



52 restaurants for your bucket list in 2023

1	C-Viche	Latin American, Peruvian	2165 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. (414) 800-7329	\$\$-\$\$\$
	Recommended: Ceviche, patatas bravas, shrimp mole enchiladas, tres leches cake; and their weekend-worthy brunch			
2	Aria	Modern Midwestern fare	139 E. Kilbourn Ave. (414) 270-4422	\$\$-\$\$\$
	Recommended: Caramelized brussels sprouts, broast-ish chicken, long bone short rib pastrami, root beer pots de creme			
3	Flour Girl & Flame/Everyone's Table	Wood-fired pizza	8121 W National Ave., West Allis (414) 662-7921	\$\$
	Recommended: Pep in Yer Step (add housemade giardiniera); Detroit style pizza; ice cream (local flavors available for dine in)			
4	Sanford	New American	1547 N Jackson St. (414) 276-9608	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: The surprise tasting menu; it's unparalleled			
5	Hungry Sumo Sushi Bar & Asian Bistro	Thai/Japanese	2663 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. (414) 595-9656	\$\$
	Recommended: Pork buns, ramen, sashimi and nigiri			
6	EsterEv	New American	360 E Erie St. (414) 488-8036	Reservations Required
	Recommended: Add the pairings; they are worth it			
7	Lebani House	Levantine	5051 S. 27th St. (414) 488-8033	\$\$-\$\$\$
	Recommended: Hummus, eggplant and beef sajiyyeh, telar kebab			
8	HotWax by Meat & Co. @ Crossroads Collective	Sandwiches	2238 N. Farwell Ave. (262) 357-1308	\$\$
	Recommended: Nashville hot chicken, HotWax burger			
9	Lazy Susan	New American	2378 S Howell Ave. (414) 988-7086	\$\$
	Recommended: Korean fried chicken (available at least once a month for pre-order)			
10	Allie Boys Bagelry & Luncheonette	Deli	135 E National Ave. (414) 988-0388	\$
	Recommended: Bagel tartines; soups; latke waffle; creative specials			
11	Saffron Modern Indian Dining	Modern Indian	223 N. Water St. (414) 539-4980	\$\$-\$\$\$
	Recommended: Fig na'an, spinach chaat, black lentils, khubani malai kofte			
12	Three Brothers	Serbian	2414 S St Clair St. (414) 481-7530	\$\$
	Recommended: burek; sarma; musaka; suckling pig (often a special for Easter)			
13	An Ox Cafe	Thai, Lao, Hmong	7411 W. Hampton Ave. (414) 336-0064	\$\$
	Recommended: nam kow (crispy coconut rice salad); kow piek (Lao chicken soup); crispy pork			
14	Le Reve Patisserie & Cafe	French	7610 Harwood Ave. (414) 778-3333	\$\$
	Recommended: Moules frites au Pernod; Parisian gnocchi; confit de canard crepes; opera cake			
15	Goodkind	New American	2457 S Wentworth Ave. (414) 763-4706	\$\$-\$\$\$
	Recommended: Champagne battered oyster mushrooms; spicy crab pasta; lavender-rubbed lamb			
16	Buttermint Finer Dining & Cocktails	Modern continental	4195 N. Oakland Ave. (414) 488-2587	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: a little something from the raw bar; fish dishes; pork chop			
17	Momo Mee	Pan-Asian	110 E Greenfield Ave. (414) 316-9003	\$\$
	Recommended: Dan dan noodles; xiao long bao; jiamppong; Japanese garlic eggplant			
18	3rd Street Market Hall	Various	275 W. Wisconsin Ave. (414) 249-5062	\$-\$\$
	Recommended: Pollo a la brasa (Criollo); tori paiton ramen (Kawa); a scoop of sweet cream custard of the day (Dairyland)			
19	Morel	New American	430 S 2nd St. (414) 897-0747	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: lamb carpaccio; pork belly appetizer; seasonal ragu; be sure to order dessert			
20	Damascus Gate	Middle Eastern	807 W Historic Mitchell St. (414) 509-5975	\$
	Recommended: Fatayer; kefta; grape leaves; specials			
21	Strange Town	Vegan	2101 N Prospect Ave. (414) 885-0404	\$\$-\$\$\$
	Recommended: hummus; soups; specials!			
22	La Merenda	Small plates	125 E National Ave. (414) 389-0125	\$\$-\$\$\$
	Recommended: Goat cheese curds; Columbian empanadas; risotto			
23	Triciclo Peru	Peruvian	3801 W. Vliet St. (414) 239-8388	\$\$
	Recommended: Peruvian wings; empanadas; specials (the aji de gallina is a favorite of mine)			
24	Uncle Wolfie's Breakfast Tavern	Breakfast, Lunch	234 E Vine St. (414) 763-3021	\$\$
	Recommended: The BELTCH; French toast; hamburger with cheese			

