

GRAND RAPIDS, MI
city guide



STOFFER HOME

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Thank you to @thegrguide for putting this list together!

breakfast and brunch

[Terra Bagel](#) - Fresh bagels made daily with locally sourced ingredients – it doesn't get much better. Pair one of their delicious bagel sandwiches with a house brewed coffee and you'll be starting your day off on the right foot.

[Wealthy Street Bakery](#) - How does a blueberry muffin and coffee sound? Wealthy Street Bakery has a wide variety of baked goods (the Island Cookie is a favorite) and coffee menu. You can also try their selection of sandwiches or pizza for lunch & dinner.

[Cherie Inn](#) - This European style café is perfect for breakfast or lunch. You can't go wrong with the cinnamon french toast or the Lake Drive omelet for breakfast at this adorable café. They also have a great selection of salads or sandwiches for lunch.

[Brown Butter Creperie and Café](#) - If you love crepes, you'll love Brown Butter Creperie and Café. This cute café has sweet crepes, savory crepes and Belgian waffles that are delicious for breakfast or afternoon snack.

[Terra](#) - Terra offers a unique, farm-to-table brunch with both sweet and savory dishes. Not one of them has been a disappointment.

lunch

[Donkey](#) - If you're craving tacos, make your way to Donkey. Donkey has the best tacos, guacamole and margaritas in Grand Rapids.

[The Winchester](#) - You'll love The Winchester for a burger, sandwich, salad or nachos. This is a great restaurant for lunch, dinner or just to grab a drink.

[Uncle Cheetah's Soup Shop](#) - Craving a cup of soup? Uncle Cheetah's Soup Shop has a wide variety of delicious soup options. You can also find some yummy sandwiches or salads to pair with your soup. The Tomato Saffron soup with an Old Goat grilled cheese is a must.

[Hancock](#) - If you love fried chicken, don't miss Hancock. This is a great restaurant for lunch or dinner with a focus on fried chicken and delicious sides (the cornbread is amazing). If you're vegetarian they also have some really good options, and the drinks are great.

[The Green Well](#) - This family-friendly restaurant is a good choice for lunch or dinner. The diverse menu has something for everyone, and they also have a great happy hour. You can't go wrong with the breads & spreads for a starter!

dinner

[Zivio](#) - At Zivio you can find modern European cuisine with Bosnian, Turkish, Greek and Central European influence. The hummus platter and whipped feta dip are awesome appetizers, and the gyros are really good.

[Maru Sushi](#) - In the mood for sushi? Maru Sushi has the best sushi in Grand Rapids. You'll find a wide variety of different rolls and great drinks at Maru!

[The Commons](#) - For a retro-twist head over to The Commons. You'll go back to the 70s with the ambiance, but the food has a modern flare. This is a great restaurant for a burger and a drink!

[Brewery Vivant](#) - When you visit Beer City a trip to a brewery is a must. Brewery Vivant has a wide variety of different beers and a delicious food menu. Visit for dinner and try the duck nachos or a burger. They also have a lunch menu and menu for kids.

[Terra](#) - With a farm to table approach, Terra offers fresh, unique dishes that everyone will enjoy. They have handhelds, pizzas, entrees and salads to choose from and they also offer substitutions for most dishes to be gluten and/or dairy free.

[Grove](#) - Upscale garden-to-table restaurant with an inspiring menu that rotates with the Midwest farming seasons.

[Rose's](#) - Historic spot with a lakeside view offers Mediterranean, Italian & casual American eats.

dinner

[Olive's](#) - Olive's is a tasty restaurant nestled in East Grand Rapids' Gas Light Village. This busy eatery features seasonal American fare with a global twist. It also serves craft cocktails and has a cute 3-season deck! Our founder and owner, Jean Stoffer, designed the restaurant's new renovation and we are so excited for its Fall 2023 grand reopening.

shopping

[Stoffer Home](#) - Stop by our home goods store for a selection of furniture, rugs, kitchen items, pillows, lighting, and gifts.

[The Counting House](#) - Cute gifts, clothing, home goods, and items for kids.

