

Madison Restaurants

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1 State street: Adjacent to the University

Kabul

Website: <http://www.kabulmadison.com/>

Afghan and Mediterranean. Close to the university and reliably good

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Wasabi Japanese Restaurant & Sushi Bar

Sushi and Japanese soups. Good, but not as good as somewhere near the coast

[map](#)

Mediterranean Cafe

For lunch if you decide you want falafel or doner kabab

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Himal Chuli Restaurant

Nepalese food

Madison used to have several Nepalese restaurants. Luckily one of the best is still open. Small so don't take a large party.

[map](#)

Fresco

Website: <http://frescomadison.com/>

Contemporary American. Great view and the food is good

[map](#)

Estrellon

Website: <http://www.estrellonrestaurant.com/>

Better of the two Spanish tapas restaurants. Probably needs a reservation.

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Icon

Website: <http://theiconmadison.com/>

Spanish tapas. Good tapas

[map](#)

2 Downtown fine dining: In order of Matt's preference

Heritage Tavern

Website: <http://heritagetavern.com/>

Never had a meal that wasn't great! Make a reservation.

[map](#)

Merchant Madison

Website: <http://www.merchantmadison.com/>

Excellent. Very interesting drink selection. May need a reservation.

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Harvest

Website: <http://www.harvest-restaurant.com/>

Very good. May need a reservation

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L'Etoile

Website: <http://www.letaille-restaurant.com/>

Highest rated restaurant in Madison. Needs a reservation

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3 The true Wisconsin experience

The Old Fashioned

Website: <http://www.theoldfashioned.com/>

Wisconsin food and beer

[map](#)

The Great Dane Pub and Brewing Company

Website: downtown.greatdanepub.com

Wisconsin food and beer brewed on the premises

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4 Other great places

Forequarter

Website: <http://www.forequartermadison.com/#home>

As good as the Heritage tavern. Doesn't take reservations.

[map](#)

Brasserie V

Website: <http://www.brasseriev.com/>

Great food and a large selection of Belgium beer on tap

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