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**Toronto  
Restaurant Guide  
2017**

## PAI

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**Cuisine:** Thai  
18 Duncan Street

Pai is one of those places where you should go early, or wait in line! Claiming to serve up real Thai food, their dishes did not disappoint! We tried the Khao Soi which is egg noodles in a golden curry topped with crispy noodles, coriander, and crispy onions.



## Tabule

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**Cuisine:** Lebanese  
810 Queen Street E

Probably the best Lebanese food in town, this joint on the East side of Toronto is owned by a Lebanese family who have made sure to keep the authentic flavors in their dishes. We tried different appetizers like falafel, fried eggplant, tabule, and hummus.



## Saffron Kitchen Spice \$\$\$

**Cuisine:** Indian/Sri Lankan  
459 Queen Street W

A great place to fulfill your curry craving! The food is prepared by Sri Lankan chefs using authentic flavors. Curries to try: eggplant, palak paneer, and mattar paneer. Also make sure you try their Kothu Roti, a popular Sri Lankan street snack.



## Saku

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**Cuisine:** Japanese  
478 Queen Street W

Our favorite spot for Sushi in Toronto, serving up fresh ingredients with great flavors. We especially love the use of thinly sliced fried yam as the crispy element instead of fried batter on most of their sushi rolls. Make sure to try the Atlantic Queen, Lobster, and Dragon Roll.



## Barque Smoke House \$\$\$

**Cuisine:** Canadian BBQ  
299 Roncesvalles Ave

The most delicious place for slow cooked BBQ in the city. Tender meat, great BBQ flavors, and homey sides. We loved everything on the menu but especially recommend you try their famous coated wings!



## Fresh Burger \$\$\$

**Cuisine:** Fast Food  
542 Church St

We've tried plenty of burgers around town but nothing hits the spot like Fresh Burger! The taste of the burger reminds us of the good greasy burgers we had as kids, except you don't feel so heavy afterwards!



## Chacho's \$\$\$

**Cuisine:** Mexican  
234 Merlon Street

The beautifully decorated Chacho's gives you the full experience! Authentic food and flavors with some of the best burritos and enchiladas we have tasted. Make sure to try their fish tacos!



## Alexandros \$\$\$

**Cuisine:** Greek  
484 Danforth Av

We can't say we've tried everything here, because we always order the same thing! Their juicy pork Gyro wrap is filled with so much goodness like their delicious tzatziki sauce, fries, and vegetables. We warn you that this dish can get addictive.





## Lalibela

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**Cuisine:** Ethiopian  
869 Bloor St W

The place for great Ethiopian food. Authentic Ethiopian flavors burst in your mouth with every bite. The best part is all their meat is cooked to perfection: tender and flavorful. Their vegetarian stews are also super tasty!



## Bannock

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**Cuisine:** Canadian Comfort Food  
401 Bay St

Bannock and great Canadian comfort food definitely go hand in hand. All their dishes are made with locally sourced ingredients. We especially love their roasted duck poutine pizza.



## Seven Lives

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**Cuisine:** Mexican  
69 Kensington Av

For the best tacos in town (all their tacos are great), head to this tiny joint at Kensington Market. Beware of the long lines. They recently opened an extension on the other side of the street so you can devour your tacos there.



## Crimson Teas

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**Cuisine:** Chinese Tea Shop  
415 padine Av

This Chinese tea shop offers a variety of different blends including a tea/coffee mix which actually tastes great! We also recommend you try the black sesame tea dumpling, a sweet surprise!



## Apiecalypse

**Cuisine: Vegan Pizza**  
735 Bloor St W

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Did someone say vegan pizza? One of the best pizzas in town and once you have a bite you will be questioning whether it's really vegan or not with topping options like "not-chicken" and soy curls. They also have vegan dontuts!



## Hoki Poke

**Cuisine: Hawaiian/Japanese**  
946 Yonge St

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Remember that Sushi Burrito craze? Well it's here to stay. The Sushi Burrito at Hoki Poke is made with purple rice and stuffed with the freshest meats and veggies combined with delicious Asian flavors that makes you keep coming for more.



