


Brunch & Restaurants



St. Gallen's diversity is reflected in its dining scene, which is shaped by chefs that honor tradition, but delight in breaking the rules. From candlelit trattorias famous for soulful pasta, to future-forward eateries with progressive cuisine, here's my guide to the area's defining dining and brunch experiences.

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17 The Pinch (with a sunny terrace)
There it is – my favourite restaurant! An urban bistro of sorts, with great innovative food, great coffee, fun cocktails and a homely relaxed vibe. It's cool, it's cozy and the meals are indescribably good. Enjoy a delicious breakfast on the sunny terrace during the summer months.
Davidstr. 20 | thepinch.ch

18 Geschmackslokal
They cook incredible stews with meat, fish, or vegetables. The meat, but also the vegetables, are sourced from regional suppliers. For starters, there is a bowl of salad. Everything is served at the table. The staff is very charming and kind!
Brühlgasse 30 | geschmackslokal.ch

19 Tibet Corner
This is the best place for Tibetan food. Great flavour, tasty ingredients and good service. The food is freshly prepared and tastes really good. Best Momos (traditional dumplings) in town. Try their flatbread – you'll love it.
Schmiedgasse 4 | tibet-corner.ch



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20 Kafi Franz (with back garden)
A little pearl a bit outside of the old town with excellent and fresh prepared home-made cakes, quiches, and dishes. You have to try their homemade iced tea, it's delicious. They have a quiet and pretty back garden. The Sunday brunch is especially good.
Linsebhühlstr. 35 | kafifranz.ch

21 Militärkantine (with front garden)
If you want to spend a few hours outside in the sun and combine it with a fresh and tasty lunch, you shouldn't miss out on this extraordinarily big front garden. It is perfect for children, too. You can also brunch here every Saturday and Sunday from 8 am-3pm.
Kreuzbleicheweg 2 | militaerkantine.ch

22 Gschwend (with back garden)
In summertime, the large back garden terrace is a great place to have a huge ice cream, a nice meal or a good drink. In the wintertime, you should eat «Fondue Chinoise à discrétion» (meat fondue) – Gschwend is famous for it.
Goliathgasse 7 | cafe-gschwend.ch

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23 Wilde Möhre

This collection of yellow pillared containers is St.Gallen's latest cool hangout and coworking space location called «Lattich». It's a small, green and wonderful oasis between old factory buildings and trains passing by. There is a lovely restaurant in one of the containers.

Güterbahnhofstr. 7 | wildemöhre.ch



Picture©focacceria-sg.ch

26 Focacceria (with back garden)

For me, it is literally the best focaccia in Switzerland. You have the choice to pick your own delicious ingredients for the focaccia between many tasty options. They also have a beautiful garden in the back of the first floor – very peaceful and relaxing.

Metzgergasse 22 | focacceria-sg.ch

24 La Vigna

A cozy and lively restaurant with the best «Tavolata» in the city! Enjoy a relaxed meal with family or friends: family-like, all the dishes will be put in the middle of the table and you can serve yourself. Wolfgang, the host, personally explains what he has prepared in the kitchen. I love this restaurant for a romantic night out.

Engelgasse 12 | lavigna.ch

25 Klosterhof «Chlösti»

A relaxed and cozy atmosphere with unique cinema-style chairs. The traditional tapas are the best in town! You have to try the Gambas al Ajillo.

Bankgasse 16

27 Forchetta doro

This one is unique. It's quite small with incredibly warm and friendly staff. You feel like you were invited to a private home for dinner. They offer seafood, steak and highly creative vegetarian options. Try the homemade tortelloni with gorgonzola-chicory stuffing and chanterelles.

Geltenwilenstr. 15 | forchettadoro.ch

28 1733

The house dates back to 1733. They have their own wine cellar and the wine list is very extensive. In summertime, you can sit outside enjoying your chosen wine.

Goliathgasse 29 | 1733.ch

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29 Lagerhaus (with back garden)

They serve high-quality food with a focus on excellent meat. The atmosphere is elegant and modern. The lamb rack is delicious, as well as their different steaks. You can choose your meat and get it perfectly grilled. Try the truffled mashed potatoes!

Davidstr. 42 | restaurantlagerhaus.ch



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32 Perronnord

The charm of the place comes from the crowd – mostly authentic suburban inhabitants and some seniors. Here you can go for a beer and something to eat. You have to try out their extraordinary Cordon Bleu. But be aware: If you're there, you'll never want to leave.

Rosenbergstr. 48 | perronnord.ch

30 Esswerk

It's definitely the best takeaway restaurant in St. Gallen! Fast soul food for everyone – also for vegetarians. I especially recommend the burritos, they are delicious! There are a lot of options to build your own burrito with fresh ingredients – just the way you like it.

