



## Insider's Guide to **INDIANAPOLIS**

**Welcome to Indianapolis, Indiana**—home of the greatest spectacle in racing, the Indianapolis 500. Known as “the Crossroads of America,” Indianapolis is where you’ll find the best of the Midwest. There’s something for everyone here!

The Sonnhalter Insider’s Guide to Indianapolis will get you on the right track. It’s our way of helping you cut through the clutter to find the city’s best restaurants, nightlife and sights.

We asked our Indy insiders for their recommendations on where to sample Hoosier cuisine and entertainment. You know, those secret locales only the locals know about. From comfort food to fine dining, it’s all here. After all, at Sonnhalter, we not only like to get our hands dirty, we like to get them greasy too!

When you’re not convening at the convention center, make sure you check out the city’s many sights—from downtown out to the Speedway—and see why Indy runs circles around other cities!

### Downtown/State Capitol/Convention Center

#### **Bluebeard**

New American  
317-686-1580

<http://www.bluebeardindy.com/>

This trendy foodie hot spot serves sharing plates & craft cocktails in a renovated warehouse.

#### **Iozzo’s Garden of Italy**

Italian  
317-974-1100

<http://iozzos.com/>

This storied eatery serves Italian classics and wine in a sophisticated dining room and quaint garden courtyard.

#### **McCormick & Schmick’s Seafood & Steaks**

Seafood/Steaks  
317-631-9500

[www.mccormickandschmicks.com](http://www.mccormickandschmicks.com)

From fresh seafood and shellfish to aged steaks and garden fresh salads, their goal is to exceed your dining expectations.

#### **Milktooth**

Modern Brunch  
317-986-5131

<http://www.milktoothindy.com/#>

Inventive breakfast & brunch items in a family atmosphere. The best coffee and espresso in Indianapolis.

#### **Shapiro’s Delicatessen**

Delicatessen  
317-631-4041

<http://shapiros.com/>

Open for 110 years, this Indianapolis institution is steeped in tradition, with only the freshest ingredients making for the highest quality food.

#### **Spoke & Steele**

American Contemporary  
317-737-1616

<http://www.spokeandsteele.com/>

Cuisine partnered with the best of what Indiana’s growers, ranchers and craft vendors have to offer.

#### **St. Elmo Steak House**

Steak House  
317-635-0636

<http://www.stelmos.com/>

Historic and stately dining destination known for their steaks, shrimp cocktails, seafood and the 1933 Lounge.

#### **St. Joseph Brewery**

Microbrewery  
317-602-5670

<http://www.saintjoseph.beer/>

Located in a converted church, this microbrewery & restaurant features great beer, excellent food and the best Sunday brunch in the city.

#### **The Rathskeller**

German Beer Hall  
317-636-0396

<http://www.rathskeller.com/>

Bavarian flair in downtown Indy. With an indoor/outdoor beer hall, live music and the best German food.

## Broad Ripple

### Canal Bistro

Mediterranean  
(317) 254-8700

<https://www.canal-bistro.com/>

Lavishly decorated restaurant & bar with a varied Mediterranean menu & a canal-side patio.

### Eating Fresh

Vietnamese  
317-746-6989

<https://eatingfresh.co/>

The menu offers a fantastic variety of traditional dishes. The Special pho is rich and aromatic and the spring rolls are fresh and crispy. Highly recommended for anyone craving authentic Vietnamese cuisine!

### Flatwater

American  
(317) 257-5466

<https://www.flatwaterbroadripple.com/>

Mellow American eatery offers a prominent, waterside patio bar & build-your-own Bloody Mary Sundays.

### Gallery Pastry Shop

Breakfast  
(317) 820-5526

<https://sobro.gallerypastry.com/>

Gallery Pastry Shop brings brunch, lunch, and European pastries to Indianapolis.

### Hibachi Bar

Sushi  
317-257-7289

<http://www.sushibarindy.net/>

Located on Broad Ripple Avenue, this restaurant sits up high overlooking the busy street. Their extensive menu includes noodle dishes, meat, and of course, sushi.

### Joella's Hot Chicken

Chicken  
(317) 259-7161  
<https://joellas.com/>

At Joella's we spice our 100% antibiotic-free, hormone-free, all-natural chicken just the way you like - from just enough heat to bring out the flavors and warm your heart, to Fire-In Da-Hole, bless your heart.

### Petite Chou Bistro & Champagne Bar

French  
(317) 259-0765

<https://www.petitechoubistro.com/>

Snug French bistro pairs bubbly & crêpes alongside an upscale dinner menu & premium cocktails.

### Shalimar

Indian  
317-465-1100

<https://www.facebook.com/1043broadripple/>

Featuring the finest Northern Indian entrees and specialty tandoori (clay oven) dishes.

