

Houston

DINING & NIGHTLIFE GUIDE





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WELCOMES

PCMA CONVENING LEADERS 2025

Houston offers a vibrant scene for cocktails, brews, and bites. The pages ahead are full of notable spots to consider near the convention center.

**WE RECOMMEND CALLING AHEAD TO SEE
IF RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

We look forward to hosting Convening Leaders 2025 and hope you enjoy your time in Space City.

Houston

VisitHouston.com

DOWNTOWN

POST HOUSTON

posthtx.com/eat

713-999-2550



POST Houston is Downtown's hub for culture, food and recreation. The international market has dozens of restaurants serving Thai food, West African food, fried chicken, burgers, ramen, tacos, ice cream, and more. The five-acre rooftop has breathtaking views of the city. Rooftop access is ticketed after 5pm.

Sunday: 11am – 9pm

Monday: 11am – 9pm

THE MOONSHINERS SOUTHERN TABLE & BAR

themoonshinershouston.com

713-226-7717

Enjoy small-town Southern hospitality in the urban backdrop of downtown Houston. As the



name would suggest, patrons can expect Southern classics like shrimp and grits and generous portions of fried chicken.

To cleanse the palate, order a Mason jar cocktail like the Peachy Kean, Strawberry Moon or the Porch Sipper. Made with moonshine or unaged bourbon, these drinks are sure to bring out the Southern accent in just about anyone.

Sunday: 11am – 11pm

Monday: 11am – 11pm

HEARSAY GASTRO LOUNGE - MARKET SQUARE

(2 locations in Downtown)

hearsaygastrolounge.com

713-225-8079

Enjoy upscale pub grub in grown-up style. Think warm-baked goat cheese salad and mahi-mahi



tacos with fresh pico de gallo, spicy habanero sauce, and southwestern mango slaw.

Hearsay also boasts a hearty beverage menu with a solid whiskey, wine and bubbly selection, as well as local brews including St. Arnold's and Ziegenbock on draft. Try one of the lounge's signature cocktails like

The Twelve Spot—a nod to the bar’s previous tenant—which blends bourbon, fresh-squeeze orange juice and a dash of Rose’s Lime.

Sunday: 10am – 10pm

Monday: 11am – 11pm

FEDERAL AMERICAN GRILL

thefederalgrill.com

832-930-5577



Guests can dress up or dress down and look forward to experiencing warm, Southern hospitality with an extensive menu ranging from comfort plates, steaks, pasta, seafood, and all-American burgers.

The cocktail program, which includes more than 500 whiskey selections, is crafted so that guests have the perfect drink for their meal at any time of day. Diners will enjoy an extensive wine, beer, and cocktail list, including the house favorite Flaming Oldie, a smoky old-fashioned prepared table-side.

Sunday: 10am – 9pm

Monday: 11am – 10pm

CAPTAIN FOXHEART'S BAD NEWS BAR & SPIRIT LODGE

facebook.com/badnewsbar



Captain Foxheart's, a classy second-floor saloon with sparkling chandeliers, vinyl tunes, and balcony over Main Street, offers a one-of-a-kind experience in

downtown. The entrance is unmarked; look for The Nightingale Room, its downstairs neighbor, then head through an adjacent street-level entrance and up a set of stairs to a door designated with a fox.

Bartenders must first master the classics like a Manhattan and Old Fashioned—down to the precise recipe—before earning the chance to flex their creativity by devising original cocktails. If you're in the mood for something unique, try the Ticking Boxes, made with Riesling, vodka, spiced guava shrub, lime juice, and tonic.

Sunday: 5pm - 2am

Monday: 5pm - 2am

RESERVE 101

reserve101.com

713-480-1579

Known as Downtown's go-to hotspot for

whiskey lovers and with more than 1,000 varieties (the largest in the state), the no-frills lounge also stocks a wide assortment of beer and a signature cocktail menu.

Inside, the dimly-lit space is cozy with a few linger-worthy sofas on the first floor and a loft area, where patrons can take advantage of prime people watching opportunities from the balcony.



