

Best Restaurant Near Every NCAA March Madness Arena 2016



NCAA March Madness is upon us, and with Selection Sunday already behind us, the match-ups are set. After the "first four" games at the University of Dayton Arena in Ohio, the remaining games will be spread out across 13 additional venues from New York to Washington State, and California to Iowa.

If you're lucky enough to be attending one of the tourney games, you're probably in full planning mode regarding your trip as far as tickets, flights, and hotels go -- but have you thought about food? The arenas are all located in cities with ample dining options, so guests shouldn't limit themselves to only hot dogs, pretzels and domestic light beers.

Similar to our articles about restaurants near Florida and Arizona MLB Spring Training stadiums, we have compiled a list of the best eateries near each March Madness arena. This doesn't mean each entry contains the best restaurant in each respective city, but the best that's only a couple miles -- or even better, walking distance -- from the host venues. Make a little time before or after the game for a bite at one of these distinguished establishments of various types, and go [insert your favorite team here]!



When it comes to pre-game dining, The Ranch has things figured out. The 53,000-square-foot restaurant offers a three-course "pre-concert" menu for guests with a limited amount of time, which includes a seasonal soup or two salad options; mains like a Black Angus prime rib, maplewood-smoked chicken, or Skuna Bay salmon; and a vanilla bean crème brûlée for dessert. Of course there's also a full menu, but who has time for that? You've got a game to catch. Luckily for you, the Honda Center is only two miles away, which also makes THE RANCH's saloon a good postgame spot.