### Tony's of Indianapolis

Steakhouse  
(317) 638-8669

<https://tonysofindianapolis.com/>

Choice steaks & seafood presented in a roomy, sophisticated setting with an extensive wine list.

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### Ale Emporium/Honest Pizza

Pub/Pizza  
(317) 842-1333

<https://aleemporium.securetree.com/>

Ale Emporium, home of Honest Pizza and World Famous Hermanaki® Wings since 1982. We offer pizza, wings, paninis, burgers, chicken, salads, beer, wine, cocktails and much more.

### Bakersfield

Mexican  
317-635-6962

[www.bakersfieldtacos.com](http://www.bakersfieldtacos.com)

Serving up authentic Mexican street food, as well as over 100 tequilas and American whiskeys.

### Bazbeaux Pizza

Pizza  
Multiple Locations  
<http://bazbeaux.com/>

Consistently named Indy's best restaurant & best pizza, this local chain serves fresh-made pizzas with style.

### Bru Burger

Hamburgers  
(317) 635-4278

<https://www.bruburgerbar.com/>

Gourmet burgers, creative bar snacks & craft beers in a modern yet cozy space with a patio.

### Cafe Patachou

American  
(317) 632-0765  
<https://www.cafepatachou.com/>

Cafe Patachou is an award-winning restaurant offering a world class breakfast.

### Dawsons on Main

Steakhouse  
(317) 247-7000  
<https://www.dawsonsonmain.com/>

Dawson's on Main, not your typical neighborhood restaurant. We offer bold flavors, fresh ingredients and a warm atmosphere. A menu of steaks, seafood, pastas, sandwiches and other specialties make Dawson's perfect for family gatherings.

### Delicia

Latin-American  
317-925-0677  
<http://www.deliciaindy.com/>

Successfully melding traditional and modern approaches to Latin cuisine, while staying true to the style flavors and history of each dish.

### Goose the Market

Gourmet Grocery & Prepared Foods  
317-924-4944  
<http://www.goosethemarket.com/>

Daily selections of sandwiches, small plates, soups, gelato, as well as cut to order butcher, artisanal cheeses, slow cured and smoked meats and craft beer & wine.

### Harry & Izzy's

Steak House  
Multiple Locations  
<http://www.harryandizzys.com/>

Named after the founders of the legendary St. Elmo, this more casual and updated concept offers steaks, seafood and service.

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### Hollyhock Hill

Family Style  
317-251-2294  
[www.hollyhockhill.com](http://www.hollyhockhill.com)

Since 1928, this revered institution has offered up a quality dining experience in a location that feels like a county homestead, featuring Hoosier pan-fried chicken.

### The Inferno Room

Caribbean/Filipino/Asian  
317-426-2343  
<https://theinfernorum.com>

The menu is a fantasia of classic Tiki cuisine — everything from sliders made with Filipino pork meatloaf to that old Chinese carryout standby, crab rangoon. The cocktails are on point, with classic renditions of the Mai Tai and Zombie.

### Livery

Latin  
317-383-0330  
<https://www.livery-restaurant.com/Indianapolis/>

A neighborhood gathering place with a Latin influenced menu. Explore the flavors of Latin America in each and every taste.

### Long's Bakery

Bakery  
Multiple Locations  
<https://www.facebook.com/longsbakery>

A long-running institution, this cash-only pastry shop serves up a variety of tasty treats, including donuts, danishes & cakes.

### Mama Carolla's

Italian  
317-259-9412  
<http://mamacarollas.com/>

The best of Italy in a one-of-a-kind Mediterranean style villa, complete with garden seating.

### Mesh

American Contemporary  
317-955-9600  
<https://www.meshrestaurants.com/#loc3>

Blending contemporary elegance with innovative cuisine and excellent service for inspired farm-to-table cuisine.

### Nada

Mexican  
(317) 638-6232  
<https://www.eatdrinknada.com/>

Live in the moment at a taco and cocktail joint dishing up a traditional and inspired taco menu, margaritas and bold energy.

### Napolese

Pizza  
Multiple Locations  
<http://napolesepizzeria.com/>  
Artfully made pizzas and stone hearth baking, using the freshest ingredients available, including produce especially grown for the restaurant. Also featuring an excellent wine and cocktail list.

### Punch Burger

Burgers  
317-426-5280  
<http://www.punchburger.com/>

Made with local, grass fed, pure Angus beef from a single farm in Jasper, Indiana. One of the best burgers you'll ever have, plus fries, shakes, local brews and more.

### Rick's Cafe Boatyard

Seafood  
(317) 290-9300  
<https://ricksboatyard.com/>  
Bright, breezy eatery & jazz club on Eagle Creek Reservoir with a diverse menu emphasizing seafood.

### Siam Square

Thai  
317-636-8424  
<http://www.siamsquareindy.com/>  
Familiar & some lesser-known, but amazingly executed, Thai specialties.