Sunday: 4pm - Midnight
Monday: 4pm - Midnight

OFF THE RECORD

offtherecordhtx.com

832-742-5683



A group of Houston nightlife veterans created a new “spin” on a speakeasy in Downtown Houston. Tucked behind a charming record store, getting inside Off The Record might be

tricky. Bargoers must take note of possible clues to get to the back bar, passing the “Employees Only” sign and a curtain, where another “On Air” sign awaits, leading them to the back mixology room.

Music will also be infused into the drinks. Alongside classic cocktails, guests can enjoy beer, wine, and music-themed concoctions, including a Rolling Stone, made with Grey Goose strawberry and lemongrass vodka, elderflower liqueur, lemon, and mint; Say My Name, an ode to the Destiny’s Child’s song, that’s made with rosemary-infused gin, chamomile, and lemon, and a Smooth Criminal cocktail, a combination of Thai chili-infused gin, pickled okra, and dry vermouth.

Sunday: 8pm - 2am

Monday: Closed

ANGEL SHARE HTX

angelsharehtx.com

713-237-8828



Drink for a good cause at Angel Share in downtown Houston. The charity bar will donate a portion of profits to a different non-profit

each month. The drink menu rotates quarterly. In addition to the bar, the restaurant serves select menu items, like fried okra and chicken tenders for those who need a little snack while they donate to charity. Top off the night with a chocolate chip cookie, made to order and paired with a glass of milk. The night sky theme of the interior makes the ceiling light up blue with sparkly lights for a cool vibe.

Sunday: 4pm - Midnight

Monday: Closed for Private Event

Tuesday: Closed for Private Event

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

bcd-htx.com

713-231-0712



Elevated cocktail experience in downtown Houston with retro vibes and a few surprises.

Main Room: Guests can enjoy a large array of specialty and classic cocktails, select beers, wines by the glass, and an array of elegant bites.

Gold Room: Intimate cocktail bar featuring

an extensive menu of brandy cocktails and a large selection of exquisite and hard-to-find brandies from around the world, including cognacs, Armagnacs, calvados, piscos, and more.

Sunday: 5pm - 1am

Monday: Closed

EADO (EAST DOWNTOWN)

KOFFETERIA

koffeteria.com

★ James Beard Semifinalist

★ NY Times, *Best Bakeries in America* List

This cafe and bakery strays from tradition with its sweet and savory out-of-the-box concoctions made with Asian flavors including: beef pho kolaches, Chinese sausage breakfast tacos, butter mochi and cornbread with the coconutty, scallion-forward flavors of Cambodian street corn.

Sunday: 8am - 2pm

Monday: 7:30am - 2pm



TRUCK YARD

truckyard.com

877-447-2796



A backyard party with free live music every day, a sneaky good bar, and two food trucks on site daily. The trucks serve food from 11am to 11pm daily. The campus boasts a Ferris wheel, (yes, an actual Ferris wheel), tree houses, food trucks, live music, and plenty of outdoor space.

Sunday: Noon - Midnight

Monday: 4pm - Midnight

RODEO GOAT

rodeogoat.com/houston

281-853-9480

Known for enticing visitors with craft beer and juicy burgers in a multitude of varieties. Patrons rave about the



mouth-watering Chaca Oaxaca burger, a beef and chorizo burger with avocado, pico de gallo, queso fresco, Tabasco mayo, and a fried egg.

Sunday: 11am – 10pm

Monday: 11am – 10pm

CHAPMAN AND KIRBY

chapmanandkirby.com

713-636-9615



Described as “steampunk industrial,” the large 9,000-square-foot space offers a sophisticated yet cool vibe for innovative cocktails, local craft brewed beers and quality wines. The space also features an inventive menu as diverse as Houston itself, with items like flatbread pizzas, charcuterie plates, lobster tamales, and pho.

Sunday: Noon – 10pm

Monday: Closed

ROOTS WINE BAR

rootswinesbar.com

713-432-9654

A self-serve wine concept that is reimagining the wine tasting experience through its rotating collection of 56 wines available via fully automated wine dispensing machines in one, three, and five-ounce pours. Roots' food program is characterized as seasonally driven, farm-to-table New American cuisine.

