

A chef is cooking in a wok on a gas stove. A large, bright orange flame is visible at the base of the wok. The chef's hands are visible, holding the wok's handle and a long-handled spoon. The background is a kitchen setting with various cooking equipment and ingredients.

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One thing we’ve learned is that you have to engage with our local experts to know what the best of the best is.

This guide is a tribute to the hard work of the incredible restaurateurs of the San Gabriel Valley, who know their stuff as few others do.



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KING'S ROW,
PASADENA

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TOP-RATED SGV RESTAURANTS

- ALEXANDER'S**
This Pasadena steakhouse is already legendary. 111 N Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101 (626) 486-1111
- TUTTI MANGIA**
The Claremont staple offers the best Italian in the region in a quiet, romantic bistro. 102 Harvard Ave N, Claremont, CA 91711 (909) 625-4669
- BISTRO NAS**
Michelin-starred imperial Beijing cuisine. If that doesn't do it for you, we can't help. 9055 E Las Tunas Dr #105, Temple City, CA 91780 (626) 286-1999
- TK92 KOREAN BBQ**
There's no shortage of Korean barbecue in the SGV, but this may be the best of the all-you-can-eat joints. 250 W Valley Blvd Suite P, San Gabriel, CA 91776 (626) 782-7496
- A RI RANG TOFU HOUSE**
Hot bubbly tofu soup (*sundubu*) in a low-key setting. 529 E Valley Blvd #128, San Gabriel, CA 91776 (626) 288-6069
- SANAMLUANG CUISINE**
There will be a line, but it's worth it for the best Thai in the eastern SGV. 710 S Indian Hill Blvd, Claremont, CA 91711 (909) 621-0904
- ROSIE THAI**
Located along a utilitarian stretch of Arrow Highway, Rosie Thai offers down-home Thai cuisine. Atmosphere and service are not bad, but we recommend take-out for a Netflix and great curry. 20560 E Arrow Hwy, Covina, CA 91724 (626) 331-7679
- SAIGON FLAVOR**
Very authentic Vietnamese. A family-style restaurant with a warm family feeling. 208 E Valley Blvd, San Gabriel, CA 91776 (626) 572-6036
- THE LUGGAGE ROOM**
This iconic Pasadena eatery, once an actual luggage room for celebrity travelers, offers a mean pizza. 260 S Raymond Ave, Pasadena, CA 91105 (626) 356-4440
- MINT LEAF INDIAN**
Solid service and good food on the north side of Pasadena.

- 2535 E Washington Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91107 (626) 460-8776
- SUSHI UMI**
There is a wealth of sushi options along the northern stretch of the SGV, but this is our pick based on their great happy hour and generous portions. 423 E Arrow Hwy, Glendora, CA 91740 (626) 852-9892
- KIYOSUZU**
Authentic sushi with friendly service. 921 S Baldwin Ave #B, Arcadia, CA 91007 (626) 445-4756



