parker Road, Unit 9
303.974.5425
Lunch, Dinner
$
Southwest
A mom-and-pop spot known for its tofu soup, bibimbap, and bulgogi (marinated and grilled beef or pork).

TOFU STORY
2060 S. Havana St.
303.954.9372
thetofustory.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$–$$$$
Southwest
No surprise, it’s all about the tofu here, and that dedication extends to a unique, in-house tofu program. Taste the difference in dishes like pork soon tofu and mapo tofu, but there are also plenty of options for carnivores, too.
How is it different from American Southern fried chicken?

Unlike the thickly battered American version, authentic KFC (that's Korean fried chicken) isn't brined, has a very thin crust, and is double-fried for extra crispiness. Seasoning happens afterward, sometimes with a sweet garlic-soy glaze or a spicier pepper sauce. Pair your order with pickled radishes and beer or soju. Want to make your own KFC? Head to Midopa Market or Pacific Ocean Marketplace to gather all the necessary ingredients.

Turn to page 23 to find a list of Aurora’s independent Korean restaurants and page 76 for area markets.
BAJEO SEKUWA  
12191 E. Iliff Ave.  
303.593.2775  
bajekosekuwa.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
Southwest  
The vibe is just as good as the food at this Himalayan restaurant. Choose among curries, biryani, momo and tandoori-kissed proteins amidst beautiful copper prayer wheels and decor.

NEPALI SPICE  
10180 E. Colfax Ave., Ste. 115  
720.507.6647  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
Mango House - Northwest  
Find Nepali thali (a feast of rice, dal, saag and other small dishes), noodles, curries and momo at this Mango House stall. Grab a side of chatpate (spicy, tangy puffed rice) with whatever you pick.

BUA TASTY THAI  
950 S. Abilene St.  
720.262.9923  
buathai.mlpo.org  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
Northeast  
This family owned restaurant invites you in with colorful decor and tableware imported straight from Thailand. Taste generations-old recipes throughout the extensive menu of savory soups, customer-favorite drunken noodles, curries, and more.

CHERRY THAI CAFE  
13710 E. Quincy Ave.  
303.693.0825  
cherrythaicafeaurora.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
South Central  
A spacious eatery with a standard lineup of curries, rice noodles, larb and papaya salads, and stir-fries. Save room: Mango sticky rice is on the dessert menu.
PEARL OF SIAM
18660 E. Hampden Ave.
303.617.7408
pearlofsiam.net
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southeast
Pearl of Siam is known for its eight varieties of curry. Tone down the spice with sips of creamy Thai iced tea or bites of house-made coconut ice cream.

REAL THAI MILE HIGH
12201 E. Mississippi Ave., #109
303.975.6417
realthaimilehighaurora.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
North Central
The menu runs deeper than your typical pad thais and curries at this neighborhood Thai restaurant. Try the crispy tamarind duck, whole fried fish or a dish off the street food menu for something different.

SPICY 9THAI
1984 Nome St.
720.693.8972
spicy9thai.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
Spicy 9 Thai is known for its khao mun kai, a dish of steamed chicken, rice and ginger sauce, but there’s a lot to try at this neighborhood takeout spot with a lengthy menu.

THAI FLAVOR RESTAURANT
1014 S. Peoria St.
720.859.7648
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northeast
Fill up on classic Thai dishes—from tom kha soup to robust curries to drunken noodles to sweet sticky rice with mango—at this comfortable eatery.
Vietnamese •••

9 MILE PHO
12211 E. Dartmouth Ave., Ste. 100
720.500.7356
9milepho.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
While the 15 pho options are certainly slurp-worthy, don’t overlook the rest of 9 Mile’s menu, which includes a roster of banh mi, rice and noodle plates and boba-filled milk teas.

DÂN DÃ
9945 E. Colfax Ave.
720.476.7183
dandavn.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Northwest
From the daughters of longtime restaurant favorite New Saigon’s owners, Dân Dã does Vietnamese comfort food with a modern twist. Don’t miss the DIY rice paper rolls.

GOLDEN BANH MI
2648 S. Parker Road, #1
303.993.3693
goldenbanhmi.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
They do one thing at Golden Banh Mi, and they do it really, really well. Their Vietnamese sandwiches rank up there with the best in town, filled with crispy pork belly, lemongrass tofu, tempura shrimp and other top-notch ingredients.

GOLDEN SAIGON VIETNAMESE GRILL
2648 S. Parker Road, Unit 2
303.671.7100
goldensaigon.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
The yellow coconut curry is what brings most diners in the door. But they stick around for create-your-own spring rolls, warm bowls of pho, Vietnamese iced coffee, and a surprising number of pan-Asian dishes.

MR. PHO
2719 S. Parker Road
303.750.3007
mrphoco.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
This Vietnamese noodle house serves the ingredient two ways: in pho and in noodle bowls. The familiar menu also lists steamed rice plates, Vietnamese egg rolls and boba.

PARIS BANH MI CAFE & BAKERY
475 Sable Blvd.
720.361.2531
parisbanhmi.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$--$$
North Central
You’ll need multiple visits to fully explore all the sandwiches, corn dogs and huge range of sweets at Paris Banh Mi. They also make tasty Vietnamese coffees and teas.
South Central
It’s like a greatest hits of Vietnamese favorites here, where you can pick from a bowl of pho, a loaded banh mi, a fried rice plate or a vermicelli noodle bowl. They also pour boba teas and Vietnamese coffees.

PHO 777
562 S. Chambers Road
303.369.2220
pho777au.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
North Central
Whether you’re Team Winter or Team Summer for when you prefer your steaming bowls of pho, this is the spot for giant bowls of the noodle soup. Grab a pickled lime lemonade for something different to drink.

PHO 888
539 Sable Blvd.
303.367.4180
pho888aurora.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
North Central
Families love this spot for the huge portions of grilled meat-topped noodle and rice bowls, the loads of pho options and rice paper—wrapped spring rolls. If you need a buzz, order an iced Vietnamese coffee - but don’t say we didn’t warn you.

PHO 90 SOUTHLANDS
23955 E. Plaza Ave., Unit G-115 and 117
303.627.5718
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southlands - Southeast
This Vietnamese eatery features pho and plenty of meats accompanied by noodle options like vermicelli, udon and lo mein, plus a variety of vegetarian choices.

PHO 99
1080 S. Havana St.
303.344.0752
pho99aurora.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
North Central
Local family run chain of sit-down soup shops serving the signature pho and Vietnamese specials. “Every dish achieves that elusive, balance of sweet, salty, and sour — even Boba drinks.”

PHO DUY VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT
680 Peoria St.
303.367.9884
phoduyaurora.wixsite.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
A longtime pho favorite in the 303, the Aurora outpost of Pho Duy has everything the mini chain is known for - delicious, soul-warming bowls of soup in a sparse but friendly setting.
PHO KIM
12203 E. Iliff Ave., Unit H
303.481.8020
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
The dozen-plus varieties of pho served here are all built around house-made broth. Or try the vermicelli noodle plates and rice bowls.

PHO PEORIA
1695 Peoria St.
303.360.6688
phopeoria.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
This spot has been feeding Aurora since the ’90s, so yes, they definitely know their way around noodle soups. The broth takes 12 hours to simmer its way to perfection and is served with all the fresh fixings.

PHO VY
6770 S. Cornerstar Way
303.699.1668
phovyrestaurant.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
South Central
Besides all the typical meaty phos - like rare steak, brisket and chicken—Pho Vy offers vegetarian pho with tofu and veggies. Cool things down with a fruit smoothie or boba tea.

SAIGON BISTRO
12303 E. Mississippi Ave., Ste. 145
303.745.1637
saigonbistro.co
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
North Central
Go beyond the world of pho here - although they have that, too - with a menu bursting with Vietnamese specialties. Try the whole fried fish with mango papaya salad, or maybe Dungeness crab stir fried with tamarind sauce.

TOP PHO
11697 E. Colfax Ave.
303.341.0566
topphoaurora.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
Top Pho is known for its homestyle pho soup, fresh spring rolls, noodle bowls and—to drink—an extensive menu of boba shakes in creative flavors.
Asian Fusion

**BANGKOK TOKYO ASIAN FUSION**
6020 S. Gun Club Road, Unit E5
303.627.6328
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southeast
Welcome to a greatest hits lineup of Thai, Japanese, and a hint of Chinese cookery. There are bento boxes, sushi, curries, teriyaki, and so much more. Pair your order with boba, a popular tea drink available in more than 20 flavors.

**CHI LIN ASIAN EATERY**
2501 Dallas St.
720.288.0011
chilindenver.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Stanley Marketplace - Northwest
Enjoy Chinese and Japanese dishes—from egg drop soup to house-made dim sum dumplings to ramen to boba tea—in a lively, brightly decorated space.

**CHOWSUN**
830 S. Buckley Road
720.410.2135
chowsunaurora.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$-$$$
North Central
ChowSun specializes in both Filipino and Thai food, which means you can combine your lumpia and pork adobo with drunken noodles and pad kra pow.

**DATING YUMY CHINESE RESTAURANT & SUSHI CAKE**
12203 E. Iliif Ave., Unit D
303.755.8518
datingyumyco.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
You’d be forgiven if you didn’t make it past the dumplings section of this Chinese/Japanese restaurant where the pork soup dumplings are among the very best in town.

**DRAGON BOAT**
13697 E. Iliif Ave., Unit 10
303.752.1050
dragonboataurora.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
This strip mall restaurant covers a lot of bases. With a menu full of Chinese, Japanese and Thai favorites, it’s a crowd pleaser for all sorts of taste buds.

**EAST CHINA ASIAN CUISINE**
15510 E. Centretech Parkway
303.363.6689
eastchinaaurora.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
North Central
East China serves the best of Chinese, Thai, and Vietnamese cuisine. That means you can enjoy pad Thai while your dining date digs into a plate of kung pao chicken. Opt for a Thai iced tea or something stronger from the bar.
EGG ROLL KING EAST
4217 S. Buckley Road
303.699.2880
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southeast
Regulars appreciate the generous portions of Thai, Chinese, and Vietnamese dishes—and, of course, the namesake egg rolls, which are filled with either pork or vegetables. The beverage roster includes Thai iced tea and Vietnamese coffee as well as beer and wine.

FORTUNE KITCHEN
12120 E. Mississippi Ave.
303.369.2675
fortunekitchenonline.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
You can’t dine in, but you can carry out Asian cuisine mainstays, such as beef and broccoli, Mongolian pork, and lo mein. The menu also features an excellent selection of vegetarian dishes.

GOLDEN SKY SUSHI
10180 E. Colfax Ave.
720.628.3255
Lunch, Dinner
$
Mango House - Northwest
There are more than a dozen pupusa options here—from stuffing the griddled corn cakes with chicken and cheese to chicharron. They also do Salvadoran breakfasts in the morning.
HONEY BEE ASIAN BISTRO
18541 E. Hampden Ave., Suite 126
303.400.6117
honeybeasianbistro.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
South Central
Dine in, take out or have your meal delivered at this neighborhood Asian restaurant. The food lineup spans from classic Chinese dishes to Korean noodle bowls to Thai curries.

LITTLE PANDA
18121 E. Hampden Ave.
303.766.7783
auroralittlepanda.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
South Central
It’s takeout only at this Asian eatery, where the menu includes a broad mix of favorites, from miso soup to sweet and sour shrimp to udon noodles.

NEW NAGOYA
10761 E. Alameda Ave., Unit B
720.277.3539
nagoyahibachiexpressco.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
North Central
This Chinese-Japanese hybrid restaurant is known for its well-priced house hibachi specials, but real fans know to start with the chicken wings. The space is fairly bare-bones, so it’s popular for takeout.

P & Y CAFE ASIAN BISTRO
2769 S. Parker Road
303.369.7147
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Southwest
Find Korean takes on Chinese food at this longtime restaurant, which is probably best known for its jajangmyeon, a noodle dish topped with protein and black bean sauce.
**PAIK’S NOODLE AURORA**  
12101 E. Iliff Ave., Ste. K  
303.284.7176  
paiksnoodleaurora.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$-$$$  
Southwest  
Mapo tofu rice and Jajangmyeon (noodles with black bean sauce) are the house specialties at this Korean-Chinese restaurant. Start with the Hong Kong wings and be prepared to take home leftovers—portions here are big.

**POKE-MEN**  
23955 E. Plaza Ave., Unit G-103  
720.274.5700  
poke-men.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
Southlands - Southeast  
Refuel from shopping with build-your-own poke bowls and belly-warming ramen. Looking for something light and refreshing? Opt for boba tea or taiyaki ice cream. Located at Southlands.