Sunday: 2pm - 10pm

Monday: Closed

EIGHT ROW FLINT

agricolehospitality.com/eight-row-flint-east
832-409-1850

The revisionist icehouse is at once nostalgic and modern, combining the traditions of the past (pouring bourbon directly from the barrel or tortillas made by hand) with modern elements (a custom bourbon-barrel draft system and preparing in a food truck).

Sunday: Noon - 2am

Monday: 11am - 2am



STREET TO KITCHEN

streettokitchen.com

281-501-3435

★ James Beard Winner for *Best Chef: Texas*

★ MICHELIN Bib Gourmand



Self-described as unapologetically, authentically Thai, Chef Benchawan Painter uses family recipes from her grandma's neighborhood kitchen in Thailand where she grew up and enhances them with techniques she learned in some of Houston's top restaurants. East deliciously meets west at Street to Kitchen. Chef Painter's sauces and curries are made from scratch and she relies on fresh ingredients from a number of local farms.

Sunday: Closed

Monday: 11am - 2pm
 5pm - 9:30pm

HUYNH

huynhrestauranthouston.com

713-224-8964



Considered one of the best Vietnamese restaurants in the city, there are plenty of familiar dishes—pho (soup), bun (vermicelli salad) and soft spring rolls--that will appeal to a timid eater or neophyte to Vietnamese cooking.

Sunday: Closed

Monday: 5pm – 9pm

NANCY'S HUSTLE

nancyshustle.com

346-571-7931

★ MICHELIN Bib Gourmand

★ James Beard Semifinalist

★ Esquire's *Best New Restaurants in America*

★ Bon Appetit *"Every Place to Eat and Drink in America."*

This modern bistro offers an eclectic menu with dishes like lamb tartare with green olives on sesame seed flatbread; sourdough fettuccini with burrata cheese, honeyed

pistachios, and crispy brussel sprout leaves; Turkish dumplings with spicy tomato vinaigrette; and to finish it all off, a rosemary lime tart with pine nuts and meringue.



Sunday: 5pm – 11pm

Monday: Closed

TINY CHAMPIONS

tinychampionshouston.com

713-485-5329

From the owners of Nancy's Hustle, Tiny Champions boasts delicious pizza and pasta with a focus on natural fermentation,



including naturally leavened pizza dough and a variety of pickled and preserved vegetables. Guests can't miss the homemade ice cream. We recommend taking a look at the drink menu for a glass of wine, pint of beer, funky cider, or craft cocktail. For the sober-friendly, the homemade root beer is a local favorite.

Sunday: 5pm – 10pm

Monday: 5pm – 10pm

THE ORIGINAL NINFA'S

ninfas.com

713-228-1175

★ James Beard Semifinalist



The dish Mama Ninfa created in 1973 was tacos al carbon, which the whole world would eventually come to know as fajitas, the bedrock of Tex-Mex cuisine. Acclaimed James Beard award-winning mixologist and Julep bar owner Alba Huerta has crafted the Ninfa's bar program into an eclectic mix of traditional favorites and modern creations.

Sunday: 10am - 11pm

Monday: 11am - 10pm

EL TIEMPO ON NAVIGATION

eltiempocantina.com

713-222-6800



Next to The Original Ninfa's, El Tiempo Cantina defines the extraordinary flavors and culture of Tex-Mex cuisine.

Sunday: 9am – 9pm

Monday: 11am – 9pm

MONTROSE

CHOPNBLOK

chopnblok.co

832-962-4500

★ **James Beard Semifinalist**

Enjoy the bold flavors of Chopnblok, which showcases a truly West African culinary experience. Dishes are packed with fresh proteins, vegetables, grains, and beverages full



of West African flavor. Their pairing dishes are so colorful and Instagrammable. A favorite is The Motherland, a dish that marries East African-styled coconut curry with West African staples, including black-eyed peas and ripe sweet plantains.

