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.

Pub Food & British Cuisine

The Court Inn (Pub)

10-min walk from the Science Site towards city centre; close to the Court Tel: 0191 384 7350; £ A wide range of very hearty pub food. Generous portions. They can sit large groups.

Whitechurch (Pub)

Just across the road from the Science Site. Tel: 0191 3868897; ££ Located just across the road from campus, it has opened just last year with an interesting menu.

The Cellar Door

Close to Market Square, On Saddler St. 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.

The Market Tavern (Pub)

On Market Square Tel: 0191 386 2069; £ Traditional British Pub serving traditional British Food at reasonable prices.

<u>Indian</u>

The Capital, *on Claypath, past the traffic light* Tel: 01913 843429; ££ Often regarded as the best curry house in Durham. Very wide selection of dishes and sundries.

Spice Lounge

Market Square, behind the church 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!!

Alishaan

At the end of North Road Tel: 0191 370 9180; ££ Indian restaurant, with modern decor and atmosphere and excellent food. They can sit large groups of people.

<u>Italian</u>

Bistro Italiano

On Claypath, near The Capital (see above). Tel: 0191 383 0374, ££ Consistently and reliably considered the best Italian restaurant in Durham!

Capriccio

Close to Market Square, on Saddler St. Tel: 0191 370 9550; ££ Serving good classic Italian cuisine, more authentic than some of the large chains.

Ask Italian (c)

Part of the Millennium/Gala Complex Tel: 0191 383 2567; £ Chain Italian restaurant. Relatively more popular than other Italian chains. They can sit large groups.

Zizzi (c)

Close to Market Square, on Saddler St. Tel: 0191 435 2102; £ Chain Italian restaurant. Close to Capriccio.

Pizza Express (c)

close to the Market Square, on Saddler St. Tel: 0191 383 2661; £ Chain Italian restaurant serving mainly pizza. Close to Another good Thai restaurant with Oriental Zizzi and Capriccio.

Gussto Tapas bar

close to Market Square, on Sliver St. Tel: 0191 384 0911; ££ This is a relatively new restaurant offering Mediterranean cuisine.

Mexican/Tex Mex

Tia's

on 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 specialty!

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!). They can sit large groups of people.

<u>Spanish & Tapas</u>

La Tasca (c)

on Saddler St., just before the 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.

East Asian

Thai River

Across Framwellgate Bridge, by the river Tel: 0191 597 8774; ££ Very good Thai restaurant with classic Thai dishes and a nice location overlooking the river Wear.

Nadon Thai

Not too far from Thai River (aboveJust off North Road up Crossqate Tel: 0191 3741157; ££

decoration. Good food.

Zen

Opposite The Court Inn (see above). Tel: 0191 384 9588; ££ Funky modern decoration, serving up Asian Fusion cuisine. Excellent food and good service. It's atmosphere and good food makes it quite popular.

Fifty-Six Restaurant

Up the North Road, close to the Durham Bus Station Tell: 0191 374 1679; ££ A new Chinese restaurant; small cozy interior; very good food but not the best service!

Sense

Up on Claypath, close to the traffic light Tell: 07766 978877; £ Another good Chinese food.

Ajiwai

On Claypath St., In front of the Gala Complex Tell: 0794 0117 138; £

Fancy sushi or any other Japanese dish? that's almost your only option. Their food is very good though.

Middle Eastern

Akarsu Turkish Restaurant

close to the Market Square, on Silver St. Tell: 0191 383 0292; ££ Very good Turkish food with friendly staff and Turkish decoration; if it's your birthday, or someone you know, and you want to have a bit of fun, try Akarsu.

Lebaneat

They have two branches; one on Saddle St, another up on Claypath Tell: 0191 384 6777; £-££ Yummy Lebanese food.

Meat N Meze

on Claypath, a bit further up the Gala complex Tell: 0191 447 4760; ££ Perhaps the newest restaurant in Durham. Try it with your own responsibility! They serve Lebanese food.