

## **'BEST' RESTAURANTS**

### **Araxi Restaurant & Lounge**

4222 Village Sq, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4 · 604-932-4540

User Rating: Rating: 4 / 5 (Rate It)

Avg. Entrée: \$\$\$16 - \$30

Reservations: Recommended

Dress: BB: Business

Outdoor Dining: None

WHISTLER VILLAGE. Readers of Vancouver magazine voted Araxi "best restaurant in Whistler," and locals agree with that assessment. This is one of the hottest spots in town, popular with a young, well-heeled crowd. Mediterranean in flavor, the menu focuses on fresh regional seafood, game and produce. Locally caught trout is smoked right in Araxi's kitchen and BC ostrich is another favorite with regular diners. The in-house bakery makes all of the bread fresh each day. Take advantage of the sommelier – he can help you choose an appropriate wine from their cellar of 12,000 bottles. For dessert, don't miss the gingerbread torte with maple cream, or sample the homemade biscotti while you sip your coffee. Business-dressy. Reservations suggested.

### **Bearfoot Bistro and Champagne Bar**

4121 Village Green, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4 · 604-932-3433

User Rating: Rating: 4 / 5 (Rate It)

Avg. Entrée: \$\$\$\$31 - \$50

Reservations: Recommended

Dress: BB: Business

Outdoor Dining: None

WHISTLER VILLAGE. This bistro is one of the most elegant restaurants at Whistler. The main dining room serves impressive entrees such as breast of Quebec Muscovy Duck with savory pear gingerbread, sautéed kale and maple roasted winter squash, and roasted Atlantic Lobster in a buttered fennel and saffron glaze, spiced vanilla oil, purple potatoes and parsnip purée. There is even a separate caviar menu. The menu offers constant surprises as it changes daily to accommodate the freshest seafood, produce and meats available. The wine cellar is one of the best in Canada, with over 1100 bottles and 85 champagnes. Wine Access Magazine called this bistro "the most memorable restaurant experience in Canada." Chef's 5-course tasting menu \$135, with wines \$260; 3-course table d'hote menu \$98 menu; no cover charge.

### **Edgewater Lodge**

8841 Hwy 99, Whistler, BC · 604-932-0688

Avg. Entrée: \$\$\$16 - \$30

Reservations: Recommended

Dress: BCBC: Business Casual

Outdoor Dining:

NORTH WHISTLER. This secluded restaurant is a romantic escape from the bustle of the village, and the view of Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains is superb. The cozy dining room has only twelve tables (and some additional lakeside seating in the summer) but that just serves to enhance the atmosphere. Try the pan-seared Camembert for an appetizer, followed by the local pork loin with secret hunter mushroom sauce. There is also a wide selection of BC seafood dishes. Save room for the signature dessert: black tusk chocolate cake. Reservations suggested.

### **Fifty Two 80 Bistro**

4591 Blackcomb Wy, Four Seasons Resort, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4 · 604-935-3400

Avg. Entrée: \$\$\$16 - \$30

Reservations: Recommended

Outdoor Dining:

WHISTLER VILLAGE. Forget the usual rough cut beams and antler chandeliers. The Four Seasons' Fifty Two 80 has a fresh approach to "mountain lodge décor" that manages to be simultaneously stylish, cosmopolitan AND rustic. There's stone, leather and wood in abundance, but the accents of vibrant mosaic tiles and a warm color palette brings the natural building materials right into this century. The menu brings Canadian cuisine up-to-date as well, in preparations such as pan-seared salmon with summer peas, chanterelles, bacon and fresh sorrel, or spit-roasted veal chop with mascarpone polenta and grilled asparagus. Fifty Two 80 also has a great bar, the crowning glory of which is a year-round terrace complete with firepit.

### **Il Caminetto di Umberto**

4242 Village Stroll, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4 · 604-932-4442

User Rating: Rating: 4 / 5 (Rate It)

Avg. Entrée: \$\$\$31 - \$50

Reservations: Required

Dress: BB: Business

Outdoor Dining: None

WHISTLER VILLAGE. This excellent Italian restaurant specializes in pasta favorites like seafood and spinach stuffed cannelloni and heartier dishes such as Milanese-style osso buco served with sautéed vegetables and saffron rice. The veal and game dishes are also very popular, and many of the dishes are Tuscan-influenced, like the rosemary and garlic crusted rack of lamb. A wide selection of wines will round out your meal. Business-dressy attire. Reservations required.

### **La Rua**

4557 Blackcomb Way, Le Chamois Hotel, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4 · 604-932-5011

User Rating: Rating: 4 / 5 (Rate It)

Avg. Entrée: \$\$\$31 - \$50

Reservations: Recommended  
Dress: BCBC: Business Casual  
Outdoor Dining: None

WHISTLER VILLAGE. La Rua's stone floors, deep red textured walls, vibrant oil paintings and visible wine cellar will make you feel like you have stepped into a café in the Mediterranean. That feeling carries over into the menu. Try the port-marinated ostrich carpaccio with capers and shallots for a starter, and make your entrée the bison striploin with herb potato gnocchi. Other favorites include baked sea bass filet in red wine and herb sauce, and Washington State rack of lamb. Or, try the venison with blueberries and orange zest – it is La Rua's signature dish. Desserts are freshly prepared, and might include hot fudge pudding cake warm from the oven, or apple crustade with a spicy topping and maple ice cream. Reservations essential.