25	Tauro Cocina / Leo Lounge	Latin & Italian fusion, pizza	1758 N. Water St. (414) 488-2941	\$\$
	Recommended: Burrata frito; mussels with chipotle butter and white wine; asada pizza			
26	HoneyPie Cafe	New American	2569 S Kinnickinnic Ave. (414) 489-7437	\$\$
	Recommended: Pork fries, macaroni & cheese, brunch			
27	Zócalo Food Park	Food Trucks	636 S. 6th St. (414) 433-9747	\$\$
	Recommended:			
28	Birch	New American	459 E Pleasant St. (414) 323-7372	\$\$
	Recommended: crudo; housemade pasta; seasonal fish			
29	Ristorante Bartolotta	Regional Italian	7616 W. State St., Wauwatosa (414) 771-7910	\$\$
	Recommended: Any way you spin the bottle, it's a win for your tastebuds.			
30	Story Hill BKC	New American, Midwestern	5100 W Bluemound Rd. (414) 539-4424	\$\$-\$\$\$
	Recommended: Chicken meatball; smoked Yukon au gratin; schnitzel; crepe monsieur at brunch			
31	Taco Moto @ Boone & Crockett	New American, Midwestern	5100 W Bluemound Rd. (414) 539-4424	\$\$-\$\$\$
	Recommended: Dr. Pepper braised pork shoulder taco, crispy mushroom taco (available seasonally), house queso			
32	Central Standard Craffhouse & Kitchen	Modern American	320 E. Clybourn St. (414) 455-8870	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: Charred broccolini; CS salad; burger; steak			
33	Brandywine	New American	W61 N480 Washington Ave, Cedarburg (262) 618-4683	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: Fresh seasonal vegetables; housemade pasta, seared fish with seasonal accouterments			
34	La Dama	Regional Mexican	839 S 2nd St. (414) 645-2606	\$\$
	Recommended: Aguachile rojo, charro beans, lamb shank birria, any dish served with housemade mole			
35	Ca'Luccenzo	Italian	6030 W North Ave. (414) 312-8968	\$\$\$
	Recommended: fonduta arancino; filled pastas; seasonal specials			
36	I.d. Delafield	Small plates	415 Genesee St., Delafield (262) 249-6473	\$\$\$
	Recommended: Caesar salad; fish dishes; pork belly; desserts			
37	Tavolino	Italian	2315 N Murray Ave. (414) 797-1400	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: Seasonal pasta dishes; short ribs			
38	Taqwa's Restaurant & Bakery	Middle Eastern	4651 S 27th St. (414) 539-6878	\$\$
	Recommended: manakish; dawalee (grape leaves); daily specials			
39	Braise	New American	1101 S 2nd St. (414) 212-8843	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: Seasonal soups; bao buns; pork belly dishes			
40	Heaven's Table BBQ	BBQ	5507 W North Ave.	\$\$
	Recommended: Cheddar jalapeno cornbread, greens (weekends only), smoked chicken, brisket			
41	Appethai	Thai	3900 W. Brown Deer Rd., Brown Deer (414) 362-4264	\$\$
	Recommended: Waterfall beef salad; duck curry; Thai rotisserie chicken			
42	Third Coast Provisions	Seafood	724 N Milwaukee St. (414) 323-7434	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: Lobster potholes; seasonal white fish offering; lobster potpie			
43	Sorella	Italian	2535 S Kinnickinnic Ave. (414) 301-6255	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: roasted broccoli; pork chop with cherry pepper sauce; cavatelli with Monday sauce			
44	Bavette La Boucherie	New American	330 E Menomonee St. (414) 273-3375	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: House charcuterie; steak tartare; seasonal dishes			
45	The LaFayette Place	Vegan	1978 N Farwell Ave. (414) 231-3030	\$\$
	Recommended: Chorizo burrito, cheesy hash, southern po'boy			
46	The Diplomat	New American	815 E Brandy St. (414) 800-5816	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: If you need a solid excuse to stop in for the first time, their burger (The Diplomat) is stellar.			
47	Kawa Ramen & Sushi	Japanese	2321 N Murray Ave. (414) 800-7979	\$\$
	Recommended: traditional sashimi and sushi; if you like your ramen spicy, try the Hellfire Ramen			
48	Lupi & Iris	Mediterranean, French, Italian	777 N. Van Buren St. (414) 293-9090	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: Bread service; spaghetti frutti di mare; corzetti, branzino; plates for two			
49	Wy'East Pizza	Pizza	5601 W Vliet St. (414) 943-3278	\$\$
	Recommended: The Cloud Cap, seasonal specials			
50	Sze Chuan	Chinese	11102 W National Ave. (414) 885-0856	\$\$
	Recommended: Szechuan pork dumplings; mustard greens with tofu skin; grilled curry lamb			
51	Amilinda	Spanish, Portuguese	315 E. Wisconsin Ave. (414) 369-3683	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$
	Recommended: Seasonal fish dishes; braised meats; piri piri chicken			
52	Odd Duck	Small plates	939 S. 2nd St. (414) 763-5881	\$\$\$
	Recommended: Order with your gut or close your eyes and point; but do not forget the vegetables			

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