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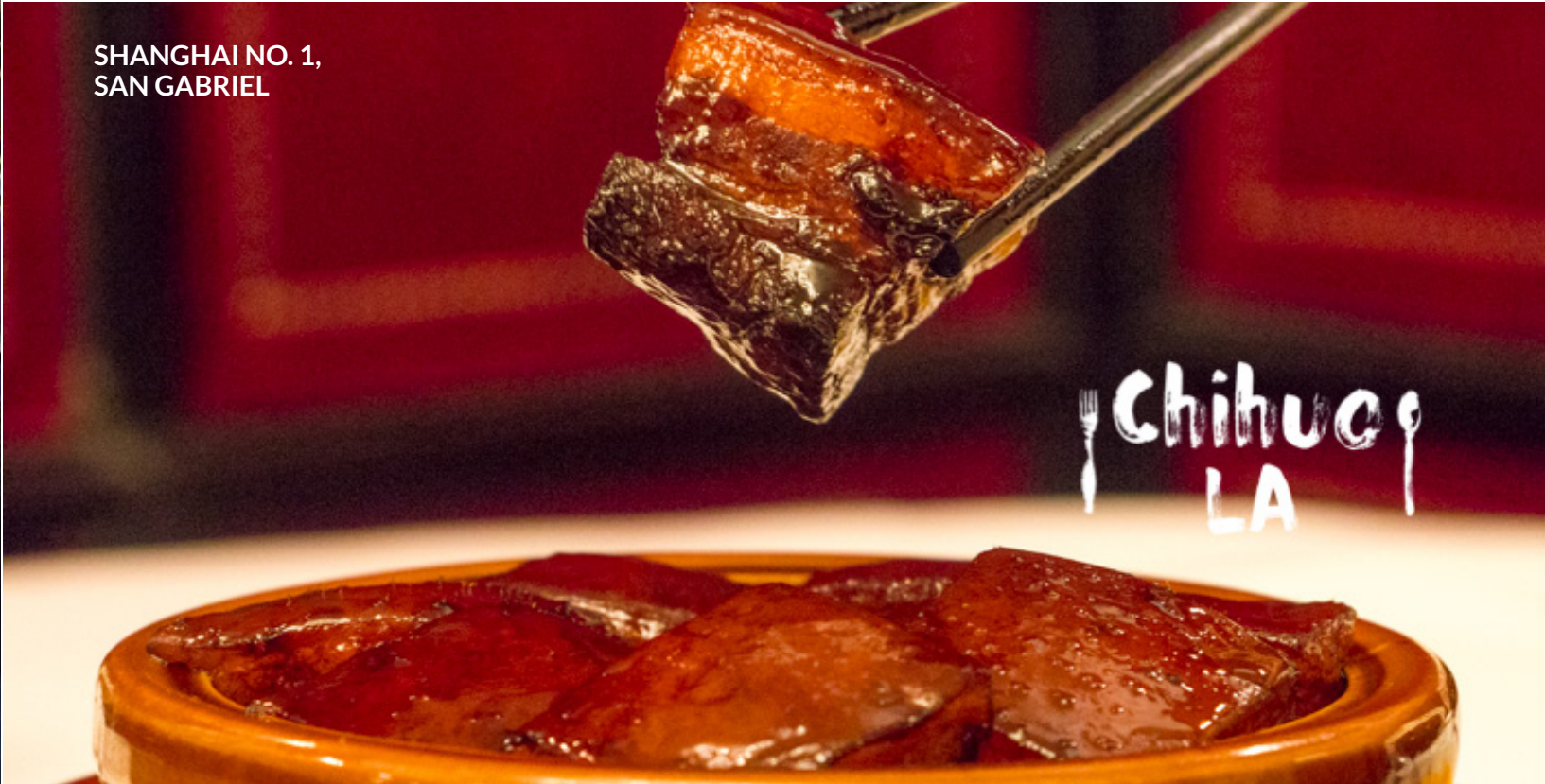
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MICHELIN-NOTED RESTAURANTS

The San Gabriel Valley has garnered more nods from the Michelin Guide than any other area of Southern California!

- BURRITOS LA PALMA**
Jonathon Gold listed this as one of his Top 5 Mexican joints in L.A. 5120 Peck Rd El Monte, CA 91732 (626) 350-8286
- CHENGDU IMPRESSION**
Unapologetically spicy Sichuan cuisine. 21 Huntington Dr Arcadia, CA 91006 (626) 462-9999
- CHENGDU TASTE**
One of the most venerated Sichuan restaurants in SoCal. 828 W Valley Blvd Alhambra, CA 91803 (626) 588-2284
- DAI HO**
Taiwanese; only open for lunch.
- 9148 Las Tunas Dr Temple City, CA 91780 (626) 291-2295
- GRAND HARBOR**
Beautiful location for dim sum. 5733 Rosemead Blvd Temple City, CA 91780 (626) 280-2998
- LAOXI NOODLE HOUSE**
Spicy noodles from Shaanxi Province. 600 Live Oak Ave Arcadia, CA 91006 (626) 348-2290
- LONGO SEAFOOD**
More than just fresh seafood - but the seafood alone is worth multiple trips. 7540 Garvey Ave Rosemead, CA 91770 (626) 280-8188
- LUNASIA**
Hong Kong style dim sum. Among the best outside Hong Kong. 500 W Main St Alhambra, CA 91801 (626) 308-3222
- MEIZHOU DONGPO**
You are here for the duck. 400 S Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007 (626) 538-4136
- MIAN**
Cold Sichuan noodles. Spicy and tasty! 301 W Valley Blvd #114, San Gabriel, CA 91776 (626) 693-6888
- SEA HARBOUR**
Top notch dim sum in a simple setting. Seafood is excellent too! 3939 N Rosemead Blvd
- Rosemead, CA 91770 (626) 288-3939
- SHANGHAI NO. 1**
Authentic Shanghainese. Braised pork is where it's at. 250 W Valley Blvd Suite #M San Gabriel, CA 91776 (626) 282-1777
- SICHUAN IMPRESSION**
Fiery favorites, including mapo dofu. 1900 W Valley Blvd Alhambra, CA 91803 (626) 283-4622

