



TAMPA TIPS FOR A FOODIE

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THIS BOOK PRESENTS A GRADING SCALE OF (1-10) AND IS SOLELY BASED ON NICK FREEMAN’S EXPERIENCE. EACH FEATURED RESTURANT IS SPECIFIC TO THE TAMPA BAY AREA. BON APPETIT!

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ROCCA



OVERALL EXPERIENCE RANKING: 9.7

HISTORY AND FACTS

Established in October of 2019, and located in the Tampa Heights District, Michelin Star restaurant Rocca has made its mark on Tampa's growing culinary scene. Influenced by recipes from Monforte d'Alba, Italy, Rocca is best known for their homemade pasta, table-side Mozzarella, and extensive wine list.

ATMOSPHERE AND AESTHETIC

This elevated dining experience is met with simplistic and contemporary decor. Upon arrival you will notice the elegant use of plants and classic dishware. Rocca is perfect for a tasteful dinner party or a dimly lit date night.

SERVICE

The staff at Rocca are engaging and personable. Servers are open to questions and will give personal reviews based on their menu experience. The seasonal menu introduces new dishes often and are featured by servers upon your seating.

PRICE \$\$\$\$



(AGNOLOTTI, GNOCCHI, RAVIOLINI del PLIN, TORTELLO all' UOVO)



(TORCHIO NERO all' ARRABBIATA)

OLIVIA



OVERALL EXPERIENCE RANKING: 9.6

HISTORY AND FACTS

Established in November of 2019, and located in Hyde Park, modern italian restaurant Olivia offers a creative flair with traditional flavors. Olivia offers authentic chef inspired creations and premier craft cocktails.

ATMOSPHERE AND AESTHETIC

This casual yet sophisticated restaurant provides a relaxing and experiential appeal. Olivia features an on-display working dough room, complimenting their signature pizza and pasta dishes. The lounge and full bar provides dining options for all guests.

SERVICE

Olivia's staff exhibit profession and attentiveness when working the dining room floor. Servers provide a list of suggestions and specials in detail, while displaying proper training.

PRICE \$\$\$



(MARGHERITA PIZZA)



(HALIBUT)

ON SWANN



OVERALL EXPERIENCE RANKING: 9.5

HISTORY AND FACTS

Established in May of 2016, and located in Hyde Park Village, contemporary American restaurant On Swann provides attributed local flair. The versatility from seasonal-brunch to dinner menu options presents quality culture and competition for local restaurateurs.

ATMOSPHERE AND AESTHETIC

On Swann reflects an upscale and crafted atmosphere for a ladies lunch or family outing. The open-kitchen dining room allows for guests to observe and feel connected to their American-inspired dishes.

SERVICE

The staff is led by the understanding of community and customer. On Swann servers are up-beat and make their guests the top priority. Guests are emerged into experiencing an indulgence of hospitality.

PRICE \$\$\$



(ZEPPOLE | CORN RICOTTA | SMOKED PAPRIKA, CHEESE BOARD)



(MEDITERRANEAN BOARD, MUSSELS)

MEAT MARKET



OVERALL EXPERIENCE RANKING: 9.2

HISTORY AND FACTS

Established in October of 2019, and located in Hyde Park Village, exclusive and top rated steakhouse Meat Market holds itself as one of the more elite Tampa Bay restaurant's. The non-traditional steakhouse has a substantial display of menu options, ranging from market sushi and trademarked house creations.

ATMOSPHERE AND AESTHETIC

Meat Market offers an indoor-outdoor experience for guests, housing multiple dining rooms. Meat Market is frequented by Tampa's upper class and host's private events, a nightlife lounge, and MM members. If you are looking for an upscale and dressier night out, Meat Market is for you.

SERVICE

Meat Market has a substantial amount of staff member's operating the elite atmosphere. Server's are inviting and advise on proper pairings in regard to menu selection, whether you are looking for a traditional filet or a fusion inspired seafood dish, coupled with cocktails.

