



# Insider's Guide to LOUISVILLE

*Welcome to Louisville* – The Derby City.  
Explore all that Louisville has to offer with the Sonnhalter Insider's Guide, your go-to resource for the city's must-see attractions and hidden gems.

Named in honor of King Louis XVI of France, this city is a haven for baseball enthusiasts and has a vibrant history, food and spirits (and we aren't only talking about the paranormal kind!). With numerous distilleries, breweries, and speakeasies, bourbon holds a special place in Louisville's heart. From historic distilleries like Old Forester and Evan Williams, the city offers a bourbon experience unlike any other.

While you're in town, take a moment to enjoy a glass of bourbon along with the delicious cuisine and rich history this incredible city has to offer.

## Downtown

### **Brazeiros Churrascaria Brazilian Steakhouse**

Brazilian Steakhouse  
(502) 290-8220  
[www.brazeiros.com/locations/louisville-ky/](http://www.brazeiros.com/locations/louisville-ky/)  
An authentic Brazilian steakhouse where guests can enjoy continuous table-side service of 15 delectable cuts of meat, including beef, chicken, pork, lamb and sausage.

### **Doc Crow's**

Barbecue  
(502) 587-1626  
[www.doccrows.com/](http://www.doccrows.com/)  
Spacious eatery (housed in a renovated old building) serving BBQ, oysters & other Southern classics.

### **J. Graham's Café at The Brown Hotel**

Southern  
(502) 583-1234  
[www.brownhotel.com/dining/j-grahams-cafe](http://www.brownhotel.com/dining/j-grahams-cafe)  
Located in the Brown Hotel, this venerable, elegant eatery offers classic breakfast & lunch dishes.

### **Jockey Silks Bourbon Bar**

American  
(502) 566-3205  
[www.jockeysilksbourbonbar.com/](http://www.jockeysilksbourbonbar.com/)  
Horse hotel cocktail lounge pairing  
150 bourbons & light food in old-school bar surroundings.

### **Lobby Bar & Grill at the Brown Hotel**

Modern/Southern  
(502) 583-1234  
[www.brownhotel.com/dining/lobby-bar](http://www.brownhotel.com/dining/lobby-bar)  
Bourbon & American bar fare served in an elegant, old-world atmosphere in the Brown Hotel.

### **Mussel & Burger Bar**

American  
(502) 749-6451  
[www.mussel-burger-bar.com/](http://www.mussel-burger-bar.com/)  
Inventive burgers & other American bistro fare delivered alongside drinks in hip surroundings.

### **Porch Kitchen & Bar**

New American  
(502) 671-4246  
[www.porchlouisville.com/](http://www.porchlouisville.com/)  
Hip option for elevated American comfort food and a full bar including cocktails and American wines.

### **Proof on Main**

Southern/Appalachian  
(502) 217-6360  
[www.proofonmain.com/](http://www.proofonmain.com/)  
Since its opening in 2006, Proof on Main has become a favorite among locals for its farm to table freshness and robust collection of Kentucky's best bourbons.

### **Repeal Oak Fired Steakhouse**

Steakhouse  
(502) 716-7372  
[www.repeallouisville.com/](http://www.repeallouisville.com/)  
Old-timey establishment offering a raw bar, oak-fired steaks & upscale mains, plus cocktails & wine.

### **Safier Mediterranean Deli**

Mediterranean  
(505) 585-1125  
[www.safierdeli.com/](http://www.safierdeli.com/)  
Busy spot for Middle Eastern & Indian lunch & early evening eats, including many vegetarian options.

### **Swizzle**

American/Modern  
(502) 252-2500  
[www.swizzle25.com/](http://www.swizzle25.com/)  
Supper club-inspired hub featuring steak & seafood, plus a chic bar, revolving floors & river views.

## Nulu

### Biscuit Belly

Breakfast  
(502) 460-8020  
[www.biscuitbelly.com/nulu/](http://www.biscuitbelly.com/nulu/)  
Modest restaurant serving biscuit sandwiches and breakfast classics, plus coffee, floats, and cocktails.

### Feast BBQ

BBQ  
(502) 749-9900  
<https://www.feastbbq.com/>  
BBQ plates, sandwiches & tacos served with Southern-leaning sides, desserts & cocktails.

