

Tucson's Monkey Burger

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Burgers and Shakes and Fries...Oh My! Tucson's Monkey Burger carves its own niche in the popular Burger Bar craze.



"True Blue"

Situated in an unassuming spot in Tucson's Williams Center, it would be easy to miss the popular Monkey Burger, if not for the scent of fresh fries and grilling burgers wafting onto the street. If that doesn't grab you, the line reaching out the door most days will. Either way, be glad you found it...what awaits you on their grill is the gourmet burger done right.

Burgers here are true food artistry. Thanks to 100% Angus beef from Harris Ranch and fresh buns from Tucson's Vero bakery, Monkey Burger boasts the perfect canvas on which to build their divine burgers. The menu is an impressive line-up of creative tastes and flavors, making for some pretty interesting combinations. Take the "Chi-Town", for instance: tomato, yellow peppers and kryptonite pickle relish (the uber green stuff of stadium dog fame), topped with a generous dose of yellow mustard. Feeling a flare for the adventurous (as I was) try the popular "Sonora": Chihuahua cheese, diced bacon and avocado salsa is sandwiched together and topped with shredded lettuce, resulting in a burger so delicious it rendered me silent-no small feat-throughout its entire consumption.



"The Sonora"

The 15 burgers – veggie and turkey are available too – are served with their house-made chips. But you can have sweet potato fries or roasted corn on the cob, if you ask nicely; staff is friendly and there to help. Super rich shakes nail basic flavors, however, the spiked version- they have a bar too–blends chocolate and vanilla into a whole new league.

Lighter fare delivers in the form of fresh salads – we went back to try the chopped Caesar and baby Spinach. The one and only complaint? It just wasn't the burger. Not wanting to leave disappointed, we remedied the situation by ordering "The True Blue": Blue Cheese, Romaine lettuce, caramelized onions and grilled tomatoes...and all was right in the world again. So next time you're craving a burger, do it right where they do it well and head to one of Monkey Burger's two Tucson locations. We promise, you'll thank us. www.MonkeyBurgerRestaurant.com