

Durham Restaurant Listings

For its size, Durham contains a large number of restaurants offering a broad range of cuisines. From traditional British fare to spicy Mexican, there is sufficient variety to suit all tastes. Here we have provided a listing of a few of our favourite restaurants in and around the city centre. All relative directions are from Market Square. A '(c)' denotes national chain. '£'-signs denote relative prices.

Chinese

In Shanghai

Below The Gates Centre, facing river.

Tel: 0191 375 7333; ££

Good quality, buffet-style Chinese Restaurant. As well as providing a wide range of choice from the buffet, individually prepared side orders are also included with the meal.

French

Cafe Rouge (c)

Bottom of Silver Street

Tel: 01913 843429; ££

A touch of Paris in the centre of Durham. French cuisine served in a Parisian-style cafe.

Indian

The Capital

Past the traffic lights on Claypath

Tel: 01913 843429; ££

Often regarded as the best curry house in Durham. Very wide selection of dishes and sundries.

Spice Lounge

Behind the Church on Market Square

Tel: 0191 383 0927; ££

Another great curry house tucked away down the alleyway behind the church on Market Square. Again, a full range of Indian food on offer ranging from mild to 'blow your head off' spicy!!

Rajpooth

Near the traffic lights on Claypath

Tel: 0191 386 1496; ££

Situated just down the road from The Capital, if you can't get a table in one just try the other!

Alishaan

On the roundabout at the end of North Road

Tel: 0191 370 9180; ££

New Indian restaurant, with modern decor and atmosphere and excellent food.

Italian

Capriccio

On your left on Saddler St

Tel: 0191 370 9550; £

Relatively new restaurant serving good classic Italian cuisine, more authentic than some of the large chains.

Bistro Italiano

On Claypath, near The Capital (see above).

Tel: 0191 383 0374, ££

Consistently and reliably considered the best Italian restaurant in Durham.

Ask (c)

Part of the Millennium/Gala Complex

Tel: 0191 383 2567; £

Chain Italian restaurant serving up traditional pizzas, pasta and other Mediterranean food.

Pizza Express (c)

On your right on Saddler St.

Tel: 0191 383 2661; ££

Chain Italian restaurant serving up traditional pizzas, pasta and other Mediterranean food.

La Spaghetтата

On your right on Saddler St.

Tel: 0191 383 9290; £

Cheap, unpretentious Italian restaurant. A favourite among Durham's student population.

The Cellar Door

On Saddler St., roughly opposite Waterstones.

Tel: 0191 3831856, £

As the name suggests, from the outside this just looks like a door between two other buildings. Larger groups can enjoy their great pizzas and pasta in the cellar dining room.

Mexican/Tex Mex

Tia's

Up Claypath Street, before the traffic lights.

Tel: 0191 383 9001; ££

More than your just your typical Mexican fare. Tasty Fajitas and burritos plus other, less spicy options. Make sure you try the "Tia's Rose" - a local speciality!

Nando's (c)

Part of the Millennium/Gala Complex

Tel: 0191 384 5424; £

Chicken, chicken, chicken is on the menu for a meal at Nando's. Choose one of their hot sauces to spice up your pirri pirri chicken (Vegetarian options are also available!).

Pub Food & British Cuisine

The Court Inn (Pub)

Behind Barclays opposite the Students' Union.

Tel: 0191 384 7350; £

A wide range of very hearty pub food. Generous portions.

Oldfields

Up Claypath on your left, before traffic lights.

Tel: 0191 370 9595; ££

A more refined menu combining good quality, locally sourced ingredients. Bargain hunters will love their early evening (before 7pm), fixed price menus.

Finbarr's

On Waddington Street, by the viaduct, close to the train station.

Tel: 0191 370 9999; £££

A very good quality restaurant in a chic, contemporary setting, providing classic to innovative dishes. A la carte menu could be expensive, but the fixed price menu is very good value for money and affordable to any pocket.

Slug and Lettuce (c; Bar)

Part of the Millennium/Gala Complex

Tel: 0845 126 2900; £

Restaurant/Bar serving up good lunch and evening meals. Menu covers a large range of food types catering all tastes and preferences.

The Market Tavern (Pub)

On Market Square

Tel: 0191 386 2069; £

Traditional British Pub serving traditional British Food at reasonable prices.

The New Inn (Pub)

Just across the road from the Science Site.

Tel: 0191 384 7308; £

Located just across the road from campus, has standard pub fare for low prices.

Fallen Angel Hotel

On your left, toward the end of Old Elvet.

Tel: 0191 384 1037; £££

Excellent meals in a refined atmosphere. Particularly known for steaks and hamburgers, although with vegetarian options as well.

Spanish & Tapas

La Tasca (c)

Saddler St., just before turn for the Cathedral

Tel: 0845 126 2958; ££

The UK's leading chain of tapas bars. Good quality tapas that's great for large groups.

El Coto

Halgarth St., Opposite the Victoria pub

Tel: 0191 384 4007; £££

Small, independent tapas bar serving authentic Spanish cuisine. Excellent food and good service, well worth a visit and caters well for groups.

