

George's Informal Guide to Pasadena Restaurants

This is a very incomplete and subjective, but hopefully still useful guide to the eating places I like. Attached are the maps with the restaurants and the hotels circled.

Near Caltech:

Pie & Burger (913 E. California, <http://www.pienburger.com/>) is an American classic. Great burgers and home-made pies.

On the SW corner of Lake and California is *Peet's* (much better than Starbucks, on the NW corner). Next to it is *Noah's Bagels*, and the *Fresh'n'Easy* market also sells salads and sandwiches. There are tables and chairs outside.

Along the Lake Ave. and the Green St. (walking distance to Caltech):

Many inexpensive and indistinct eateries, but the following are good:

Celestino (141 S. Lake, [celestinopasadena.com](http://www.celestinopasadena.com/)): excellent pasta; free parking in the back.

Smitty's Grill (110 S. Lake, <http://www.smittysgrill.com/>): old style American cuisine.

Bistro 45 (45 S. Mentor, <http://www.bistro45.com/>): very fancy, excellent, but expensive. Reservations highly recommended.

Malbec (1001 E. Green, <http://www.malbeccuisine.com/>): Argentinian Nuevo Latino cuisine.

Madeleine's Restaurant & Wine Bar (1030 E. Green, <http://www.madeleinesrestaurant.com/>): fancy and very nice.

Along the E. Colorado Blvd. (convenient to the Saga Motel and Vagabond Inn):

Novel Café (1713 E. Colorado, <http://www.novelcafe.com/>): nice and informal.

Daisy Mint (1218 E. Colorado): nice pan-Asian café.

Zankou Chicken (1296 E. Colorado, <http://www.zankouchicken.com/>): inexpensive, grilled chicken, falafel, etc.

EuroPane Bakery (950 E. Colorado): excellent baked goods, good sandwiches.

Old Town Pasadena (walkable from the Hilton):

Lots and lots of restaurants, and most are pretty good. I like the following:

Il Fornaio (24 W. Union (in an alley between Colorado and Union; <http://www.ilfornaio.com/>): good, modern Italian; pastas and baked goods are excellent.

Vertical Wine Bistro (70 N. Raymond, upstairs; <http://www.verticalwinebistro.com/>): a great wine bar, with excellent food, tapas-style.

Akbar (44 N. Fair Oaks, <http://www.akbarcuisineofindia.com/>): excellent, fresh Indian food.

La Luna Negra (44 W. Green, <http://www.lalunanegrarestaurant.com/>): Spanish tapas.

Other:

Roy's (641 E. Colorado, near the Vroman's bookstore, <http://www.roysrestaurant.com/>): Pacific-Asian fusion cuisine, great seafood.

Arroyo Chophouse (536 S. Arroyo, <http://www.arroyochophouse.com/>): an excellent steakhouse.

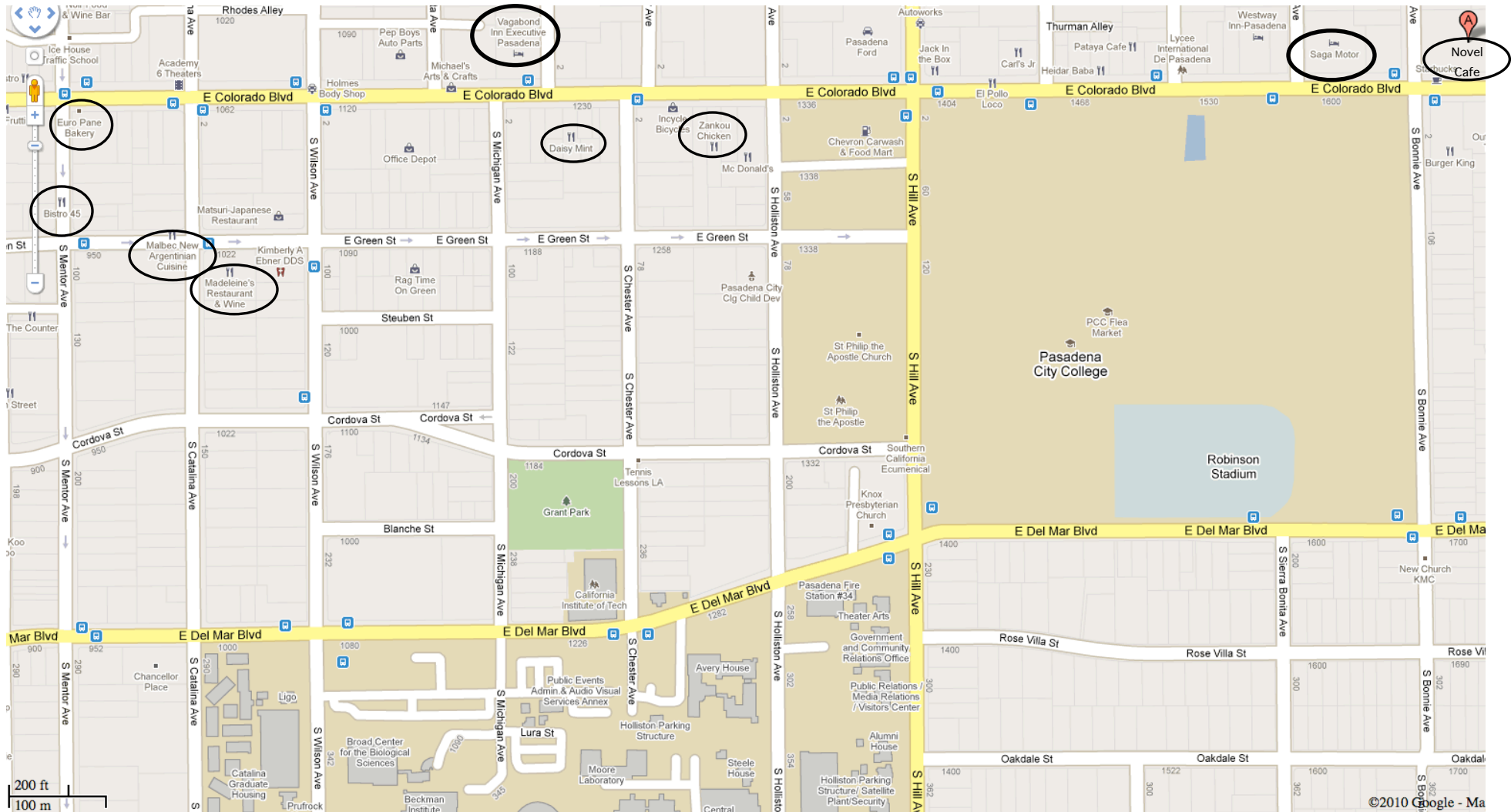
Din Tai Fung (1108 S. Bardwin, Arcadia, dintaifungusa.com): the best Chinese dumpling house.

Beyond: LA has an amazing, diverse, and vibrant restaurant scene. Do some web surfing.

Lake Ave. Restaurants



East Colorado Blvd. Restaurants



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