**POKECITY CORNERSTAR**  
6750 S. Cornerstar Way  
720.524.4111  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
Cornerstar - South Central  
Indulge in fresh, vibrant poke bowls at Poke City Cornerstar, where you can customize your meal with sashimi-grade fish, premium proteins, and colorful toppings. (Don’t miss the spicy mayo tuna!) Enjoy a quick lunch or relaxed dinner, with online ordering available.

**THE PORKLET**  
12201 E. Mississippi Ave., Unit 123B  
303.364.1287  
theporklet.co  
haldiindiancuisine.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$$$  
Southeast  
Order at the counter at this casual Japanese-Korean fusion spot, where the go-to meal is a crispy-skinned pork or chicken cutlet served with soup, macaroni salad and a twirl of cabbage.

**SAIGON TOKYO ASIAN FUSION**  
700 S. Buckley Road, Units E & F  
303.671.8888  
saigontokyo.net  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
North Central  
Can’t decide between sushi, pho and lo mein? Head to Saigon Tokyo’s lantern-lit space.

**SPICY CHILI & PHO**  
1722 S. Chambers Road  
720.744.6084  
spicychilipho.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
Southwest  
A mix of Chinese, pho and Thai, the menu here is probably even longer than you’d expect. Lunch specials are a good deal and delivery is always speedy.

**YONGGUNG**  
2040 S. Havana St.  
720.748.3003  
yaurora.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$$$  
Southwest  
A fusion of Korean and Chinese cuisines, Yonggung is known for its noodles—specifically ja jang myeon (black bean sauce noodles), and jjam bong (spicy seafood noodle soup).
You can pick up many of these ingredients at Arash International Market or World Food Bazaar. Then, you marinate the chicken; cook it in a pot with the onion, tomatoes, and more spices; and let the sauce simmer and thicken. Scoop it over rice, and it’s time to eat.

Not in a cooking mood? Turn to page 82 to find a list of Aurora’s independent Indian restaurants.
**Bars, Breweries & Tasting Rooms**

**BENT BARLEY BREWING COMPANY**
6200 S. Main St., #110
303.627.5799
bentbarley.com
Daily
$
Southlands - Southeast
After a day of shopping, sip on a refreshing brew or a nonalcoholic beverage at this award-winning brewery with patio.

**A BIT TWISTED BREWPUB AND BBQ**
3095 S. Peoria St.
720.350.4905
twistedbrewpub.com
Daily
$
Southwest
If you love Central Texas-style barbecue and Colorado craft brews, this is your place.

**CHELUNA BREWING**
2501 Dallas St.
720.600.0020
cheluna.com
Daily
$
Stanley Marketplace - Northwest
Colorado’s first Latin-owned Mexican craft brewery serves a wide array of chelas (that’s slang for “beer”).

**DAINTY’S COCKTAIL AND SMOKE LOUNGE**
2295 S. Chambers Road
303.337.6242
daintyslounge.com
Lunch, Dinner
$
Southwest
First and foremost this is a cigar and hookah bar, but you’ll also find Rocky Mountain pizza and a full bar to wash down your smokes.

**EMBERS LODGE BAR**
6700 N. Gaylord Rockies Blvd.
720.452.6900
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center - Northeast
Part of the Gaylord’s redesign, Embers is a massive gathering spot, offering a 360-degree wraparound bar, two fireplaces and a menu of light snacks and Colorado-inspired cocktails.

**G’DUCks BAR**
15420 E. Hampden Ave.
303.766.5052
Daily
$
Southeast
G’Ducks bills itself as having the cheapest prices in town. Find out for yourself during Friday night karaoke or during the twice-a-week pool leagues.

**HAYKIN FAMILY CIDER**
12001 E. 33rd Ave., Unit D
720.242.7292
haykinfamilycider.com
Thursday-Sunday
$
Northwest
This award-winning small batch cidery features a different kind of bubbly, with a sparkling wine-like cider in a variety of sweetness levels.

**INCANTATION BREWING**
4233 S. Buckley Road
303.903.5254
incantation.beer
Daily
$
Southeast
The music is loud and the beers are bold at this new brewery. Join fellow metalheads and beer lovers for the daily specials at this brewery with a heavy metal twist.
JUST BILLS TAVERN
15355 E. Colfax Ave., Unit E-3
303.344.2023
Daily
$
North Central
At this neighborhood watering hole, the bartenders greet regulars by name. Play a game of darts or virtual bowling.

LAUNCH PAD BREWERY
884 S. Buckley Road
303.745.4599
launchpadbrewery.com
Daily
$
Northeast
This funky microbrewery specializes in offbeat craft beers served in a rocket-themed taproom.

MAJESTIC SALOON
3140 S. Parker Road
303.695.4478
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
Regulars know that this neighborhood bar is more than just pool and shuffleboard. The burgers, sandwiches and nachos will fuel you up for whatever your night brings.

MILIEU FERMENTATION
2101 N. Ursula St.
303.955.1035
milieufc.com
Daily
$
Anshutz Medical Campus - Northwest
Showing off the art of fermentation, this modern brewery goes beyond your typical beers. Sip on hard teas, hop waters and kombucha, but there are also plenty of brews, too.

PIAZZA’S ITALIAN RESTAURANT & SPORTS BAR
1770 S. Buckley Road
720.379.7124
piazzasportsbar.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
South Central
There aren’t too many Italian sports bars out there, but really what would you rather be eating while watching the big game than family recipe meatballs and pizza? Plus the bar is fully stocked for victory tequila shots.

THE Q
16961 E. Quincy Ave., Unit C-1
303.693.1915
Daily
$$
Southeast
A dive bar with free pool and eight taps of mostly local beer.

THE SAND CREEK LOUNGE
16893 E. Iliff Ave.
303.337.4984
sandcreeklounge.com
Daily
$
South Central
Have you been to the “world’s greatest saloon” yet? This long-standing Aurora dive bar is all about catching up over a couple of drinks.

SEAN’S TAVERN
10395 E. Iliff Ave.
303.369.9819
Lunch, Dinner
$--$
Southwest
There's always something going on at Sean's - whether it's live music, trivia or karaoke - and while this is mostly a beer spot, they also serve a food menu with nachos, pretzels and more.
SECOND DAWN BREWING COMPANY
2302 Dayton St.
seconddawnbrewing.com
Tuesday-Sunday
$ Northwest
Innovative brews and other creative libations are served in a former auto body repair shop just down the street from the Stanley Marketplace. Did we mention it’s dog-friendly?

SIX CAPITAL BREWING
16701 E. Iliff Ave.
720.598.6816
sixcapitalbrewing.com
Daily
$$ South Central
Colorado craft beer and Texas barbecue come together under one roof, with a scratch kitchen, wine and cocktails also.

STAMPEDE
2430 S. Havana St.
303.696.7686
Friday and Saturday
$ Southwest
Work up a sweat line-dancing to hits on the dance floor at Aurora’s signature country music bar. Lessons are offered on Wednesday evenings if your two-step needs some work.

STEEL TIPS BAR
15162 E. Hampden Ave.
303.699.2222
steeltipsbar.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$ South Central
Named after the steel-tip darts used to play on the numerous dart boards that line the walls, this bar serves a familiar lineup of eats that pair well with a boozy drink.

TRAVELING MERCIES
2501 Dallas St., #311
970.445.7239
travelingmerciesbar.com
Dinner
$$-$$$$ Stanley Marketplace - Northwest
What comes after winning a coveted James Beard Award? For chef Caroline Glover, who earned the title of best chef in the Mountain region, it’s opening a dream oyster and cocktail bar. Traveling Mercies is a bright, cheery destination for coastal wines, rum- and aperitivo-heavy cocktails and seafood specialties like oysters and shrimp cocktail.

WHISPERS ON HAVANA
1535 S. Havana St., Unit A
720.949.1760
whispersonhavana.com
Daily
$ Southwest
Fun is the theme at Whispers, a retro bar where karaoke takes over the stage every night and happy hour runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.
If you’re eating Brazilian, order a Caipirinha
If you’re eating Peruvian, order a pisco sour
If you’re eating Mexican, order tequila
If you’re eating Korean, order soju
If you’re eating Cuban, order a mojito
If you’re eating Greek, order ouzo
If you’re eating Ethiopian, order tej
If you’re eating Italian, order grappa

Make your meal even more authentic by pairing it with a local cocktail or spirit.
Café Mera
3190 S. Vaughn Way, Ste. 110
720.592.0785
cafemera.com
Breakfast, Lunch
$  
South Central
This family owned Greek cafe kicks avocado toast up a notch with feta and grape tomatoes, and its gyro wrap practically has its own fan club. Stop in for a cheery breakfast or lunch.

Churrería de Madrid
2501 Dallas St.
720.637.7399
churreriademadrid.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$  
Stanley Marketplace - Northwest
Churrería de Madrid is a lively restaurant that brings memories and Spanish cuisine to Aurora with their churros, traditional thick drinking chocolate and patatas bravas (Spanish potatoes) with a choice of their five unique sauces.

Coffee Story
2222 S. Havana St., Unit A-1
720.609.2971
coffeestoryco.com
Daily
$  
Southwest
This spacious coffee shop serves a robust menu of coffee and other caffeinated beverages, smoothies, lemonades, and shaved ice. Pair yours with a sweet treat: The venue is known for its “croffles”—a combination of croissants and waffles, available in six flavors.

Endless Grind Coffee
17070 E. Quincy Ave.
303.284.5359
endlessgrindcoffee.com
Breakfast, Lunch
$  
Southeast
This cozy, Ethiopian-owned coffee shop micro-roasts its beans—sourced from around the world—on-site and serves only fair-trade and organic coffee. A small menu of pastries and sandwiches is also available.

Forest Coffee
15285 E. Smoky Hill Road
303.945.4798
Forest Coffee
Breakfast, Lunch
$  
South Central
Lattes get wild at Forest, where flavor combinations can include peanut butter and raspberry or white mocha with chocolate chip cookie dough. You’ll also find breakfast pastries and sandwiches.

Heritage Cafe
22691 E. Aurora Parkway, Unit 8 and 9
720.726.4549
heritagecafe-hc.com
Breakfast, Lunch
$$  
Southeast
A scratch-made meal awaits at this welcoming eatery where classic dishes get a deluxe twist, like chicken and waffles topped with jalapeño gravy. There’s no bar, but you will find alcohol-free, CBD mimosas.
LEGENDS COFFEE
24100 E. Commons Ave., Unit 103
720.297.9396
legendscoffeeco.com
Breakfast, Lunch
$
Southlands - Southeast
This contemporary cafe serves locally roasted java, while the scratch kitchen churns out toasts, breakfast sandwiches and burritos until noon. Later, fill up on paninis, parfaits and other treats.

LOGAN HOUSE COFFEE CO.
2501 Dallas St.
720.515.7752
loganhousecoffee.com
Breakfast, Lunch
$
Stanley Marketplace - Northwest
Logan House’s rustic-chic cafe is a comfy place to sip a cappuccino or pour-over made from house-roasted beans and nibble on house-made goodies, like coffee cake and muffins.

LUCY COFFEE HOUSE
14048 E. Mississippi Ave.
720.313.3856
lucycoffeehouse.com
Daily
$-$$$
Southwest
Perk up at this relaxing coffee house, where all the coffee beans come from local farms in Ethiopia. The coffee drinks might bring you in, but be sure to give the sandwiches, waffles and pastries a try.

MILLY’S COMMUNITY CAFÉ
15600 E. Alameda Parkway
720.830.5166
millyscommunitycafe.com
Breakfast, Lunch
$
North Central
A home-away-from-home for your morning (or afternoon) caffeine needs. Milly’s serves coffee and tea drink favorites, plus breakfast burritos, biscuit sandwiches, soups, pastries, and a tempting array of house-made, beautifully decorated cookies.

MOCHINUT
2222 S. Havana St.
720.879.0611
mochinutco.com
Daily
$
Southwest
Sticky sweet rice flour is the secret ingredient behind this chain’s crispy on the outside, chewy on the inside doughnuts. But Mochinut goes beyond sweets with a full menu of rice hot dogs when you’re craving something savory.

MR. DONUTS
1704 S. Chambers Road
303.745.0255
Dessert: Breakfast, Lunch
$
Southwest
Cake doughnuts, filled, fritters, glazed cronuts—who knew there were this many types of doughnuts? But that’s not all that’s coming out of the ovens here: Texas-style sausage kolaches are a breakfast must.