[Lee & Birch](#) - Shop women's clothing, shoes, accessories and jewelry.

[Art of the Table](#) - Shop at Art of the Table for gourmet grocery items like cheese, wine, beer and crackers. You can also find fun gifts for the home here!

[Woosah](#) - At Woosah you can find beautiful nature-inspired woodcut prints that are used for apparel and gifts. You can shop here for men, women and kids.

[Fox Naturals](#) - Shop at Fox Naturals for some great health and beauty items.

[Commune](#) - Unique and boho-inspired gift shop.

[Honey Jewelry](#) - Fine jewelry store with stunning custom designs as well as fashion jewelry (and the space was designed by Jean Stoffer and was featured on The Established Home, Season 2!).

coffee

[The Bradbury](#) - Stoffer Home's coffee shop! A European inspired cafe serving beautifully made espresso drinks and tasty pastries. In the summers, don't miss the opportunity to take your coffee to the backyard garden to enjoy the sunshine!

[Outside Coffee Co.](#) - If it's a nice day, enjoy the weather and grab coffee at Outside Coffee Co. This outdoor space beautiful and great for large groups.

[Rowster Coffee](#) - Rowster Coffee is a great café for coffee and pastries. Stop here for your morning coffee or for an afternoon snack and coffee break.

[Squibb Coffee and Wine Bar](#) - Whether you're in the mood for coffee or wine head to Squibb. Squibb has a good selection of coffee or tea with baked goods. Or enjoy a glass of wine with a cheese plate.

[Madcap Coffee](#) - I love grabbing coffee at Madcap Coffee. You can visit their location downtown or on Fulton Street for a wonderful cup of coffee (the 616 blend is a favorite).

snacks and sweet treats

[Popnotch Goods](#) - Just a few buildings over from Stoffer Home, check out Grand Rapids' newest snack shop. Popnotch Goods features unique sweet and savory popcorn flavors as well as ice cream and pepita seeds.

[Mokaya](#) - If you love chocolate, head to Mokaya. They have amazing chocolate truffles, desserts and pastries.

[Furniture City Creamery](#)- In the mood for some ice cream? Furniture City Creamery has the best ice cream flavors and lots of vegan options.

[Le Bon Macaron](#) - Pretend you're in Paris with a macaron from Le Bon Macaron. You'll find creative macaron flavors, scones, sundaes and a delightful coffee menu here.

[Van's Pastry Shoppe](#) - This classic bakery has the best donuts, Dutch pastries and cookies. Stop here for a quick pastry in the morning.

[Chartreuse Sisters](#) - French pastries and coffee drinks sip on!

[Jersey Junction](#) - Seasonally open ice cream and candy shop with a nostalgic style, located in Gaslight Village.

cocktails and mocktails

[Eastern Kille Wealthy](#) - Sip on deliciously crafted cocktails and enjoy the intimate ambiance of this adorable new cocktail lounge. They can also make mocktails to match any flavor profile.

[Less Traveled](#) - Moody and full of ambiance, this cocktail lounge is sure to impress you.

[Mammoth Distillery](#) - Stoffer Home's new neighbor coming soon! Michigan distillery started up north, and we are so proud to be the neighbor of their very first West Michigan tasting room.

[Paddock Place](#) - Paddock Place is a wonderful restaurant to grab a drink or a cocktail. They also have great appetizers, pizzas and a kid's menu for dinner.

[Post Off](#) - This new wine bar is a fun spot to grab a drink in Grand Rapids. The Aperol Spritz is a favorite here.

[Buffalo Traders Lounge](#) - Buffalo Traders Lounge is a cozy bar with an art-deco inspired atmosphere. You'll find great cocktails and craft beer options here.

[Long Road Distillery](#) - Creative drinks and small bites make this cocktail lounge a complete experience.

things to do

[Fulton Street Farmers Market](#) - Seasonally open, this market features fun local vendors and fresh fruits and vegetables.

[The Downtown Market](#) - Spacious food hall featuring grocers, butchers and fishmongers, and international dining.

[Grand Rapids Public Museum](#) - History & science museum with exhibits on 3 floors, plus a 1928 carousel, theater & planetarium.

