



## Today's Dirty Dozen – Where to eat locally (even some cheap eats)

**Note to the hungry attendee:** San Francisco is justifiably renowned for literally hundreds of restaurants spread throughout the city's neighborhoods. Cuisines from all corners of the globe and from a broad spectrum of ethnicities can be found here. You can spend from almost nothing to a small fortune on food. Often times, low prices go with spartan surroundings.

**Below is a collection of recommendations** -- most near the hotel and relatively inexpensive -- gathered from folks who live here, and folks who write about food. Anything in quotes comes from Bargain Bites reviews (San Francisco Chronicle) or yelp.com (*italicized*).

A restaurant map with the LLC-12 hotel at the center can be found at:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF&msa=0&msid=114444507981175781616.0004495ee68e320488471>

Bon appétit!!

**Mifune Restaurant** (Japanese) Japantown is a 15 minute, hilly walk from the hotel. Mifune is Japanese fast food, moderately priced and well-recommended. But you could just walk around Japantown, eye the plastic food displays, and pick a place that pleases your palate and pocketbook.

1737 Post Street (between Buchanan St & Webster St) (415) 922-0337



**Tommy's Joynt**, (American) San Francisco landmark, burgers, huge sandwiches, buffalo stew, reasonable. 10 am to 1:45 am.

1101 Geary Blvd (Van Ness), (415) 775-4216



**Grubstake** (American Diner, Portuguese)

An traditional San Francisco favorite, especially for the late night crowd. Try the milkshakes!

“I discovered this place on my hunt for a real diner experience in SF and I loved it! Great atmosphere, made nice and kitschy by the excess of holiday decorations hung from nook and cranny. Our waitress was very friendly and our burgers were just what the doctor ordered on that chilly day. We're looking forward to many returns.”

Mon-Fri 5pm-4am • Sat-Sun 10am-4am Cash only, inexpensive  
1525 Pine St (before Polk) (415) 673-8268

[www.sfgrubstake.com](http://www.sfgrubstake.com)



**Saigon Sandwiches** (Vietnamese) “One of the best lunch deals in the city is found at this hole-in-the-wall specializing in bahn mi, Vietnamese sandwiches with meat, carrots, jalapeno and cilantro tucked into a French roll. Barbecue pork and pork meatballs are standouts, but roast chicken, "fanci" pork and pate won't disappoint. The best part: It'll only set you back \$2.50.” Breakfast, lunch, early dinner daily. No alcohol.

560 Larkin St. (at Eddy), (415) 474-5698



**Turtle Tower** (Vietnamese) “The draw at this bustling corner of the Tenderloin is pho, as weekend lines out the door will attest. Choose from more than 10 types of this hearty soup, packed with noodles and every imaginable cut of beef or chicken swimming in unusually subtle broth. It's warming, refreshing food. That, plus a solid selection of bun (vermicelli) and com (rice-based) platters, make a perfect pit stop. Eat, slurp and be on your merry way.” Inexpensive. Breakfast, lunch and early dinner Wed.-Mon.

631 Larkin St. (between Eddy and Ellis), (415) 409-3333



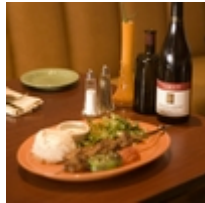
**Thai House Express** (Thai) “The lesser-known dishes are our favorites at this unpretentious but politely serviced corner restaurant. Kao Pad Ka-Na Pla Kem is an anchovy lover's fried rice, a comfort dish for many Asians. Gui chai are aromatic garlic chive dumplings deep-fried, while the large salad category will reward the adventurous. The chef has a good touch with the not-too-sweet and sour balance in his dressings.” Also at 599 Castro St. Lunch, dinner, noon-midnight daily.  
901 Larkin St. (at Geary Street), (415) 441-2248.



**Cordon Bleu** (Vietnamese) “*This little lady can cook up a storm, and you get obscene amounts of delicious food for nothing! All of the dishes are basically a combination of either 5-spice chicken, shish-kebab, meat sauce over white rice, cabbage, and either a spring or an imperial roll (like a meat-filled spring roll.)*” Inexpensive. BYOB. Cash only.  
1574 California St (between Larkin St & Polk St); (415) 673-5637



**Sultan Kebab** (Mediterranean) “At lunchtime, a small crowd assembles at this Tenderloin restaurant to order bowls of lentil soup, stuffed grape leaves, and lamb and beef doner sandwiches. The two-story cafe, specializing in Mediterranean cuisine, serves dozens of lamb, beef and chicken kebab dishes with sides of rice, salad and bread.” Lunch, dinner Mon.-Sat. No alcohol.  
637 Larkin St. (near Eddy), (415) 931-8444.



**Sushi Rock** (Sushi. Duh.) Dead raw fish. Next door to Good Vibes (feed *all* your appetites). Moderate.  
1608 Polk Street (between Clay and Sacramento); (415) 345-1690



**Shalimar** (Indian/Pakistani), good and inexpensive. “...*the staff was totally cool, the prices rocked, and the level of pretentiousness was refreshingly close to nil*”.

