Selections from Traverse-Northern Michigan Magazine
Restaurant List – For more info, go to MyNorth.com and click on Food and Dining. Reservations recommended for dinner.

Elk Rapids

Pearl's New Orleans Kitchen
617 Ames Elk Rapids, 231-264-0530
Cajun / Creole cookin’ served up with a heap of Southern Hospitality and exotic libations to wash it down. The Pearl’s experience will transport you to New Orleans. Lunch / Dinner / Sunday Brunch. Price $-$

Siren Hall
151 River St. Elk Rapids, 231-264-6062
Minimalist, industrial-chic bistro (with street-front patio seating in season) run by Lulu's chef-owner Michael Peterson. Sup on classics such short ribs, steak frites, fresh-off-the-plane fruits de mer and homey sides like risotto tots and bleu cheese green beans. Price $-$$$. 

Traverse City

Aerie Restaurant & Lounge
U.S. 31 N. Traverse City, 231-534-6800 – Grand Traverse Resort & Spa
16th-floor panorama of East Bay and regional fine dining. Music on weekends. Dinner, Bar, $$-$$$

Amical
229 E. Front St. Traverse City, 231-941-8888 (Downtown)
Friendly French bistro with a bay view, fireplace and street patio. Don't miss the raspberry creme brulee. Sun. brunch. Lunch Menu, Dinner Menu, Brunch Menu. Price $$-

Apache Trout Grill
13671 S. West Bay Shore Dr. Traverse City, 231-947-7079
Rough-hewn eatery affords a great bay view along with ribs, steak, pasta and salad. Price $.

Blue Tractor Cook Shop
423 Union St. Traverse City, 231-922-9515 (Downtown)

Boathouse Restaurant
14039 Peninsula Dr. Traverse City, 231-223-4030 (Old Mission Peninsula)
Casually elegant spot with nautical-rustic decor, fireplace, fabulous view and great steaks, seafood and large local wine selection. Sunday brunch. Price $$-$$$. 
Traverse City (cont.)

**Bowers Harbor Inn**

13512 Peninsula Dr. Traverse City, 231-223-4222 (Old Mission Peninsula)

Fine regional cuisine in a romantic, wood-paneled former lumber baron's bayfront mansion with an extensive wine list, herb garden and wine-producing vineyards. Price $$$$.

**Cafe Habana**

423 S. Union Traverse City, 231-929-4150 (Downtown)

Cuban-inspired cuisine. Hit the rooftop patio for some *aire fresco* a mojito and some great mojo. Price $-$-$.

**Catch Island Grill, The**

120 Park St. Traverse City, 231-933-7200 (Downtown)

Light and vibrant cuisine of Cuba, Jamaica and the Caribbean, starring fresh fish and seafood. Price $$.

**Don's Drive-In**

2030 U.S. 31 N. Traverse City, 231-938-1860

A '50s-style diner and drive-in with booths, burgers, fries, shakes, nostalgic jukebox. Price $.

**EuroStop**

620 Railroad Place Traverse City, 231-421-1076

A hotspot by the railroad tracks for local hot dogs on warm baguettes, fried eggplant sandwiches and Reubens

**Firefly**

310 S. Cass St. Traverse City, 231-932-1310 (Downtown)

A dazzling small plate menu, sushi, steaks and burgers at a sophisticated hotspot on the river. Price $-$-$.

**Folgarelli's Market**

424 W. Front St. Traverse City, 231-941-7651

A few tables in the rear and outside accommodate the throngs who flock to this former train station for Italian and imported foods, deli sandwiches, entrees, home-baked goods, wine and fresh roasted coffee. Price $.

**Freshwater Lodge**

13890 S. West Bay Shore Dr. Traverse City, 231-932-4694

Great Lakes regional cuisine in a Northwoodsy setting with massive stone fireplace. The porch offers a West Bay vista. Price $$.
Grand Traverse Pie Co.
525 W. Front St. Traverse City, 231-922-7437
Denise and Mike Busley added 25 more tables for inhaling their exceptional cream and fruit pies, coffee, baked goods, pot pies, chicken salad and quiche. Price $.

Hanna
118 Cass St. Traverse City, 231-946-8207
Jim Milliman and Rob Giffer's bustling bistro is T.C.'s new mecca of class and cuisine. Fresh fish, smooth service, smart wine list. Price $$-$$$.

House of Doggs
120 Union St. Traverse City, 231-922-1348
Retro hot dog counter is a hit with families by day and bar crowd by night. Price $.

Jolly Pumpkin
13512 Old Peninsula Dr. Traverse City, 223-4333 (Old Mission Peninsula)
Wood-fired steaks, fresh fish, and artisan pizzas along with fresh ales crafted on-site. Price $$-$$$.

Mary's Kitchen Port
539 W. Front St., Traverse City, 231-941-0525
Mike Boudjalis and crew make delicious carryout sandwiches, wraps and salads, such as cherry turkey. Price $.