## Okonomi

**Cuisine: Japanese**  
23 Charles Street W

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For a different spin on Japanese food, try some Okonomiyaki (savory pancakes)? Okonomi prides itself for making this famous Osakan late night snack stuffed with different meats or veggies and topped with a sour cream and Japanese bbq sauce. (Try the shrimp pancake).



## Pizzeria Libretto

**Cuisine: Italian**  
221 Ossington Av

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Cozy atmosphere and great food makes Libretto a perfect place for a date or a cozy night out with friends. Their pizzas are freshly baked in a traditional Neapolitan oven. We also recommend you try their Ricotta Gnocchi Fritti which is as heavenly as it sounds.



## Rasta Pasta

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**Cuisine:** Jamaican  
61 Kensington Av

Rice, beans and jerk chicken is the perfect Carribean comfort food. Although Toronto has many great carribean joints, Rasta Pasta's is just on another level.



## Buk Chang Dong

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**Cuisine:** Korean  
691 Bloor St W

This hole-in-the-wall serves delicious sizzling Korean stirred fried meats with sides of soaked soy bean and delicious kimchi. They also serve different varieties of bibimbap. Great place for communal style eating.



## Kinka Izakaya

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**Cuisine:** Japanese  
459 Queen Street W

Lively and buzzing place with great Japanese food. A lot of sea food options on their menu including our favorite dish, their black cod always cooked to perfection to be sweet and flaky. Great for birthdays or weekend dinners.



## The Burger's Priest

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**Cuisine:** Fast Food  
212 Adelaide St W

Serving delicious burgers, hotdogs, and fries. What sets this place apart is the creative toppings some of the burgers have like panko crusted mushroom caps filled with cheese! We thought it was a bit pricey for the food quantity but definitely worth the try.





## Bonjour Brioche

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**Cuisine:** French Bakery  
812 Queen St E

We've tried every French bakery in the city and confidently say that this is the best place to get a croissant! Buttery all the way through, soft on the inside, yet flaky. Also a great place to spend a morning having good coffee and read a newspaper.



## Smoque N' Bones

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**Cuisine:** Canadian BBQ  
869 Queen St W

Another Canadian BBQ joint with delicious flavors of meats marinated overnight and grilled to order. We recommend sitting at the bar if you like watching your food being cooked.



## Lee

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**Cuisine:** Asian Fusion  
601 King St W

Praised as one of the "Ten Chefs of the Millenium" by Food and Wine magazine and a TV celebrity, Susur Lee's restaurant in the heart of Toronto serves up delicious Asian inspired dishes. Make sure to try the 19 ingredient Signature Singaporean Style slaw!



## La Cubana

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**Cuisine:** Cuban  
92 Ossington Av

La Cubana serves Miami inspired Cuban dishes that are a delight for your tastebuds. Well cooked meats with sides of plantain and Cuban coleslaw and Cuban burgers and sandwiches are just some of the things you can taste here.



## Banu

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**Cuisine:** Persian  
777 Queen St W

A cozy restaurant with beautiful interiors of Persian influence, also serving great food. Start your dining experience with some mouth-watering appetizers and with a final touch of delicious grilled kababs.



## Pamier Kabob

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**Cuisine:** Afghani/Pakistani  
119 Spadina Av

Spicy and flavorful, the kabobs at this family establishment are a definite must-try if you are in the city and like spicy food. Make sure to order a side of curd (yogurt) and nan to accompany your grilled goodness.



## Banjara

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**Cuisine:** Indian  
796 Bloor St W

A great place to go with family and friends to share some authentic Indian curries. The flavors reminded us of the great food we tasted in India and were happy to find this food gem in Toronto.



## Carousel Bakery

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**Cuisine:** Canadian Bakery  
St. Lawrence Market

For the best Peameal bacon sandwich in town, head to the Carousel Bakery at the famous St. Lawrence Market.