SHANGHAI NO. 1, SAN GABRIEL



Local Color

You can't say you've lived in the SGV until you've indulged in these iconic local eateries.

THE DERBY

Arcadia's upscale steakhouse was built to cater to jockeys, breeders, and celebs visiting nearby Santa Anita Park. Food and service are both impeccable.
233 Huntington Dr, Arcadia, CA 91006
(626) 461-7996

CLEARMAN'S NORTHWOODS INN (COVINA & SAN GABRIEL) & THE GALLEY (SAN GABRIEL)

Clearman's restaurants are all about hearty - read "gigantic" - portions in a kitschy atmosphere. Northwoods Inn sports an ironic-for-SoCal snowy lodge theme. The Galley is a nautical playground.

Northwoods Inn Covina: 540 N Azusa Ave, Covina

Northwoods Inn San Gabriel: 7247 Rosemead Blvd, San Gabriel

The Galley: 7215 Rosemead Blvd, San Gabriel

DONUT MAN

The Michaelangelo of donut shops. They put more fruit on their strawberry donut than your grocery store's entire produce department.
915 E Rte 66, Glendora, CA 91740
(626) 335-9111

THE DONUT HOLE

A drive-through donut bakery. What's not to love?
15300 Amar Rd, La Puente, CA 91744
(626) 968-2912

DONUT MAN,
GLENDDORA



THE DERBY, ARCADIA



NORTH WOODS INN,
COVINA



THE DONUT HOLE,
LA PUENTE



THE HAT'S PASTRAMI
FRIES



BROGUIERE'S DAIRY,
ALTADENA



PORTO'S DELI, WEST COVINA

PORTO'S

Admittedly, Porto's began in nearby Glendale, but we are proud to host the most famous Cuban bakery in America's West Covina location. Oh, those potato balls.
584 S Sunset Ave, West Covina, CA 91790
(626) 214-3490

BROGUIERE'S FARM FRESH DAIRY

After an outcry surrounding their potential closure in 2019, the makers of the best eggnog on Earth are back.
505 S Maple Ave, Montebello, CA 90640
(323) 726-0524

THE HAT

If you can finish one pastrami sandwich on your own, you are a champion. Locations across L.A., including Alhambra, Temple City, Glendora, Pasadena, and Monterey Park.



DOG HAUS,
CLAREMONT, WEST COVINA,
ALHAMBRA, & PASADENA.

ONO HAWAIIAN B-B-Q

This SGV original offers simple, healthy Hawaiian plates at fast food prices. Monterey Park, Glendora, La Verne, Puente Hills, Rosemead, Rowland Heights, and more.

DOG HAUS

Sit down, Pink's. "The Absolute Wurst" offers the best hotdogs around! Claremont, West Covina, Alhambra, and Pasadena.

LATIN AMERICAN CUISINE



Finding great *Mexican* food here is like shooting fish in a barrel. People will argue the best taco stand, taco truck, burrito joint - and it's all wonderful.

But the diverse Latino population also offers great food choices from El Salvador, Peru, and more!

Here are a few classics, which hardly do justice to the region's culinary riches:

BURRITOS LA PALMA

Small, flavorful burritos with delicious tortillas.

5120 Peck Rd, El Monte, CA 91732
(626) 350-8286

MEXICALI #2

A longstanding Los Angeles taco place has its second home in San Gabriel.

1811 S. San Gabriel Boulevard, San Gabriel (760) 342-2333

TROPICAL MEXICO

Family-style sit-down tucked away in south Pomona.

1371 S East End Ave, Pomona, CA 91766
(909) 623-7573

EL PORTAL

Excellent Yucatan cuisine. Try the

Cochinita Pipil (and the many tequilas).