### **Quattro at Whistler**

4319 Main St, The Pinnacle Hotel at Whistler, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4 · 604-905-4844

Avg. Entrée: \$\$\$16 - \$30  
Reservations: Available  
Dress: BCBC: Business Casual  
Outdoor Dining: None

WHISTLER VILLAGE. Quattro's motto is "la cucina leggera" – "the healthy kitchen" – and the food at this hip and energetic restaurant lives up to the promise. Try the garlic-sautéed prawns with herb risotto or the Gorgonzola gnocchi topped with roasted pecans. Heartier eaters will want to sample the lamb shank simmered with root vegetables and served over polenta. Bring a group and order off the sampler menu, which lets you try a wide variety of tempting dishes. Business-dressy attire. Reservations accepted.

### **Rimrock Café**

2117 Whistler Rd, Whistler, BC V0N 1B2 · 604-932-5565

User Rating: Rating: 5 / 5 (Rate It)  
Avg. Entrée: \$\$\$16 - \$30  
Reservations: Recommended  
Dress: BCBC: Business Casual  
Outdoor Dining:

WHISTLER VILLAGE. Chef-owner Rolf Gunther's restaurant is a winner in every aspect. Consistently rated one of Whistler's top restaurants, it exudes that appealing, rustic elegance so prevalent in mountain resort towns. It's the perfect ambience in which to partake of fine Canadian cuisine. Start with some oysters – choose one of eight different preparations – or perhaps a bit of seared Quebec foie gras on brioche toast with an apple raspberry salad, or caribou medallions with porcini mushrooms. Main courses are equally intriguing: marlin with a garlic sesame crust, grilled pheasant and prawns in Thai red curry sauce, grilled Arctic caribou, the Rim Rock Mixed Grill (roasted rack of lamb, beef tenderloin and caribou). A top notch mountain experience.

**Trattoria di Umberto**

4417 Sundial Pl, Mountainside Lodge, Whistler, BC V0N 1B0 · 604-932-5858

Avg. Entrée: \$\$\$16 - \$30

Reservations: Recommended

Dress: BC, CBC: Business Casual

C: Casual

Outdoor Dining: None

WHISTLER VILLAGE. This attractive trattoria, the brainchild of Umberto Menghi, proprietor of the ever-popular Il Caminetto, offers a casual family-friendly dining option in the heart of Whistler. Boasting amber walls, dark cafe-style tables, original artwork and an open kitchen, the restaurant is a local favorite for its upscale interior and fabulous home-style Tuscan dishes. Reservations are suggested.

**Wildflower**

4599 Chateau Blvd, Fairmont Chateau Whistler, Whistler, BC VON 1B4 · 604-938-2033

User Rating: Rating: 4 / 5 (Rate It)

Avg. Entrée: \$\$\$16 - \$30

Reservations: Recommended

Dress: BCBC: Business Casual

Outdoor Dining: None

WHISTLER VILLAGE. Wildflower, located in the Great Hall of the Chateau, specializes in contemporary French cuisine and makes the most of the region's best products. Executive Chef Vincent Stufano and Restaurateur-Sommelier Fergus O'Halloran stand at the restaurant's helm, ensuring a truly fine dining experience. Wildflower also boasts an extensive wine list and a luxurious private wine room that can host 18.

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## UNDER \$15

### **Caramba! Restaurante**

12-4314 Main St · Whistler · 604-938-1879

Caramba! is a real crowd pleaser. The Mediterranean-inspired menu includes grilled calamari, wood-fired pizzas, and an extensive selection of pasta di ... (more) ...

\$1 - \$15      WHISTLER VILLAGE      European  
Mediterranean      D

LD: Dinner

**L: Lunch**

### **Ciao-Thyme**

4573 Chateau Blvd · Whistler · 604-932-7051

Ready for Pacific Northwest cuisine with a French twist? Try the Brie and carrot soup or the fried free-range egg sandwich with aged cheddar and bacon ... (more) ...

\$1 - \$15      WHISTLER VILLAGE      Canadian  
Local Specialty  
Regional      B

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LB: Breakfast  
D: Dinner

**L: Lunch**

### **Citta's Bistro**

4271 Village Stroll · Whistler · 604-932-4177

A longtime Whistler institution, Citta's (pronounced "Cheetahs") is a much favored local hangout. The setting is casual and fun, and there's a great p ... (more) ...