### La Bodeguita De Mima Cuban Restaurant and Rum Bar

Cuban  
(502) 742-3358  
<https://www.labodeguitademima.com/>  
Classic Cuban cuisine & cocktails served in a bright, lively locale with a leafy outdoor patio.

### Lou Lou on Market

Cajun  
(502) 515-9699  
[www.loulouonmarket.com](http://www.loulouonmarket.com)  
Eclectic eatery serving Cajun and other diverse cuisines in a fun atmosphere with live music.

### Mayan Café

Mexican  
(502) 566-0651  
<https://themayancafe.com/>  
Cozy, modern cafe serving creative farm-to-table Mexican & Pan-Latin eats, fresh juices & cocktails.

### MeeshMeesh Mediterranean

Mediterranean  
(502) 589-5224  
<https://meeshmeesh.com/>  
Mediterranean-focused restaurant and bar offering creative cocktails and wines, plus a private dining room.

## Butchertown

### Butchertown Grocery Bakery

Bakery  
(502) 742-8315  
[www.instagram.com/butchertownbakery/](http://www.instagram.com/butchertownbakery/)  
Warm, stylish eatery in a 19th-century building serving New American fare & artisanal cocktails.

### Chik'n & Mi

Asian  
(502) 890-5731  
<https://www.chiknandmi.com/>  
Chik'n & Mi specializes in making Asian inspired comfort foods, from Laotian spiced fried chicken to hearty and flavorful ramen noodle soups.

### Copper & Kings

American/Distillery  
(502) 561-0267  
[www.copperandkings.com/](http://www.copperandkings.com/)  
Industrial-chic craft distillery for brandy, gin & absinthe offering tours & a tasting room.

### Naive Kitchen + Bar

Healthy Cuisine  
(502) 749-7856  
[www.eatnaive.com/](http://www.eatnaive.com/)  
Chic-airy veggie-focused cafe serving smoothies alongside hearty salads & fresh-pressed cocktails.

### Nami Restaurant

Korean  
(502) 690-2067  
[www.nami-restaurant.com/](http://www.nami-restaurant.com/)  
A modern approach to Korean cuisine, inspired by the traditional recipes and ingredients of a culture that is bold, vibrant and fresh.

### Pizza Lupo

Italian  
(502) 409-8440  
[www.pizzalupo.com/](http://www.pizzalupo.com/)  
The area's most memorable pie. An Italian pizzeria with calzones, pizzas, and sandwiches.

## Germantown

### Big Bad Breakfast

(502) 289-1922  
[www.bigbadbreakfast.com/](http://www.bigbadbreakfast.com/)  
Casual breakfast-and-lunch spot for Southern comfort food, coffee, cocktails and weekend brunch.

### Hammerheads

Pub Grub  
(502) 365-1112  
[www.louisvillehammerheads.com/](http://www.louisvillehammerheads.com/)  
Tiny hot spot serving creative pub grub like duck fat fries, plus various beers, from basement digs.

### The Post

Pizza  
(502) 635-2020  
[www.thepostlouisville.com/](http://www.thepostlouisville.com/)  
Hip, contemporary pizza joint in a former VFW post serving New York-style pies, subs & craft beers.



## Shelby Park & Smoketown

### Perso

Italian  
(502) 290-5721  
[www.persorestaurant.com/](http://www.persorestaurant.com/)  
An innovative restaurant featuring seasonal ingredients with Italian flair, craft cocktails and pizza.

### Toasty's Tavern

American  
(502) 614-7094  
[www.toastystavern.com/](http://www.toastystavern.com/)  
Industrial-chic destination offering hot dogs, sandwiches & fries, plus cocktails & beer.

### V-Grits

Vegan  
(502) 889-6333  
[www.vgrits.com/](http://www.vgrits.com/)  
Industrial-chic brewpub dishing up vegan sandwiches, salads & sharing plates, plus craft beer.

## Old Louisville

### 610 Magnolia

Southern  
(502) 636-0783  
<https://610magnolia.com/>  
Chef Edward Lee's fixed-price eatery showcasing innovative Southern fare amid stylish decor.