695 E Green St, Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 795-8553

LA CARAVANA

Simple atmosphere for delicious Salvadoran fare. Pupusas, hearty chicken soup, fried plantains, and seafood!

1306 N Lake Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104
(626) 791-7378

EL DORADO POLLOS A LA BRASA

Hearty Peruvian rotisserie chicken with yucca fries.

140 E Orange Grove Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 486-2062

MI LINDO OAXACA RESTAURANT

Craving mole? Come here for your authentic Oaxaqueño fix!

13922 Ramona Blvd, Baldwin Park, CA 91706
(626) 364-3725

EL GARROBERO

Central American tamales and pupusas revueltas. Low-key with top-notch service.

13056 Valley Blvd, La Puente, CA 91746
(626) 346-3827

GUASALMEX RESTAURANT

Specializing in Guatemalan cuisine, Guasalmex also serves Salvadoran horchata with pumpkin seeds and churro donuts with ice cream.

150 W Holt Ave, Pomona, CA 91768
(909) 623-1107

CHAMO VENEZUELAN CUISINE

Many fine choices of arapas, but try the cachapas (Venezuelan corn pancake with filling).

950 E. Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA, 91106
(626) 639-3339

PEPPE'S POLLO

A modest strip-mall exterior hides authentic Columbian fare within.

1209 S Glendora Ave, West Covina, CA 91790
(626) 918-0604

COCO PALMS RESTAURANT

This Cuban dining experience offers one of the best views of the valley from atop its cliffside perch.

1600 Fairplex Dr, Pomona, CA 91768
(909) 469-1965

RIO PICANHA BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE

Churrascaria is Portuguese for "mountains of slow-cooked beef on skewers". Mmm!

381 N Azusa Ave, West Covina, CA 91791
(626) 727-6449

Pupusas Galore!

Try the flat cakes at any of these bakery restaurants.

La Caravana
(See article.)

La Casa de Abuelita
3133 San Gabriel Blvd, Rosemead, CA 91770
(626) 288-2707

Melys Pupuseria
863 N Lake Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104
(626) 794-1776

El Garrobero
(See article.)

Llego El Sabor
1308 N Lake Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104
(626) 765-6309

Los Planes De Renderos
11819 Valley Blvd, El Monte, CA 91732
(626) 453-0475

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BREWERIES

What do you do when your region boasts unusually clean groundwater? Make beer, of course! The SGV offers beer lovers a remarkable number of choices.

CLAREMONT CRAFT ALES

1420 N Claremont Blvd Ste 204C,
Claremont, CA 91711
www.claremontcraftales.com
(909) 625-5350
Closed Monday

CRAFTSMAN BREWING COMPANY

1260 Lincoln Ave, Pasadena, CA 91103
www.craftsmanbrewing.com
(626) 296-2537

HOP SECRET

162 W Pomona Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016
www.hopsecretbrewing.com

38 DEGREES ALE HOUSE

100 W Main St, Alhambra, CA 91801
www.38degreesalehouse.com
(626) 282-2038

LA VERNE BREWING COMPANY

2125 Wright Ave Ste C15, La Verne, CA 91750
lavernebrewingco.com
(909) 596-5804

MT. LOWE BREWING COMPANY

150 E St Joseph St, Arcadia, CA 91006
www.mtlowebrewing.com
(626) 244-7593

OGOPOGO BREWING

864 Commercial Ave, San Gabriel, CA 91776
ogopogobrewco.com
(626) 427-1652
Closed Monday & Tuesday

OHANA BREWING COMPANY

7 S 1st St, Alhambra, CA 91801
ohanabrew.com
(626) 282-2337

OLD STUMP BREWERY

2896 Metropolitan Pl, Pomona, CA 91767
www.oldstumpbrewery.com
(909) 860-9052
Closed Tuesday

OVER TOWN BREWING COMPANY

227 W Maple Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016
www.overtownbrew.com
(626) 408-5814
Closed Monday & Tuesday

PACIFIC PLATE BREWING COMPANY

1999 S Myrtle Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016
pacificplatebrewing.com
(626) 239-8456

PROGRESS BREWING COMPANY

1822 Chico Ave, South El Monte, CA 91733
www.progress-brewing.com
(626) 552-9603

RT ROGERS BREWING

38 E Montecito Ave, Unit 1 Sierra Madre, CA 91024
rtrbrew.com
(626) 921-0308
Closed Monday & Tuesday

STONE BREWING TAP ROOM

220 S Raymond Ave Ste 103 Pasadena, CA 91105
www.stonebrewing.com/visit/outposts/pasadena
(626) 440-7243

WINGWALKER BREWING

235 W Maple Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016
wingwalkerbrewing.com
(626) 720-1983
Closed Tuesday

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TRY SOMETHING NEW!