Mode's Bum Steer
125 E. State St. Traverse City, 231-947-9832 (Downtown)
Classic steakhouse serves tender, well-aged charbroiled Black Angus steaks, seafood, ribs, soup, sandwiches. Price $$

Moomers
7263 N. Long Lake Rd. Traverse City, 231-941-4122
Long Lake's long-loved, award-winning dairy farm and ice Cream oasis. Price $. You will find Moomers Ice Cream available at numerous locations in the area.

North Peak Brewing Co.
400 W. Front St. Traverse City, 231-941-7325
Loud and lively former candy factory with high ceilings, wood-fired pizzas, seafood, sandwiches, microbrewed beer and a jam-packed bar scene. Price $$.

Old Mission Tavern
17015 Center Rd. Traverse City, 231-223-7280 (Old Mission Peninsula)
More than fine dining--prime rib, fresh fish, pastas and ethnic specials-- this lushly landscaped spot hosts two fine-art galleries: Bella Galleria and sculptor/owner Verna Bartnick's studio. Price $$
Traverse City (cont.)

Omelette Shoppe
124 Cass and 1209 E. Front St. Traverse City, 231-946-0590
Vast array of omelets, homemade breads and pastries, soup and sandwiches. Price $.

Pangea's Pizza Pub
135 E. Front St. Traverse City, 231-946-9800 (Downtown)
Patio seating and cozy booths for sharing pies made with golden crusts and a world of inventive toppings (beets, chorizo, cilantro, prosciutti, pecans ...) Price $-$-$.

Patisserie Amie
237 Lake Ave. Traverse City, 231-922-9645
Chef Eric Fritch is bringing joie de vivre to Traverse City with his sweet French bakery, brunch spot and bistro serving fabulous mochas, salmon crepes and pissaladiere. Don't miss the pear-almond tartlets in the pastry case. Price $-$-$.

Poppycocks
128 E. Front St. Traverse City, 231-941-7632 (Downtown)
Chef Jon Eakes presents beautiful plates with a focus on locally grown produce, seafood and fresh ethnic offerings. Pastry case with chocolate truffle cake, Thai lemongrass parfait, fruit cobblers, more. Sunday brunch. Price $-$-$

Red Ginger
237 E. Front St. Traverse City, 231-944-1733 (Downtown)
Wrap yourself in fresh-sleek surroundings and the spicy-exotic flavors of Asia. CIA-trained chef/owner Dan Marsh tempts bold palates with sea bass, wok-style chili prawns, nigiri sushi, Thai curries and Chinese barbecue, but rounds out his upscale menu with robust steaks served with braised shiitakes and classic hasselback potatoes. Price $-$-$-$.

Red Mesa Grill
1544 U.S. 31 Traverse City, 231-938-2773
Authentic Latin Cuisine served in a fun and lively atmosphere. Featuring over 140 tequilas and Michigan’s finest Margaritas. Lunch / Dinner . Price $-$-$

Phil's on Front
236 E. Front St. Traverse City, 231-929-1710 (Downtown)
Mosaic-tiled chocolate bar/lounge and bistro. Price $-$-$.

Scott's Harbor Grill
12719 S. West Bay Shore Dr. Traverse City, 231-922-2114
Modern, casual restaurant above the Harbor West Yacht Club with fresh Mex, seafood, nightly specials and indoor and outdoor seating. Price $$. 
Traverse City (cont.)

Serenity Tea Bar
232 E. Front St. Traverse City, 231-421-1564 (Downtown)

The Cooks’ House
439 Front St. Traverse City, 231-946-8700
A sweet little doll house of a spot, home to sustainable local cuisine with a French sensibility. Price $$-$$$$.

The Green House Cafe
115 E. Front St. Traverse City, 231-929-7687 (Downtown)
Wally Green's long list of fresh sandwiches, inventive soups and salads plus a friendly staff add up to packed premises at lunchtime--and the short wait's worth it. Price $.

Steven's Place
738 S. Garfield Traverse City, 231-929-8945
Casual and classy nightclub with healthy gourmet cuisine, cocktails and dancing. Price $$-$$$$

Trattoria Stella
1200 W. Eleventh Traverse City, 231-929-8989
Exposed brick alcoves and a communal bar inside this restored Building 50 spot make a cozy setting for an intimate Italian dinner or after-work aperitif. Price $$-$$$$.

TraVino Wine & Grille
4341 M-72 Traverse City, 231-938-9496
Lively Mediterranean-style restaurant overlooking the Grand Traverse Resort's golf course. Wide array of tapas-style appetizers, pasta, fish, steak, pizza, sandwiches and a large wine bar. Price $$.

Tuscan Bistro
12930 S West Bay Shore Dr. Traverse City, 231-922-7795
Great patio, marina delivery and Mickey Cannon's fresh and beautiful bistro eats with Cajun and northern Italian influences. Price $-$$.  

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