

DINING GUIDE

In this multicultural City of Sails you will find a robust Pacific-Rim influence, culminating in an exciting blend of flavours combined with farm fresh ingredients. Mouth-watering sashimi at Masu, turmeric fried fish with rice noodle at Britomart's Café Hanoi, and The Blue Breeze Inn's delectable pork buns are just a few of the team at NZB's favourites.

VIADUCT

Fresh from a refurbishment, Soul Bar & Bistro is a constant on the NZB Dining Guide for its enviable location, great service, extensive wine list and delicious food. Harbourside offers views across the busy ferry terminal, best enjoyed over their market-fresh seafood platters. FISH at the Hilton, also recently renovated, offers fine seafood dishes amid a contemporary décor.

CBD

In addition to the restaurants named above there are a few more worthy of comment. The French Café is our hands-down winner for fine dining, located a short distance from The Langham Hotel. Meat Fish Wine in Chancery – a relative newcomer – has a dynamic, seasonally driven menu with one of the most impressive wine lists in Auckland. And finally, for a walk on the wild side try Cazador, a family run restaurant specialising in wild game and produce.

FEDERAL ST, SKYCITY ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX

Five of Auckland's best restaurants are squeezed along Federal Street. From contemporary Japanese at MASU to family-style Italian at Gusto at the Grand, fun, fast food at Depot, elegant dining with the best view of Auckland at The Sugar Club and delicious steaks at The Grill, there is something for everyone in this convenient spot.

Reservations recommended www.skycityauckland.co.nz/federalst.

PARNELL

Parnell is well known for its legendary restaurants Antoine's, Cibo and Non Solo Pizza (NSP), but it has been a while since something new and noteworthy opened up here. Now, Woodpecker Hill and Pasture have stepped in to the breach. You'll find briskets, beef rib and seafood all charred, smoked and flame-grilled at Woodpecker Hill (www.woodpeckerhill.co.nz) while Pasture offers a 6 course set menu using the freshest local and organic produce available daily. www.pastureakl.com.

BRITOMART

Busy and bustling day and night, Britomart is home to a range of superb dining options from early morning coffee and donuts to late night cocktails and dumplings. Café Hanoi, serves family-style Vietnamese, Ebisu contemporary Japanese, Ostro offers new-style brasserie classics, and Ortolana farm-to-table fresh Italian dining. Find more at www.britomart.org.



PONSONBY CENTRAL

In the heart of Ponsonby a collective of eateries have come together resulting in a one-stop shop for a great night out. From modern Chinese at The Blue Breeze Inn to a bowl of tasty ramen noodles at Chop Chop Noodle House, an Argentinian BBQ extravaganza at El Sizzling Chorizo, or cocktails at Bedford Soda & Liquor, you'll love the village atmosphere at the buzzing Ponsonby Central. www.ponsonbycentral.co.nz. Also in Ponsonby check out Ponsonby Road Bistro, SPQR and Mekong Baby for relaxed yet elegant dining.

