

# 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 Spaghettata

*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.

### **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.

### **Hide**

*On your left on Saddler St.  
Tel: 0191 384 1999; ££*

The small bar at the front opens up to a good-sized restaurant at the rear. A more refined style of English cuisine than is typically offered in a Pub.

### **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)**

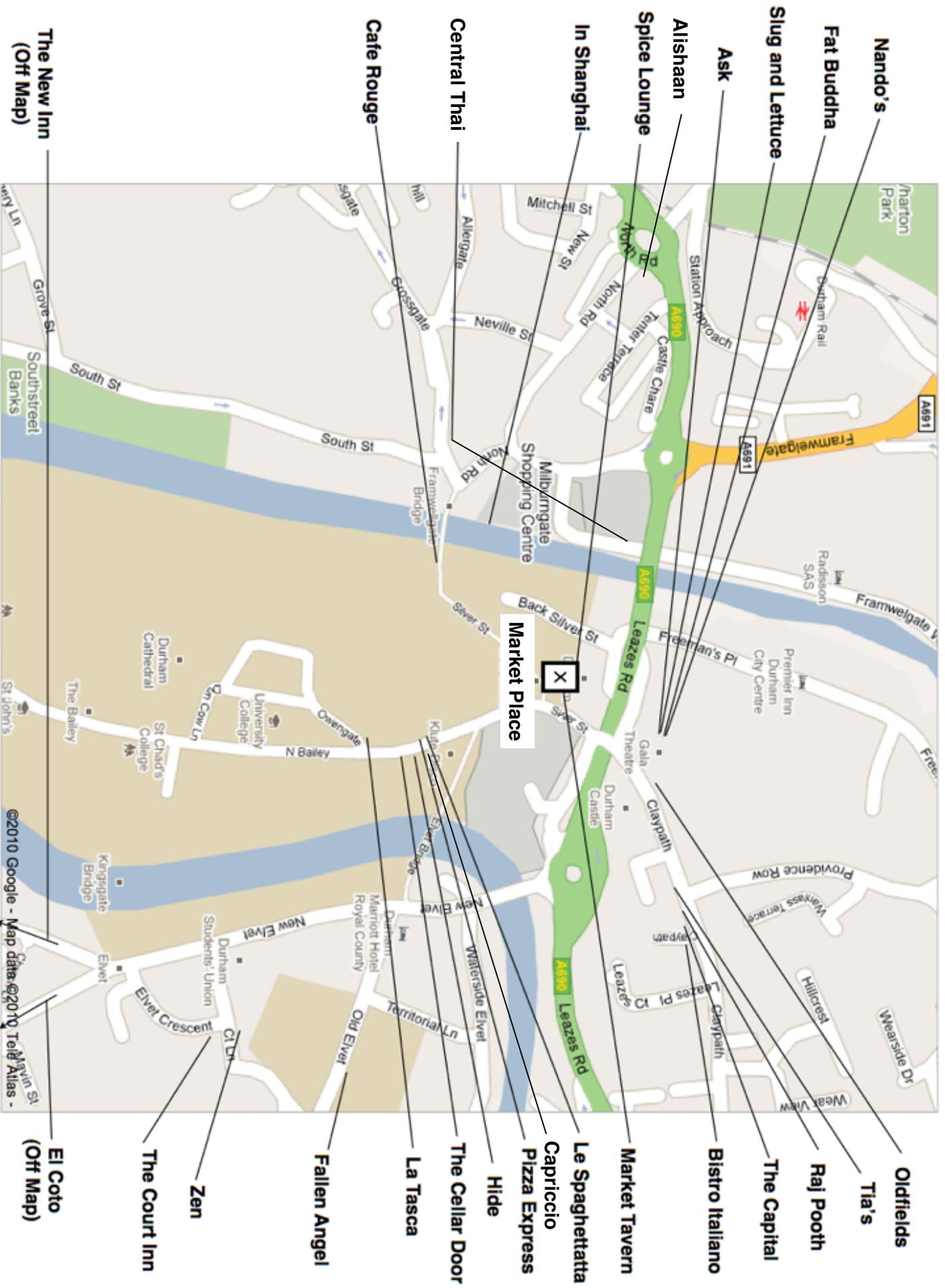
*Part of the Millennium/Gala Complex  
Tel: 0191 383 1390; £££*

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

### **Zen**

*Opposite The Court (see above).  
Tel: 0191 384 9588; ££*

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



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