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Uchi

2817 Maple Ave. Dallas, TX

Uchi quickly became one of the hottest restaurants in Dallas when it opened in the summer of 2015 on Maple Ave. A menu that merges experimental ingredients and innovative Japanese cooking with classic style sushi and sashimi offerings fills the restaurant with diners each night. Reservations are required well in advance. Even the pickiest of eaters leaves Uchi happy and full. Take your pick from ordering brisket that is aged 72 hours and rests on balls of rice, like a Texas take on nigiri; or settle down at the gorgeous marbled sushi bar and order the chef's choice omakase.

Flora Street Cafe

2330 Flora St. #150 Dallas, TX 75201

As the most recent restaurant in Dallas to receive a 5-star review from Leslie Brenner, food critic

at the Dallas Morning News, this establishment is doing so many things right. Known as a founding father of Southwestern cuisine, Chef/Author Stephan Pyles hit a home run with this Texas approach to fine dining. The food coming from the kitchen at Flora Street Cafe is in a league entirely on its own; dishes like kumquat-crusted scallops placed next to aged Serrano ham and eggplant purée. With a seven-course tasting menu, romantic dining room and extensive wine list it is perfect for special occasions, but a toned-down bar menu also offers diners more affordable options.

The Rustic

3656 Howell St., Dallas, TX 75204

The Rustic is located in the heart of Dallas, a popular spot for all ages. With both indoor and outdoor family-style seating, The Rustic is the perfect spot to grab some drinks and appetizers with friends. The Rustic boasts a star-studded performance lineup of outdoor music, with appearances by country stars Brothers Osbourne. Home of

the Summer Beer, The Rustic's bar takes a twist on the classics. The bar has a variety of 40 Texas beers on tap, including 35 local craft beers. Whether you're visiting Dallas for the first time, or a local, be sure to stop by The Rustic for a drink.

Honor Bar

26A Highland Park Village Dallas, TX 75205

The newest addition to Highland Park Village was the muchanticipated Honor Bar restaurant. Sister restaurant to R+D Kitchen and Hillstone, Honor Bar offers a similar menu and atmosphere. For the best snacks and appetizers like deviled eggs and a variety of dips and spreads, this restaurant takes the prize. Another popular menu item is the Ahi Tuna Tartare salad for all tuna fanatics out there.

Dimly lit and beautifully decorated, Honor Bar provides the coziest of environments perfect for small dinner outings. Their outdoor patio is also strung with lights, making for the perfect after-dusk spot.