NATOLI CAFÉ
10180 E. Colfax Ave.
720.987.2757
Daily
$
Mango House - Northwest
This coffee shop is almost as well known for its baked goods and breads as for the Ethiopian coffee. Service is always friendly.
PEORIA NUTRITION
3113 Peoria St., Unit D
720.422.9839
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
North Central
Energize your day with flavored coffees, loaded teas, nutritious, low-carb shakes, and snacks such as waffles and protein bars.

THE DONUT HOUSE
3124 S. Parker Road
360 S. Chambers Road
25791 E. Smoky Hill Road, Unit 20
303.337.2771
303.632.7832
303.680.8505
thedonuthouse.com
Dessert, Breakfast, Lunch
$
Southwest / North Central / Southeast
Since 2009, Omar Dieyleh and his family have been satisfying sugar cravings with scratch-made doughnuts at three Aurora locations. Cinnamon rolls, fritters and coffee are also available.

TWISTED EGG
5001 S. Parker Road, Unit 115
720.630.8285
twistedegg.com
Breakfast, Lunch
$$
South Central
Breakfast will definitely be your most important meal if you’re eating bread pudding French toast, Italian eggs Benedict or a chile relleno omelet. The Twisted Egg puts a spin on a.m. classics, plus salads and sandwiches.

URBAN PLAZA CAFÉ
1074 S. Ironton St., Unit C
303.537.7731
Breakfast, Lunch
$$
North Central
Slow down with jebena buna, an Ethiopian coffee ceremony that makes sipping the piping-hot coffee a special experience. This community coffee shop also serves smoothies, egg sandwiches and Ethiopian dishes.

WAKE & TAKE COFFEE SHOP
2337 S. Blackhawk St.
720.999.5448
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$
Southwest
This local cafe offers a global selection of coffees, teas and specialty drinks (espresso juice!), as well as pastries, Italian cakes and sandwiches.

WE KNEAD DONUT
4213 S. Buckley Road
303.953.8055
wekneaddonut.com
Daily
$
Southeast
Indulge your inner Homer Simpson at this doughnut shop, where the offerings go beyond classic Long Johns and chocolate glazed. Go wild with a maple bacon or croissant doughnut hybrid.

BEANTREE COFFEE
12101 E. Iliff Ave.
303.396.6178
Daily
$
Southwest
A no-frills coffee shop with something for everyone: espresso drinks, blended iced coffees, boba, and slushies, plus a selection of pastries and Korean snacks like rice cakes.
AMMAN HOOKAH LOUNGE AND CAFÉ
16050 E. Dartmouth Ave., Unit 2
720.951.0786
ammanhookahlounge.com
Daily
$
South Central
Pair your hookah with Turkish coffees, specialty teas and fresh juices at Amman. For even more entertainment, settle in with one of the lounge’s provided games, or just kick back in the comfy space.

BOSS TEA
14101 E. Exposition Ave.
303.593.2029
thebosst STEASHOP.COM
Daily
$
North Central
You definitely won’t want to spill the tea at this next-level bubble tea shop. With choices spanning cheese slushies to pure teas to flavored brown sugar lattes, you can try something new every day.

GONG CHA
15405 Briarwood Circle, B-20
720.767.3333
gongachacolorado.com
Daily
$
Cornerstar - South Central
The tagline is “brewing happiness” at this boba chain. And really, how could you be anything but happy while sipping the creative milk teas, slushies, milk foams and lattes that have made this Taiwan-based shop famous?

PRESOTEA AURORA
18662 E. Hampden Ave.
720.550.6920
presoteaus.com
Daily
$
Southeast
From Taiwan to Aurora, Presotea uses a special drink-making process where they extract the tea’s essence via an espresso machine. Taste the difference in their fruit and milk teas, and grab a bubble waffle while you’re there.
RARETEA AURORA
14535 E. Alameda Ave., Unit B
720.995.5985
rareteausa.com
Daily
$
North Central
Mango coconut and noodle, strawberry snow cream and caramelized brown sugar boba milk are just a few of the rare teas you’ll find here. Even more rare? Their tea-spresso.

THE ALLEY
24107 E. Commons Ave., #102
720.274.5345
the-alley.us
Daily
$
Southlands - Southeast
From handmade tapioca pearls to freshly prepared sugar cane syrups, this bubble tea shop wows fans with combos like brown sugar deerioca creme brulee milk and passionfruit green tea.

WEETEA AURORA
13700 E. Colfax Ave., Ste. N
303.923.3113
weeteteatogther.online
Daily
$
Northwest
Celebrate the day with bubble waffles and bubble teas, because everyone knows that skewered waffles and cherry blossom tea with popping boba make for the best celebrations. The slush drinks, coffees and sparkling fruit-aides are just as fun.
HOW TO ORDER: BOBA TEA

Choose your base: black tea or the slightly less caffeinated green tea?

Decide if you want milk. Fruit flavors tend to be better sans dairy, so we’ve heard.

Iced or hot?

Go light on the toppings. These add-ons actually sit at the bottom of the cup and there are plenty to choose from. Pick just one or two that sound good to you.

Don’t build-your-own. Most tea shops have a lineup of popular flavors. If this is your first time ordering, go with a tried-and-true option and experiment from there.
**English Pub •••**

**THE FORTUNATE PROSPECTOR**
6700 N. Gaylord Rockies Blvd.
720.452.6900
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner $$$
Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center - Northeast

Taking inspiration from English pubs, this restaurant serves bangers and mash, fish and chips and, of course, a healthy selection of beers. (Even beer cocktails!)

**German •••**

**HELGA’S GERMAN RESTAURANT & DELI**
14197 E. Exposition Ave.
303.344.5488
helgasdeli.com
Lunch, Dinner $$$
North Central

German comfort fare is on the menu at Helga’s: schnitzel, rouladen, beef sauerbraten, spätzle, apple strudel…we could go on. Stop by on the last Friday of the month for live music and polka.

**Italian •••**

**BETTOLA BISTRO**
10253 E. Iliff Ave.
303.750.1580
bettolabistro.com
Dinner $$$$ 
Southwest

Reservations are required for this small northern Italian eatery where everything is scratch-made. The menu changes regularly, but if the blistered Brussels sprouts, scallops, or rigatoni arrabiata are available, order them.

**European**

**BIG DADDY’S PIZZA**
1155 S. Havana St.
303.696.2199
bigdaddyspizzaurora.com
Lunch, Dinner $$
Southwest

Choices abound at Big Daddy's - hand-tossed, thin or thick crust? A specialty pie or choose your own adventure? Whatever you choose, grab a slice of New York style cheesecake for dessert.

**COLORADOUGH PIZZA**
15430 E. Smoky Hill Road
303.997.5424
Lunch, Dinner $$
South Central

This pizzeria is all about staying local, starting with the house-made dough. Build your own pie or throw in a side of wings or chocolate-dipped cannoli.

**HERO’S PIZZERIA & TAVERN**
16070 E. Dartmouth Ave.
303.680.6424
herospizzeriatavern.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner $$
South Central

There’s a lot going on at Hero's besides pizza. Depending on the time of day, you’ll find folks chowing down on breakfast, throwing darts, drinking a cold one and, yes, eating Italian favorites that include the hand-tossed pizzas.
MA MA OLIVIA’S PIZZERIA
477 Sable Blvd.
303.366.1605
mamaoliviaspizza.com
Lunch, Dinner
$ North Central
Scratch-made doughs are the foundation of these pizzas, but it’s the sauce selection that really stands out: barbecue, Buffalo, Alfredo and picante, among them.

MAMA ALVINO’S PIZZERIA
15179 E. Colfax Ave.
303.364.1894
mamaalvinos.com
Lunch, Dinner
$ Northeast
This is true Italian pizza—not too thin, not too thick. But, really, you’re here for the calzones; pick from the seven ready-made combinations.

MASSINO’S PIZZA AND PASTA
1250 S. Buckley Road, Unit A
303.671.0652
massinospizza.com
Lunch, Dinner
$ Northeast
The specialty at this family-owned eatery is New York-style, thin-crust pizza. Strombolis, calzones, pastas, subs and salads round out the menu.

MONDO’S PIZZA PASTA
3751 Tower Road, Unit G
303.375.7834
mondospizzaco.com
Lunch, Dinner
$ Northeast
Mondo’s artisan, New York-style pizzas are built with house-made dough and cheese shredded right in the kitchen. Fill up on calzones, pastas (the baked ziti is a favorite), wings and salads.

PIZZA 72
15220 E. Iliff Ave., F
303.498.0528
pizzaseventytwo.com
Lunch, Dinner
$-$ Southwestern
Pizza 72 was born in New York, and it’s that Brooklyn style of pizza dough and mozzarella-provolone cheese blend that you’ll find here. They also do a Sicilian style pie when you want something a little heartier.

WILD PEPPER PIZZA
25791 E. Smoky Hill Road, Ste. 90
720.269.4515
wildpepperpizzaco.com
Lunch, Dinner
$-$ Southeast
Pizzas and calzones may be the initial draw at Wild Pepper, but locals know that the wings—either bone-in or boneless and coated with one of eight different sauces—are what to order.
Masha & The Bear
Russian Cafe
12101 E. Iliff Ave.
720.209.4748
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
Get a taste of Russia with the from-scratch dishes at Masha’s. Top bites include the borscht and solyanka (beef-based soups), potato dumplings and beef stroganoff.

Pomodoro Pizza
Pasta
576 Dayton St.
303.360.5200
pomodoropizzapastallc.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
North Central
It’s all about straightforward New York-style pizzas and traditional Italian pasta here... and calzones, sandwiches, wings, and sweet desserts, too.

Que’ Pizza
693 Peoria St.
303.340.5849
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
For more than a decade, this made-to-order pizza has been feeding Aurora families. They also make tacos and wings for when you’re feeling not-so-doughy.

T-Mama’s Pizza
15270 E. 6th Ave., Unit 12
303.341.7545
ordertmamas.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$-$$$
North Central
Half of the menu is plant-based and vegan here, which means everyone can enjoy the fresh-made pies. Toppings range from Beyond and Impossible “meats” to gyro and Buffalo chicken.

Wood Paddle Pizza & Tap
17060 E. Quincy Ave.
720.398.8118
woodpaddlepizza.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southeast
You can choose your toppings, but not the size of your pie: All the pizzas here are 12-inch, Neapolitan-style with hand-stretched dough. Pair your pick with a pint from the local tap list.
**DUFFER’S BAR AND GRILLE**
3609 S. Dawson St.
303.326.8452
duffersbarandgrille.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$

*Meadow Hills Golf Course* - Central South
It’s an all-day affair at this American-Mexican golf course eatery. Start the day with an American breakfast (eggs your way, hash browns, and a choice of meat). Later, opt for a sandwich, burger, chicken chili, or chile rellenos.

**MURPHY CREEK TAVERN**
1700 S. Old Tom Morris Road
303.739.1510
murphy-creek-tavern.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$

*Murphy Creek Golf Course* - Central North
Find something for everyone—for every meal of the day—at this tavern. Corned beef hash or pancakes in the morning. A Cobb salad or quesadilla for lunch. And a lengthy list of between-the-bread options in the evening.

**SADDLE ROCK GRILL**
21705 E. Arapahoe Road
303.326.8462
saddlerockgrill.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$

*Saddle Rock Golf Course* - Southeast
Tee up for a day on the links or unwind afterward with a menu of quintessential breakfast dishes, shareable appetizers, salads, sandwiches, and burgers. Don’t miss the prime rib special on Friday nights.

**TIN CUP BAR & GRILL**
50 S. Peoria St.
303.739.1566
tincupbarandgrill-catering.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$

*Aurora Hills Golf Course* - Northeast
Fuel up in the morning with an award-winning breakfast burrito or stop by the tavern later in the day for bar appetizers (think: wings and nachos), salads, burgers, and Mexican classics.
COCO LOCO JUICE & EATS
2353 S. Havana St., Unit D14
303.284.2959
cocolococolorado.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$ 
Southwest
At this family owned health food restaurant, fill up on raw juices, smoothies (more than three dozen options!), wraps, and salads. Vegans and vegetarians will find plenty to enjoy here.

GINA’S KITCHEN
14515 E. Alameda Ave., Unit E
303.305.3727
ginaskitchenparkside.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$-$-$
Parkside Eatery - North Central
Gina opened up her gluten, egg, peanut and dairy-free kitchen to share delicious food for all. Part bakery, part cafe, the allergy- and vegan-friendly spot makes everyone feel welcome.

