

Robert's Bay Area Restaurant List - East Bay

Sorted by Location

Name	Comments	Location	Website
Sam's Log Cabin	Emphasis on organic and sustainable comfort food for breakfast and lunch	Albany	http://www.samslogcabin.net/
Little Star Pizza	Delicious cornmeal crusted deep dish pizza.	Albany, San Francisco	http://www.littlestarpizza.com/
Bette's Oceanview Diner	A deco-diner Berkeley institution, long waits [esp on weekends], but always good.	Berkeley	http://www.bettesdiner.com/
Café Leila	Breakfast-lunch with nice, sunny outdoor patio	Berkeley	http://www.cafeleila.com/
Homemade Café	Homey, the way down-home diners used to be	Berkeley	http://www.homemade-cafe.com/
900 Grayson	Upscale breakfast & lunch	Berkeley	http://www.900grayson.com/
La Note	For the French in all of us – very good	Berkeley	http://www.lanoterestaurant.com/
Vik's Chaat & Market	One of the best Indian restaurants, in my opinion	Berkeley	http://vikschaat.com/
Cesar	Not quite what they used to be, but still an older-hipster hang, with superb cocktails and requisite noise level	Berkeley	http://cesarberkeley.com/
Chez Panisse	Both the café and restaurant feature the finest sustainably-sourced, organic, and seasonal ingredients including meat, fish, and poultry. Both are delish and the café is less expensive.	Berkeley	www.chezpanisse.com/
Kirala	My fave Japanese place for lunch, dinner is good too	Berkeley	http://www.kiralaberkeley.com/
Comal	Big, delicious, upscale Mex with lots of noise and a beautiful space	Berkeley	http://www.comalberkeley.com/
Spoon Korean Bistro	Cool little Korean bistro with good food and outdoor patio.	Berkeley	http://spoonkoreanbistro.com/
Cheeseboard Collective	Best pizza!	Berkeley	http://cheeseboardcollective.coop/
Smoke BBQ	Good down home bbq.	Berkeley	http://smokeberkeley.com/
La Marcha	Unique and delicious tapas and paella. Make reservations, always crowded.	Berkeley	http://www.lamarchaberkeley.com/
Elmwood Cafe	Good breakfast joint with tasty biscuits, scones and pastries.	Berkeley	http://elmwoodcafe.com/
Lilly's Restaurant	Reasonably priced good Chinese food.	Berkeley	http://lillysrestaurant.com/
The Juice Bar Collective	Very good assortment of vegetarian and meat options.	Berkeley	http://www.juicebarcollective.com/#about
Rick and Ann's	Cozy place with good traditional breakfasts.	Berkeley	http://www.rickandanns.com/
Iyasare	Inventive dishes from northeast Japan pair with classic nigiri & sashimi in a simple Zen-like space.	Berkeley	http://iyasare-berkeley.com/
Cafe Rouge	Fresh and tasty meats, charcuterie and seafood.	Berkeley	http://www.caferouge.net/
Corso	Handcrafted pasta dishes & Northern Italian specials.	Berkeley	http://www.corsoberkeley.com/
Tacubaya	Sophisticated preparation of Mexican staples with vegetarian options.	Berkeley	http://tacubaya.net/
Longbranch Saloon	Good bar, decent food and atmosphere, and they serve food until 11:30pm [late by East Bay standards]	Berkeley	http://longbranchberkeley.com/
La Marcha	Delicious Tapas	Berkeley	http://www.lamarchaberkeley.com/
Mint Leaf	We like this Vietnamese place near the Berkeley Bowl – good food, nice room and people	Berkeley & Alameda	http://www.mintleafvr.com/
Donut Farm	A yummy donut breakfast place with a vegan twist.	Berkeley, Oakland, SF	http://www.pepplesdonuts.com/
Gioia Pizzeria	New York style thin crust pizza with a great variety of toppings.	Berkeley, SF	http://www.gioiapizzeria.com/
The Dead fish	Take a ride to Crockett for good seafood, nice bar and great views of the Sac straights	Crockett	http://www.thedeadfish.com/
Elevation 66	Exceptionally good food for a brew-pub, especially for my mac & cheese addiction	El Cerrito	http://www.elevation66.com/
Townhouse Bar & Grill	An Emeryville institution [as was Bucci's RIP] and still excellent. Nice lunch patio too	Emeryville	http://townhousebarandgrill.com/
Honor Bar	My current fave E'ville bar, with great eats and great lighting/color/vibe	Emeryville	http://www.honoremeryville.com/
Rotten City Pizza	My local go-to for take-out – pretty decent.	Emeryville	http://www.rottencitypizza.com/
Summer Summer	Our fave local Thai, with a serene, intimate atmosphere	Emeryville	http://summersummerthai.com/
Brown Sugar Kitchen	Tasty nouvelle-soul, also crowded on weekends.	Oakland	http://brownsugarkitchen.com/
Mama's Royal Café	A throw-back to the old hippy brekky-café, with good food	Oakland	http://www.mamasroyalcafeokland.com/
Greasebox	Funky, quirky little place for brekky/lunch in north Oakland with small patio – very casual, gluten free comfort food	Oakland	http://www.greaseboxokland.com/
Desco & District	Directly across the street from each other. The uptown thing in the restored old Oakland 'hood	Oakland	http://descookland.com/ http://districtoak.com/
Wood Tavern	One of my faves in Rockridge, good bar, excellent food, nice room	Oakland	http://www.woodtavern.net/
Kingston 11	A uniquely Jamaican-Oakland vibe here, with pretty good food and occasional music. Reggae mon!	Oakland	http://kingston11eats.com/
Homerom	Not super great mac & cheese, but has variety, big helpings and easy take-out pick-up system	Oakland	http://homerom510.com/
Cholita Linda	Wonderful tacos and sandwiches in a pretty and comfortable setting.	Oakland	https://www.cholitalinda.com/
Aunt Mary's Cafe	A cozy local cafe serving homey comfort food with a Southern & Southwestern twist.	Oakland	http://auntmaryscafe.com/
Flora Restaurant & Bar	Upscale New American cuisine served in a stylish room with high ceilings & art deco details.	Oakland	http://www.floraokland.com/
Grocery Cafe	Burmese neighborhood place.	Oakland	http://grocerycafeokland.com/35381
Juhu Beach Club	Spicy sliders & homestyle Indian snacks, plus cocktails, in a festively decorated space.	Oakland	http://www.juhubeachclub.com/
Xolo	Late-night taqueria offers creative tacos, burritos & other Mexican comfort eats in a cool setting.	Oakland	http://xolotaqueria.com/
Sequoia Diner	Quaint, bright cafe with retro flair & a menu full of housemade sausages, breads, jams & pastries.	Oakland	http://www.sequoiadiner.com/

