What are top restaurants in Naples, Fort Myers, per Yelp reviews

We all have that friend or relative who religiously reads Yelp reviews before dining at any establishment.

First, they must know if the restaurant is clean.

But do they have good dim sum?

What about the service?

If the stars don't align — four or five the most — then it's back to square one.

To make restaurant-picking a little easier, we've compiled a list of 10 of the highest rated eateries in Naples and Fort Myers — per Yelp reviews.

Naples

Rumba Cuban Cafe

One Yelp reviewer called Rumba Cuban Cafe "a jewel of a restaurant." All 503 reviews add up to give this restaurant an overall 4½-star rating, with 398 five-star reviews.

The Cafe serves up homemade Cuban food to the masses. Sit in the cafe for its tropical ambience, or stay home and order some plantains by delivery. The restaurant also offers catering services. The catch is that it Rumba only operates during lunch hours.

Hours:11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday.

Location: 1265 Airport-Pulling Road, Naples.

Menu: Cuban sandwich (\$12.95), picadillo o a la criolla (\$13.95), sweet plantains "maduros" (\$4.99),

tres leches (\$5.95)



Cuban sandwich at the new Rumba Cuban Cafe to Go, 1265 Airport-Pulling Road, Naples. (Photo: Jorge Reyes Jr./Rumba Cuban Cafe)

Maria D'Anna Cafe

On this restaurant's front window, you'll find its slogan, "Maria D'Anna Cafe: Healthy, homemade food filled with love and happiness." One reviewer called Maria D'Anna Cafe "charming, quaint and delicious."

The restaurant has been around since 2013 and was awarded a Certificate of Excellence by Tripadvisor in 2013. The menu features a variety of food types, from croissant sandwiches to pierogies and stuffed cabbage rolls and shrimp with basmati rice.

The cafe has a solid five-star rating with 136 total reviews, 121 of which are five-star reviews.

Hours: Noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday

Location: 300 U.S. 41 N., Naples.

Menu: Veggie quiche (\$14), tuna croissant (\$13), Polish platter (\$21), beef goulash (\$21)

Five-star reviews: 121

Taqueria San Julian

One reviewer said "finally, some authentic food in Naples." This taqueria has an overall four-star rating with 402 total reviews. 304 of those reviews are five stars.

The menu includes Mexican favorites like tacos and quesadillas, both served with an array of meat options, including pork, steak, chicken and even tongue.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Sunday

Location: 3575 Bayshore Drive, Naples.

Menu: Steak, chicken, pork, beef, sausage taco (\$1.50 per taco), shrimp cocktail (\$9), shrimp tostada

(\$2.50)

Five-star reviews: 304



Two pork tacos al pastor and one steak quesadilla at Taqueria San Julian, Naples. (Photo: Will Watt/sCorrespondent)

Goldies Restaurant

Goldies serves traditional American breakfast and and foods like French toast, eggs benedict, steak sandwiches and tuna melts.

The restaurant has an overall 4½-star rating with 269 total reviews since 2010. And 194 of those reviews are five stars.

One reviewer called Goldies "a nice little breakfast and brunch joint."

Hours: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday

Location: 5400 Taylor Road, Suite 105, Naples.

Menu: Country fried steak (\$6.49), lox and cream cheese bagel (\$11.49), Belgian waffle (\$3.99), cobb salad (\$7.89), patty melt (\$6.99), loaded fries (\$5.99)

Five-star reviews: 194

Lowbrow Pizza & Beer

On its website, Lowbrow describes itself as "laid back. period." And that attitude shows with pizza names like "cheesus h. crust" and "dad bod salad." One Yelp reviewer said "I don't wanna be dramatic, but I'm pretty sure this is the coolest place in Naples."

LowBrow has an overall 4½-star rating with 139 reviews. 111 of those reviews were five stars.

Hours: 4 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Location: 3148 U.S. 41 E., Naples.

