

# Tacos Matamoros

4508 5th Ave

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Located in my hometown neighborhood, Sunset Park, on 45th St & 46th St on 5th avenue. There is a lot of taco stands and taco restaurants on the stretch of 5th avenue making it very hard for each one to stand out but Tacos Matamoros does. Most taco spots have a New York Chinese fast food theme, it's a place where you go to eat something quick, maybe have a quick talk and leave. At Matamoros, you have a nice environment where its welcoming and a place where you want to go to spend a good time with friends or family. The hot plates are more of my taste with breaded chicken with a side of rice and beans and guacamole is my favorite. Overall Tacos Matamoros is a great place to go and have fun, while having Mexican food.

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## Sunrise Diner

4500 Parsons Blvd  
Flushing NY, 11355  
<http://www.sunrisedinerflushing.com/>

One of Flushings' hidden jewels is Sunrise Diner on the corner of Parsons Blvd and 45th Ave. Popular to those who work across the street at Flushing Hospital Medical Center, and those on the Q65 bus that stops right in front; the diner brings in customers through the auras of being a diner rather than a fast-food establishment. Their service always aims to make you feel welcomed, and wanting to come back. Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner, the diner provides a wide range of food that you can order from, and with their daily specials at great prices. The service that their waitress provides always comes with a smile, welcoming you in and to a table. Three cooks in the back are ready to prepare your meal, and within 10 minutes it's at your table ready for you to enjoy. Every now and then, when the diner is calm you can even see the owner come out and enjoy a slice of cake from behind the bar, converting with the customers.

## BERG'N

899 Bergen St  
Brooklyn, NY 11238  
(718) 857-2337

Berg'n restaurant is nestled within the Crown heights area in Prospect Heights from the same people behind Smorgasburg. Also, just like Smorgasburg, there are a huge variety of dining options to choose from. Grab food from one of four vendors then claim a big table with some friends. Or if you don't have friends, sit at the bar and drink beer (They have a full bar). This is the best place in Crown Heights for a big group chill-out, and there's an outdoor patio space for the summertime as well, that attracts huge crowds from all around.

Hilda Jara

## **Jahn's Diner/ Ice Cream Shop**

8104 37th Ave #1  
Jackson Heights, NY 11372  
718-651-0700

Jahn's is a family friendly diner in Jackson Heights, Queens that has been serving its community since 1897. At Jahn's you can get everything and the Kitchen Sink! Offering Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Ice Cream. The kitchen sink is also on the menu providing ice cream of 22 flavors in a large metal bowl enough to serve 8 people. They offer regular scoops as well and a variety of bakery goods. Stop in anytime and be prepared for incredible, flavorful food and excellent service.

Arslan Yasemin

## **Instabul Restaurant**

Address: 293 7th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11215  
Hours: Open today · 10:30AM–1AM  
Phone: (718) 832-3400  
Website: [istanbulparkny.com](http://istanbulparkny.com)

Istanbul Restaurant offers delicious dining, takeout and delivery in Brooklyn, NY. Istanbul Restaurant is a cornerstone in the Brooklyn community and has been recognized for its outstanding Seafood cuisine, excellent service and friendly staff. Our seafood restaurant is known for its modern interpretation of classic dishes and its insistence on only using high quality fresh ingredients.

Jamar Callender

## **BIG DADDY'S**

2454 Broadway New York NY 10024

Phone: 212-677-2004

Fax: 212-724-2936

Sunday - Thursday 8am-11pm

Friday - Saturday 8am-12am

[bigdaddysnyc.com](http://bigdaddysnyc.com)

The burgers here are to die for as they serve you a well portioned meal that will have you slumped over at first bite! The overall atmosphere is very welcoming and also has a mid 80s retro feel. I loved it! The music was right on the point and also the abundance of neon lights. If you make a stop here please try! the blue cookies monster milk shake you will not be dissatisfied.

Trevor Proberbs

## **Applebee's**

Address: 1360 Fulton St, Brooklyn, NY 11216

Phone: (718) 943-8000

Hours: Open today · 9AM–11PM

Menu: [order.carsidetogo.com](http://order.carsidetogo.com)

Applebee's serves a variety of foods to please their customers. The restaurant tends to have a family vibe when you're there. Their customer service is good as well, they're generally nice people. The food there is very well done and the menu like how I said has a good amount of choices to please you. Also, they have a good select of beverages for you to order along with your food. Some people tend to complain a little bit about the price but in my opinion it's not too bad because the taste is good along with the service. So, with their service being good and their food it makes up for the price being a little pricy but in all they're a good restaurant to go to and relax and have a good meal.

Corey Gray

## Checkers

111 Court st  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 797-5333  
<https://www.checkers.com/>

Checkers is a restaurant that serves fast food such as burgers, chicken, fries, cola, and much more. The service of the restaurant is relatively good; the staff is nice and the delivery of your food is fast depending on what you order. Their drinks are pretty good they don't have anything spectacular but they still have nice stuff. Most people usually get sprite or minute maid lemonade, sometimes people get the Gold Peak Southern Style Tea in the summer to drink. Another good thing about this restaurant is they have an outdoor section that people use when it get warm outside so you can eat in the comfortable of the shade in sun.

