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BEST ASIAN FOOD

Kabuki Japanese Restaurant & Sushi Bar

2450 Grand Blvd (816) 472-1717

Midwesterners get an authentic taste of the Far East at this Crown Center sushi restaurant.

Genghis Khan Mongolian Grill

AUDIENCE WINNER! 3906 Bell St (816) 753-3600

Embark on a culinary adventure where you choose the ingredients and the chefs do all the work.

Hien Vuong Restaurant

EDITORIAL WINNER! 417 Main St, City Market (816) 842-1020

Located in the heart of City Market, this tiny, bustling restaurant serves classic Vietnamese cuisine.

BEST ATTRACTION FOR VISITORS

Science City at Union Station 30 W Pershing Rd (816) 460-2222

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Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

4525 Oak St (816) 751-1278 or (816) 561-4000

Ming furniture, Henry Moore sculptures and 10th-century paintings are among the treasures housed at the nation's eighth largest art museum.

Worlds of Fun 4545 NE Worlds of Fun Ave (816) 454-4545

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER! Thrill-a-minute roller coaster rides and 200-foot free falls make this amusement park a daylong adrenaline rush.

BEST BARBECUE

Rosedale Barbecue 600 Southwest Blvd (913) 262-0343

An old-fashioned barbecue pit featuring a variety of meat-heavy sandwiches and dinners.

Fiorella's Jack Stack Bar-B-Q

AUDIENCE WINNER! 13441 Holmes (816) 942-9141

This barbecue joint keeps customers happy with plates of smoky ribs and big piles of onion rings.

LC's Bar-B-Q 5800 Blue Pkwy (816) 923-4484

All hail the pitmaster who brings barbecue enthusiasts some of the best pulled pork, ribs and golden fries in town.

Arthur Bryant's BBQ 1727 Brooklyn Ave (816) 231-1123

EDITORIAL WINNER! A gritty barbecue landmark where meat lovers relish the burn of the cayenne- and paprika-spiced sauce.

BEST BREAKFAST

Cascone's Grill 20 E 5th St (816) 471-1018

Hearty Italian home-style breakfasts are served in this busy little diner in the heart of City Market.

The Raphael Restaurant 325 Ward Pkwy (816) 756-3800

Spend a romantic evening lingering over sophisticated Continental cuisine in this intimate hotel restaurant.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER!

First Watch 1022 Westport Rd (816) 931-1054

Delicious meals including sandwiches, salads and soup, in a bright, smoke-free environment.

BEST CHEAP EATS

Trolley Inn 11400 E Truman Road Independence (816) 461-9857

Pull up to the counter in this old-fashioned, trolley-car diner for a griddle-fried breakfast or lunch.

AUDIENCE WINNER!

LaMar's Donuts 240 E Linwood Blvd (816) 931-5166

Cream doughnuts, lemon or raspberry bismarcks. Massive cinnamon twists and old-fashioned glazed. This legendary doughnut shop serves them all.

EDITORIAL WINNER!

Ruby's Dagwood's Cafe

1117 Southwest Blvd (913) 677-0747

A working-class neighborhood diner reminiscent of a cafe on an old highway.

BEST COLLEGE BAR

Rusty's Last Chance 10901 W 75th St Shawnee Mission (913) 268-9000

Kansas State alumni hang in the day, while Wildcats close down this transplanted Manhattan institution.

Fieldhouse Sports Cafe 9617 W 87th St (913) 642-9300

KU students and alumni reconvene for brews, sports and food in this spacious restaurant and bar.

EDITORIAL and AUDIENCE WINNER!

Mike's Tavern 5424 Troost Ave (816) 444-3399

Students and alumni mingle at University of Missouri-Kansas City's unofficial hangout.

BEST COMFORT FOOD

Kiki's Bon Ton Maison 1515 Westport Rd (816) 931-9417

Kansas City's oldest Creole-Cajun restaurant boasts a menu that includes alligator sausage, crawfish pie, muffuletta and sweet blue crab.

Three Friends Restaurant and Barbecue

2461 Prospect Ave (816) 231-9753

This family-owned restaurant offers hearty down-home fare to dwellers in the urban core.

EDITORIAL WINNER!

Danny's Big Easy 1610 Main St (816) 221-2244

Oysters in cornmeal, easy jazz and the blues makes this restaurant authentically Southern.

AUDIENCE WINNER!

Stephenson's Old Apple Farm Restaurant

16401 E Hwy 40 Independence (816) 373-5400

Voted Best Comfort Food by Citysearch users!

BEST FAMILY OUTING

AUDIENCE WINNER!

Kansas City Zoological Park 6700 Zoo Dr (816) 513-5700

Roam the world and see its native wildlife on 200 acres at one of the country's largest zoos.



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BEST FREE ATTRACTION

Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art
4420 Warwick Blvd (816) 753-5784
A work of architectural art hosting small and large exhibitions of contemporary and thought-provoking works.

Southmoreland Park (816) 784-5030
Downtown's most tranquil spot, where people can easily escape the urban throng and enjoy Shakespeare in the park.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Shawnee Mission Park**
7700 Renner Rd Shawnee (913) 831-3355
One of the largest parks in the country is an outdoorsman's fantasy come true, just beyond the suburbs.

BEST HAMBURGER

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Westport Flea Market** 817 Westport Rd (816) 931-1986
An in-your-face Westport bar and grill where pinball machines and beer signs light up the night.

