

Some Dining Possibilities

Portland is rich in restaurant choices! Many, but not all, are in the Old Port area on Commercial Street (running along the waterfront), Fore (parallel to Commercial), and Wharf (between Commercial and Fore Streets), as well as on many of the nearby cross streets. This list was largely compiled by our colleagues at **Bates College**. **Thanks to Michael Sargent, Helen Boucher, and Amy Bradfield Douglas**. I added a few, and the ones with asterisks are places where I have had a good dining experience, for what that's worth.

–Thane

(Note: Distances below are driving distances from the Holiday Inn. Due to one-way streets, driving distances will sometimes overestimate walking distances.)

Very Casual

Duck Fat (the best fries ever <http://www.duckfat.com/>) 0.7 miles

El Rayo Taqueria (<http://blog.typeadiversions.com/2009/05/el-rayo-taqueria-portland-maine.html>) 0.6 miles

Empire Dine and Dance (eat downstairs, then go upstairs and dance <http://portlandempire.ning.com/>) 0.2 miles

Norm's East End Grill (BBQ <http://www.foodinportland.com/norms.html>) 0.7 miles

Seafood

(Most of the restaurants in Portland will include good seafood, but here are a couple of unique places at opposite ends of the spectrum.)

*DeMillo's Floating Restaurant (<http://www.dimillos.com/restaurant>) 0.8 miles

In DeMilo's Marina on the waterfront. Large, no reservations, fun if you like being in a nautical setting, a little touristy)

*J's Oyster (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g40827-d387716-Reviews-J_s_Oyster-Portland_Maine.html) 0.8 miles

Also on the waterfront, near DeMillo's, this is a local place, nothing fancy, but you'll get the local seafood including a raw bar.

*Saltwater Grill (<http://www.saltwatergrille.com>) 3.1 miles

Drive or take a taxi over the Casco Bay Bridge to the Sunset Marina and look across at the Portland waterfront.

General

Bresca (<http://bresca.org/Site/Welcome.html>) 0.6 miles

*555 (<http://fifty-five.com/>) 0.3 miles

*Fore Street (<http://www.forestreet.biz/en/Home>) 0.8 miles

The Front Room

(http://www.thefrontroomrestaurant.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6&Itemid=12) 1.6 miles

Grace (<http://www.restaurantgrace.com/>) 0.8 miles

Pepper Club (not exclusively vegetarian, but very vegetarian-friendly
<http://www.pepperclubrestaurant.com/>) 0.7 miles

*Street and Company (very good for seafood: <http://www.streetandcompany.net/>) 0.5 miles

*Walter's (<http://www.walterscafe.com/>) 0.5 miles

Eritrean

Asmara (<http://www.portlandphoenix.com/food/dining/documents/04226909.asp>) 0.3 miles

Indian

Hi Bombay! (<http://www.hibombay.com/>) 0.3 miles

Italian/Pizza

Bonobo (<http://www.bonobopizza.com/>) 0.5 miles

*Cinque Terre (<http://www.cinqueterremaine.com/>) 0.5 miles

Flatbread Company (<http://www.flatbreadcompany.com/>) 0.8 miles

Vignola (<http://www.vignolamaine.com/>) 0.6 miles

Breakfast/Brunch

Artemisia Café (basically right behind the Holiday Inn, <http://www.yelp.com/biz/artemisia-cafe-portland>) 0.4 miles

Bayou Kitchen (if you're willing to take a taxi there, it's worth it <http://www.thebayoukitchen.com/>) 1.9 miles

Becky's Diner (as with many diners, there's a wait <http://www.beckys.com/>) 0.5 miles

Bintliff's American Café (<http://www.bintliffscafe.com/>) 0.5 miles

*Eve's at the Garden (<http://www.portlandharborhotel.com/portland-dining.php>) 0.3 miles

Marcy's Diner (http://www.mrbreakfast.com/r_display.asp?restid=4779) 0.3 miles

Sushi

King of the Roll (<http://blog.typeadiversions.com/2007/10/king-of-roll.html>) 0.3 miles

Sapporo (<http://www.sappororestaurant.com/>) 0.5 miles

Yosaku (<http://portland.maine.diningguide.com/data/d100544.htm>) 0.4 miles

Tapas

Local 188 (<http://www.local188.com/>) 0.4 miles

Vegetarian (and Vegetarian-Friendly)

Flatbread Company (<http://www.flatbreadcompany.com/>) 0.8 miles

Green Elephant (all vegetarian <http://www.greenelephantmaine.com/>) 0.2 miles

Pepper Club (not exclusively vegetarian, but very vegetarian-friendly <http://www.pepperclubrestaurant.com/>) 0.7 miles

Drinks and Entertainment

Blue (<http://www.myspace.com/portcityblue>) 0.3 miles

Brian Boru Irish Pub (<http://www.brianboruportland.com/>) 0.3 miles

Bull Feeney's (<http://www.bullfeeneys.com/>) 0.5 miles

Empire Dine and Dance (eat downstairs, and/or go upstairs and dance <http://portlandempire.ning.com/>)
0.2 miles

Novare Res Bier Café (<http://www.novareresbiercafe.com/>) 0.5 miles

*RiRa Irish Pub (<http://www.rira.com/index.php?id=7>) 0.8 miles (good dining as well)

The Snug (<http://thesnugpub.com/>) 1.0 mile

Space Gallery (<http://www.space538.org/>) 0.3 miles

Top of the East Lounge (“elegant,” “swanky,” “cheesy”...choose your term
<http://www.eastlandparkhotel.com/lounge.htm>) 0.2 miles plus an elevator ride to the top