The SGV is known for top-notch cuisine from around the world - but we also offer some quirky treats and lesser-known specialties.



Rainbow Elotes, 626 Night Market, Arcadia



Hand-pulled lamian noodles, Northern Cafe, Temple City



Plantain empanadas, Don Carlos Pupuseria, South El Monte



Cereal Milk Shake with Boba Pearls, Boba Tea Lounge, Covina



Chang fen (rice noodle rolls) & milk tea, Yin Ji Chang Fen, San Gabriel*



Korean barbecued seafood, RH BBQ, Rowland Heights



Bacon-wrapped unicorn leg, L.A. County Fair, Pomona



Raspado (shave ice) cart, Pomona



Fresh zongzi, Dim Sum King, El Monte

*Photo courtesy of Rich Sanders at ethnojunkie.com.

Chinese Paradise

Name any style of Chinese cuisine - we've got it!

BEIJING

Beijing food is rich: salty, fresh, and tender, with a liberal use of sauces. Peking duck is world-famous, but flash-boiled mutton, shredded sautéed meat with soy bean paste, and quick-fried tripe are also staples. Beijing is also known for side dishes like stir-fried liver, thousand-layered cake, pea cake, donkey rolls, and mung bean milk.

那家小館 **Bistro Na's**

9055 Las Tunas Dr, Suite 105, Temple City, CA 91780
(626) 286-1999



同顺居 (Rowland Heights店) **Beijing Restaurant**
18888 Labin Ct Ste C101, Rowland Heights, CA 91748
(626) 986-4106



北京烤鴨 **PEKING DUCK**

One of the most iconic Chinese foods of all time, *Beijing Kaoya* has a thin, crispy skin and tender meat - sometimes carved in front of diners like a Thanksgiving turkey.

眉州東坡 **Meizhou Dongpo Restaurant**
400 S Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007
(626) 538-4136



鹿鼎記 **Duck House**

501 S. Atlantic Blvd, Monterey Park CA 91754
(626) 284-3227



HOT POT

Hotpot is the perfect group experience - gather your friends and family to cook just what you want in a bubbling cauldron of mild-to-spicy goodness!



海底撈 **Haidilao**

400 S. Baldwin Ave. Unit 2015, Arcadia CA 91007
(626) 445-7232

1600 Azusa Ave. Unit 178, Industry CA 91748
(860) 266-6666



山城辣妹子 **Shancheng Lameizi**

1530 S. San Gabriel Blvd, San Gabriel CA 91776
(626) 766-1700



馬路邊邊 **MLBB Hot Pot**

18194 Colima Rd. # A, Rowland Heights CA 91748
(626) 820-9206



唇辣號重慶火鍋 **Chun La Hao Chong Qing Hot Pot**

5701 Rosemead Blvd, Temple City CA 91780
(626) 777-7878

大龍燚 **Dalongyi Hot Pot**

250 W Valley Blvd Ste L, San Gabriel CA 91776
(626) 872-6690



CANTONESE

Mild, fresh, natural, and slightly sweet - a Cantonese chef seeks to preserve food's original flavor, rather than bury it under spices and oil.

凱悅大酒樓 **Happy Harbor Restaurant**

1015 Nogales St, Rowland Heights CA 91748
(626) 965-2020



半島海鮮酒家 **New Capital Seafood Restaurant**

1330 Fullerton Rd, Rowland Heights, CA 91748
(626) 581-9813



半島海鮮酒家 **Five Star Seafood Restaurant**

140 W. Valley Blvd, 4th Fl, San Gabriel, CA 91776
(626) 288-1899



新港海鮮 **Newport Seafood Restaurant**

518 W Las Tunas Dr, San Gabriel CA 91776
(626) 289-5998



As the most influential Chinese food and lifestyle community in North America, CHIHUO Inc. has been exploring every aspect of the dining industry for nine years. CHIHUO's media matrix has covered 14 major cities in North America and earned the trust of nearly 1.6 million fans.

