

# CINCINNATI CHINESE RESTAURANTS

Try some Chinese food in the US so you can compare it to AUTHENTIC Chinese food when we travel!

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## UPTOWN/UC CAMPUS/CLIFTON

<b>Red Pepper</b> <a href="#">Yelp Menu</a> <i>Mon-Sun: 11am-10pm</i> <i>Metromix Review:</i> The Red Pepper is a favorite hideaway lunch spot among UC employees and students, especially because there's never a long wait. Check out the long list of menu items available for lunch and dinner, such as sesame, garlic and bourbon chicken. There are also plenty of tofu and vegetable items for vegetarians. With every meal there are tons of noodles or heaping piles of rice, plus a crispy egg roll and egg drop or hot and sour soup.	<a href="#">204 West McMillan St</a> <a href="#">Cincinnati, OH 45219</a> (513) 559-9229
<b>King Wok</b> <a href="#">Yelp Menu</a> <i>Mon-Sat: 11am-11pm, Sun: 11am-10:30pm</i> <i>Metromix Review:</i> A favorite amongst students and Cliftonites, King Wok is within walking distance from the University of Cincinnati and boasts Chinese dishes with seafood directly from the tanks that line the back of the restaurant. They also serve dim sum from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.	<a href="#">203 W McMillan St</a> <a href="#">Cincinnati, OH 45219</a> (513) 723-1999
<b>China Food</b> <i>Mon-Thu, Sun: 11am-9:30pm</i> <i>Fri-Sat: 10am-10:30pm</i> <i>Metromix Review:</i> One of several area locations, China Food is an inexpensive option for nearby University of Cincinnati students and staff. It's spacious and comfortable for dining in, but also is a great place to order Mandarin-style takeout. Try Orange chicken and you won't be going anywhere else for quite a while!	<a href="#">410 W McMillan St</a> <a href="#">Cincinnati, OH 45219</a> (513) 784-1113
<b>China Kitchen</b> <i>Daily: 11am-10pm</i> <a href="#">Yelp Menu</a> <i>Metromix Review:</i> For a quick and easy bite before going to a movie at the Esquire, stop at China Kitchen for traditional Chinese fare that is warm, wonderful and fast to your plate. You won't even miss the coming attractions!	<a href="#">323 Ludlow Ave</a> <a href="#">Cincinnati, OH 45220</a> (513) 221-5333
<b>Dragon City</b> <a href="#">Yelp Menu</a>	<a href="#">3521 Reading Road</a> <a href="#">Cincinnati, OH 45229</a> (513) 961-8687

## DOWNTOWN CINCY

<b>Shanghai Mama's</b> <i>Mon-Thu: 11am-9:30pm</i> <i>Fri: 11am-3am, Sat: 5pm-3am</i> <a href="#">Shanghai Mama's Website</a> <i>Metromix Review:</i> Self-proclaimed as the "best food in the Tri-State," Shanghai Mama's brings you a	<a href="#">216 E 6th St</a> <a href="#">Cincinnati, OH 45202</a> (513) 241-7777
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huge menu of traditional Chinese food. Open until 3 a.m. - so you can get your late night snack on after a night at the bars or theater! Grab one of their classic "Shut up and eat your noodles" shirts or maybe even enjoy a drink from their full service bar. Be sure to try their homemade noodles or wontons or one of their feature drinks Gekkeikan, "Zipang" or Sparkling Sake.

**Orient Restaurant**  
[Urban Spoon Menu](#)

[627 Main St](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45202](#)  
(513) 241-9191

*Metromix Review:* Can't decide between Vietnamese and Chinese? This cozy downtown Asian haunt offers some of both, with classics such as Hunan Chicken and Pad Thai.

