

Pittsburgh Restaurant Reviews for the ANA Crowd

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For the gastronomically inclined, here are a dozen restaurant reviews covering the greater Pittsburgh area. The author is a former Pittsburgh resident who wishes to remain anonymous.

Right Downtown (walking distance)

1. Eddie Merlot's • 4.6 — 444 Liberty Ave | (412) 235-7676 An upscale steakhouse just a few blocks away. Great atmosphere with live music on weekends, attentive service, and a menu that pleases a crowd. One of the most group-friendly options on this list.

2. Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse • 4.5 — 455 Fifth Ave | (412) 240-6140 Stunning interior with marble and iron décor, marble walls of wine, dry-aged steaks, and jacket service at the door. Very close to the convention center and well-equipped for groups.

3. The Commoner • 4.4 — 620 William Penn Pl | (412) 230-4800 A polished gastropub in the Kimpton Hotel, steps from Talia. Rustic-elegant vibe, serious cocktails, and a focused menu of well-executed dishes. Great for a group that wants quality without full fine-dining formality.

4. Meat & Potatoes • 4.5 — 649 Penn Ave | (412) 325-7007 A beloved Cultural District gastropub with inventive American fare, excellent cocktails, and a lively but refined atmosphere. One of Pittsburgh's most consistently praised spots.

Strip District (~1 mile)

5. Eleven • 4.6 — 1150 Smallman St | (412) 201-5656 One of the top upscale American restaurants in the city. Beautiful interior, impeccable service, a thoughtful menu with great seafood and steaks. Highly recommended for a special group dinner.

6. Bar Marco • 4.6 — 2216 Penn Ave | (412) 471-1900 An acclaimed Italian restaurant with a dedicated events/private dining program — they've hosted wedding receptions. Intimate and ingredient-driven. Closed Mon & Sun.

North Side (~1–2 miles)

7. Fig & Ash • 4.7 — 514 E Ohio St | (412) 321-2222 One of Pittsburgh's highest-rated restaurants. Creative, artful American cuisine with an exceptional wine program. They accommodate parties well. Dinner only, Wed–Sat.

8. Hyde Park Prime Steakhouse • 4.6 — 247 North Shore Dr | (412) 222-4014 A classic upscale steakhouse on the North Shore, very close to PNC Park. Known for Japanese Wagyu, great service, and a good happy hour. Easy access from downtown.

Station Square / South Side (~1.5–2 miles)

9. Grand Concourse • 4.2 — 100 W Station Square Dr | (412) 261-1717 A truly unique Pittsburgh dining experience — a gorgeous seafood restaurant inside a restored 1900s train station. The atmosphere alone is worth the trip for out-of-towners, and the lobster bisque is legendary.

Mt. Washington (~2–3 miles)

10. Monterey Bay Fish Grotto • 4.7 — 1411 Grandview Ave | (412) 481-4414 Spectacular panoramic views of the Pittsburgh skyline from atop Mt. Washington. Outstanding seafood, impeccable service, and a truly memorable setting. A perennial Pittsburgh favorite for special occasions.

11. Altius • 4.6 — 1230 Grandview Ave | (412) 528-6954 Also on Mt. Washington with incredible city views. Fine dining American menu with excellent staff and private dining capabilities.

Lawrenceville / East End (~3–4 miles)

12. Morcilla • 4.7 — 3519 Butler St | (412) 652-9924 Pittsburgh's top Spanish tapas restaurant, widely considered one of the best restaurants in the city. The tapas format is naturally fun for groups. Dinner only, Tue–Sat.