[Grand Rapids Art Museum](#) - Collections ranging from Renaissance to Modern Art and special collections on 19th and 20th-century European and American art.

[The Gerald Ford Presidential Museum](#) - Presidential museum and burial place of Gerald Ford, the 38th president of the United States.

[Grand Rapids Children's Museum](#) - Hands-on learning space for kids ages 2-10 features a real beehive & workshops like robot building.

[Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park](#) - 158-acre botanical garden, art museum, and outdoor sculpture park.

Drive by The Madison house - Ask a member of our team where it is!

places to stay

[The Leonard at Logan](#) - The Leonard at Logan House is a Grand Rapids bed and breakfast in a historic neighborhood providing a quaint alternative to hotel lodging. It is nestled in the Heritage Hill district and is walking distance from popular restaurants and shopping. (Very close to Stoffer Home too!)

[Canopy by Hilton](#) - Located in downtown Grand Rapids, this new hotel is stylish and close to many fun restaurants and activities. It features mid-century modern design and furnishings by Amish artisans. Enjoy their rooftop bar (Knoop), a welcome gift, and free-to-borrow bikes.

[AC Hotel Grand Rapids](#) - A refined retreat at the heart of Grand Rapids. The hotel's 19th century facade and modern, European-inspired decor offer a serene backdrop for your stay. Close to the Grand Rapids Art Museum!

[City Flats Hotel](#) - Located downtown Grand Rapids and built in 1874, this renovated building is built entirely from local materials and renewable resources. Close to top restaurants and shopping.

Airbnb is also a great option for your stay in Grand Rapids.

[Amway Grand Plaza, Curio Collection by Hilton](#) -

This famous Grand Rapids hotel is sure to make your stay here in West Michigan one for the books. It has stunning rooms and amenities as well as walkable activities to do in downtown Grand Rapids.

top picks downtown

[House of Wine](#) - If you enjoy wine, head to House of Wine. You'll find a wide variety of wine and wine flights to enjoy with a charcuterie board or sandwich.

[Mertens Prime](#) - If you love French cuisine you'll love Mertens Prime. This French steakhouse and bistro has amazing food and drinks. You can also visit Café Mertens for poutine, beignets or coffee.

[Reserve](#) - You can't go wrong with dinner or drinks at Reserve. You'll find an extensive wine list, great cocktails, amazing charcuterie plates, and delicious dinner options. The house made pasta is really good.

[Knoop](#) - Located on the top floor of the Canopy by Hilton Hotel downtown, you'll find Knoop. This rooftop beer garden has Dutch and German inspired bites (don't miss out on the pretzels) along with craft cocktails.

[Bistro Bella Vita](#) - Bistro Bella Vita has modern French and Italian cuisine downtown Grand Rapids. You'll find great pizzas, pasta dishes and more here.

[Luna](#) - Hip, modern Mexican restaurant serving tacos and creative cocktails in a dark, stylish space. One of the best margaritas in GR.

@grguide top picks

[Butcher's Union](#) - Whenever I have dinner at Butcher's Union I feel like I'm back in Chicago. This restaurant has a great vibe and delicious food and drinks. The salmon is my go-to for dinner.

[Cakabakery](#) - Whenever I'm craving a sweet treat I head to Cakabakery. Their chocolate chunk cookies are the absolute best – trust me.

[Lumber Baron Bar](#) - Nestled in the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel downtown, Lumber Baron is a cozy, warm and intimate cocktail lounge that is perfect for a nightcap.

[Harmony Brewing Company](#) - A small, local brewery that offers pizza, delicious apps and salads to pair with their beers. It is a charming atmosphere, especially in the summers when they open their garage door to transform the space to be open air.

[One Twenty Three Tavern](#) - A cozy tavern feel offering craft cocktails, burgers, bowls, and more. Vegan, vegetarian and gluten free friendly and located in downtown GR's Studio Park.

[MDRD](#) - If you are looking for a fancy dinner, MDRD is the spot. It is a Spanish style tapas restaurant with panoramic views of the city from the top floor of the Amway Grand Hotel. Reserve ahead of time!