David Rohee

## Roccos Tacos & Tequila Bar

Address: 339 Adams St, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
Hours: Open today · 11AM–10PM  
Phone: (718) 246-8226  
Website: [Roccostacos.com](http://Roccostacos.com)

A restaurant founded by Rocco Mangel. The establishment is a beautiful place to be at and the food fits the atmosphere perfectly. I happen to enjoy the drinks a lot especially the margaritas. The best part would be the customer service; they treat you like family and it's a great feeling. Even more so the restaurant is having a sale on Cinco De Mayo, it would be in everyone's best interest to go especially right here in Brooklyn please give this Mexican choice of cuisine a try. If you ever happen to be within miles of a Roccos Tacos please go try their quesadillas.

## Los Tres Potrillos

11116 Roosevelt Ave, Corona, NY 11368

www.lostrespotrillosny.com

Los Tres Potrillos In Corona, in a tiny area near flushing . The train you can take here is the train 7 all the way to 111 street. Since the restaurant is pretty close the the train . Customers will have a easy way to go there and most of people who live there and people who go to see the Mets games. Even it is like a “fast food” because this company have three restaurant but this one stand out the most. When you enter this restaurant , They welcome you with a big smile and feel like they are your family. They try to have small chat to feel happy so you will have good time. The area is really nice and feel more like a nice diner than a fast diner like one of those restaurant like Red Robins but more cozy and nice in it own way. aims to make you feel welcomed, and wanting to come back. Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner, the diner provides many type of food that you can order from. Even it take a while to finish making the food but the good thing is the food is amazing and the long wait is worth it for amazing Mexican food . They have a bar in the night and spend time with friend and family. Which mostly open in the night and it is pretty calm . Until when baseball season start is when it is crowded. Even that it is a lovely place to go and feel like home.

## Le Parisian Bistrot

163 E 33rd St

New York, NY 10016

Phone: (212) 889-5489

I highly recommend this restaurant if you would like to experience what it’s like to eat in Paris/ France.

This restaurant served an authentic style from the Parisian décor and soft low music to the meals which made me feel like I was back in Paris all over again.

Service: Everybody was friendly! The waiter was attentive and never felt rushed to order.

Prices: It’s affordable for a very high quality of food and great service.

Food!!

The menu included all the classics that they serve in France. From an omelette with fries to Les escargots and Mussels

I ordered Steak avec Frites (Steak with Fries). The steak was cooked in red wine sauce. The steak was very delicious and tender.

To top it off, for a classic desert, I had the crème brûlée which was flavorful and yummy!

\*\*\*If you want to get away from NYC and take a trip to Paris, go and eat at Le Parisian Bistrot!\*\*\*

Anthony Sewell

## Walker's

16 N. Moore St  
New York, NY 10031  
(212) 941-0142  
www.walkertribeca.com

So what does this place have that the next place doesn't? Crayons. This downtown staple of good eats provides crayons at each table. The air is laid back, tables covered by illustration paper, so you can doodle. Walker's has been around since downtown was a sandlot; serving grub and beer as far back as the 1880s. Playing sports on flat screens now, doesn't mean you can't eat and enjoy yourself in peace. Located directly across the street from the Ghostbusters' firehouse station, it was surprising, nothing on the menu exceeded the \$25 mark, in what is a historical watering hole. The menu casts the American diner all-stars. There's the burger, the chili, chicken fingers and some salmon for you fish lovers. If meats not you, equal efforts are made in the preparation of the salads. The waiters and bar staff are pleasant. No wonder they lasted this long.

Geneva Finklea

## Roccas Tacos & Tequila Bar

Address: 339 Adams St, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 246-8226  
www.roccostacos.com

Rocco's Tacos & Tequila Bar is a Mexican taste inspired restaurant that is located on Adam Street, Downtown Brooklyn. This place packs a powerful punch at serving all the Mexican classics, so much that when you pass by you smell at the delicious flavors of their food. This place has an exciting and casual atmosphere and is the perfect place to eat with friends & family, not to mention to celebrate birthdays or any special occasion for that matter. Upon entering this place you can expect to feel welcomed, there is music playing, warm lighting all around and an employee ready to greet you. One of their dishes I personally enjoyed is the Nachos platter because you can experience the fresh guacamole that is made right in front of you. This is something that is interactive and I feel really adds to the experience overall. This place is great, the food is excellent and the people are wonderful I highly recommend it!

## City Island Lobster House

691 Bridge St, Bronx, NY 10464  
cilobsterhouse.com

The City Island Lobster House is a family restaurant that is located by the water. This restaurant has been around for more than 20 years and has been my go-to for any occasion. I went there for my 19th birthday and for my sisters wedding dinner. My mother-in law also went there to celebrate her wedding 20 years ago. A few of my top choices are Lobster Tail Plate, Jumbo Fried Shrimp, and King Crab Legs. They served my food on time and it was excellent. To top it off, the manager surprised me with a chocolate ice cream cake! I would recommend this place to those are looking for a tasteful experience by the water!