Menu: Chicken parm 2018 (\$14), bovine love burger (\$14), facemelter (pepperoni arrabiatta, hot cappicola, ricotta, fermented chilies, honey ricotta, \$15), the porker (bbq pork, pork belly, pineapple, jalapeno, pickled red onion, cotija, \$15)

Five-star reviews: 111

Fort Myers

OK U.K. Fish-n-Chips

Craving fish and chips? Stop here, according to a Yelp reviewer who gave OK U.K. Fish-n-Chips five stars.

The casual seafood joint with two locations in Fort Myers serves up British comfort-food favorites like its namesake fish and chips.

OK U.K. has an overall 4½-star rating with 161 reviews, 133 of which are five stars.

Hours: 11 a.m.- 8 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and noon- 8 p.m., Saturday.

Locations: North Fort Myers, 13971 N. Cleveland Ave. N.; South Fort Myers, 15200 S. U.S. 41.

Menu: Fish and chips (\$10.25-\$12.75), beer battered chicken with chips and coleslaw (\$8.75-\$9.75), fish or shrimp tacos with chips (\$9), clam chowder (\$\$-\$6).



The king size fish and chips from OK UK Fish-n-Chips in North Fort Myers. (Photo: Annabelle Tometich/The News-Press)

More: OK UK Fish-n-Chips brings British classics to south Fort Myers

Colleoni's Eatery & Bakery

Expect authentic Italian cuisine, according to a Yelp reviewer who wrote: "Excellent Italian food reminiscent of the food we ate in Italy."

Colleoni's Eatery & Bakery has an overall five star rating with 116 reviews, 99 of which are five stars.

The restaurant was awarded a Certificate of Excellence by TripAdvisor in 2018. Colleoni's is open for dinnertime and features a variety of carb-loaded dishes like lasagna and breaded veal cutlet Milanstyle served with fresh cherry tomatoes and arugula in a balsamic glaze dressing. Make a reservation at www.colleonis.com.

Hours: 4-9 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday

Location: 12731 McGregor Blvd.

Menu: Lasagna (\$17.50), fettuccine al Ragu Bolognese (\$17.50), Pollo al Marsala (\$21.50), Colleoni's

Trio, lasagna, eggplant and chicken cacciatora (\$23.50).



Buckingham Farms in Fort Myers. (Photo: Wendy Pramik)

Buckingham Farms

At <u>Buckingham Farms</u>, which serves breakfast and lunch, the food on your plate comes from the backyard hydroponic farm. This Fort Myers foodie destination is a country store, quick-service eatery and event destination all in one.

Buckingham Farms has a solid five star rating with 106 reviews, 85 of which are five stars.

One Yelp reviewer wrote: "Wow, one of Fort Myers' hidden gems. I live 15 minutes from here, but today was my first visit, and, oh, what a treat!"

Hours: 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday.

Location: 12931 Orange River Blvd.

Menu: Breakfast; eggs Benedict Florentine (\$11.95), Belgian waffles (\$5.95), avocado and egg biscuit (\$5.95). Lunch; farmer's quesadilla (\$9.95), crab cake salad (\$12.95) and firecracker burger (\$11.95).

Five-star reviews: 85

WikiPita

This five-star Yelp rated establishment has a secret weapon — hummus.

<u>WikiPita</u> sandwiches are spread with the dip made fresh in the kitchen from chickpeas, olive oil and tahini and then layered with items like falafel, shawarma, fresh veggies and sauces.

The casual, healthy eatery has a five star rating with 45 reviews. 41 of those are five stars.

Hours: 8 a.m.- 8 p.m., Monday through Friday

Location: 3940 Metro Parkway

Five-star reviews: 41

Kabab Village

<u>Kabab Village</u> isn't your typical Fort Myers eatery. Just like the name suggests, the Mediterranean-style restaurant serves up a variety of kababs — chicken, lamb, kufta (minced meat) and a mix of all three.

Kabab Village, which also offers catering, has a 4½-star rating with 380 reviews. 255 of those are five stars.

Hours: 10 a.m.- midnight, seven days a week

Location: 4805 S. Cleveland Ave.

Menu: Shish Kabab with salad, pickles, pita bread and rice or hummus (\$18.99); baba ghannouge sandwich, fresh smoked eggplant with salad and pickles (\$6.99 -\$9.99); cucumber-yogurt salad (\$7.99).