INTA JUICE
18852 E. Hampden Ave. and
25531 E. Smoky Hill Road, Unit C
303.111.2222 and 303.872.3901
intajuice.com
Daily
$-$-$
Southeast
There’s no problem getting your five fruits and veggies a day at Inta Juice, where the smoothies, bowls and juices are packed with real produce. Add a shot of wheatgrass when you’re feeling extra virtuous.”
**International Fusion**

**BÁNH AND BUTTER BAKERY CAFÉ**
9935 E. Colfax Ave.
720.513.9313
banhandbutter.com
Breakfast, Lunch
$$
Northwest
Delectable treats await at this Asian-French-inspired bakery featuring breads, sweet and savory pastries and sandwiches.

**CODY’S CAFE AND BAR**
10203 E. Iliff Ave.
303.751.1288
codysdenver.com
Dinner
$$$
Southwest
Southern Italian and Asian cuisine share space on Cody’s concise menu. That means you can enjoy both a (house-made) lemongrass sausage penne and a tempura-fried crab bowl. There’s a full bar, too, with a focus on wine.

**CULICHI TOWN MEXICAN STYLE FOOD**
205 S. Abilene St.
303.616.5889
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
North Central
Two words: Mexican sushi. There’s a lot going on at this lively spot, which combines Latin and Asian flavors plus throws some very cool mixed drinks into the mix.

**EL COCO PIRATA**
10600 E. Iliff Ave.
303.954.9530
elcocopirata.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Southwest
Try sushi like you’ve never had it - several of the rolls are breaded, and fillings include mozzarella, BBQ chicken and chipotle dressing. There’s also more traditional Mexican food and a bar full of frozen drinks.

**LAS BOLAS DEL CHINO**
15200 E. Colfax Ave.
720.549.1095
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northeast
If you haven’t had a Chihuahua style rice ball, this is the place to try it. Stuffed with cream cheese, avocado and steak or shrimp, then coated in Hot Cheeto dust, this is definitely one of the city’s most unique eats.

**LOS CUATES MEXICAN RESTAURANT**
1124 Yosemite St.
303.340.5897
loscuateseats.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
-$-$
Northwest
This family owned restaurant serves Mexican, Tex-Mex and Salvadoran fare at not-going-to-break-the-bank prices. Locals flock to it for breakfast burritos, pupusas and menudo.
DON’T BE FOOLED BY THE NAME: Mile High doesn’t only serve creative pizzas. You’ll also find chicken wings, salads, pastas and Mexican dishes.

NO KE ALOHA
854 S. Buckley Road
720.492.4321
nokealoha.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
North Central
From spam musubi to kalua pig to loco moco, this is the place for a taste of aloha. This family owned Hawaiian restaurant is also a catering operation and mobile food truck.

PAPA RICK’S PIZZA
3112 S. Parker Road
303.743.7575
paparicksaurora.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$-
Southwest
Papa Rick’s goes well beyond pizza. Besides the large menu of cheesy pies, they also dish out burgers, subs, lasagna, enchiladas and even samosas.

TACO CHOI
14515 E. Alameda Ave., Unit C
720.507.9076
tacochoi.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$-
Parkside Eatery - North Central
Some of the most unique tacos in town are at this Parkside Eatery stall. Their Korean tacos mash up soy chili and avocado tomatillo sauces with barbecue meats for sweet, spicy and smoky bites.
Injera/Ethiopia: A spongy, sour flatbread that’s traditionally made from teff flour. (Tip: Use it to scoop up your meat or veggie stew.)

Paratha/Myanmar (Burma): Common throughout southeast Asia, paratha—a flaky, buttery, layered flatbread—is often enjoyed, in Myanmar, with eggs at breakfast or as dessert, when it’s sprinkled with sugar.

Naan/India: Another classic southeast Asian dish, naan is a leavened flatbread that’s usually baked inside a very hot tandoor oven.

Frybread/North America: Invented by American Indians out of necessity, the simple, flat dough bread is fried (or deep-fried) in oil or lard and then eaten plain, topped with honey or jam, or layered with a tangle of taco-like fillings.

Focaccia/Italy: This centuries-old, yeasted flatbread—you’ll recognize it by its dimpled top, the result of indentations made before the baking process—was originally cooked over a hearth. Today, sweet and savory versions abound.

Lavash/Middle East: Made with just flour, water, and salt, this classic Middle Eastern dish—popular in Turkey, Iran, Armenia, and elsewhere—is thin and soft and great for dipping.
Brazilian

AROMA DO BRAZIL
10722 E. Iliff Ave.
720.242.6562
aromaofbrazil.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
Carnivores love this Brazilian barbecue restaurant, where on weekends churrasco meats like steak and Brazilian sausage are carved tableside until you say when. Weekdays feature those same meats in combos and sandwiches.

Honduran

ANTOJITOS HONDURENOS
11703 E. Colfax Ave.
720.641.9044
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Northwest
With a menu that goes beyond pupusas (but don’t worry; they’ve got those too) Antojitos gives us a tour of Honduran food via pastelitos, carne asada and baleadas (homemade tortillas filled with beans, sour cream and cheese).

Colombian

LOS PARCEROS COLOMBIAN RESTAURANT
15473 E. Hampden Ave.
303.862.7039
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$-$$$
South Central
Colombian-style empanadas and arepas are popular at this colorful restaurant, as is the bandeja paisa, the national dish of Colombia. The huge platter of rice, beans, meats, fried plantain and egg will definitely be enough for leftovers.

Cuba Bakery and Café
15028 E. Mississippi Ave.
303.752.2822
cubabakeryandcafe.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
This casual eatery serves up Caribbean eats. Try one of the meat plates paired with congri, a traditional Cuban rice, but don’t leave without ordering a guava-and-cream-cheese pastry.

Cuban

COPA
11707 E. Colfax Ave.
720.364.6395
restaurantecopabar.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$
Northwest
After you choose among the pupusas, baleadas, tacos and other Honduran fare, make sure you hit the drink menu. The horchata and fruit juices alone are worth a stop.

EL RINCONCITO HONDUREÑO
106 E. Del Mar Circle
720.524.4953
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
Discover Honduran dishes like pastelitos (meat pies) and pollo con tajadas (a pile of fried chicken, green plantains and vegetables) at this flower-filled restaurant. They also serve spaghetti, enchiladas and pupusas.
HONDURAS BREEZE
RESTAURANT
1443 Chester St.
303.360.8888
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
You might have to wait a bit for your baleada or pollo con tajadas, but that’s because good food takes time, and everything at Honduras Breeze is made fresh to order. Order an horchata and the wait will fly by.

POLLO LA CASITA
1981 Clinton St.
303.856.3413
pollolacasitaaurora.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$-$-$
Northwest
There’s way more than just chicken at this little house. They’ve got tacos, pupusas and soups filled with everything from cow tongue to pork to snails. (And, yes, chicken.)

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AJUUA! MEXICAN
RESTAURANT
6020 S. Gun Club Road, E-2
720.747.0764
ajuua.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$Southwest
Taco Tuesday will never be the same - it’s all-you-can-eat taco night! Ajuua is just as good the rest of the week, too, with a full menu of burritos, alambre, carnitas and more.

BOTA NAS LOKAS
2271 S. Peoria St.
720.708.5991
Lunch, Dinner
$
Southwest
Botanas Lokas translates to “crazy snacks,” and this spot delivers on its name with ice creams, chocolate-dipped bananas, shakes, and more. Beyond sweet treats, you’ll find a menu of street tacos, smothered burritos, and tortas.

CANTINA MONTANA
6700 N. Gaylord Rockies Blvd.
720.574.1470
Lunch, Dinner
$
Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center - Northeast
Come for the tacos and margaritas at this Mexican spot, and stay for the 75-foot TV at the sports bar below.

COMIDA
2501 Dallas St.
303.484.1632
eatcomida.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Stanley Marketplace - Northwest
Comida offers an à la carte dining experience of slow-cooked Mexican street food—aka, a lineup of scratch-made tacos, burritos, enchiladas, and more. Wash your pick down with a creative margarita.
DELICIAS DEL BARRIO
3133 Peoria St., Unit 202
720.756.5378
orderdeliciasdelbarrio.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northeast
This little spot specializes in tacos acorasados ("armored" tacos), but they also cook up alambres, gorditas and more traditional asada and pastor tacos.

EL CAMARON LOCO
513 Havana St.
303.326.6644
elcamaronlococolorado.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
North Central
Mexican seafood is on the menu at this nautical-themed eatery, where ceviche, tacos, enchiladas, and the always popular camarones fiesta (a trio of shrimp) pair perfectly with homemade tortillas and margaritas. Breakfast burritos are now available.

EL CAMINO
15355 E. Colfax Ave.
303.340.1496
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$
Northeast
Menudo is a favorite at this small, family run restaurant, but they’ve also got an impressive selection of tacos, burritos, tortas, enchiladas and more. Service is always fast and friendly.

EL CHUBBY’S FRESH MEXICAN RESTAURANT
1191 S. Abilene St.
303.755.1414
elchubbys.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$
Southwest
Fresh-made Mexican eats for every meal? Yes, please. El Chubby’s signature dish is the carne asada fries, but you can’t go wrong with a breakfast burrito, grilled-to-order chicken tacos, or sopapillas.

EL COSTEÑITO MEXICAN GRILL
10890 E. Dartmouth Ave.
720.787.7741
elcostenitodenver.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$-$$$$ 
Southwest
The menu is as big as the margaritas at this colorful Mexican eatery. If you need some help narrowing it down, you can’t go wrong with a molcajete.

EL LUCERITO JR.
3751 Tower Road, Ste. A
303.375.7916
elluceritojr.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$-$$$$ 
Northeast
You can’t fake 40 years of history, which is how long this second-generation family restaurant has been feeding the neighborhood. Don’t forget to grab some tamales to go on your way out.
EL PELICANO
RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE
15355 E. Colfax Ave.
303.344.0488
elpelicanoco.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Northeast
Pretend you’re in the Mexican Riviera at this beachy eatery specializing in ceviches, lobster and fresh fish. Stop by on the weekends when mariachi bands roam the restaurant.

EL SINALOENSE TAQUERIA
11075 E. Colfax Ave.
303.736.8352
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
The tacos here are really good - like you stop in for lunch and end up bringing home dinner level of good. You’ll find all the usual suspect taco fillings (asada, pastor, barbacoa, tripe and lengua) and you’ll want to try them all.

EL TAMALERO
14155 E. Colfax Ave., Ste. A3
720.475.1166
Breakfast, Lunch
$
Northeast
Fans line up early for the fresh-made tamales here, and it’s not just savory tamales they’re filling. They also specialize in fruit tamales, and once they’re gone for the day, they’re gone.

EL TEQUILEÑO FAMILY MEXICAN RESTAURANT
2790 S. Havana St.
720.748.1260
tequilasmexrest.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Southwest
Besides the lengthy menu of traditional Mexican dishes, this local chain is known for its jumbo margaritas. They also boast a pretty good collection of tequilas.

EL ZARANDIAO
15109 E. Colfax Ave.
720.500.3139
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northeast
Is it wrong to plan a Saturday around fish tacos? Not when it comes to this weekend-only taco truck best known for its loaded seafood tacos.

EN EL PUERTO VALLARTA MEXICAN RESTAURANT
9538 E. Montview Blvd.
303.364.5770
enelpuertovallarta.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$
Northwest
If giant margaritas and seafood specialties are your jam, then this hole-in-the-wall Mexican spot is where you’ll want to be channeling beachy vibes. Prices are even better during the daily happy hour.

EN FUEGO CANTINA
6105 S. Main St., F103
720.973.8226
enfuegocantina.net
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southlands - South Central
This family owned spot that focuses on fresh, clean ingredients is all about the tacos. From chicken fried chicken to carnitas, they do Mexican food with a twist.

FRITANGAS MEXICAN RESTAURANT
15099 E. Hampden Ave.
303.766.0859
fritangas.net
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$-$$$$ South Central
Fritangas has kept the Front Range full of tortas, huaraches, burritos and enchiladas for nearly 20 years. Don’t miss the fruity licuados and aguas naturales.
Take your love for food to the next level. Join the city of Aurora’s engaging cooking classes and turn your passion into culinary skills. From beginners to seasoned cooks, we have classes that cater to all ages and levels.

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Scan the QR code to learn more about our classes and job opportunities!
AuroraGov.org/Cooking
GUADALAJARA FAMILY MEXICAN RESTAURANT
1001 S. Abilene St.
303.696.0903
guadalajaramexfood.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
North Central
This brightly decorated cantina serves an expansive menu of south-of-the-border favorites. One unique offering: the soft chiles rellenos (which are still stuffed with cheese).