During its growth, CHIHUO has witnessed rapid innovation of Chinese cuisine in the United States. Such achievement is built upon the Chinese community's passion for food and tireless advancement within the restaurant industry. CHIHUO Inc. hopes to show the highest respect to the pioneers who are striving to broaden the global vision of Chinese food.

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鴻德品位 **Longo Seafood Restaurant**
7540 Garvey Ave, Rosemead CA 91770
(626) 280-8188

TAIWANESE

Taiwanese cuisine relies on an abundant array of seasonings for flavor: soy sauce, rice wine, sesame oil, fermented black beans, pickled radish, and much more. An important part of Taiwanese cuisine are *xiaochi*, small plates, similar to Spanish tapas.

福軒雅敘 **Cafe Fusion**
510 E Live Oak Ave, Arcadia CA 91006
(626) 447-6488



辛巴樂 **Simbala Restaurant**
510 E Live Oak Ave, Arcadia CA 91006
(626) 581-9885



印地安啤酒屋 **Uncle Yu's Indian Theme Restaurant**
633 S. San Gabriel Blvd, San Gabriel CA 91776
(626) 287-0688

HUAIYANG

Huaiyang cooking tends to have a slightly sweet side to it and is almost never spicy. This light, meticulous cuisine often features pork, as well as freshwater fish and other aquatic creatures.

上海1號 **Shanghai No. 1**
250 W Valley Blvd Ste M, San Gabriel CA 91776
(626) 282-1777



隆興記 **Longxing Ji**
140 W Valley Blvd Ste 211, San Gabriel CA 91776
(626) 307-1188



Shanghaiander Palace
1440 S. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia CA 91007

1695 S. Azusa Ave, Hacienda Heights CA 91745
(626) 348-8866

SICHUAN

Sichuanese cuisine has bold flavours, with pungent spiciness from a liberal use of garlic and chili peppers, as well as the unique flavour of the "numbing" Sichuan pepper. There are many local variations from Sichuan Province and its neighbour, Chongqing.



錦城裡 **Sichuan Impression**
1900 W. Valley Blvd, Alhambra CA 91803
(626) 283-4622



滋味成都 **Chengdu Taste**
8526 W. Valley Blvd, Suite 108-109, Rosemead CA 91770
(626) 899-8886

828 W. Valley Blvd, Alhambra, CA 91803
(626) 588-2284

18406 E. Colima Rd. Suite A, Rowland Heights CA 91748



喵喵鮮 **Miao Miao Xian**
18888 Labin Court, B 109, Rowland Heights CA 91748
(626) 269-0354



成都映像 **Chengdu Impression**
21 Huntington Dr, Arcadia CA 91006
(626) 462-9999

DIM SUM

This Cantonese classic is perennially popular because it allows a hundred little flavors in one meal. Bring friends - the more eaters, the more dishes, the better!

海港大酒樓 **Sea Harbour Seafood Restaurant**
3939 Rosemead Blvd, Rosemead CA 91770
(626) 288-3939



凱悅大酒樓 **Happy Harbor Restaurant**
1015 Nogales St, Rowland Heights CA 91748
(626) 965-2020



紅館 **China Red**
855 S. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia CA 91007
(626) 461-3124



京華酒樓 **King Hua Restaurant**
2000 W. Main St, Alhambra CA 91801
(626) 282-8833



海寶潮粵酒家 **NBC Seafood Restaurant**
404 S. Atlantic Blvd, Monterey Park CA 91754
(626) 282-2323

NOODLES

LANZHOU BEEF NOODLE SOUP

Pulled noodles from the minority people in Lanzhou are hearty and chewy - and fun to watch being made!

兰州牛肉拉面 **Northern Cafe Lan Noodle**
411 E Huntington Dr, #102, Arcadia CA 91006
(626) 618-6686



頤豐園 **Northern Cafe**
128N. Garfield Ave, Monterey Park CA 91754
(626) 766-1258
9608 E. Las Tunas Dr, Temple City CA 91780
(626) 286-5288

CHONGQING NOODLES

Spicy! Chongqing, like neighboring Sichuan, relies on “tongue-numbing” peppers for extravagant tastes.