**Yum Yum Chinese**  
*Mon-Sat: 6pm-9:30pm*  
[Urban Spoon Menu](#)

[909 Race St](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45202](#)  
(513) 721-7705

*Metromix Review:* Chinese food cravings can hit you when you least expect it: There's just something about those sweet, sour, bitter, savory and salty flavors. And while most Cincinnati Chinese food joints offer tasty cuisine, many of them are take-out only and have small or less-than-desirable dining areas. Yum Yum, however, has delicious food (hence the name) as well as great atmosphere and a roomy dining area. This downtown, dinner-only restaurant is perfect when you're out on the town, and a benefit of its limited hours is that every dish is made fresh to order. Don't know what to order? The attentive and helpful staff will offer some suggestions, and the talented chefs have no problem concocting something off the menu.

## COVINGTON/NEWPORT

**Amerasia**  
*Mon-Thu: 11am-9pm*  
*Fri: 11am-9pm, Sat: 4pm-9pm*  
[Amerasia Website](#)

[521 Madison Avenue # B](#)  
[Covington, 41011](#)  
(859) 261-6121

*Metromix Review:* Has there ever been a Chinese restaurant that proffered more than a 100 craft beers? Finally, Eastern delicacies meet Western micro-breweries. There's also quite affordable food to pair with the beer. Chef Chu makes everything from scratch and most entrees can be made with a protein of choice or vegetarian.

**Casual Chinese Restaurant**  
*Mon-Sun: 11am-10pm*  
[Casual Chinese Website](#)

[88 Carothers Road](#)  
[Newport, KY 41071](#)  
(859) 431-2900

*Metromix Review:* The name speaks for itself; this is a small Chinese restaurant with a genuinely friendly staff. It might seem to an outsider like your typical strip mall Chinese joint—but its legions of devoted regulars might have something to say about that. It's great for those who don't feel like cooking, but still want to pay a reasonable price. Among the most raved-about items are the Pad Thai and the "original" egg rolls. Owner Harry Hsu uses a secret method of cooking noodles and other dishes, bringing crispy and tasty to higher levels. You'll probably want take-out, but there's also limited seating available for those who are simply too hungry to wait. Lunch specials are quite a bargain as well (ranging from \$4.30-\$4.95 until 3 p.m. daily). If you like Casual Chinese, try its sister restaurant J'ams Chinese, Montgomery. J'ams' chef won a Gold Medal in the 2008 Culinary Olympics.

**New China Buffet**  
*Mon-Sat: 11am-10pm*

[106 Pavilion Pkwy](#)  
[Newport, KY 41071](#)

<a href="#">New China Website</a>	(859) 261-2666
<b>A a Wok</b> Mon: 4pm-10pm, Tue-Sat: 11pm-11pm Sun: 12pm-10pm <a href="#">A a Wok Website</a>	<a href="#">601 6th Ave # 2</a> <a href="#">Dayton, KY 41074</a> (859) 261-7333

