

Discover Northern Arizona's Foodie Paradise

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Arizona is home to a number of renowned chefs, diverse restaurants, cafés, wineries and breweries. From hole-in-the-wall haunts to sophisticated fine-dining bistros, there are a variety of options to keep locals and visitors alike well fed.

If trying new dining experiences is a must when planning a summer vacation, then let your taste buds guide you to Northern Arizona for a getaway inspired by some of the region's must-visit eateries.

Below are three destination ideas that are sure to make your mouth water:

Prescott. Located just across from Prescott's Courthouse Square, [The Lone Spur Café](#) combines old-fashioned Western hospitality with huge portions to make sure you don't leave hungry. Just a short walk away from the square is Cuppers Coffeehouse offering the largest selection of mochas in the area and [Papa's Uptown](#), a family-owned Italian restaurant serving up melt-in-your-mouth pizza and pasta. If you're still hungry, head to Firehouse Kitchen for a burger or stop by Shannon's Gourmet Cheesecake and pick up a treat to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Williams & the Grand Canyon. Heading to Arizona's most iconic landmark this summer? Be sure to stop in Williams and visit [Cruiser's Route 66 Café](#), a diner that celebrates the heyday of the 1950s, offering comfort food alongside restored memorabilia. Make the whole trip a historic experience and visit [El Tovar](#) for breakfast, lunch or dinner in the hotel's fine dining room. The national landmark has been open for more than 100 years and has hosted several notable guests including Albert Einstein, President Roosevelt and Sir Paul McCartney.

Sedona. Visitors to Sedona can take in the cooler weather and spectacular scenery while enjoying some of the state's award-winning cuisine. Named "One of the Top 10 Restaurants in the Southwest" by Condé Nast Traveler, [L'Auberge](#) offers modern French cuisine and a magical backdrop overlooking Oak Creek while Elote Café specializes in Mexican fare inspired by chef Jeff Smedstad's 15 years of travel. Craving Italian? [Dahl & Di Luca](#) serves one of the most inspired Italian menus in town and was named one of the top five romantic restaurants in the nation by AAA.

For more ideas on where to eat or what to see and do in Arizona this summer, visit summerinaz.com.