### Buck's Restaurant

Fine Dining  
(502) 637-5284  
<https://www.buckslou.com/>  
Luxurious, romantic Continental dining amid displays of flowers & live piano music.

### Old Louisville Tavern

American  
(502) 409-6281  
<https://oldlouisvilletavern.com/>  
Neighborhood spot featuring specialty burgers & other comfort food, plus brews & a convivial vibe.

## The Highlands

### The Café

American  
(502) 589-9191  
[www.thecafetogo.com/](http://www.thecafetogo.com/)  
Casual spot for Southern-style dishes including chicken salad sandwiches in a renovated warehouse.

### Gralehaus

New American  
(502) 857-7457  
[www.thegrales.com/gralehaus](http://www.thegrales.com/gralehaus)  
Eclectic cafe serving seasonal breakfast & lunch, plus craft beer & coffee, with B&B rooms upstairs.

### Paseo

Metropolitan  
(502) 632-7935  
[www.myriadhotel.com/food-and-booze/paseo](http://www.myriadhotel.com/food-and-booze/paseo)  
A metropolitan-style eatery that seamlessly blends tantalizing flavors with energetic surroundings.

### Ditto's Grill

American  
(502) 581-9129  
[www.dittosgrill.com/](http://www.dittosgrill.com/)  
Local bistro offering big portions of American classics, including desserts, in a comfy setting.

### Jack Fry's

Southern/French  
(502) 452-9244  
<https://www.jackfrys.com/>  
History-laden, circa-1933 eatery with high-end Southern fare & cocktails in an old-world setting.

### Ramen House

Noodle House  
(502) 384-0132  
[www.facebook.com/RamenHouseLouisville](http://www.facebook.com/RamenHouseLouisville)  
Booths & art line this buzzy, airy outpost in a strip mall specializing in ramen, buns & dumplings.

## South Louisville

### Mike Linnig's Restaurant

Seafood  
(502) 937-9888  
[www.mikelinnigsrestaurant.com/](http://www.mikelinnigsrestaurant.com/)  
Circa-1925 riverside seafood joint serving up big portions of fried fish at outdoor picnic tables.

### Shack in the Back BBQ

BBQ  
(502) 363-3227  
[www.shackinthebackbbq.com/](http://www.shackinthebackbbq.com/)  
Humble, family-owned counter-order joint & drive-thru, offering pit-smoked BBQ & classic sides.

### Vietnam Kitchen

Vietnamese  
(502) 363-7535  
[www.vietnamkitchen.net/](http://www.vietnamkitchen.net/)  
Vietnamese cafe with generous portions of spiced-to-order dishes, including many vegetarian options.

## Clifton & Crescent Hill

### Blue Dog Bakery & Café

Café  
(502) 899-9800  
[www.bluedogbakeryandcafe.com/](http://www.bluedogbakeryandcafe.com/)  
Artisanal breads, plus light brunch & lunch fare featuring house charcuterie, served in homey digs.

### Con Huevos!

Mexican  
(502) 403-7877  
[www.conhuevos.com/](http://www.conhuevos.com/)  
Breakfast, brunch and lunch restaurant chain featuring eggs, tacos, burritos and other Mexican-inspired eats.

### El Mundo

Mexican  
(502) 384-5633  
[www.502elmundo.com/](http://www.502elmundo.com/)  
Mexican eats made with local ingredients (Kentucky bison) & margaritas mark this quirky joint.

### Momma's Mustard, Pickles & BBQ

BBQ  
(502) 938-MAMA  
<https://mommasbbq.com/>  
Kansas City-style BBQ ribs & other meats, plus many sides, are served in comfy, old-school quarters.

### The Silver Dollar

Southern  
(502) 592-8585  
[www.whiskeybythedrink.com/](http://www.whiskeybythedrink.com/)  
Plentiful bourbon & Southern eats such as chicken 'n' waffles mark this modern honky-tonk hangout.

### Volare Italian Ristorante

Italian  
(502) 894-4446  
[www.volare-restaurant.com/](http://www.volare-restaurant.com/)  
White-linen eatery featuring a menu of upscale new Italian cuisine as well as top-shelf bar options.