## EAST CINCINNATI

Suzie Wong's on Madison Mon-Thu: 11am-10pm Fri: 11am-10:30pm, Sat: 12pm-10:30pm <a href="#">Suzie Wong's Website</a> <i>Metromix Review:</i> Suzie Wong's is a Walnut Hills Pan-Asian eatery. The inside is painted red with black furniture and fronted by a wall of windows, creating a modern, stylish dining room. The Big Bowl Soups are popular here, like the Hong Kong Wonton Noodle Soup. Dishes come from all over Asia, like the Bangkok Coconut Curry Chicken, Malaysian Chicken and the Korean Kolbi.	<a href="#">1544 Madison Road</a> <a href="#">Cincinnati, OH 45206</a> (513) 751-3333
<b>Oriental Wok</b> Tue-Thu: 11am-9pm Fri-Sat: 11am-10pm, Sun: 4pm-9pm <a href="#">Oriental Wok Website</a> <i>Metromix Review:</i> This new addition to the Wong family's landmark Chinese restaurant since 1977 is located in the Regency Tower condo building. Enjoy specialties like the spicy Volcano Chicken or the Seafood Wor Bar with shrimp, lobster, scallops and fish. They serve plenty of seafood, plus your typical Chow Mein. Vegetarians rejoice with items such as Vegetable Tofu, 5-Spice Tofu Over Spinach and Szechuan Eggplant.	<a href="#">2444 Madison Road</a> <a href="#">Cincinnati, OH 45208</a> (513) 871-6888
<b>P.F. Chang's China Bistro</b> Mon-Thu, Sun: 11am-10:30pm Fri-Sat: 11am-12am <a href="#">P.F. Chang's Website</a> <i>Metromix Review:</i> This Chinese-chain restaurant is located in the center of the Rookwood Commons shopping center. It is recognized for its great Chinese cuisine and unique ambience, combining ancient Chinese designs with modernity. Although P.F. Chang's is known for its food, they also offer a great centrally located bar with the featured Asian Pear Mojito cocktail. A favorite menu item is the Chang's Chicken Salad wraps as an appetizer. And don't worry about getting lost: its 11 foot tall horse out front should guide you right to the spot.	<a href="#">2633 Edmondson Road</a> <a href="#">Cincinnati, OH 45209</a> (513) 531-4567
<b>Doodles</b> Mon-Thu: 11am-9:30pm Fri-Sat: 11pm-10:30pm, Sun: 12pm-9pm <a href="#">Doodles Website</a> <i>Metromix Review:</i> Doodles. It may be a cute name, but Doodles is serious about its noodles. While other Chinese joints feature rice as the main addition to meals, Doodles puts noodles front and center, whether spicy, hot or drenched in flavorful sauces. This trendy spot in Hyde Park features lunch and dinner menus, with items such as the House Rice Noodles Tossed with Shrimp, and the Sesame Crusted Chicken Breast Strips and Shanghai Noodles. Rather stay away from oodles of noodles? They also offer traditional meals with rice. Their "Award-Winning Scallion Pancake" is featured on the appetizer menu,	<a href="#">3443 Edwards Rd # 1</a> <a href="#">Cincinnati, OH 45208</a> (513) 871-7388

along with items such as dumplings, shrimp tacos, spring rolls and Fried Tofu Pillows. While service is quick, doodle with crayons while waiting on your meal.

**Yat Ka Mein**

Mon-Sat: 11am-9:30pm

Sun: 12pm-9pm

[Yat Ka Mein Website](#)

[2974 Madison Road](#)

[Cincinnati, OH 45209](#)

(513) 321-2028

*Metromix Review:* Formerly located in Hyde Park, this new location is expected to open in early April. Among the authentic Chinese dishes at Yat Ka Mein Noodle House are Hong Kong chicken, moo goo gai, sesame chicken and cashew chicken.

**First Wok**

Mon-Thu: 11am-10:30pm

Fri-Sat: 11am-11pm, Sun: 12pm-11pm

[First Wok Website](#)

[3870 Paxton Avenue](#)

[Cincinnati, OH 45209](#)

(513) 321-8388

*Metromix Review:* Conveniently located in the Hyde Park Plaza shopping center adjacent to bigg's, First Wok is a small yet comfortable Chinese eatery. Takeout is a popular option, but plenty of patrons also stop in for the popular daily lunch buffet. The menu is extensive and features all of your Chinese favorites, from chicken fried rice to General Tso's chicken.

**China Gourmet Inc**

Mon-Thu: 5pm-10:30pm

Fri-Sat: 5pm-12am, Tue-Fri: 11am-2pm

[China Gourmet Website](#)

[3340 Erie Avenue](#)

[Cincinnati, OH 45208](#)

(513) 871-6612

*Metromix Review:* China Gourmet is your ticket to classic Chinese cuisine in an upscale, fine-dining setting. They feature traditional Cantonese and Szechuan but can also prepare custom and unique dishes for their guests. Gourmet favorites include classics, like the fresh rainbow trout or the wok-seared sea scallops. New menu features call for a sense of adventure, with dishes like mandarin chicken walnut or the conch with bean sprouts. They also have traditional favorites like sweet and sour chicken, curry shrimp and beef with snow peas. Pair your dish with a glass of wine, a martini or imported or domestic beer.