PRICE \$\$\$\$



(ROASTED TRUFFLE ROCKFELLER OYSTERS, SOUTHERN STYLE CRAB CAKE, WHITE TRUFFLE "AMERICAN STYLE KOBE" TARTARE, MM SLIDER DUO)



(WATERMELON SORBET)

OXFORD EXCHANGE



OVERALL EXPERIENCE RANKING: 9.2

HISTORY AND FACTS

Established in September of 2012, and located in downtown Tampa, trendy and daytime restaurant Oxford Exchange blends history and modern industry. The destination is known for its many components and is most famous for its weekend brunch offerings and afternoon tea.

ATMOSPHERE AND AESTHETIC

Uniquely Oxford Exchange houses multiple options for guests. The entirety of the property features the restaurant, a champagne bar, a shop, bookstore, coffee bar and commerce club, making it a desirable location for private events. The rustic and vintage appeal in design is enticing for guests and ideal for small group affairs.

SERVICE

Oxford Exchange presents a simplistic and complementary approach with staffing. Servers take the time to get to know their guests during the dining experience. Oxford Exchange has a plethora of substitutions and deviations to dishes upon request, providing an ample amount of options for all diners.

PRICE \$\$\$



(WHIPPED FETA, AVOCADO WEDGES)



(SMOKED SALMON DIP, TOMATO MOZZARELLA
FLATBREAD)

MALIOS PRIME STEAKHOUSE



OVERALL EXPERIENCE RANKING: 9

HISTORY AND FACTS

Established in 1969 and reinvented in 2007, historic and classic steakhouse Malios Prime is one of Tampa's finest staples. Malios is located on Tampa's highly valued riverwalk serving exquisite steakhouse favorites and selection of over 200 wines.

ATMOSPHERE AND AESTHETIC

Malios is Tampa's only family-owned prime steakhouse and bestows an unparalleled ambience for guests. This restaurant presents an upscale and private layout, emulating its attractive bar and dining rooms. Malios is best for exclusive or celebratory gatherings.

SERVICE

Serving hand-cut prime steaks and seafood, Malios service is exceptional. The staff highlights the top-tier atmosphere and are extremely knowledgeable about the restaurant's offerings.

PRICE \$\$\$\$\$



(AHI TUNA TARTARE, LOBSTER ESCARGOT, 6oz
PRIME PETIT FILET, LINGUINE MARINARA)



(TRADITIONAL CHOCOLATE
BROWNIE WITH ICE CREAM)

TIMPANO HYDE PARK



OVERALL EXPERIENCE RANKING: 8.8

HISTORY AND FACTS

Established in January of 2005, and rebranded for a re-launch in November of 2021, Timpano embodies the energy of a neighborhood eatery, serving comforting Italian dishes. Timpano is known for their table-side parm to table experience and family friendly dining.

ATMOSPHERE AND AESTHETIC

Timpano provides live entertainment on the weekends and is an appetizing social environment. This restaurant is made for dinner parties or a enjoyable night out with friends. Timpano offers a full bar with casual seating, a full serviced dining room and an outdoor patio for guests.

SERVICE

Timpano's staff are friendly and attentive when serving their guests. Many dishes are immersively led by servers for diners, showcasing the crafted menu. Overall the staff is positive and engaging throughout the restaurant.

PRICE \$\$\$



(PARM TO TABLE EXPERIENCE, VEAL CHOP
PARMESAN, MAFALDINE)



(TABLESIDE BOMBALONI, GELATO)

HONORABLE MENTIONS

ACROPOLIS GREEK TAVERNA

AZURE

BABUSHKAS

BAR TACO

BEACON

BOULON BRASSERIE

FORBICI MODERN ITALIAN

LILAC

PETE'S BAGELS

RO HYDE PARK

SANTOROS PIZZERIA

SUNDA NEW ASIAN

TOASTIQUE

ULELE





CHEERS!

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