JABANERO’S MEXICAN GRILL
5584 S. Parker Road
303.400.0235
Breakfast, Lunch
$-$
South Central
Breakfast burritos are the draw here, and for good reason - the handheld bundles of eggs, potatoes, cheese and green chile are tops. They have a regular menu, too, but those breakfast burritos are popular all day.

JALAPEÑO DELUXE RESTAURANTE
15490 E. Colfax Ave.
303.366.2228
jalapenodeluxe.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northeast
It’s an all-day affair at Jalapeno Deluxe, which starts serving breakfast burritos and chilaquiles early in the morning and goes until molcajete and beer o’clock. They also have a dedicated kids menu.

JESUS MEXICAN TAQUERIA
1710 S. Buckley Road
303.632.7123
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$-$
Northeast
Street tacos and cold beers crowd the tables at this colorful counter service spot, but you’ll want to save room for dessert. The warm, filled churros are the perfect way to cap off your meal.

JUAN’S SUPER POLLO
1593 Peoria St.
303.276.2602
juanssuperpolloaurora.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
The chicken is the star of the show here, where you can order a whole rotisserie bird Mexican style, plus sides like rice, beans, pico, tortillas and potato salad.

LA CASITA
15200 E. Colfax Ave.
720.999.8524
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northeast
If you’ve become addicted to quesabirria tacos, then you need to try La Casita. The truck griddles up the cheesy, meaty tacos that you dunk into rich consomé, and even offers a birria ramen.

LA CATRINA TEQUILA & TACOS
12131 Iliff Ave., D
303.755.1822
lacatrinatequilaandtacos.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$-$
Southwest
Filled with bright colors, hanging flowers and vibrant murals, the vibe is as lively as the food at La Catrina. Go equally bold with a molcajete, sizzling shrimp fajitas or a fruity margarita.

LA COSTA AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD
15037 E. Colfax Ave., Unit L
303.341.1685
lacostamexicanfood.com
Breakfast, Lunch
$$-$
Northeast
Breakfast is served all day at this family eatery, where you’ll be hard-pressed to choose among the skillets, enchiladas and pozole. Just make sure you go early - they close at 3 p.m.
You’ll smell the Sinaloan style charcoal-grilled chicken before you see it, which is what they do best at this food truck-turned-brick-and-mortar. Order a whole chicken or get it in a taco, torta or burrito.

The Nuñez family has satisfied the bellies of more than one generation of diners: They’ve been sharing their homestyle Mexican recipes since 1974.

It’s all about traditional Mexican food here, which means cactus gorditas, al pastor tacos, enchiladas and tamales. They also sell birria by the half pound and pound.

Inspired by the food of Culiacan in northwestern Mexico, this restaurant from the El Coco Pirata team is known for its birria tacos and mango margaritas. Definitely start with the guacamole.

Two generations of the Ramirez-Ozuna family run this restaurant that combines the type of food their Mexican grandmothers made them served alongside international fare like sushi.

Late-night Mexican restaurants are hard to come by, but Landero's is open until 2 a.m. Also a good spot to grab a beer (or three).

The menu is lengthy at both Aurora outposts of Las Fajitas - they’ve got everything from crispy rellenos to green chile fries to spicy shrimp - but don’t get so caught up in the food that you neglect the margaritas, available by the pitcher.
MEXICAN RESTAURANT
2295 S. Chambers Road
303.369.1564
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
The huevos rancheros is a smart way to start your day, and the camarones rellenos (shrimp stuffed with cheese and wrapped in bacon) is a great way to finish it. They also have a full bar and weekday happy hour.

LOS CARBONCITOS
15210 E. 6th Ave.
303.364.2606
loscarboncitoscolorado.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
North Central
Los Carboncitos always comes up in the best taco conversation, but they’re also pretty darn good at huaraches, gorditas and sopes. Wash it all down with a margarita and toast your good decisions.

LOS TAQUERITOS
15612 E. Colfax Ave.
720.787.2223
orderlostaqueritos.com
Dinner
$$-
Northeast
Pick your protein - they’ve got it all, including lengua, carnitas, asada, pastor and longaniza sausage - and they’ll stuff it in your choice of torta, burrito, taco or quesadilla. Keep in mind they’re closed Monday through Wednesday.

LOS TONY’S MEXICAN RESTAURANT
10202 E. Montview Blvd.
720.532.1236
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
Treat yourself with a giant molcajete (definitely big enough for two) or play it safe with an order of pastor street tacos. According to their fans, you can’t go wrong at Tony’s.

LOS TORITOS MEXICAN RESTAURANT
9405 E. Colfax Ave.
303.366.6381
Lunch, Dinner
$$-$
Northwest
This Mexican watering hole has large portions and cheap margaritas. If night owls need another reason to give it a go, they’re open late on weekends (until 2 a.m.).

MARIO’S TACOS
10857 E. Colfax Ave.
720.364.9426
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
This little food truck has its fans, but they still put out the street tacos, tortas and quesadillas in a jiffy. You won’t find much of a place to sit, but you will find great food.

MARISCOS EL AGUACHILES
15470 E. 40th Ave.
303.847.6492
mariscoselaguachiles.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$-
Northeast
Get a taste of the sea here, where the ceviche is cool and the shrimp platters are hot. If you’re feeling more turf than surf, they’ve also got killer tacos de asada.

MARISCOS EL MUCHACHO ALEGRE
3113 Peoria St.
720.573.8834
muchachoalegrecolorado.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
Northeast
The pages-long menu might be hard to sort through, but that just means you can come back to try even more seafood-centric dishes like sopa de mariscos, grilled octopus fajitas, whole grilled fish and coconut shrimp.
MARISCOS EL REY
820 Dayton St. & 10293 E. Iliff Ave.
720.858.1479 and 720.379.5821
mariscoselrayco.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest and Southwest
It’s almost always a party at this beachy restaurant, where the margaritas flow like the Caribbean and the seafood specialties come fresh from the sea. The thatched roof and mariachi bands add to the festive atmosphere.

MARISCOS LOS 3 RIOS
921 S. Havana St.
303.997.6290
mariscoslos3rios.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$
North Central
Crazy cocktails, live music and tons of seafood dishes—what more could you want out of a restaurant housed in a former Village Inn? Night owls will appreciate they’re open late (until 1 a.m.) on weekends.

MARISCOS URUAPAN
1465 N. Dayton St.
303.344.0022
mariscosuruapan.net
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$$-$$$$$
Northwest
This sustainable Mexican seafood restaurant brings you dishes like fried fish, ceviches, lobster and seafood fajitas - all while trying to keep our oceans healthy. The drinks are just as tropical and fun as you’d expect.

METRO BALDERAS AZTEK FOOD
13697 E. Iliff Ave., Ste. 6
303.368.0085
metrobalderasaztekfood.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
There’s a lot to love here, but the salsa bar - where you can gussy up your tacos, tortas, machetes and huaraches with different flavors and spice levels - has got to be tops. Grab an horchata in case things get too hot.

PIRAMIDES MEXICAN RESTAURANT
1911 S. Havana St.
303.752.0555
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest

POLLO PICANTE
10498 E. Colfax Ave.
303.364.8312
Lunch, Dinner
$
Northwest
Pollo picante translates to “spicy chicken.” Order the meat in tacos, quesadillas or nachos. Or go with the customer-favorite grilled chicken plate.

RANCHO ALEGRE
420 S. Chambers Road
720.748.2571
ranchoalegrerest.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
North Central
When you need a giant molcajete, sizzling fajitas or a plate of Mexican barbecue, this is the move. They’ve got killer deals each night, too, like Mojito Mondays and Taco Tuesdays.
REAL DE MINAS MEXICAN RESTAURANT
11101 E. Colfax Ave.
14035 E. Evans Ave.
15795 E. Briarwood Circle
303.367.1504
303.745.3098
303.766.2207
realdeminasrestaurants.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Cornerstar - Northwest / Southwest / South Central
You won’t go hungry at this colorful Mexican eatery with three Aurora locations. The parrillada (barbecue) platters are popular, but the menu is chock-full of south-of-the-border favorites—margaritas included.

SANTIAGO’S MEXICAN RESTAURANT
10400 E. Sixth Ave.
303.343.7040
eatatsantiagos.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$ North Central
Locals know this Centennial State chain as the place to go for affordable breakfast burritos; the meat (ham, sausage, bacon, chorizo) changes depending on the day of the week.
Drive-thru available.

SEÑOR CHICKEN MEXICAN ROTISSERIE
6780 S. Liverpool St.
303.955.5529
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$ Southeast
This eatery serves a little of everything—quesadillas, enchiladas, tacos, smothered burritos, wings, you name it. But the speciality, as you might have guessed, is the rotisserie chicken.

SEÑOR RIC’S MEXICAN RESTAURANT
13200 E. Mississippi Ave.
303.750.9000
senorrics.net
Lunch, Dinner
$$ Southwest
The cerveza-friendly favorite at Señor Ric’s—an Aurora institution since 1986—is the “pollo magnifico,” a chimichanga filled with spicy chicken and smothered with cheese. A gluten-free roster is available.

SUPREME CHICKEN
2295 S. Chambers Road
303.752.6389
Lunch, Dinner
$$ Southwest
Make a meal out of the huge, charcoal-grilled chickens with sides of Mexican rice and macaroni salad, or grab a couple quesabirria tacos and tortas. This friendly strip mall spot does it all well.

TACO RIVER
1685 Peoria St.
303.364.9275
aurora.taco-river.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$ Northwest
Early birds can grab a breakfast burrito as early as 6 a.m. at this local chain, and the convenience continues with fast service and lots of choices. The menu includes typical Mexican favorites like tacos, burritos and gorditas.

TACO STAR
1760 S. Havana St.
720.734.7793
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$ Southwest
This fast food restaurant’s menu is chock full of quintessential Mexican bites, which you can order on their own or on combination plates. Always get the carne asada fries. Drive-thru available.
Fend off the summer heat with this ubiquitous Mexican drink. The frozen beverage is made from a combination of mango sorbet, chopped mango, or mango puree blended with Tajín (a chile-lime seasoning), chamoy (a sour, fermented fruit spiked with chiles, sugar, and salt), and lime. For the grown-ups: Mix in a bit of tequila or rum.

Discover Aurora’s Mexican eateries on page 84 or find the ingredients to blend your own mangonada at home at El Jakalito Market.
TACOMEX
2210 S. Chambers Road
303.751.0627
tacomexco.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$  
South Central
Taco Mex has you covered when you need food fast. From chilaquiles or a breakfast burrito in the morning to chile cheese fries and enchiladas with ice cream for dessert, they open early and keep the lights on late.

TACOS EL METATE
1742 S. Chambers Road
720.353.4095
tacoselmetateco.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$  
South Central
Tacos, burritos, tortas and quesadillas are all on the menu (for breakfast, too), but this spot is best known for its fried fish tacos and nacho-like carne asada fries.

TACOS EL SINALONENSE
11075 E. Colfax Ave.
303.736.8352
tacoselsinalonenseco.com
Lunch, Dinner
$  
Northwest
There’s a reason Taco Tuesday is a thing, and little spots like this just add to the lore of tasty tacos. While the quesabirria tacos are popular, check out their quesadillas, tortas, gorditas and burritos, too.

TACOS EL SOBRINO
9355 E. Colfax Ave.
720.325.6935
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$  
Northwest
Good news for those up late - Tacos El Sobrino griddles up their fan favorite chorizo tacos until midnight. Be sure to get a side of carne asada chile cheese fries.
TACOS JALPA
11417 E. Colfax Ave.
303.344.1881
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
This bright restaurant will meet all your Mexican cravings - from loaded quesabirria tacos to tortas to quesadillas. They also have an extensive breakfast menu of pancakes, eggs and more.

TACOS JUNIOR INC.
11505 E. Colfax Ave.
720.710.8723
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest
A brightly decorated Mexican fast-casual spot serving a sizable menu of authentic dishes, including tacos, tortas, burritos, and sopes. Wash your pick down with a refreshing agua fresca.

TACOS LA MORENITA
15493 E. Hampden Ave., Unit D
720.379.3058
tacoslamorenita.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$-$$$
South Central
With a 50-plus strong menu, Tacos La Morenita has all the south of the border specialties you could ask for, but pay special attention to the Mexican hamburger smothered with green chile and cheese.

