

Dining & Nightlife in Oneida County

Here for the NYS Tourism Conference? You're right in the heart of downtown, just minutes from some of the area's best restaurants, pubs, and late-night spots.

■ Host Hotel Dining

Shade Bar & Grill

Inside Delta Hotels — classic American comfort food, full bar.

Iconic Restaurant

Inside DoubleTree — upscale Italian and American dining.

■ New American & Contemporary

The Tailor and the Cook

Farm-to-table, seasonal menus, craft cocktails. Reservations recommended.

Ocean Blue Restaurant & Oyster Bar

Seafood, sushi, oysters, and cocktails.

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Modern American gastropub with creative plates and a great bar.

Nola's

Upscale American cuisine in a cozy setting.

■ Italian, Steakhouse & Wine Bars

Delmonico's Italian Steakhouse

Classic steakhouse and Italian-American. Great for groups.

Chesterfield's Tavolo

Italian comfort food with a cozy, upscale feel.

Portofino Restaurant & Events

Waterfront Italian dining with a beautiful setting.

Ancora!

Fine dining, Mediterranean, strong wine list.

Aqua Vino

Elegant Italian with an extensive wine list.

Cafe del Buono

Classic Italian-American comfort food including chicken riggies and Utica greens.

It's a Utica Thing

Homemade pasta, chicken riggies, and Utica greens.

■ International & Specialty

Lotus Garden Noodle & Sushi House

Asian fusion — Thai, Cambodian, Japanese, sushi.

Symeon's Greek Restaurant

Authentic Greek cuisine, generous portions. A longtime local favorite.

Zeina's Cafe

Lebanese and Mediterranean in a casual setting.

One Arabian Night

Middle Eastern with vegetarian options.

Los Amigos (Taqueria)

Casual Mexican — tacos, burritos, classics.

Rio Grande Tex-Mex Grill

Laid-back Tex-Mex, great for an easy group dinner.

■ Casual & Group-Friendly

Babe's at Harbor Point

Burgers, Utica favorites, and comfort food. Great for groups.

Polish Community Club

Traditional Polish meals. Check for public dining nights.

Piggy Pat's Smoke & Ale House

Barbecue and smoked meats with hearty portions.

One Genny

Italian-American favorites, pizza, and casual bar fare.

Beef & Bird

Fast-casual beef and chicken sandwiches. Best for a quick bite.

■ Pizza & Tomato Pie

A true Utica staple — don't leave without trying it.

O'Scugnizzo Pizzeria

A Utica institution — famous for classic tomato pie and Sicilian-style slices.

Venice Pizza

Well-known for Utica tomato pie and Italian deli specialties.

Nina's Pizza

Local favorite for classic pizza and a casual slice.

■ Half-Moons & Italian Bakeries

Utica's iconic half-moon cookie is a must-try.

Holland Farms Bakery & Deli

Home of the iconic half-moon cookie, plus pastries and sandwiches.

Hemstrought's Bakeries

Classic half-moons, cakes, and baked goods.

Florentine Pastry Shop

Old-school Italian bakery — cookies, pastries, and desserts.

Caruso's Pastry Shoppe

Italian bakery and cafe with pastries and desserts.

■ Utica Classics: Chicken Riggies & Utica Greens

True regional specialties — here's where to find the best versions:

- It's a Utica Thing
- Babe's at Harbor Point
- Cafe del Buono
- Delmonico's Italian Steakhouse
- One Genny
- Portofino Restaurant & Events

■ Cocktail Lounges

Silk

Stylish cocktail and dessert bar — perfect for a nightcap or late-night drinks.

■ Pubs & Casual Bars

Griffin's Pub

Classic downtown pub with a relaxed, local feel.

Five Points Public House (Irish Cultural Center)

Irish pub with drinks, food, and frequent live music.

■ Varick Street / Brewery District

Utica's go-to late-night strip with multiple options all within walking distance of each other.

1888 Biergarten & Tavern (Saranac Brewery)

Beer, cocktails, and food in a lively brewery setting.

Nail Creek Pub & Brewery

Craft beer brewed in-house with classic pub food.

Lukin's on Varick

Brick oven pizza, drinks, and a fun late-night crowd.

Varick Bar & Grill

Classic neighborhood bar right on Varick Street.

O'Donnell's Pub & Grill

Irish pub with drinks and pub fare.

The Celtic Harp

Irish pub and restaurant with drinks and dinner options.

■ Coffee & Breakfast

Utica Coffee Roasting Co.

Local favorite for coffee, espresso, and light breakfast. Multiple locations.

Knead to Eat Bakery & Cafe

Coffee, baked goods, sandwiches, and breakfast in a cozy setting.

Cafe Del Mondo

Brand new cafe with an Arabic coffee influence — a unique and refreshing start to the day.

Joseph Putrello Coffee Bar

Artisan coffee with specialty espresso drinks and a curated cafe menu.

Emerson Ave Coffee

Popular local roastery in New Hartford — worth the quick drive for great coffee and pastries.

■ Good to Know

Chicken Riggies & Utica Greens

These are Utica originals — regional dishes you won't find anywhere else. Order them at least once.

Half-Moon Cookies

Pick some up at Holland Farms or Hemstrought's. They make a great souvenir.

Tomato Pie

Not your average pizza — it's a Utica thing. Try O'Scugnizzo for the real deal.

Varick Street

The brewery district is a great after-dinner walkable strip with multiple bars in one spot.