## Cherokee Triangle

### The Eagle

Southern  
(502) 498-8420  
[www.eaglerestaurant.com/](http://www.eaglerestaurant.com/)  
Convivial eatery & beer hall dishing up Southern classics such as fried chicken & spoonbread.

### Game

American  
(502) 618-1712  
[www.wildgameburgers.com/](http://www.wildgameburgers.com/)  
Rustic spot specializing in hearty gourmet burgers made with exotic game, from antelope to kangaroo.

### Le Moo

Steakhouse/American  
(502) 458-8888  
<https://lemoorestaurant.com/>  
A dimly lit, glitzy dining room inspires an elevated menu of steakhouse fare, plus drinks.

## Poplar Level

### Indi's Chicken

Fast Food  
(502) 969-5352  
[www.indischicken.com/](http://www.indischicken.com/)  
A menu specializing in fried chicken with an array of classic sides & a colorfully striped facade.

### Oskar's Slider Bar

Scandinavian  
(502) 395-9010  
[www.oskarssliderbar.com/](http://www.oskarssliderbar.com/)  
Easygoing joint serving an array of burgers, sliders & sides, plus wine, beer & craft cocktails.

## Clermont

### The Kitchen Table

Southern  
(502) 347-2908  
[www.visitthekitchentable.com/](http://www.visitthekitchentable.com/)  
A full-service dining experience that is inspired by the original Beam family kitchen table, a place of storytelling, whiskey sharing and recipes.

## Hermitage Farm

### Barn8

Farm to Table  
(502) 398-9289  
[www.hermitagefarm.com/food-bourbon/barn8-restaurant/](http://www.hermitagefarm.com/food-bourbon/barn8-restaurant/)  
Enjoy a new menu of seasonal selections created from produce grown on our farm, as well as other locally sourced and farm-raised products.



## Nightlife and Bars

**Apocalypse Brew Works** — [www.apocalypsebrewworks.com/](http://www.apocalypsebrewworks.com/)  
**The Bar at Fort Nelson** — [www.michters.com/thebar/](http://www.michters.com/thebar/)  
**Falls City** — [www.fallscitybeer.com/](http://www.fallscitybeer.com/)  
**Hell or High Water** — [www.hellorhighwaterbar.com/](http://www.hellorhighwaterbar.com/)  
**Howl at the Moon Louisville (Club)** —  
[www.howlatthemoon.com/louisville/](http://www.howlatthemoon.com/louisville/)  
**Maker's Mark Bourbon House & Lounge** —  
[www.makersmark.com/en-us/distillery/visit-us](http://www.makersmark.com/en-us/distillery/visit-us)  
**Meta** — [www.metatlouisville.com/](http://www.metatlouisville.com/)  
**NoraeBar Karaoke** — [www.noraebar.com/](http://www.noraebar.com/)

**Nouvelle** — [www.nouvellewine.com/](http://www.nouvellewine.com/)  
**Nowhere Bar Louisville (Club)** — [www.instagram.com/nowherelouisville/](http://www.instagram.com/nowherelouisville/)  
**Play (Club)** — [www.louisville.playdancebar.com/](http://www.louisville.playdancebar.com/)  
**RecBar** — [www.recbarlouisville.com/](http://www.recbarlouisville.com/)  
**The Rooftop Bar at Copper & Kings** —  
[www.copperandkings.com/pages/rooftop](http://www.copperandkings.com/pages/rooftop)  
**Silver Dollar** — [www.whiskeybythedrink.com/](http://www.whiskeybythedrink.com/)  
**Stevie Ray's Blue's Bar** — [www.stevieraysbluesbar.com/](http://www.stevieraysbluesbar.com/)  
**Tartan House** — [www.tartanhousebar.com/](http://www.tartanhousebar.com/)

