

IFDA 2021 SMarT Conference Dine Arouds and Local Restaurant List

Wondering what to do after conference hours? Interested in enjoying a relaxed evening with fellow conference attendees? Want to take in the local food and music scene? We've got you covered! Consider participating in the **SMarT Conference Dine-Around Austin**.

What is a Dine Around, you ask?

Dine Arouds are informal dinner experiences at local restaurants. They provide a great opportunity for small groups of attendees to explore the city, enjoy the local culinary and cocktail scene, and make new friends! Reservations will be made for 7:00 pm on Monday, July 19th.

Austin is the Perfect city for Dine Arouds. Not only is the city known for its diverse culinary experiences, the city is also known for its relaxed attitude and for being the Live Music Capitol of the World!

For our Dine Arouds we have chosen restaurants that are local favorites with great culinary offerings. Each are within walking distance of the hotel.

PARTICIPATING DINE AROUND RESTAURANTS

Vince Young Steakhouse (.2 miles from Hotel)

301 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, TX 78701; Phone: (512) 457-8325

Website: <http://vinceyoungsteakhouse.com/>

Description:

A chic, inviting, and local Austin fine dining restaurant, Vince Young Steakhouse serves the finest steaks, wines, and desserts in a downtown lively atmosphere with exceptional service.

Red Ash Italia (.3 miles from Hotel)

303 Colorado St., Ste. 200; Austin, TX 78701; Phone: (512) 379-2906

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

Description:

Influenced by the culinary traditions of Northern and Southern Italy, Red Ash features craft Italian cuisine expertly prepared by Owner and Executive Chef John Carver. The star of the Red Ash kitchen is the custom-built wood-burning grill, oven and plancha. Red ash is released from the live wood fires, which is the inspiration for the restaurant's name.

Lamberts Downtown Barbecue (.5 miles from Hotel)

401 W. Second Street, Austin, TX 78701; Phone: (512) 494-1500

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

Description:

Barbecue goes upscale with space for indoor and outdoor events for groups from 50 to 250. Audiovisual ready, full bar, live music stage. Maximum capacity: 150

ATX Cocina (.6 miles from hotel) – 100% gluten-free restaurant!

110 San Antonio St., Austin, TX 78701; Phone: (512) 263-2322

Website: <http://atxcocina.com/>

Description:

ATX Cocina experiments with the boundaries of Mexican cuisine. We have taken traditional Mexican dishes and elevated them with modern approaches and techniques. Corn, the basis of the Mexican cuisine for thousands of years, is also the foundation of our kitchen. We nixtamalize and process our masa in house, sourcing it from heirloom varieties of corn grown by small family farms in Mexico.

How Do I Sign Up?

Dine Around sign-up will be available on-site during registration hours on Sunday and again on Monday until 10 am. If your plans change and you are no longer able to participate in Dine Arounuds, we ask that you stop by the IFDA SMart Registration desk before, 10 am on Monday.

Getting There

Group reservations will be made for 7:00 pm on Monday, July 19th. Each of the participating restaurants are a short walk. We ask that groups meet in the hotel lobby at 6:30 pm, following the reception and depart by 6:45 pm. We ask that groups do their best to arrive together, so that the group can be seated together.

How many can participate in the Dine Arounuds?

In order to provide optimal opportunities for networking, each will be limited to 10 people.

How do you pay for Dine-Arounuds?

Each Diner is responsible for his/her own check.

Questions?

Please let us know! Prior to the meeting, please send emails to Events@ifdaonline.org and onsite, please see Grace Hong at the registration desk or email ghong@ifdaonline.org.

Want to “Choose Your Own Adventure?” Check out these Austin Restaurant, Bars and Breweries to explore along Rainey Street - All within ½ mile from the hotel!

Anthem: <https://eatdrinkanthem.com/>

91 Rainey Street, Ste 120; Austin, TX 78701; Phone: 512-731-1411

“Get your evening started with a round trip food journey that starts in Texas and makes stops in the Midwest, Latin America, and Asia. Anthem is a pub that honors American comfort food with lip-smacking Asian and Latin flavors. We feature 40 craft beers and lick-your-plate-clean options for every appetite. Our playful and eclectic digs located on Austin’s Rainey Street make Anthem the perfect place for friends, canoodling, and any other shenanigans you’re into.”

Via 313: <https://www.via313.com/>

96 Rainey St, Austin, TX 78701; Phone: 512-609-9405

“The pizza at Via 313 is inspired by our memories of traditional Detroit-Style pies from our youths (Cloverleaf, Buddy’s, Loui’s, Niki’s) and the best traditional pizzas in the region. We visit Detroit yearly to continue to sample the old classics as well as newcomers to the scene. If you’re new to Detroit-Style pizza, stop by and let us show you what it’s all about.”

G’Raj Mahal: <http://grajmahalaustin.com/>

73 Rainey St, Austin, TX 78701; Phone: 512-480-2255

“G’Raj Mahal Cafe & Lounge offers the best of Austin’s atmosphere and attitude with a combination of traditional and innovative Indian comfort food coupled with local music in the heart of Rainey Street. From our beginnings as a family-run food trailer operation, we gained a reputation with our unique style and cozy ambiance that quickly became an Austin staple. We have rebuilt and custom designed an old house into a funky, beautiful space featuring: a large, gorgeous wooden deck in the back patio, a lovely stone front yard, comfortable indoor café seating, and a premium wine and beer bar.”

Banger’s Sausage House & Beer Garden: <https://www.bangersaustin.com/>

79 Rainey St, Austin, TX 78701; Phone: 512-386-1656

“Homemade sausage, craft beer, pig roasts, beef jerky, pickled vegetables, spring days in Texas, Sunday brunch, and all forms of Americana & country music are a few of our favorite things. We understand that the best way isn’t always the fastest or easiest way, and we’re ok with that. We believe that quality food, made from scratch, can still be sold at an honest price.”

Emmer & Rye: <https://emmerandrye.com/> (CLOSED Mondays)

51 Rainey St, Austin, TX 78701

“Opened in 2015, Emmer & Rye is a restaurant designed around the farmer’s haul, featuring a menu that changes daily with a focus on seasonal and local cuisine. Heirloom grains are milled fresh for house made pastas, breads, and desserts, whole animal butchery is done on site, and an extensive in house fermentation program captures flavors at their peak and preserves them for the off season.”

Parkside: <http://www.parkside-austin.com/>

301 E. Sixth St.; Austin, TX 78701; Phone: (512) 474-9898

Parkside's seasonally changing menu offers classic American fare, elevated with the highest quality, locally-sourced and sustainably grown products. Also known for its extensive raw bar and superior selection of oysters from all over the country. Parkside is part of Chef Shawn Cirkiel's Parkside Projects Restaurant and Hospitality Group.

Foxy's Proper Pub – <https://foxysproperpub.com/> *opened 'til midnight weekdays*

201 Brazos St, Austin, TX 78701; Phone: (512) 501-6713

Foxy's Proper Pub is a neighborhood pub located in the heart of downtown Austin that features hearty fare and an inviting cocktail list along with an expansive Irish whiskey selection.

Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill: <http://www.moonshinegrill.com>

303 Red River St., Austin, TX 78701; Phone: (512) 236-9599

Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill, offers playful takes on classic American home cooking in a friendly and relaxing setting. Nestled in a charming cluster of 1850's historical buildings at the former Waterloo Compound, Moonshine welcomes all back to a simpler time with a menu that satisfies even big city tastes.