TACOS TIJUANA
1430 Chambers Road
303.367.4998
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northeast
Day or night, Tacos Tijuana is there for you. This little restaurant opens at 7 a.m. and serves until midnight (1 a.m. on weekends), which means anytime tacos, tostadas, tortas and rellenos.

TACOS Y POLLOS ZA-ZA-ZA
15900 E. 6th Ave
720.416.3920
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northeast
You can grab the charcoal-grilled chickens on their own or get their delicious meat in tacos, burritos and quesadillas. Besides chicken, they’re known for their quesabirria tacos and birria ramen.

TAKERO MUCHO MEXICAN RESTAURANT
12028 E. Mississippi Ave.
303.758.8888
takeromucho.eatintakeout.net
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
Southwest
For a full roster of Mexican dishes and fruity margaritas so big you might need two hands, locals know that Takero Mucho is where to go. The verde enchiladas are a favorite.

TAQUERIA CORONA
2222 S. Havana St.
303.755.1034
ordertaqueriacorona.com
Lunch, Dinner
$
Southwest
Dive into the tacos, tostadas, gorditas and sopes (thick corn tortillas topped with meat and beans) at this family restaurant. Tacos are super popular, but the ceviche tostada is also a good pick.

TAQUERIA EL VALLE
3133 Peoria St., #206
303.366.5144
ordertaqueriavalleco.com
Lunch, Dinner
$
Northeast
Traditional tacos like al pastor, asada and lengua share the menu with steamed tacos, tortas and menudo at this family owned restaurant. Grab a cold Mexican beer and you’ve got a perfect meal.
TAQUERIA HERMANOS HERNANDEZ
14103 E. Exposition Ave.
720.757.1019
Breakfast, Lunch
$$
North Central
Steamed tacos (al vapor) are the specialty here, where fans line up for the lengua, tripa and other meats. Just watch the hours - they are only open weekends and close in the afternoon.

TAQUERIA JALISCO MEXICAN GRILL
18581 E. Hampden Ave.
720.870.5980
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$
South Central
A small, family-owned restaurant where the plates nearly overflow with freshly made Mexican dishes. The smothered breakfast burrito and tacos al carbon (diced steak) are favorites.

TAQUERIA LOS GORDOS
1034 S. Sable Blvd.
303.750.0502
losgordosonline.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$-$$$  
North Central  
There are a lot of decisions to be made here - do you want tacos or a torta? Will your tablemates share a parrillada (grilled meat platter)? Heck, the molcajete menu alone is five deep. They’ve also got a full breakfast menu for morning cravings.

TAQUERIA MEX MALL
10061 E. Colfax Ave.
720.532.0550
taqueriamexmall.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$  
Northwest  
In the mood for scratch-made moles, tacos, enchiladas and menudo? This spot has it all at great prices, plus agua frescas and milkshakes.

LAS TORTUGAS DE AURORA
712 Peoria St.
3140 S. Parker Road
303.367.1123 and 720.639.4937
lastortugas.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$
Northwest, Southwest
This local chain started as a food truck in 2004, but high demand for their killer tortas - made with freshly baked bread - meant they needed more space. Now those same tortas, along with shakes and agua frescas, are available at two Aurora locations.

TORTAS Y TACOS EL CHINO
796 Peoria St.
303.360.8765
Breakfast, Lunch
$$
Northwest
A modest eatery focused on classic flavors. Customer favorites include the smothered burritos and birria (marinated beef) tacos.

TORTISIMAS
15021 E. Mississippi Ave.
303.750.2224
Lunch, Dinner
$
North Central
This bright, family-owned restaurant specializes in tortas, or Mexican-style sandwiches. There are at least two dozen versions to choose from, as well as fresh-squeezed drinks and homemade desserts.

YO MOMMAS CANTINA
18648 E. Hampden Ave.
720.512.2767
yomommascantina.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$-$$$$
Southeast
Proudly Tex-Mex, Yo Mommas knows its queso and chimichangas. Chef Matthew Robertson stuffs his tacos with everything from battered cod and mango crema to achiotep marinated pork and red tomatillo salsa.
Mexican Sweets

EL NOPAL NEVARIA AND CAFE
1702 S. Chambers Road
303.862.6517
nopalneveria.com
Dessert
$ Southwes t
From paletas to chamoyadas to ice cream, this charming shop gives you lots of options for sweet treats. The agua frescas and lattes are perfect for when you want to drink your dessert.

LA BOMBA
1082 Havana St.
720.535.1041
labombacolorado.com
Daily
$-$ Southwes t
What's not to love about a restaurant specializing in snacks? La Bomba offers a range of Mexican botanas, including ice creams, burgers, crepes and elote.

LA MICHOACANA SABOR A MEXICO
14105 E. Exposition Ave., Unit B
720.625.0663
Daily
$ North Central
This is the type of place that tops Hot Cheetos with nacho cheese, corn and cayenne, so yeah, it’s not for the timid. Other snacks include mangoneada, ice creams and elote.

LAS FRESAS
489 Sable Blvd.
303.367.0312
Daily
$ North Central
Las Fresas is all about satiating your cravings for fruity Mexican treats like mangonadas, chamoyadas, pepinadas and fresas. They also sell more savory snacks, like nachos and elotes.

LECHE Y MIEL
12415 E. Mississippi Ave.
720.859.6200
Daily
$-$ North Central
A smorgasbord of Mexican treats, you’ll have a hard time choosing among the ice creams, crepes and raspados (Mexican shaved ice). If that’s not sweet overload, grab a juice or agua fresca.

MI RANCHITO NEVERIA
14360 E. 28th Ave.
303.923.3101
Daily
$ North Central
There’s more than just ice cream at Mi Ranchito. They’re doing crazy things with Takis, Flamin’ Hot Cheetos and Purple Tostitos, but there’s also more basic nachos, paletas and yogurts, too.

NEVERIA FIESTA
15270 E. 6th Ave., #3
303.364.3146
Daily
$ North Central
Kids and kids at heart will both fall in love with the ice creams, churros, banana splits and papas locas at Neveria Fiesta, where every meal can be a party.

NEVERIA JADANY’S
12132 E. Mississippi Ave.
720.583.1880
Daily
$ Southwes t
Find all the Mexican treats and snacks you’re craving - like ice cream, shaved ice, mangoneadas, chilindrinas and elote - at this friendly shop.
NEVERIA LAS MARIPOSAS
2300 S. Chambers Road
303.745.3382
auroraicecreamshop.com
Daily
$
South Central
Ice cream is the main draw here, but they also serve fresh crepes, candy, fruit cups and other snacks. If it’s available, grab a scoop of the horchata ice cream.

NEVERIA LOS NIETOS
10231 E. Colfax Ave.
720.596.4324
Daily
$
Northwest
Treat yourself to the slew of snacks tempting you at Neveria Los Nietos. And if you have trouble picking among all the variations of ice cream, mangonadas and elotes? Go big and try ‘em all.

NEVERIA MICHIS
564 S. Chambers Road
720.328.4534
Daily
$$
North Central
There may be no better way to get your daily fruit than via a cup full of mangos topped with chamoy sauce and chili lime salt. You can get your fruit fill at this cute modern shop, along with ice cream and savory snacks.

NEVERIA SABOR LATINO
1462 Iola St.
720.859.6777
Daily
$$
Northwest
Besides the oh-so-scoopable flavors of ice cream, this spot cools you down with paletas, shaved ice, smoothies, fruit cups and aguas frescas. Bonus: They’re open until 10 p.m.

OSITOS ICE CREAM
15450 E. Hampden Ave.
303.993.3291
Daily
$-$
Southeast
This ice cream, coffee and Mexican/Salvadoran snack parlor one-ups Baskin-Robbins by offering 32 scoopable flavors. If you’re not feeling creamy, the fresh fruit treats are super refreshing.

PALETERIA LA MICHOACANA
697 Peoria St.
303.363.4056
michoacana.com
Daily
$
Northwest
Cold sweets and spicy treats are the house specialties at Paleteria, where the elotes and salty snacks bump up against a range of ice cream and popsicle flavors.

Q’RICO CRAVINGS
14200 E. Alameda Ave., #2015-D
303.955.1812
Daily
$-$
North Central
This family owned Mexican snack shop serves pretty much everything you want to be eating, like tortas, tacos, chamoyadas and churro sundaes.

THE LITTLE MICHOACANA
10777 E. Colfax Ave.
Daily
$
Northwest
Antojitos is the Spanish word for little cravings, the kinds of snacks sold by street food vendors. The Little Michoacana specializes in these sorts of snacks, like ice cream, nachos and even mini pancakes.
Pupusas have a long history in their homeland of El Salvador: Historians believe they were first made by the Indigenous Pipil tribe more than 2,000 years ago. So what is this enduring dish? Thick corn tortillas stuffed with an array of fillings (meat, beans, and/or cheese) and then cooked on a grill called a comal. (In Venezuela, you'll find a similar version known as arepas.) You can craft the pouches at home too; swing by Mi Pueblo Market or El Jakalito Market to pick up the short list of necessary ingredients.

For a list of Aurora’s independent Latin American restaurants, go to page 55.

DISH YOU’LL LOVE:

PUPUSAS
**Peruvian •••**

**MARIA EMPANADA**
2501 Dallas St.
720.484.5927
mariaempanada.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$

*Stansley Marketplace - Northwest*

At this casa de empanadas, the Argentine-style pastries are made fresh daily. There are four breakfast flavors and around a dozen other savory options. Located at Stanley Marketplace.

**PISCO SOUR RESTAURANT & LOUNGE**
14050 E. Evans Ave.
303.671.4437
restaurantpiscosour.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$$

*Southwest*

Take your taste buds on a trip with scratch-made Peruvian cuisine. Two favorites: sea bass-based ceviche and bisteca a lo pobre (rib-eye served with fried eggs, rice, fried plantains and a pisco sour sauce).

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**Salvodoran •••**

**ANTOJITOS SALVADORENOS ANITA**
700 Dayton St.
720.216.4940
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$

*Northwest*

Salvadoran favorites like pupusas, tortas, tamales and sopa de pata are the specialties at this food truck-turned-brick-and-mortar spot.

**PUPUSAS HOUSE**
2284 S. Chambers Road
303.368.4578
orderpupusashouse.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$

*Northwest*

Salvadoran favorites like pupusas, tortas, tamales and sopa de pata are the specialties at this food truck-turned-brick-and-mortar spot.

**PUPUSAS LA SALVADOREÑA**
304 Havana St.
720.868.9295
pupusaslasalvadorenaco.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$-$$

*North Central*

There are more than a dozen pupusa options here - from stuffing the griddled corn cakes with chicken and cheese to chicharron. They also do Salvadoran breakfasts in the morning.

**PUPUSAS PARADISE**
15462 E. Hampden Ave.
303.862.8652
pupusasparadise.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$-$$

*Southeast*

Bringing their native Salvadoran recipes to Aurora, the two owners of Pupusas Paradise cook up the kind of enchiladas, meat plates and pupusas they grew up eating. They also open early for breakfast.
BOYCHIK
2501 Dallas St.
303.997.8402
boychikkitchen.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$-$$$  
**Stanley Marketplace** - Northwest  
Bring friends to share all the dips, spreads and shawarma plates at this Mediterranean spot. Wine lovers will appreciate the plethora of thoughtful options.

SAJ FRESH GRILL
2300 S. Parker Road
720.612.7422
sajfresh.com
Lunch, Dinner
$$  
Southwest  
Build a plate or a wrap (made with pita or saj, a flatbread) with your choice of protein—chicken, beef, gyro meat, or falafel—fillings/sides, and sauces.

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**Greek •••**

THE ATHENIAN RESTAURANT
15350 E. Iliff Ave.
720.449.0224
theathenianrestaurant.com
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
$$$
South Central
The pitas at this cozy bistro are flown in from Greece, and the menu is filled with classic dishes, from spanakopita to gyros to souvlaki.
**CAFE PAPRIKA**  
13160 E. Mississippi Ave.  
303.755.4150  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$  
Southwest  
Cafe Paprika has dished up classic Moroccan specialties—lamb shanks, tagines, kebabs, couscous, and more—since 1993. The saffron-infused chicken bastilla (a savory meat pie) is a longstanding favorite.

**JASMINE SYRIAN FOOD**  
10180 E. Colfax Ave., Unit 186  
720.418.1776  
jasminesyrian.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$  
**Mango House** - Northwest  
Traditional family recipes are the inspiration at this immigrant-founded restaurant. Dig into lentil soup, kebah (deep-fried meat croquettes) and muhallabia, a Syrian milk pudding. Located inside Mango House.