\$1 - \$15      WHISTLER VILLAGE      American  
Canadian      B

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LB: Breakfast  
D: Dinner

**L: Lunch**

### **Dusty's Bar & BBQ**

2320 London Ln · Whistler · 604-905-2171

Before all the fancy hotels and upscale restaurants, there was Dusty's, an unassuming little place in what is now known as Creekside. The original bui ... (more) ...

\$1 - \$15      CREEKSIDE      American      B

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LB: Breakfast  
D: Dinner

**L: Lunch**

### **Elements Urban Tapas Parlour**

4359 Main St · Summit Lodge · Whistler · 604-932-5569

Grazers are in for a treat here! Not only is Elements stylish and trendy, with a cascading water wall, warm golden woods and copper accents, it also h ... (more) ...

\$\$1 - \$15 WHISTLER VILLAGE International Y B

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LB: Breakfast

D: Dinner

**L: Lunch**

### **Garibaldi Lift Co Bar & Grill**

2320 London Ln · Whistler · 604-905-2220

GLC is one of those places with a split personality. By day, it's a busy and popular stop for hungry skiers who are in a rush to get back on the mount ... (more) ...

\$\$1 - \$15 WHISTLER VILLAGE American

Canadian

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LD: Dinner

**L: Lunch**

### **Gone Bakery & Soup Co**

4205 Village Sq · Hearthstone Lodge · Whistler · 604-938-1957

The wonderful aromas that seem to surround this corner bakery are certain to get your tummy growling! Start the day off with a hot cup of coffee and a ... (more) ...

\$\$1 - \$15 WHISTLER VILLAGE American B

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LB: Breakfast

D: Dinner

**L: Lunch**

### **Old Spaghetti Factory**

4154 Village Green · Crystal Lodge · Whistler · 604-938-1081

Victorian decor detailed with oak woodwork, stained glass, and an abundance of memorabilia sets the scene at this casual restaurant. The menu consists ... (more) ...

\$\$1 - \$15 WHISTLER VILLAGE European

Italian D

LD: Dinner

**L: Lunch**

### **Splitz Grill**

104-4369 Main St · Whistler · 604-938-9300

Splitz is known for doing something extraordinarily well: Burgers. But not just the humble beef burger (though they do that as well). Here, you have a ... (more) ...

\$\$1 - \$15 WHISTLER VILLAGE American D

LD: Dinner

**L: Lunch**

**Thai One On**

4557 Blackcomb Wy · Le Chamois · Whistler · 604-932-4822

A local favorite that features Thai food in all its colorful piquancy! Not every dish is spicy hot, but everything is highly flavored with some or all ... (more) ...

\$\$1 - \$15      WHISTLER VILLAGE      Asian

LD: Dinner

L: Lunch

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## **PUBS**

### **Longhorn Saloon**

The best location in town, right at the village lift base. Great patio for people watching. Center of action at the end of every ski day. Voted the best ski town bar in Canada by Snow Country Magazine.  
Burgers, chicken, salads.

### **Monks Grill**

A favourite for apres-ski get togethers at the foot of Blackcomb Mountain's ski runs. Featuring an open kitchen with a charcoal grill.... Monk's offers an extensive "a la carte" menu of specialty steaks & Alberta prime rib of beef, together with fresh fish, shellfish, pasta and vegetarian options.  
"Meet You At Monks"

### **Dusty's Bar and Grill**

Dusty's is Whistler's original apres-ski bar, much beloved by local residents. Decades of events, memories, and fun. Rebuilt a few years ago, the old charm is still there. It has the warmest springtime patio in town.  
The menu features authentic barbeque.  
Creekside, Whistler Mountain Base

### **The Brewhouse**

The Brewhouse is a year around gathering place for Whistler's downtown workers. Official home of the mountain biking community. A comfortable place to relax. They offer a varied menu of creative and tasty items, even a childrens' menu.  
Village North, Blackcomb Way

### **The Dubh Linn Gate Irish Pub**

A pint of Guinness in a charming Irish Pub setting.  
"The Dubh Linn Gate offers great food" Canada's National Post  
"Meals that will lift the reputation of pub food everywhere" Chicago Tribune  
"Best dinner in Whistler" San Jose Mercury News  
Main Village, Base of the Lifts

### **Tapley's Neighbourhood Pub**

Sports bar and workingman's pub. This is the place to watch the big game in a lively atmosphere. Lunch menu offers daily specials which attract a loyal following.  
Main Village, Near Conference Center

### **Hoz's Pub**

Hoz's offers an extensive food menu. A regular haunt for local residents and workers.  
Creekside, Lake Placid Rd.

### **Merlin's**

Merlin's is the hub of apres ski action at the foot of Blackcomb Mountain. The patio rocks in the springtime. Inside there is plenty of room to party, a stage for frequent live band performances and floors and tables to dance on.  
Upper Village, Blackcomb base.

## The Boot Pub

It's the real thing - Whistler's original watering hole.

You won't find many tourists here, but you will find the place packed with locals, seasonal workers, and construction crews, all partying hard.

Hwy 99, One km north of village entrance. (0.6 miles)

## Google Earth – Map of Select Establishments