## Sightseeing & Activities

**21C Museum** — [www.21cmuseumhotels.com/](http://www.21cmuseumhotels.com/)  
**Angel's Envy Distillery** — [www.angelsenvy.com/us/en/the-distillery/](http://www.angelsenvy.com/us/en/the-distillery/)  
**Belle of Louisville Riverboats** — [www.belleoflouisville.org/](http://www.belleoflouisville.org/)  
**Brown Theatre** — [www.kentuckyperformingarts.org/venues/brown-theatre](http://www.kentuckyperformingarts.org/venues/brown-theatre)  
**Cave Hill Cemetery** — [www.cavehillcemetery.com/](http://www.cavehillcemetery.com/)  
**Churchill Downs** — [www.churchilldowns.com/](http://www.churchilldowns.com/)  
**Commonwealth Theatre Center** — [www.ctclou.org/](http://www.ctclou.org/)  
**Conrad-Caldwell House Museum (Conrad's Castle)** —  
[www.facebook.com/ConradCaldwellHouseMuseum/](http://www.facebook.com/ConradCaldwellHouseMuseum/)  
**Evan Williams Bourbon Experience** —  
[www.evanwilliams.com/plan-your-trip](http://www.evanwilliams.com/plan-your-trip)  
**Farmington History Museum** — [www.visitfarmington.org/](http://www.visitfarmington.org/)  
**Fourth Street Live** — [www.4thstlive.com/](http://www.4thstlive.com/)  
**Frazier International History Museum** — [www.fraziermuseum.org/](http://www.fraziermuseum.org/)  
**Iroquois Amphitheater** — [www.iroquoisamphitheater.com/](http://www.iroquoisamphitheater.com/)  
**Kentucky Center for The Arts** — [www.kentuckyperformingarts.org/](http://www.kentuckyperformingarts.org/)  
**Kentucky Derby Museum** — [www.derbymuseum.org/](http://www.derbymuseum.org/)  
**Kentucky Museum of Art Craft** — [www.kmacmuseum.org/](http://www.kmacmuseum.org/)  
**Kentucky Opera** — [www.kyopera.org/](http://www.kyopera.org/)

**Kentucky Peerless Distilling Co.** — [www.kentuckypeerless.com/](http://www.kentuckypeerless.com/)  
**Kentucky Science Center** — [www.kysciencecenter.org/](http://www.kysciencecenter.org/)  
**Louisville Ballet** — [www.louisvilleballet.org/](http://www.louisvilleballet.org/)  
**Louisville Food Tours** — [www.louisvillefoodtours.com/](http://www.louisvillefoodtours.com/)  
**Louisville Mega Cavern** — [www.louisvillemegacavern.com/](http://www.louisvillemegacavern.com/)  
**Louisville Orchestra** — [www.louisvilleorchestra.org/](http://www.louisvilleorchestra.org/)  
**The Louisville Palace** — [www.louisvillepalace.com/](http://www.louisvillepalace.com/)  
**Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory** — [www.sluggermuseum.com/](http://www.sluggermuseum.com/)  
**Louisville Zoo** — [www.louisvillezoo.org/](http://www.louisvillezoo.org/)  
**Muhammad Ali Center** — [www.alicenter.org/](http://www.alicenter.org/)  
**Old Louisville Ghost Tour** —  
[www.louisvillehistorictours.com/louisville-ghost-tours/](http://www.louisvillehistorictours.com/louisville-ghost-tours/)  
**Prohibition Ghosts Cocktails and Bites Walking Tour** —  
[www.louisvillefoodtours.com/tours/phantoms-of-the-prohibition-tour/](http://www.louisvillefoodtours.com/tours/phantoms-of-the-prohibition-tour/)  
**Speed Museum** — [www.speedmuseum.org/](http://www.speedmuseum.org/)  
**Stitzel-Weller Distillery** — [www.stitzelwellerdistillery.com/](http://www.stitzelwellerdistillery.com/)  
**Waterfront Park** — [www.ourwaterfront.org/](http://www.ourwaterfront.org/)  
**WaterWorks Museum** — [www.louisvillewater.com/louisville-water-tower/visit-us/waterworks-museum/](http://www.louisvillewater.com/louisville-water-tower/visit-us/waterworks-museum/)

## Taxi Services

<b>A1 Taxi</b>	(502) 230-2770
<b>All Star Taxi LLC</b>	(502) 592-6634
<b>Allen Transportation &amp; Taxi</b>	(502) 758-2524
<b>Executive Transportation System</b>	(502) 817-3647
<b>RIM Transportation Services INC</b>	(502) 909-0401
<b>Taxi Joe</b>	(812) 228-8482
<b>Yellow Cab</b>	(502) 636-5511

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