### Slapfish

Seafood  
(317) 686-9713  
<https://www.slapfishrestaurant.com/>

Slapfish is a modern seafood shack that serves the quality of fine dining at the cost and convenience of fast "er" food.

### Steer-In

Classic Diner  
317-356-0996  
<http://www.steerin.net/>  
An American classic, open since 1960, with dine in and car hop service available.

### Union 50

American  
(317) 610-0234  
<https://www.union-50.com/>  
Buzzy bar providing an innovative American menu & local beers in industrial-chic atmosphere. Our dinner menu features innovative dishes that change seasonally. Union 50 also hosts live music multiple nights a week.

### Vida

Contemporary  
317-420-2323  
[www.vida-restaurant.com](http://www.vida-restaurant.com)  
The menu is an innovative theme, with immaculately presented modern creations such as their homemade whitefish kielbasa, skinned shrimp dumplings in pork consomme and short rib tartare with fried sweetbread.

### The Workingman's Friend

Diner  
317-636-2067  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100045842066302>  
One of Indy's best burgers, from a bustling diner that's been a fixture in west Indy for almost as long as the 500.

### Yats

Cajun  
Multiple Locations  
<http://www.yatscajuncreole.com/>  
A laid back, counter-service Cajun restaurant with hearty plates and a Louisiana vibe.

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## Nightlife and Bars

**Alley Cat Lounge** - <https://www.facebook.com/Alley-Cat-Lounge-335484029808689/>  
**Aristocrat Pub** - <http://aristocratpub.com/>  
**Broad Ripple Brewpub** - <http://broadripplebrewpub.com/>  
**Chatterbox Jazz Club** - <https://chatterboxjazz.com>  
**Forty Five Degrees** - <http://fortyfiveindy.com/>  
**HI-FI** - <http://www.hifiindy.com/>  
**Ike & Jonesy's** - <http://ikeandjonesys.com/>  
**Nicky Blaine's** - <http://nickyblaines.com/>  
**Plat 99 Mixology Lounge** - <https://www.thealexander.com/dining/plat-99-mixology-lounge>

**Red Key Tavern** - <http://www.redkeytavern.com/>  
**Severin Bar** - <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/indianapolis-severin/dining/severin-bar>  
**Shallos** - <http://www.shallos.com/>  
**Slippery Noodle Inn** - <http://www.slippery noodle.com/>  
**The Ball & Biscuit** - <http://www.ballandbiscuit.com/>  
**The Jazz Kitchen** - <http://www.thejazzkitchen.com/>  
**Tini** - <http://tiniontheave.com/>  
**Union 50** - <http://www.union-50.com/>  
**White Rabbit Cabaret** - <http://www.whiterabbitcabaret.com/>

## Indianapolis Area Sightseeing

**Bankers Life Fieldhouse** - [www.bankerslifefieldhouse.com](http://www.bankerslifefieldhouse.com)  
**Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site** - <http://www.presidentbenjaminharrison.org/>  
**Children's Museum of Indianapolis** - <https://www.childrensmuseum.org/>  
**Conner Prairie** - <http://www.connerprairie.org/>  
**Eagle Creek Park & Nature Preserve** - <http://eaglecreekpark.org/>  
**Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians & Western Art** - <http://www.eiteljorg.org/>  
**Hook's Drug Store Museum** - <http://hooksmuseum.org/>  
**Indiana State Capitol** - <https://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/indianapolis/indianastatehouse.htm>

**Indiana War Memorial** - <http://www.in.gov/iwm/>  
**Indianapolis Indians Baseball** - [www.indyindians.com](http://www.indyindians.com)  
**Indianapolis Motor Speedway** - <http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com/>  
**Indianapolis Museum of Art** - <http://www.imamuseum.org/>  
**Indianapolis Zoo** - <http://www.indianapoliszoo.com/SitePages/Home.aspx>  
**Lucas Oil Stadium** - <http://www.lucasoilstadium.com/>  
**Monument Circle/Soldiers & Sailors War Memorial** - <http://www.downtownindy.org/venue/1363/monument-circle/>  
**Rhythm! Discovery Center** - <http://rhythmdiscoverycenter.org/>  
**White River State Park** - <https://whiteriverstatepark.org/>

## Transportation

**AAA Hoosier Cab** - 317-683-3333  
**Blue Indy** - <https://www.blue-indy.com/>  
**Blue Line Taxi** - 317-444-1444  
**Go Express Travel** - 800-589-6004  
**Indianapolis International Airport** - 317-487-7243  
**Indy Airport Taxi** - 317-381-1111

**Katherine's Transportation** - 317-444-1092  
**OnCabs Indianapolis** - 317-666-4411  
**Pacers Bikeshare** - 317-653-1948  
**Tim's Limosine** - 317-431-6257  
**Yellow Cab** - 317-487-7777





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