**YEMEN GRILL**  
2353 S. Havana St., Unit D#15A  
303.369.1998  
yemengrilldenver.com  
Lunch, Dinner  
$$-$$$$  
Southwest  
Try Yemeni dishes like chicken Mandi (spiced chicken with fragrant basmati rice) and Middle Eastern favorites like shawarma, kebabs and gyros at this friendly neighborhood spot. Be sure to order a jug of the fresh-squeezed mango juice for the table.

**SHAHRAZAD BAKERY**  
2603 S. Parker Road  
303.671.2911  
Daily  
$  
Southwest  
A clay oven bakes up the traditional Iraqi breads served here. This is the spot for giant flatbreads, loaves of samoon (shorter, fatter baguettes), Middle Eastern pizzas and puff-pastry treats.
You don’t always need silverware when dining out: In many countries around the world, it’s commonplace to eat with your hands—places like South America, Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia. That doesn't mean you need to grab pieces of hot chicken with your hands. Rather, in some cases, you’ll be using a tortilla or other traditional bread as a utensil.
Specialty Markets

African •••

ACCRA KUMASI
AFRICAN MARKET
306 S. Ironton St., Unit E
(inside 7-Eleven)
347.748.2862
Daily
Northeast
Visit this friendly shop to snag all of your basic African grocery needs, including fufu, plantains, rice, canned fish, and frozen meats.

AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL
MARKET
18801 E. Hampden Ave., Suite 170
303.523.9310
Monday-Saturday
Central South
African International Market may be small, but its shelves and freezers are filled with essentials: fufu, cassava grits, frozen okra, oxtail, tripe, chicken, and bulk bags of beans and black-eyed peas.

DIA INTERNATIONAL
MARKET
1408 Del Mar Parkway
303.537.5554
Daily
Central North
Tucked away in a quiet strip mall, DIA fills its space with an array of African groceries, from suji, fufu, and semolina to lamb and frozen okra to rose water and necessary kitchen wares.

DOLLAR GROCERIES
12028 E. Mississippi Ave., Unit F-1
303.353.4527
Daily
Southwest
Visit this corner shop for the freezers, which are chock-full of fish and meats (everything from turkey and beef to cow neck and oxtail). Ready-made jollof rice and other West African dishes are cooked up most afternoons.

IWACU
AFRICAN GROCERY
1480 Lima St., Unit C
720.757.1272
Daily
Northwest
East African ingredients are the focus at this off the beaten path market where you can track down pounded yam, malted sorghum flour, mango nectar, ubunyobwa (Rwandan peanuts) and frozen yucca.

KANTOMANTO
AFRICAN MARKET
495 N. Havana St.
303.360.7200
Daily
Northeast
On the shelves, find tinned fish, Vitamalt (a nonalcoholic malt beverage), mixes for banku, pounded yam and fufu. There are also stocked freezers (smoked turkey!) and produce baskets.

LAGOS INTERNATIONAL
MARKET
15343 E. Sixth Ave.
303.360.7837
Monday-Saturday
Central North
The freezers in this African market (which also sells products from the Caribbean to Asia) are filled with everything from beef and stockfish to raw cassava and egusi.

MAKOLA
AFRICAN MARKET
2032 Clinton St.
303.341.4771
makolaafrican49.weebly.com
Daily
Northwest
Pick up all your African food needs, from fufu flour and plantains chips to frozen goat and fresh yams. The shelves also hold pantry staples, plus a variety of African lotions and cloths.
WHAT IS:

TEFF?

Teff is the smallest grain in the world. It’s a gluten-free seed, but it acts like a whole grain (similar to quinoa). The protein-packed brown seeds are a diet staple for people from the Horn of Africa, who often grind it into flour and use it to make injera, a traditional flatbread. Fun fact: Ethiopian distance runners say it’s the secret behind their superhuman endurance.

Generally, you cook the nutty flavored ingredient by simmering it (more liquid for creamier dishes, less for more al dente ones), but you can also purchase teff flour for use in baked goods.

Try teff at home by stopping in at one of Aurora’s African grocers, like Harar Market. Find a full list of Markets on page 76.
NANA AFRICAN MARKET
10223 E. Iliff Ave.
303.755.7985
Daily
Southwest
This Ghanaian-owned grocery fills its shelves and coolers with the best of West Africa: goat meat, red palm oil, cassava, Degue (a porridge), groundnuts and plenty more.

PRAISE MARKET
719 Billings St.
720.249.8127
Monday-Saturday
Central North
This nondescript African grocery store has all the essentials—palm oil, frozen okra and oversize bags of pounded yam—as well as harder to find items like chikwangue, sweet potato leaves and stewing hens.

SHEBELLE MARKET
10731 E. Alameda Ave., Unit D
303.364.8587
shebellemarketinc.com
Daily
Northeast
Find an array of East African and Middle Eastern foodstuffs, including flours, grains, fufu mix, dried fruits, beverages, and fresh injera, as well as house- and cooking wares.

SM GROCERY
12203 E. Iliff Ave., Unit W
303.597.0048
Daily
Southwest
Provision for the basics at this diminutive African market: fufu, farina, whole wheat flour, palm butter, frozen raw cassava, frozen pondu, and meats.

SUPER MARCHE LA PROMESSE
576 Hanover Way, Unit A
720.435.3601
Daily
Northeast
An African grocer stocking all the basics, including an array of Congolese products: semolina, fufu, small fish, chopped sweet potato leaves (matembele), beans, and pondu (a cassava leaf stew).

KINGSTON INTERNATIONAL MARKET
13697 E. Iliff Ave., Unit 7
303.873.7035
Monday-Friday, Sunday
Southwest
African and Caribbean cuisines meet at this small market just off I-225. Whether you want to cook smoked fish or goat or oxtail or oporo (African smoked shrimp), Kingston has you covered.

ASIA MART
1481 Chester St.
720.621.6859
asiamartllp.com
Daily
Northwest
Satisfy all your Nepali and Indian food needs at this market. Shelves are filled with goods like giant bags of basmati rice, chickpea flour and kitchen wares, while freezers are stocked with fish and dumpling wrappers.

ASIAN AMERICAN SUPER MARKET
11201 E. Colfax Ave.
303.366.3003
Daily
Northwest
Walk down the narrow aisles at this diminutive grocer for a variety of noodles, spices, and oversize bags of rice. You’ll also find fresh herbs, halal meat, and seafood.
So your recipe calls for chiles—but should you use fresh or dried? Mexican supermarkets like El Jakalito and Mi Pueblo usually have plenty of both. The experts at Bon Appétit explain it this way:

- **Fresh chiles** add pops of heat, so they work well in quick-cook dishes such as salads, salsas, and stir-fries.

- **Dried chiles** are all about the slow burn. They’re good for infusions (think: creams or stocks). Also consider rehydrating them for extra-hot salsas. Pro tip: Toast them first to bring out the flavor.

*Find the full lineup of Aurora’s specialty markets on page 76.*
GW SUPERMARKET  
12303 E. Mississippi Ave.  
720.858.8818  
Daily  
Northeast  
Think Costco, but for Asian groceries—specifically, produce, meat and seafood and staple pantry items. Also find bubble tea and Vietnamese sandwich to-go spots inside.

H MART  
2751 S. Parker Road  
303.745.4592  
myhmart.com  
Daily  
Southwest  
Set aside some time to peruse the Aurora outpost of the country’s largest Asian supermarket chain. Take a break from shopping with a boba tea and ready-made Korean fare.

LOTUS ASIAN MARKET  
844 S. Buckley Road  
303.752.3235  
Daily  
Northeast  
Discover a wide array of Asian foodstuffs at this market: produce, whole frozen fish, dumpling wrappers, noodles, curry pastes, longanisa (Filipino sausage) and even ube ice cream.

H MART  
2751 S. Parker Road  
303.745.4592  
myhmart.com  
Daily  
Southwest  
Set aside some time to peruse the Aurora outpost of the country’s largest Asian supermarket chain. Take a break from shopping with a boba tea and ready-made Korean fare.

HAAT BAZAR  
2648 S. Parker Road, Unit 6b  
303.750.1200  
Tuesday-Sunday  
Southwest  
There’s lots to discover at this South Asian grocery store, starting with the freezers full of whole fish and various eggs. Goat and chicken—including hard-to-find cuts—are available at the meat counter.

GIHON INTERNATIONAL MARKET  
16761 E. Iliff Ave.  
303.750.1600  
Daily  
Central South  
Stop by this Ethiopian market for fresh-baked breads; cuts of beef, lamb, and goat; and a solid selection of spices, lentils, rice, dates, cookies, and coffee.

LAXMI FOODS  
2705 S. Parker Road  
303.751.5050  
Daily  
Southwest  
Satisfy all your South Asian food needs with Laxmi’s extensive collection of fresh herbs, produce, yogurt, teas, chutneys, spices and frozen meals.

HARAR MARKET  
16251 E. Colfax Ave., Suite 111  
720.859.7533  
Daily  
Central North  
An Ethiopian market and convenience store stocked with a solid selection of spices, bulk pouches of flour and teff, and the jebenas and cups needed for a traditional tea ceremony.

KOLFE MARKET  
15091 E. Mississippi Ave., Unit B  
303.953.9271  
Daily  
Northeast  
A small, clean Ethiopian market at Aurora Plaza. Kolfe carries coffees, biscuits, grains, beans, spices, and large bags of onions, as well as tea sets, incense burners, and other homewares.
L & A MARKET  
3095 S. Peoria St., Unit G  
720.213.0240  
Daily  
Southwest  
This diminutive market sells essential Ethiopian goods, including spices, flours and rice. A to-go menu of tibs and kitfo means you can also grab a ready-made lunch or dinner.

MEGENAGNA GROCERY AND RESTAURANT  
306 S. Ironton St., Unit C  
720.532.0266  
Daily  
Northeast  
At this one-stop shop, you can satisfy your immediate Ethiopian food cravings with tibs or kitfo and then stock up on fresh meats, spices and injera from the small market next door.

PIASSA  
601 Salida Way, Unit B5  
12028 E. Mississippi Ave., Unit A  
720.765.3693  
Daily  
Central North / Southwest  
This family-owned Ethiopian grocer has two locations; the one on Salida Way is larger. Find coffee beans, chickpea flour, bula, banana leaves and spices imported straight from Ethiopia.

QERA ETHIOPIAN MEAT AND MINI MARKET  
1030 N. Havana St., Unit A  
303.360.7372  
Daily  
Northwest  
A small, friendly spot to pick up Ethiopian ingredients, including beans, a variety of flours, large spice bags (filled with oft-used mixes like berbere and mitmita), injera, and, of course, meats.

ZEMBIL MARKET  
10774 E. Iliff Ave.  
303.974.5232  
Daily  
Southwest  
The spices are the draw at this Ethiopian grocer—a wall of shelves is lined with them. Also find chickpeas, lentils, injera, and a solid selection of beef.

EUROPA DELI  
13728 E. Quincy Ave.  
303.699.1530  
Daily  
Central South  
There’s plenty to love about this well-provisioned European market: The cases filled with deli meats. The variety of frozen dumplings hailing from Ukraine and Siberia. The shelves lined with unique pantry items—and sweet treats.

ROYAL GOURMET  
15413 E. Hampden Ave.  
303.766.9291  
Daily  
Central South  
Aurora’s largest Eastern European market is stocked with hard-to-find cold cuts, cheeses and breads and a small selection of produce. It also boasts an impressive counter of ready-to-eat takeout fare.

SOLOMON’S EUROPEAN GROCERY & DELI  
1939 S. Havana St.  
303.337.6454  
Daily  
Southwest  
This family-owned, Eastern European grocer is jam-packed with specialties like fresh-baked rye bread, various cheeses, smoked fishes, more than 80 kinds of deli meat and home-made pierogies.
DENVER HALAL MINI MARKET
10200 E. Mississippi Ave., Unit D
303.751.6661
Daily
Southwest
Halal meats (namely, beef and chicken) are the main draw here, but shoppers can also procure beans, flours, teas, spices, cookies, and ghee from the sizable selection.

EBISU JAPANESE LIFESTYLE STORE
2727 S. Parker Road, Unit C
303.524.9908
Daily
Southwest
Welcome to Colorado’s headquarters for Japanese culture: Find frozen dumplings and fish balls and shelves lined with straight-from-Japan drinks and snacks alongside a bevvy of beauty and home products you won’t find anywhere else in town.