Oberer Graben 3 | ess-werk.ch

31 Stripped Pizza

No matter how much pizza you have eaten, there is always a better one to come, which you might find here. All ingredients are healthy and organic and they offer amazing gluten-free and vegan pizza!

Unterer Graben 1 | stripped-pizza.com

33 Dreilinden (with front garden)

If you are in St. Gallen, you should go up the hill to this restaurant near the three ponds. You will be rewarded with lovely food, friendly service, a convivial atmosphere and a great view over the city and, in the far distance, Lake Constance. The menu contains traditional Swiss dishes using local produce, but with a slight modern twist.

Dreilindenstr. 42 | restaurant-dreilinden.ch

34 Radio Mumbai

In the historic Hörnli building, renowned Indian Chef Jagpreet Singh Alang puts a modern touch on traditional classics to offer the best Indian food in town.

Marktplatz 5 | radiomumbai.ch

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35 Drahtseilbähnli

The Drahtseilbähnli is located in the old town. The dishes are really swiss and traditional. It's hard to choose something, especially if you love cheese. The team also offers a brunch buffet every Saturday and Sunday from 9am-2pm (booking recommended).

St. Georgenstr. 3 | drahtseilbaehnli.com

36 Sushi Bar Wasabi

Take a seat at the bar in front of the running sushi and enjoy the fresh sushi and sashimi. I love this place as it is entertaining and the food is very good. It takes a while to eat here, so make sure you have the time to sit and enjoy it! My recommendation: try the Japanese beer «Kirin». Engelgasse 15 | edojapan.ch

37 Baratella (with back garden)

Here you can get delicious pasta in huge portions. The atmosphere is welcoming and the crowd is easy-going. The big, quiet garden in the back with plants invites you for further drinks and a long stay. If you love tiramisu, you must try theirs! Unterer Graben 20 | restaurantbaratella.ch



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38 Stickerei

If you love handmade burgers, then the Stickerei is the right place for you (booking recommended). They use high-quality swiss beef with melted cheese and other fresh garnishes and ingredients. You can choose between over ten different deluxe burger creations.

Oberer Graben 44 | stickerei.sg

39 Schwarzer Engel

This alternative restaurant is in the middle of the popular «Bermuda Dreieck» and has a comfortable atmosphere with a back garden. In the evenings it's a wonderful, relaxing place. It is a good place to drink beer, make new friends and play cards. Sometimes there is live music. Engelgasse 22 | schwarzerengel.ch

40 Falkenburg

The most beautiful view over the city and the surroundings! The food is nicely prepared and upper scale for local specialties. It's only a short but steep stroll away from Mühlegg station. You can also enjoy the pleasant atmosphere on the terrace. Falkenburgstr. 25 | falkenburgsg.ch

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41 Barz

This is absolutely one of the culinary gems of the city of St. Gallen! This restaurant has incredible regional and seasonal food, cooked brilliantly and accompanied by amazing local and European wines! They have 14 Gault Millau points and that has its reason.

Bankgasse 4 | barz.ch

42 Habibi

It is a positive experience to eat here. Ahmad, the owner, serves you the best Moroccan tea – poured from a great height. Zürcherstr. 42 | habibi-restaurant.jimdo.com

43 Pärkli

Every Friday and Saturday they offer a Lebanese Buffet (7pm, all you can eat). The food is delicious and the staff is lovely. Oberer Graben 12 | paerkli.ch

44 Fondue Beizli

Located in the old town, this restaurant is renowned for its cheese fondue. Dip into this traditional Swiss dish, which many say is the best to be found in St. Gallen. Brühlgasse 26 | fonduebeizli.ch



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45 Wirtschaft zur alten Post

This is a very traditional and elegant restaurant and one of those typical St. Gallen first floor «Beizli» in the old town. The food is plain, fine and tastes very delicate. The huge and heavy wine book is full of tasty wines. They call it the wine bible.

Gallusstr. 4 | apost.ch

46 Facincani

Since 1927, the Italian restaurant exists and is one of the best you can find. Toni and Egi are super friendly and legendary for wearing their suspenders. It is a place for locals who always keep coming back for good, traditional Italian food.

Gallusstr. 39 | facincani.ch

47 NAZ | Zum goldenen Leuen

The oldest table in this restaurant dates back to the 18th century. The restaurant is very traditional and authentic. You have to try the famous «Chäschüächli» (pie with a cheese filling) – they taste gorgeous. And they also brew their own beer «huus-braui».

Schmiedgasse 30 | naz.sg