Sunday: 11am – 9pm

Monday: 11am – 9pm

TONIGHT AND TOMORROW

tnthtx.com

713-517-1001



Coastal European cuisine with hints of Southern touches make up the menu giving diners the opportunity to enjoy a meal to remember. Guests can start with a salmon gravlax carpaccio with “everything spice” lavosh to share. Follow it with a lamb rack or pork cappelletti and pair it with carrots with salsa verde or mustard smashed potatoes. (Reservations required)

Sunday: 7am – 2pm
 5pm – 10pm

Monday: 7am – 2pm
 5pm – 10pm

MARMO

montrosecollective.com/marmo

832-626-3400

Located in the Montrose Collective is an Italian Chophouse restaurant featuring fresh hand-rolled pasta, house-made charcuterie, and hand-cut prime steaks. Unique finds include asparagus soup, lobster salad, and Texas

quail saltimbocca along with classic Italian favorites like calamari, Bolognese, and rigatoni alla vodka. Complemented by an impressive wine list and an array of side dishes, the menu hosts something for everyone.

Sunday: 11am – 10pm

Monday: 11am – 10pm

CANDENTE

candentehtx.com

346-867-1156

★ MICHELIN Recommended Restaurant



A modern industrial style Tex-Mex restaurant, Candente is doling out cocktails and sizable dishes in colorful surrounds. Diners are treated to starters like a turned-up seven layer dip with Texas red chili and taco meat, and the staples like fresh guacamole and gooey queso. We recommend the decadent Tampiquena, a nine-ounce prime ribeye topped with two cheese enchiladas, grilled onions, and chili lime butter.

Sunday: 10am – 9pm

Monday: 10am – 9pm

WASHINGTON AVE

JULEP

julephouston.com

936-758-7298

★ James Beard Winner for Best Bar Program



Julep—named after the iconic Southern cocktail—embraces regional drinking culture. Though the bar offers a well-edited food menu (go for the oysters), the craft cocktails take center stage. Naturally, Huerta's team does the Julep justice, but if you want to drink like a local, go for the refreshing Cherry Bounce Sour.

Mixologist Alba Huerta is considered to be one of the best in America.

Sunday: 4pm - Midnight

Monday: 4pm - Midnight

COOL ATTRACTIONS LOCATED NEARBY

MEOW WOLF

meowwolf.com/visit/houston

★ One of only five in the U.S. and each one is unique.



Meow Wolf is much more than your typical arts and entertainment company; they create extraordinary, mind-bending experiences that transport millions of adventurers of all ages into breathtaking realms of imagination and wonder.

The immersive art installation in Houston is located down the street from the Texas' oldest craft brewery, Saint Arnold Brewing Company and Beer Garden.

Visitors will embark on a thrilling journey through a surreal radio station that has been transported into another dimension. This immersive experience allows adventurers to enter the stunning worlds of over 100 local

Houston artists and Meow Wolf's signature creative teams. It is truly an experience out of this world.

Sunday: 10am – 8pm

Monday: Noon – 5:30pm

SAINT ARNOLD BREWING COMPANY AND BEER GARDEN

saintarnold.com/beer-garden

713-686-9494

★ Great American Beer Festival National
Winner (29 wins)



Located on the edge of Downtown, visitors will enjoy craft beer, craft food, games, vibrant art, and amazing views of the city. The 25,000-square-foot facility features forward-thinking architecture and design and vivid works of art from Houston artists. It is a local favorite place where all Houstonians gather and share with visitors from around the world.

The space is located next door to the Brewery and Beer Hall. Guests are able to explore the biergarten-inspired space, sample brew in

the tasting room, and get a peek at the tank farm. Their menu features: pizzas, larger entrees, and some of the classics from the Beer Hall including Crawfish Roll and Amber Ale Bratwurst.

Sunday: 11am – 10pm

Monday: 11am – 10pm

PUTTSHACK

[*puttshack.com/locations/houston*](http://puttshack.com/locations/houston)

★ **Minigolf and exceptional food and beverage offerings**

Puttshack is the ideal place in Downtown for competitive socializing. Within an upscale and exciting environment, combine a tech-infused minigolf game with delicious food, craft beer, premium wines, and hand-crafted cocktails & mocktails.



Sunday: 11am – 10pm

Monday: 11am – 11pm





There's more to explore!

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