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16 Standout Philly Spots For Great \$10-And-Under Lunches & \$20-And-Under Dinners

PHILADELPHIA, January 8, 2019 – In a top-notch eating city like Philadelphia, there’s no need to spend big money to dine well. Philly’s restaurant scene makes excellent eats available at all price points, including pretty darn cheap. Whether the occasion is a power lunch, a romantic dinner or a late-night nosh, true Philadelphia deliciousness can be enjoyed at low cost. Here are a few options for under \$10 lunches and under \$20 dinners (drinks excluded)—meals that are both inexpensive and impressive:

Lunch Under \$10:

1. **Dim Sum Garden** – Chinatown’s popular destination for soup buns remains one of the best values in the city. Snacks here, such as dumplings and curry chicken cakes, cost well below \$10, as do the steaming hand-pulled noodle bowls. 1020 Race Street, (215) 873-0258, dimsumgardenphilly.com
2. **Goldie** – When an award-winning chef turns to street food, everyone wins. In the heart of Center City, chef Michael Solomonov’s vegan falafel joint draws lines for pita pockets (\$8), salads (\$9), fries (\$3)—and legendary tahini shakes (\$5). (Stair access only.) 1526 Sansom Street, (267) 239-0777, goldiefalafel.com
3. **Kilimandjaro** – Lunch specials top out at \$9 at this Spruce Hill stalwart—the city’s first Senegalese specialist—known for savory Thieboudienne fish stew, garlicky Yassa chicken, peanut lamb and classic roast chicken. 4317 Chestnut Street, (215) 387-1970
4. **Manakeesh** – West Philly’s Lebanese bakery, cafe and grill specializes in spiced flatbreads, a filling snack that, even when topped with meat, offers a good bargain. Most of the wraps, salads and platters on Manakeesh’s menu are equally affordable. 4420 Walnut Street, (215) 921-2135, manakeeshcafe.com
5. **Philly Style Bagels** – *Bon Appétit* declared the Classic Lox at this Fishtown spot America’s best sandwich. House-cured salmon, cucumber, tomato, red onion and a schmear of cream cheese on a Yards beer-boiled small-batch-made bagel is hard to beat, although, at \$6 each, the BLT, whitefish salad or veggie combo rate highly. 1451 E. Columbia Avenue, phillystylebagels.com
6. **Puyero** – This Society Hill shop turns out fast, tasty food for big appetites and small budgets. Venezuelan arepas, corn pancakes or plantain sandwiches stuffed with shredded beef, chicken and avocado salad or cheese can be had for less than a Hamilton. 524 S. 4th Street, (267) 928-4584, puyerooflavor.com
7. **Rangoon** – On weekdays, classic Burmese dishes—chicken mint kebabs, pork with pickled mango chutney, beef with basil, coconut tofu—cost \$7 to \$7.25. For \$3.50 more, diners can share the thousand-layer bread. 112 N. 9th Street, (215) 829-8939, rangoonrestaurant.com
8. **Stargazy** – Perfect for a snack on the run, Sam Jacobson’s popular British pie shop draws big crowds on Passyunk Avenue. Six-dollar sausage rolls and \$10 meat pasties go the distance, until they sell out. 1838 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 309-2761, facebook.com/StargazyPhilly

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Dinner Under \$20:

9. **Bar Bombon** – The vegan Latin food at this chic Rittenhouse Square hangout appeals equally to eaters’ ethics and savings accounts. Standouts include Buffalo cauliflower tacos, fried yucca and tres leches cake. 133 S. 18th Street, (267) 606-6612, barbombon.com
10. **Cheu Fishtown** – Regulars come early and often to the Fishtown outpost of the popular Center City ramen spot of the same name. Daily happy hours mean apps such as chicken wontons and fried dumplings for \$5; every hour, shareable entrees—Bubbie Chow’s sliced beef, seafood hot pot, chicken ho fun and ramen—tend to top out at \$15. 1416 Frankford Avenue, (267) 758-2269, cheufishtown.com
11. **Fountain Porter** – Sometimes after a night on the town, only a burger will do. The spare menu at this East Passyunk spot focuses squarely on that offering, and for \$5, leaves enough cash for a beer (or three) to wash it down. 1601 S. 10th Street, (267) 324-3910, fountainporter.com
12. **Hardena/Waroeng Surabaya** – The beloved Indonesian enclave in South Philly tempts with authentic flavors and generous pricing. Gado gado salad, a small curried rendang and vegan collard greens in coconut milk each clock in at 12 bucks and under. 1754 S. Hicks Street, (215) 271-9442, hardenaphilly.com
13. **Kanella Grill** – The menu at this casual, date-appropriate Washington Square West bring-your-own-bottle (BYOB) spot keeps it simple and affordable. Cypriot and Greek dishes such as kebab platters served with bread, rice, fresh salads and homemade condiments, taste like a million bucks. 1001 Spruce Street, (267) 928-2085, kanellarestaurant.com
14. **Love and Honey** – A three-piece with cornbread for \$9.25 means there’s no good reason *not* to take out fried chicken from this Northern Liberties fave. The CIA-trained chefs also make some mean sides and pies. 1100 N. Front Street, (215) 789-7878, loveandhoneyfriedchicken.com
15. **Ngon Ngon** – Truth be told, countless Vietnamese restaurants in Philly sell inexpensive pho, banh mi and noodle bowls. This small South Street-area eatery leads with a charming, laid-back atmosphere—a good backdrop for low-key romance. 615 S. 3rd Street, (215) 457-5553, ngonngonrestaurant.com
16. **Taqueria La Prima** – Formerly known as Prima Pizza Taqueria, this Italian Market staple has given up on the pizza to focus on what it does best: tasty, inexpensive tacos, tamales and tortas—all served until 3 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. 1104 S. 9th Street, (215) 339-5000

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