重慶特色小麵 **Chongqing Special Noodles**
708 E Las Tunas Dr, San Gabriel CA 91776
(626) 374-1849



滋味小面 **Mian**
18459 Colima Rd, Rowland Heights CA 91748
(626) 346-3115

GUILIN RICE NOODLES (MIFEN)

Served as a soup, mifen is spicy and sour. The broth and noodles are served with peanuts, peppers, pickled vegetables, and a choice of meats.



桂陝一家 **Qin West Noodle**
400 S. Baldwin Ave. # 2310, Arcadia CA 91007
(626) 538-4098



綠鼎記 **Ludingji Rice Noodle**
529 E. Valley Blvd, San Gabriel CA 91776
(626) 714-3888

1155 S. Diamond Bar Blvd. Unit L, Diamond Bar CA 91765
(909) 396-6886

SHANNXI NOODLES (BIANGBIANG MIAN) & SHANXI NOODLES (DAO XIAO MIAN)

Noodles sliced off a lump of dough, straight into boiling broth!



山西面家 **New Mandarin Noodle Deli**
9537 Las Tunas Dr, Temple City CA 91780
(626) 309-4318



西安食府 **Xian Kitchen**
18213 E. Gale Ave, City of Industry CA, 91748
(626) 965-9000



Rou Jiamou, a delicious beef or lamb sandwich from Northwestern China, is available at many pulled noodle restaurants.



TAIWANESE BEEF NOODLES

牛魔王 **Blue Samurai Noodle Bistro**
1155 S. Diamond Blvd. #E, Diamond Bar CA 91765
(909) 718-9877

DUMPLINGS



JIAOZI 餃子

The crescent-shaped, pinched-closed northern style dumplings are similar to what you'll find in Korean cuisine.

頤豐園 **Northern Cafe**
9608 E. Las Tunas Dr, Temple City CA, 91780
(626) 286-5288

18495 Colima Rd. Suite 3&4, Rowland Heights, CA 91748
(626) 269-0842

媽媽家 **Mama' Kitchen**
153 E. Duarte Rd, Arcadia, CA 91006
(626) 445-4431
(Primarily takeout)

XIAOLONGBAO 小籠包

These pouch-shaped dumplings give a burst of stew-like juice when bitten into.



隆興記 **Longxingji Juicy Dumpling**
140 W. Valley Blvd. Suite 211, San Gabriel CA 91776
(626) 307-1188

鼎泰豐 **Din Tai Fung**
400 S. Baldwin Ave. # M5, Arcadia CA 91007
At the Westfield Santa Anita Mall
(626) 446-8588

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耀記 **Yiukee Hong Kong Tea Station**
18234 Gale Ave, City of Industry CA 91748
(626) 802-5428



鹿角巷 **The Alley**
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(626) 656-6319

老虎堂 **Tiger Sugar**
18830 Colima Rd, Rowland Heights CA 91748
(626) 581-0505

一芳 **Yifang Taiwan Fruit Tea**
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“The Julia Child of Taiwan” Brings Her Expertise to the SoCal Food Scene

THERESA LIN 林慧懿
CHEF, TV/RADIO PRESENTER, FILM CONSULTANT

CAREER

In Taiwan, I had a radio program for people who missed their hometown cooking. They would call in and I could offer advice on how to replicate it.

I moved my kids to the United States for their education and started a radio show on AM 1300 in Los Angeles, “What to Eat Today”. I had talk shows, one called “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner”. I also advertise for top-quality cooking brands, judge cooking contests, and arrange TV shows. I did one called “Good Men Can Cook”, and another about *boazi*, steamed stuffed dumplings. People use the word 土包子, “*tu baozi*”, to mean uneducated, countryside people, so I said, “Why not do a cooking show on excellent *baozi* to give it some respect?”

THE ESSENTIALS

For food to be good, in Chinese we say “色, 香, 味” – “presentation, smell, taste”. For me, flavor is the most essential thing.

But presentation needs the five colors: black, red, green, white, and yellow. And not just for the look. Each color is good for a different organ: black *mu er* (wood ear mushrooms) for your kidneys, green spinach or broccoli for your liver, red foods for your heart. Yellow gets overlooked, but it’s good for your spleen.