Thai

Central Thai

In The Gates Centre, across Framwellgate Bridge

Tel: 0191 597 8774; ££

Very good Thai restaurant with classic Thai dishes and a nice location overlooking the river Wear.

Fat Buddha (c)

Part of the Millennium/Gala Complex

Tel: 0191 383 1390; £££

Funky, modern restaurant serving up Asian Fusion cuisine. Excellent food, good service and large portions.

Lotus Lounge

On Saddler St., roughly opposite Waterstones

Tel: 0191 384 1999; ££

A fresh and funky Pan-Asian restaurant serving a mixture of finely crafted food from China, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand & Vietnam.

Nadon Thai

Across Framwellgate Bridge, past the Fighting Cocks Pub

Tel: 0191 374 1157; ££

This newly opened restaurant offers traditional Thai food, with excellent quality and presentation.

Palm Sugar

Past the traffic lights on Claypath, above the Capital restaurant (see above).

Tel: 0191 386 3858; ££

This restaurant offers high class Thai-Pan-Asian Cuisine at an affordable price. Great food, inspiring ambiance and a friendly service.

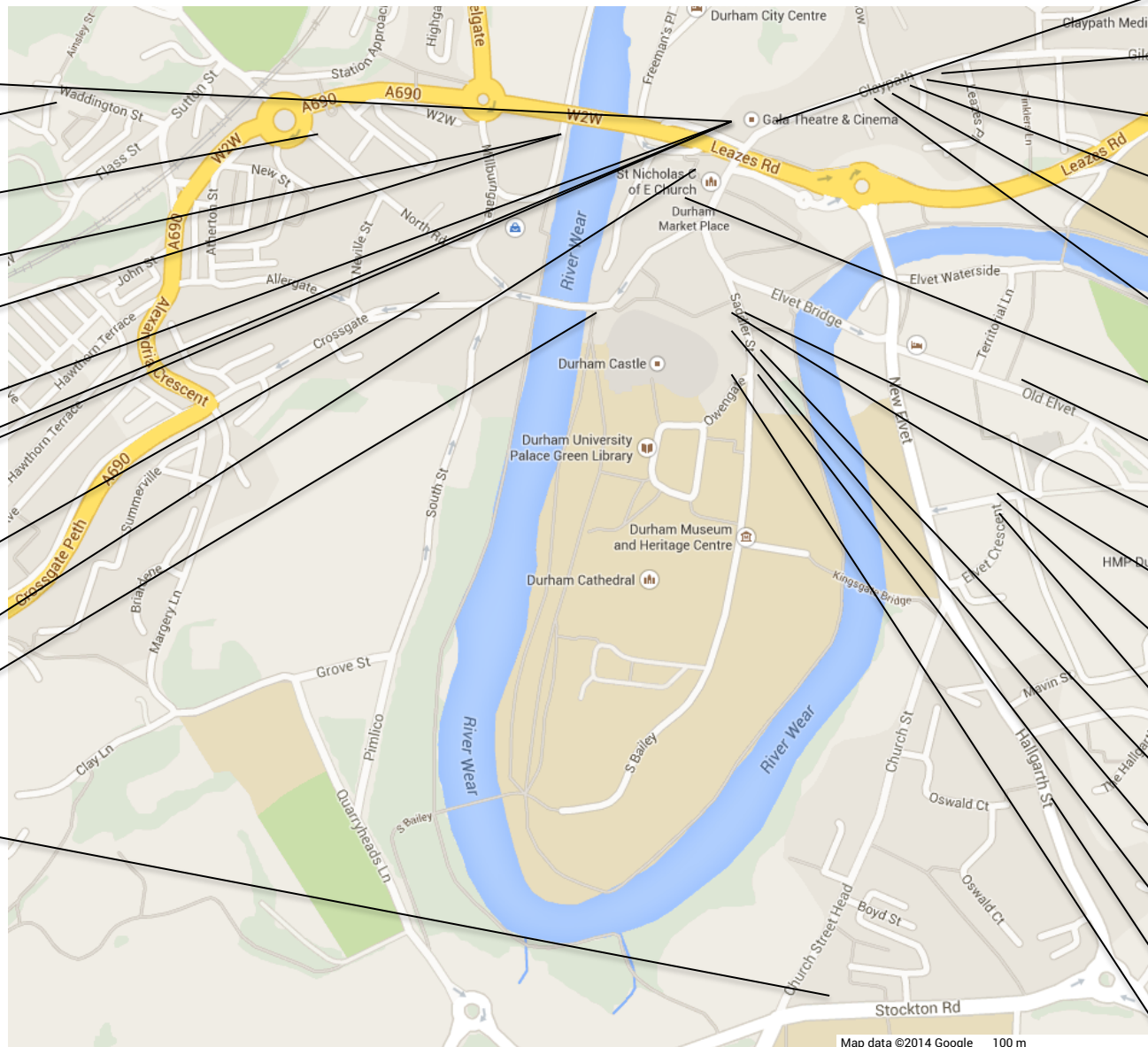
Zen

Opposite The Court Inn (see above).

Tel: 0191 384 9588; ££

A lovely restaurant set in a beautiful Victorian building serving up delicious Thai fusion cuisine. Classy décor and good service make this a popular choice.

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