1409 Polk Street (between California and Pine) (415) 776-4642



**Tajine** (Moroccan) “*The chicken tajine with brined lemons and olives is AMAZING!*”

Variety of middle Eastern cuisines. Inexpensive. Cash only, BYOB.

1338 Polk St (near Austin, between Bush and Pine) (415) 440-1718



**Piccadilly Fish and Chips**, (Seafood) Fish and Chips. Newspaper. Vinegar. Grease.

1348 Polk St (between Austin St & Pine St) (415) 771-6477



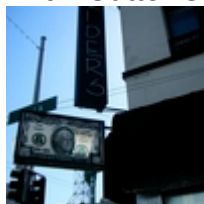
**The Crepe House** (uhh, crepes). Savory and sweet, **and** breakfast. “*Bonus: When I'm there w/ my roommate and her low-cut pants reveal some tuchus, the cooks send us a free dessert crepe. Awesome!!*”

1755 Polk Street (between Clay St & Washington St) (415) 441-2421



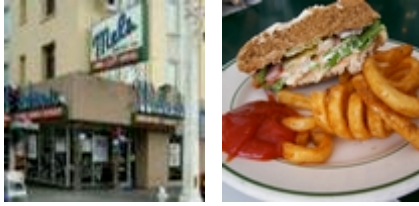
**Sliders Diner**, (burgers) Burger, fries and a shake. “*Some times the one thing you want when you're having a crappy day is a nice 8 oz. medium rare cheeseburger with cheddar and fries.*”

1204 Sutter Street (between Polk St & Van Ness), (415) 885-3288



**Mel's Drive-In** (Diner) *"I like the fonzy feel to this place"*

1050 Van Ness Avenue (415) 292-6357



**El Super Burrito** (Mexican) Near the hotel, but if it's south of the border you want, you're better off way south of Market, in the Mission district -- eg **La Taqueria** 2889 Mission St @25<sup>th</sup>, (415) 285-7117. "Some of the best burritos in the city, in scrupulously clean surroundings. Fruit drinks are excellent, too."

1200 Polk Street (between Fern St & Sutter St) (415) 771-970



**Miller's East Coast Deli** (Deli) New York Deli. *"...blintzes, latkes, matzo balls and brie to pickled herring, chopped liver, awesome reubens and loads more."* Moderate.

1725 Polk St (between Clay St & Washington St) (415) 563-3542



**Swan Oyster Depot**, (Seafood) Excellent seafood. Pricey. *"If you're looking for a foo seafood restaurant with fake French sommeliers, guests with fake breasts and their 94 year old sugar daddy, dress codes, and servers with sticks up their asses...you've come to the wrong place. If you want some fresh oysters and a kick back atmosphere without the pretentious "I think I'm the shit" snobs...come here. This place is a no frills no tables no dress code no nonsense seafood eatery...more specifically...an oyster bar."* Cash; BYOB.

1517 Polk St (between California St & Sacramento St), (415) 673-1101



**Crustacean** (Asian fusion) Expensive, but really good.  
1475 Polk St #6 (between California and Pine), (415) 776-2722



**The Front Room** (Italian, pizza) Great neighborhood pizza Right next door.  
1550 California St (between Larkin St & Polk St) (415) 771-1591



**Gourmet Carousel** (Chinese) “The food tastes fresh, portions are huge, the prices are inexpensive and the matriarch at the door is always there to greet you (whether she’s stern or friendly depends on her mood). The deluxe wonton soup (with at least a dozen dumplings), crispy potstickers, spicy pork with eggplant, salt and pepper prawns or any of the 11 clay pot dishes are all wonderful choices. It’s a bargain anywhere, but given its Pacific Heights location, it’s a downright steal.” Mon-Sat 11am-9:30, Sun 4-9:30.  
1559 Franklin St. (at Pine), (415) 771-2044



**Naan-N-Curry** (Indian/Pakistani). Mixed reviews about this mostly self-service chain, but try the Chicken Tiki Marsala if you have a hankering for Indian cuisine.  
690 Van Ness Avenue (415) 775-1349



**Frontlyne Video: *Food for the soul and the eyes***; rent porn on Polk two blocks from the hotel. *"I was excited to see a non-Blockbuster movie shop in my neighborhood. From the outside it looks like a regular ol' mom and pop video store with posters of the latest new releases posted on the front window. You walk in, and there's a single shelf of mainstream movies and then the rest of the store is hardcore pornography. There's even a "rubber goods" section in the back. I laughed and asked the woman at the counter where the rest of the regular videos were. She said "they're all pretty regular to me, honey""*

1259 Polk St, San Francisco, CA 94109, (415) 931-9999,

**Good Vibrations: *Food for the soul and your genitals***; Just one block away is Good Vibes, selling everything from dildos to strap-ons to your favorite type of lube. Look for the flyer in your registration packet.

1620 Polk Street (at Sacramento Street) San Francisco, CA 94109 (415) 345-0400  
www.goodvibes.com

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