EAT DRINK MAN WOMAN

I became the cooking consultant for Ang Lee’s film “Eat Drink Man Woman”. [Possibly the best movie about food of all time. -ed.] Lee needed a character for his leading actor who knew *all* Chinese cooking, so I said “Only I can do that!” We had been hiring chefs from across China’s eight main cuisines. If you go

to an expert chef, he’ll know how to cook Sichuanese or Shanghaiese or Cantonese, but nobody can do all of it. Even back in Taiwan, I had already been convening chefs from the different traditions so they could learn from each others’ techniques. Lee called me “the Julia Child of Taiwan!”

We got invited to the Oscars for Best Foreign Film, and at Cannes and the Ghent Film Festivals in France and Belgium.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

I always tell my foreign friends to come to the San Gabriel Valley. We say that it covers the “Eight Traditional Cuisines” of China. It’s like a little hometown for every kind of Chinese food. The food is good, the people are kind, and authentic food is inexpensive. San Francisco and New York have good food, but it’s too expensive!

LAS VEGAS

I was the founder and owner of the Royal Star at the Venetian. In 2002 and 2003, we were selected as the best Chinese food in town.

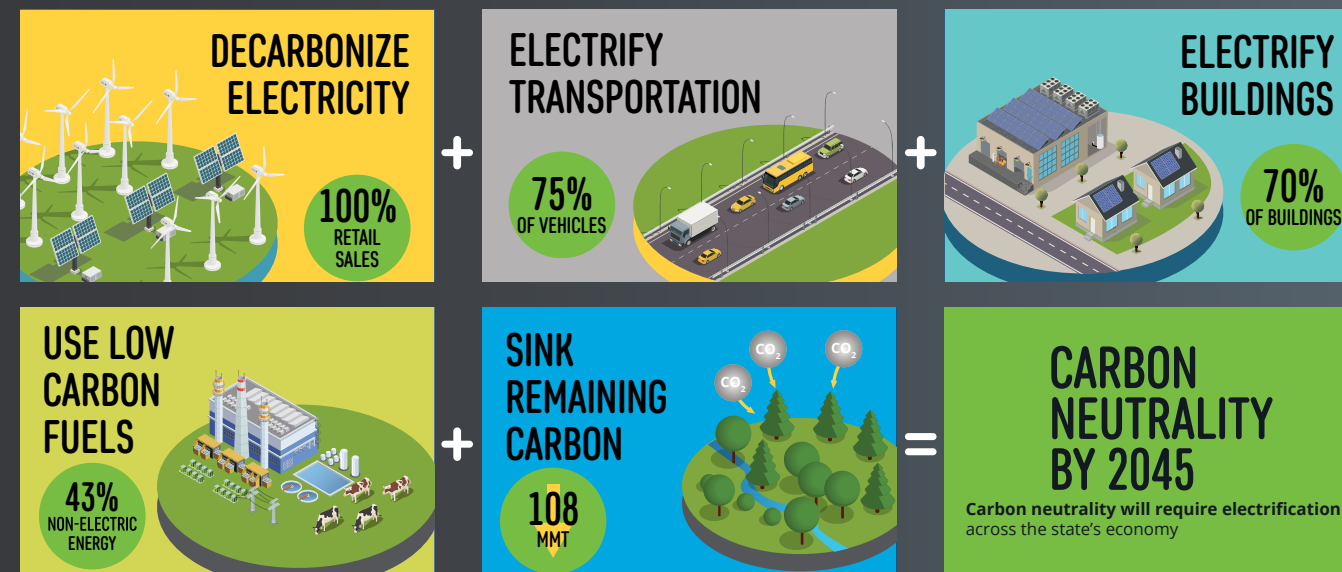
PEONY PAVILLION

Once, Professor Kenneth Hsien-yung Pai (UC Santa Barbara) hosted a performance of the opera “Peony Pavillion” in Hollywood, and they asked me to do their after-parties. Over 200 people showed up, performers, movie stars, academics! We borrowed a couple vans to bring all the equipment, and had to do all the cooking on his balcony. We did congee one night and then wonton soup with shark, pork stomach, chicken, and eggs. And the last night we steamed beef noodles and dumplings. I still run into people when I go to Santa Barbara who say, “I remember those parties!”



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