## Okonomi

Address: 150 Ainslie St, Brooklyn, NY 11211  
Hours: Open today · 9AM–3PM, 6–11PM  
Phone: (718) 302-0598  
Reservations: tocktix.com

Okonomi is a Japanese restaurant in Williamsburg. They serve whats called ÒIchiju Sansai, which literally means One soup, three sides, a traditional Japanese set meal. This healthy meal consists of seven-grain rice, miso soup, roasted fish, vegetables, and an egg dish. Because the ingredients change depending on whats available that day, their food may be prepared differently each day. For that reason, there are no written menu in restaurant. Instead, the waiter verbally lets you know the available menu of that day, anywhere from two to four choices. The place is very cozy with wooden interiors. The small dining area consists of 13 seats, a counter table for about 5 people and 2 table seats. There is something special about this place that makes you feel at home and be satisfied.

## Schnippers Quality Kitchen

Address: 120 CHURCH STREET

Phone: 212 732 1700

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

Schnippers serves good old-fashioned American food for New Yorkers and travelers. The restaurant a fast food restaurant but it's considered of higher quality. Schnippers competition are other restaurant like 5 guys and shake-shack. The environment is very family friendly, spacious, and old fashioned, as you can see in their old school design. The Schnipper brothers who are the founders of this restaurant traveled around the country to find the best american dishes and they created Schnippers as a place where you can have it all under one roof. Their food is very good and has fine quality for a great price. Some of the foods on their menu include the sloppy joe burger, onion rings, cheese fries, cheese fries and many more options to choose from. In fact they have over 75 options to choose from. I would recommend Schnippers as a great spot to hang out with friend and have a chat, and a place to eat during your lunchbreak. The last time I went to the schnippers located at 570 Lexington Ave New York, NY 10022, the food there was great and satisfying. I had the sloppy joe and cheese fries and the price was really good. This is a great place to eat.

## Ramen Lab

70 Kenmare St, New York, NY 10012

646.613.7522

[www.ramen-lab.com](http://www.ramen-lab.com)

Menya Jiro opened up six years ago in the Kagoshima prefecture at the southernmost tip of Kyushu, Japan. Chef Jiro Anma has represented Kagoshima at various ramen events and pop-ups throughout Japan and the U.S., including the famed Ramen Stadium in Fukuoka. Menya Jiro's award-winning ramen is known for its light (assari) tonkotsu broth, characteristic of the region.

This past March, I got to try their award-winning ramen when they came to NYC for a pop-up. It was hosted at Sun Noodles' Ramen Lab, NYC's only showcase pop-up ramen shop. On the menu were only 3 options of ramen, Ramen, Ajitama Ramen, and Special Ramen. I had the Ajitama Ramen (tonkotsu broth, broiled chashu, bean sprouts, scallions, fried onions, with an Ajitama soft boiled egg). It was hands down probably one of the best bowls of ramen I have ever had. The broth was amazing, the noodles were perfect, and the chashu just melted in your mouth.

Samantha Meany

## Connoll's Corner

71-15 Grand Ave  
Maspeth, NY 11378  
(718) 565-7383  
connollyscorner.com

Connollys Corner is a restaurant/bar located in Maspeth. It is the go-to place for me and my family for special occasions, such as birthdays, graduations, etc.. It has a beautiful interior design, with a bar table that has HD televisions and quality drinks attached to it, a variety of tables and chairs for the patrons, and some tables seated outside, perfect for eating in the Spring and Summer. They have various deals throughout the week, such as Taco Tuesdays, Wine Down Wednesdays, and live music playing every Saturday night at 10 PM. Their menu has a lot of great offers for brunch, lunch, and dinner, such as Eggs Benedict, Traditional Irish Breakfast, Grand Avenue Chicken, etc.. This restaurant is great for Maspeth and Queens residents, and highly recommended for restaurant goers.

Rene Montero

## El Paso

### Mexican Restaurant

1643 Lexington Ave  
New York, NY 10029  
(212) 831-9831  
elpasony.com

If you are fan of mexican food then look no further, El Paso Restaurant is where you need to go. The restaurant is located between 103rd and 104st lexington ave in East Harlem in where many people can be seen there. In order to get there you need to take the 6 train to 103st or take the M100 101 102 or 103 to 103st 3rd ave. The restaurant itself is pretty small but you can get any kind of mexican food you could think of.

El paso serves lunch and dinner and opens everyday from 11:15am-10:30pm. They serve different kinds of food such as tacos, burritos, enchiladas, mole poblano, etc. For dessert they serve churros, flan, and tres leches. You can also order online or call, the food delievery is pretty fast too. The neighborhood really enjoys this restaurant and its one of the best mexican restaurants in New York.