BOMBAY BAZAAR
3140 S. Parker Road, Unit 4
303.369.1010
Daily
Southwest
Bombay Bazaar has everything you need to make a traditional Indian meal. Lentils, rice, curry leaves, paneer (available by the block), frozen samosas, seasoning blends—this vast grocery store is stocked with a bounty of items sourced from throughout India and Pakistan.

M MART KOREAN MARKET
2000 S. Havana St., Unit 4749
303.695.4676
Daily
Southwest
Welcome to Colorado’s only independent Korean market. This small, family-owned shop stocks all the requisite staples—seaweed, kimchi, instant ramen, tofu, and more—plus treats three in-house eateries.

INDIA’S HARVEST
3095 S. Peoria St., Unit D
303.751.8571
Daily
Southwest
A locally owned Indian market selling basmati rice, ghee and ready-to-go curry sauces. Grab a to-go snack from the attached Chaat Corner eatery.

CARNICERIA DARIANA
12028 E. Mississippi Ave., Unit B
303.750.2302
Daily
Southwest
Stroll this carniceria’s narrow aisles to find produce, pantry items, baked goods—including tortillas, of course—dried chiles, and an array of beef, chicken, pork, and shrimp.

M ANAKAMANA GROCERY
1555 Dayton St.
303.366.0760
Daily
Northwest
A locally owned market focusing on Nepali and Indian products. That means flours, oils (including mustard oil), dal, lentils, poha, spices, candy, and oversize bags of rice.
CARNICERIA GUADALAJARA
1544 Lima St.
303.343.0390
Daily
Northwest
Shop to the tune of bumping beats at this small but bustling strip-mall market where you can stock up on meats, cheeses, produce, and plenty of spices. There’s also a concise selection of beer.

CARNICERIA LA SUPERIOR
1020 S. Peoria St.
303.341.0044
Daily
Northeast
Walk into this pocket market for a solid selection of pantry items (salsas, masa, beans); an array of cheeses, beef, and pork in the refrigerated section; and some produce and baked goods.

COMPARE
541 Sable Blvd.
720.532.0119
carniceriacompare.com
Daily
Northeast
Shop a wide selection of fresh cheeses, meats, produce, breads, and baked goods to the tune of upbeat Mexican music at this medium-size grocery store. An in-house restaurant serves breakfast platters, stews, pupusas, and more.

LA GUATEMALTECA
10329 E. Colfax Ave.
303.343.2838
laguatemaltecarestaurante.com
Daily
Northwest
The main attraction at this modest storefront-meets-restaurant—beyond the fresh Guatemalan fare and Central American grocery items like Salvadoran chorizo—are the breads and pastries, some of which are baked on-site.

LOWE’S MERCADO
10777 E. Colfax Ave.
303.363.3321
lowesmarket.com
Daily
Northwest
Signs at the Aurora location of this grocery store chain are in both English and Spanish. Those seeking Hispanic cuisine will be happy to find an aisle full of tortillas, pre-seasoned meats, nopaltes and churros.

MI PUEBLO MARKET
15355 E. Colfax Ave.
303.361.6123
mipueblomarketco.com/aurora
Daily
Central North
At this bustling market, stock up on ingredients essential to Mexican, Central American and South American cooking. Take home dinner from La Cocina Cafe.

SUPERMERCADO SAN JOSE
12124 E. 14th Ave.
720.750.5874
Daily
Northwest
Consider San Jose an amped-up convenience store. Stop by to top off your groceries from the small array of produce, pantry items, meats and cheeses.
Mexican •••

CARNICERIA JEREZANA
1148 Yosemite St.
720.859.9442
Daily
Northwest
A small but mighty Mexican grocery with a well-stocked meat counter, refrigerated produce, plenty of spices and tortillas, candy, and bulk sizes of essentials like hominy.

CARNICERIA LATINA
2272 S. Chambers Road
303.283.6844
Daily
Central South
Find all the necessities at this traditional Mexican grocer, from spices and chiles to fresh tortillas and chicharrones. There’s also a sizable meat counter, a nice cheese selection, and a cafe serving food-to-go.

CARNICERIA MEXICANA
9508 E. Montview Blvd.
720.859.2404
Daily
Northwest
Find all the basics for your Mexican shopping needs—pork spareribs, catfish, and beef feet at the meat and seafood counter; fresh breads; and fideo, masa, and juices on the shelves.

EL ANGEL MARKET
3133 Peoria St.
303.564.3236
elangelmarket.com
Daily
Northeast
Whether it’s Mexican sodas and snacks or fresh fruits and veggies, this Mexican grocer has everything on your list plus a whole lot more.

EL JAKALITO MARKET
15401 E. Mississippi Ave., Unit A
12203 E. Iliff Ave., Unit F
303.751.6053
720.598.6540
Daily
Northeast / Southwest
An abundant Mexican marketplace, El Jakalito is bursting with baked goods, including tortillas and sweet breads, traditional meats, fresh produce, dried chiles and spices, and more.

EL MERCADO DE COLORADO
11505 E. Colfax Ave.
720.343.2195
Daily
Northwest
This Mexican supermarket sells everything your kitchen needs—and things it doesn’t, like shoes. An outpost of fast-casual Tacos Junior is attached, so you can fill up your belly before or after stocking your pantry.

ELITA SPECIALTY MARKET & KITCHEN
2501 Dallas St.
720.328.8930
elitafoods.com
Lunch, Dinner
Stanley Marketplace - Northwest
This former butcher shop still sells high-quality meats (and makes its own sausages) and a deli case full of fresh pickles and salads. But its new iteration was inspired by the chef-owner’s time living in both Israel and Mexico, which comes through in a menu of ready-to-eat sandwiches, tacos, flatbreads, and hummus bowls.
The lean protein is a mainstay in diets around the globe, particularly in African, Middle Eastern, Indian, Latin, and Caribbean cuisines. But you don’t want to cook it just like chicken. Here are three things to keep in mind:

1. Because it’s naturally lean, goat dries out easily. Help it retain its moisture by braising or stewing it with a liquid. Abide by the low and slow method for the best results.

2. Goat can taste gamey. Tame it down by pairing the meat with bold flavors or by marinating it.

3. Need recipe ideas? Try goat curry, slow-roasted goat shoulder, or goat barbacoa tacos.

*Pick up your main ingredient at venues such as Nana African Market and Kingston International Market. View the full lineup of Aurora's specialty markets on page 76.*
LA VICTORIA CARNICERIA Y RESTAURANT
1436 Jamaica St., Unit B
303.341.0611
Daily
Northwest
Build your own Mexican meal with this small market’s wide selection of meats, chicharron, produce and canned goods. Find inspiration in the restaurant side’s hot-and-ready dishes.

MERCADO AZTECA
9701 E. Montview Blvd.
303.344.0043
Daily
Northwest
A Mexican grocery store provisioned with plenty of produce, meat, cheeses, spices, chips, dried beans... the list continues.

VICTORIA’S MARKET & RESTAURANT
1650 Tower Road
303.363.4131
Daily
Central North
Peruse the selection of meat and fish at the counter before rounding out your cart with tostadas, beans and plentiful pantry items at this Mexican grocer. There’s an on-site restaurant, too.

AFGHAN & INDIAN MARKET
3102 S. Parker Road, Unit A6
303.862.4753
Daily
Southwest
Find halal meat and fish, Afghan dried fruits and nuts, teas, and naan inside this store, which stocks goods from across Afghanistan, India, Bangladesh, and Nepal. Also available: a selection of carpets.

ARASH INTERNATIONAL MARKET
2720 S. Parker Road
303.752.9272
Daily
Southwest
This sizable supermarket known for its selection of halal meat also features impressive selection of cheeses, olives, breads, herbs and spices, and produce, as well as a focus on Persian ingredients.

ZEMEN MARKET
1660 S. Chambers Road
303.755.1903
zemenmarket.com
Monday-Saturday
Southwest
Don’t mistake Zemen for just a computer shop. Inside, you’ll also find a decent selection of traditional Middle Eastern and East African ingredients, like teff, tea biscuits, fava bean flour and African niger seeds.
CAKES BY KAREN  
16873 E. Iliff Ave.  
303.693.7454  
cakesbykarencolorado.com  
Dessert  
$  
South Central  
If you're on the move, opt for the cupcakes, cookies, or brownies (did someone say German chocolate?). But Cakes By Karen is known for its customized, full-size cakes. Mix-and-match the 18 flavors, six icings, and 13 fillings to make the perfect bite.

THE COOKIE COMPANY  
6150 S. Main St., Unit I-108  
303.928.7592  
auroracookieco.com  
Dessert  
$  
Southlands - Southeast  
Indulge in 20 flavors of house-made cookies, ranging from sugar with sprinkles to snickerdoodle to O.D. (a chocolate cookie with chocolate chips and chocolate frosting). Order individually or get two free cookies with every 10 purchased.

DEVIL AND ANGEL DESSERTS  
2727 S. Parker Road  
303.997.5350  
devilnangel.com  
Dessert  
$$  
Southwest  
Whether your sweet tooth is craving soft serve, mochi doughnuts or even a croissant-waffle hybrid (dubbed a "croffle"), you’ll find it at this cute corner shop.

GERA COFFEE & ICE CREAM  
14515 E. Alameda Ave., Unit B  
720.492.3811  
Daily  
$  
Parkside Eatery - North Central  
Serving the soon-to-be iconic combination of Ethiopian coffee and ice cream (they source from local Heaven Creamery), this is a great place to both start and end your day.

HAZ TU LOCO  
10 S. Havana St., #119  
720.298.3217  
Daily  
$  
North Central  
Cool down with the over-the-top ice cream and fruit concoctions coming out of this Mexican treat shop. With “loco” in the name, you know the sweets are going to be bonkers.

MIETTE ET CHOCOLAT  
2501 Dallas St., Suite 176  
303.658.0861  
mietteetchocolat.com  
Dessert  
Monday-Friday  
$$  
Stanley Marketplace - Northwest  
Sweet scents draw you in the doors of this French patisserie and chocolate shop. Having trouble deciding between the bonbons, caramels, chocolate bars, and seasonal confections? The sea salt-chocolate chip cookies are always a good idea.
MILKROLL CREAMERY
2712 S. Havana St.
720.750.7973
Daily
$
Stanley Marketplace - Southwest
Yes, rolling ice cream is a thing, and it’s delicious. Creations coming out of this Thai-style ice cream parlor include rolled sweet cream topped with your favorite cereal and a pandan base mixed with coconut jelly, mochi and koala cookies.

MOCHA
2713 S. Parker Road
303.362.1431
mochausa.com
Daily
$
Southwest
Mochi doughnuts, matcha lattes, soft serve ice cream and freshly made boba all vie for your attention at this minimalist spot. Whether you come for the coffee or a dessert, you’re bound to leave happy.

PARIS BAGUETTE
10601 E. Garden Drive
303.228.3644
parisbaguette.com
Daily
$-$-$
Southwest
This South Korean bakery and cafe has garnered a large following for its pastries, which you hand-pick yourself. Just try not to overflow your tray with all the yummy-looking cakes, croissants, doughnuts and more.

PASTELES CISNE
CAKES & PASTRIES
648 Peoria St.
720.877.1329
Daily
$$
Northwest
This special occasion cake bakery does it all - birthdays, baby showers, Dia de los Muertos and more. For a real treat, order a Spring Fling cake with zucchini-flecked batter, cream cheese frosting and loads of fresh fruit.
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SC BAKERY
15200 E. Iliff Ave.
720.772.0251
Daily
$
Southwest
Blink and you might miss this little bakery, but it's worth a trip for the sweet and savory baked goods coming out of their kitchen. In addition to the cinnamon rolls, tarts and other people sweets, they make treats for dogs.

SNOWL
1930 S. Havana St., Unit 5 and 6
720.542.9902
snowlcafe.com
Dessert
$
Southwest
Snowl is known for taiyaki: fish-shaped waffle cake cones that originated in Tokyo. Fill yours with sweet red bean paste or Nutella, milk tea or matcha soft-serve ice cream and your choice of toppings.

SWEET COW ICE CREAM
2501 Dallas St.
303.484.1573
sweetcowicecream.com
Dessert
$
Stanley Marketplace - Northwest
Sweet Cow churns out handcrafted, small-batch, creative ice cream flavors (think: oatmeal cookie or vegan Thai iced tea) on-site every day using locally sourced ingredients.

TOUS LES JOURS
2892 S. Havana St.
303.755.7014
tljus.com
Daily
$
Southwest
Delighting carb lovers of both the sweet and savory variety, this bakery chain is known for their breads, cakes and pastries. (Don't leave without trying their stuffed strawberry croissant.) They also pour a full menu of coffees and teas.
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