Tanner's Bar & Grill 7425 Broadway (816) 822-7525
This lively neighborhood bar and grill welcomes families and sports fans for a casual beer and burger.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Fritz's Railroad Restaurant**
2450 Grand Blvd (816) 474-4004
All aboard for loads of family fun in this railroad-themed restaurant serving all-American food.

BEST ICE CREAM

Murray's Ice Creams & Cookies
4120 Pennsylvania Ave (816) 931-5646
Deliciously rich homemade ice cream, cookies and cones in a bright and bustling ice cream parlor in the trendy Westport area.

Angie's Italian Ice and Frozen Custard
1710 W 39th St (816) 931-2423
Italian ices, fresh frozen custard and ice cream treats, along with hot dogs and Polish sausage at this walk-up ice cream stand.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Custard's Last Stand**
10138 W 119th St Overland Park (913) 338-5737
A family-owned shop serving creamy, rich, fresh-frozen custard and ice cream treats, fountain drinks and delicious homemade popcorn.

BEST ITALIAN FOOD

Garozzo's Ristorante 526 Harrison St (816) 221-2455
Old Italian favorites jam the menu and the airwaves at this favorite neighborhood trattoria.

Tuscany Manor 300 Missouri Rd Lee's Summit (816) 246-8588
A courtly but casual meal in a 19th-century setting, appropriate for families, romantic evenings or business dinners.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Jasper's**
1201 W 103rd St (816) 941-6600
This 50-year-old Kansas City institution delivers outstanding Italian food.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Buca DI Beppo** 11200 W 87th St Lenexa (913)894-8259
Voted Best Italian Food by Citysearch users!

BEST MUSEUM

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EDITORIAL WINNER! **American Jazz Museum** 1616 E 18th St (816) 474-8463
The sound that put Kansas City on the map is honored in a museum as alive as the music itself.

BEST OUTDOOR DINING

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Classic Cup Cafe On the Plaza**
301 W 47th St (816) 753-1840
This casually upscale restaurant on the Country Club Plaza features American cuisine along with an excellent selection of fine wines.

Joe D's Winebar-Cafe & Patio 6227 Brookside Plz (816) 333-6116
A casually sophisticated setting serving European-inspired dishes and a huge selection of fine wines.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Hannah Bistro Cafe** 3895 State Line Rd (816) 960-1300
Enticing diners with its savory menu, beautiful settings and convenient parking along Restaurant Row.

BEST PIZZA

Torre's Pizzeria 4112 Pennsylvania Ave (816) 931-3663
This Westport pizzeria serves great New York-style pizza in a happening locale.

AUDIENCE WINNER! **D'Bronx** 3904 Bell St (816) 531-0550
Back to basics: A pizzeria that dishes up traditional pies and delicious deli sandwiches.

EDITORIAL WINNER! **Waldo Pizza** 7433 Broadway St (816) 363-5242
This popular pizzeria is well worth the wait with authentic, delicious pies and over 80 beer selections.

BEST PLACE TO HEAR LIVE MUSIC

AUDIENCE WINNER! **Grand Emporium** 3832 Main St (816) 531-7557
A variety of music plays in this historic building, but the blues rule the stage at this small venue.

The Bottleneck 737 New Hampshire Lawrence (785) 841-5483
This live music mainstay has no problem drawing a large college town crowd with its great tunes and microbrews.



EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Davey's Uptown Ramblers Club

3402 Main St (816) 753-1909

This intimate venue has poured liquor since its days as a speakeasy, but live rock music packs in crowds today.

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EDITORIAL
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Peppercorn Duck Club 2345 McGee St (816) 435-4199

This elegant dining space specializes in American game and sumptuous sweets.

BEST SPORTS BAR

The Other Place 7324 W 80th St Overland Park (913) 652-9494

A game is always within site. With a full menu and 20 beers on tap, it's the ideal sports bar.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

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EDITORIAL
WINNER!

River Market Brewing Company

500 Walnut St (816) 471-6300

Beer connoisseurs take a seat—ales, stouts and porters are the preferred drinks at this friendly downtown brewpub.

BEST STEAK

Golden Ox Restaurant and Lounge

1600 Genessee St (816) 842-2866

Steaks range from 7-ounce filet mignon to 24-ounce strips. This restaurant-lounge is definitely a beef-eater's paradise.

Jess & Jim's Steak House 517 E 135th St (816)941-9499

This steakhouse put the Martin City District on the map with their friendly service and meat-and-potatoes menu.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

Yahooz 4701 Town Center Dr Leawood (913) 451-8888

This upscale yet casual Johnson County eatery appeals to the hearty eater with refined tastes.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Hereford House

5001 Town Center Dr Shawnee Mission (913)327-0800

Voted Best Steak by Citysearch users!

BEST WORLD EATS

Thai Place 9359 W 87th St Overland Park (913) 649-5420

California Taqueria 700 Southwest Blvd (816) 474-5571

The airy interior and delicious Mexican food will make you feel like you've headed south of the border.

EDITORIAL
WINNER!

La Bodega 703 Southwest Blvd (816) 472-8272

Round up your amigos to sip sangria and dine on affordable, first-rate Spanish fare in this boisterous eatery.

AUDIENCE
WINNER!

Genghis Khan Mongolian Grill

3906 Bell St (816) 753-3600

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