## NORTH CINCINNATI

**Fantastic Wok**

Mon-Fri: 10:30am-10:30pm

Sat-Sun: 11am-10:30pm

[4770 Kenard Avenue #1](#)

[Cincinnati, OH 45232](#)

(513) 542-3999

**Wok Inn Express**

[Yelp Menu](#)

[4609 Vine Street](#)

[Cincinnati, OH 45217](#)

(513) 641-2888

*Metromix Review:* Anyone else notice the welcoming tone of this Chinese eatery? Wok Inn features killer lunch specials, with everything under \$5. They offer carry-out and delivery, but eating inside is pretty cool because of the high pointed ceiling, cozy wooden interior and big, bright windows giving views of Vine Street. The menu offers Chinese favorites like lo mein, pork, beef, chicken and shrimp dishes. House specials include Sesame Chicken, Orange Chicken, Bourbon Chicken and Teriyaki Beef.

**Blue Gibbon**

Mon-Thu: 11am-10pm, Fri: 11am-11pm

Sat: 12pm-11pm, Sun: 12pm-10pm

[1231 Tennessee Avenue](#)

[Cincinnati, OH 45229](#)

(513) 641-4100

[Blue Gibbon Website](#)

*Metromix Review:* Although Blue Gibbon can be a fine-dining experience it is also incredibly laid back. The food here is a mixture of a few different Asian cultures and even a touch of American. Blue Gibbon has vegetarian friendly dishes and a full bar which makes it great choice for feeding an eclectic crowd.

**Double Dragon II**

[4418 Montgomery Road](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45212](#)  
(513) 731-8888

## WEST OF I-75

**Yummy Chinese**

[1335 Hopple St](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45225](#)  
(513) 591-2700

**Dragon City**

*Daily: 11am-10:30pm*

[4103 North Bend Road](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45211](#)  
(513) 481-8686

*Metromix Review:* Dragon City No. 4 is a small restaurant, but don't let that fool you. The Chinese food here packs a punch. The quiet restaurant offers favorites of Chinese cuisine, plus they also offer take out. Even though it's "No 4.", it's still No. 1 in our hearts.

**China Island**

[3665 Warsaw Avenue](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45205](#)  
(513) 921-6666

**Golden City Restaurant**

*Mon-Sat: 11am-10:30pm*

*Sun: 12pm-10:30pm*

[Golden City Website](#)

[4917 Glenway Avenue](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45238](#)  
(513) 251-7702

**Wok of China**

*Mon-Sat: 11am-11pm*

*Sun: 12-10pm*

*Metromix Review:* Wok of China is a popular carry-out spot for Chinese-craving West Siders. The menu is long, but the service is quick. Stop by for lunch specials from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Veg heads also have some delicious options.

[5030 Glencrossing Way](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45238](#)  
(513) 922-2288

**Win Wok**

*Mon-Thurs: 10am-10pm*

*Fri-Sat: 10am-11pm, Sun: 11am-10pm*

[Urban Spoon Menu](#)

*Metromix Review:* With multiple locations throughout Cincinnati, Win Wok is the go-to spot for delicious Chinese food. Win Wok has the traditional sweet, sour, bitter, savory and salty traditional dishes you crave. You can't go wrong with Chinese take-out, but Win Wok also has a dine-in service. Patrons can take advantage of the generous buffet or order from the menu.

[6155 Glenway Avenue](#)  
[Cincinnati, OH 45211](#)  
(513) 661-8080

<p><b>Panda Express</b>  <i>Sun-Thurs: 11am-9pm</i>  <i>Fri-Sat: 11am-10pm</i>  <a href="#">Panda Express Website</a></p>	<p><a href="#">6180 Glenway Avenue</a>  <a href="#">Cincinnati, OH 45211</a>  (513) 389-9180</p>
<p><b>Grand Buffet</b>  Mon-Thu: 10:30am-10pm  Fri-Sat: 10:30am-10:30pm, Sun: 11am-10pm  <a href="#">Grand Buffet Website</a></p>	<p><a href="#">6421 Glenway Avenue</a>  <a href="#">Cincinnati, OH 45211</a>  (513) 598-5183</p>
<p><b>China City Buffet</b></p>	<p><a href="#">5686 Harrison Avenue</a>  <a href="#">Cincinnati, OH 45248</a>  (513) 598-8218</p>
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