Beauty's Bagel Shop	Contemporary bakery serving wood-fired Montreal-style bagels, bagel sandwiches & espresso drinks.	Oakland	http://www.beautysbagelshop.com/
Cam Huong	Delicious and very cheap dim sum, banh mi, and other delicacies.	Oakland China Town	http://www.camhuong.com/
Haven	A bit pricey, but superb food and service and a well done room.	Oakland/Jack London	http://www.havenoakland.com/
Crogan's	Well, if you have to find a sports bar, this is probably as good as it's gonna get. Great tater-skins too	Oakland/Montclair	http://www.crogansrestaurant.com/
Gregoire	Rich French take-out for those not on and/or ignoring calorie count	Oakland/Piedmont	http://www.gregoirerestaurant.com/
A16	Upscale Italian in Rockridge, one of my faves for a nice dinner	Oakland/Rockridge	http://www.a16rockridge.com/
Casa Orinda	Not precious Bay Area cuisine; BUT, if you want to experience old-school western country-folk ambience and very good fried chicken, this is da place cowboys and cowgirls	Orinda	http://casaorinda.net/
Assemble	A nice destination eatery for a bay trail bike ride. And on my go-to for mac & cheese	Point Richmond	http://assemblerestaurant.com/
Bull Valley Roadhouse	Some of the best dinners I've had these past couple of years and a nice country drive to picturesque Port Costa	Port Costa	http://www.bullvalleyroadhouse.com/