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# WEE HOURS, GREAT FOOD: PHILLY'S LATE-NIGHT DINING SCENE Plenty Of Options For Midnight & After Midnight Eats In Philly

**PHILADELPHIA, April 22, 2019** – As Philadelphia's dining scene grows, the city's bistros, gastropubs, brasseries, eateries, diners and fast-food spots are growing too...by hours. By law, Philly's last call at the bar happens at 2 a.m. But there's no such thing as a last call for food. Here's a list of the hottest, coolest and coziest spots to nibble, nosh, gobble and dine well into the early-morning hours.

## **Until Midnight On Weekends:**

- ∉ Brauhaus Schmitz Cravings for late-night sausage sandwiches are answered at this German bier hall on South Street. The links are house-made, and the lunch menu becomes the late-night menu, served until midnight every day. 718 South Street, (267) 909-8814, brauhausschmitz.com
- **Bud & Marilyn's** Chef Marcie Turney's and Valerie Safran's largest Gayborhood restaurant serves retro-American fare and classic drinks befitting a place named after Turney's restaurateur grandparents, circa 1950 Wisconsin. 1234 Locust Street, (215) 546-2220, budandmarilyns.com
- **Buddakan** Edamame dumplings and chocolate-filled bento boxes are available until midnight at restaurateur Stephen Starr's ever popular, always glamorous Old City shrine to modern Asian fare. 325 Chestnut Street, (215) 574-9440, buddakan.com
- **The Dandelion** − Rittenhouse Square's (and Stephen Starr's) homage to the British pub serves its full menu of U.K.-inspired favorites: Welsh rarebit, fish and chips, and bangers and mash. 124 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 558-2500, thedandelionpub.com
- **El Rey** − Tacophiles find plenty of options (and lots of tequila) at Center City's kitschy Mexi-bar, another Starr venture. The kitchen slings tortillas until midnight, after that, nearby speakeasy The Ranstead Room is the next stop. 2013 Chestnut Street, (215) 563-3330, elreyrestaurant.com
- ∉ El Vez It's always a fiesta at Midtown Village's spacious, modern Mexican restaurant and bar, yet another Starr spot. Servers keep the margaritas flowing, along with freshly prepared guacamole, sea bass tacos and churros. 121 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 928-9800, elvezrestaurant.com
- ∉ Fergie's Pub This stalwart in Philly's pub scene since '95 offers a convivial gathering space typical of Dublin. On the menu, available until midnight daily: internationally inflected snacks, burgers and an all-day Irish breakfast that tastes great at night. 1214 Sansom Street, (215) 928-8118, fergies.com
- ∉ Harp & Crown With bowling and cocktails in the basement and a 24-foot ceiling and glass façade upstairs, chef-owner Michael Schulson's spot has convivial, global leanings, right down to Spanish octopus with squid ink mole and New York Strip for two. 1525 Sansom Street, (215) 330-2800, harpcrown.com

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- ∉ Heritage Live music and the late-night dinner menu are two reasons to stop by this Northern Liberties spot, where the menu has a local focus and the 36-tap system pours beer and cocktails. 914 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, (215) 627-7500, heritage.life
- ✓ Jerry's Bar Diners can enjoy plates of meatballs and toast, house-made pierogi, big burgers and the rest of the menu until midnight on weeknights and until 1 a.m. on weekends. 129 W. Laurel Street, (267) 273-1632, jerrysbarphilly.com
- ∠ucky's Last Chance If ever there were a good time and place to chow down on a hot dog loaded with Cajun chicken, cheese, onion rings and secret sauce, Lucky's until midnight every night would be it. This hybrid bar/fast-foodery maintains locations in Manayunk and Queen Village. 4421 Main Street, (215) 509-6005; 848 S. 2nd Street, (267) 519-2080, luckyslastchance.com
- Morimoto Sushi lovers feast on tofu mixed tableside, yellowtail searing in a sizzling stone bowl and divine toro sashimi, along with sake-infused cocktails at one Iron Chef's palace of contemporary Japanese cuisine. 723 Chestnut Street, (215) 413-9070, morimotorestaurant.com
- P'unk Burger − For the discerning late-night burger eater, this casual, bring-your-own-bottle
   (BYOB) South Philly spot supplies a conscientious choice. Locally sourced, hormone-free, fair-trade beef, veggie and other burgers can be topped with any combination of condiments, including gluten-free. 1823 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 468-PUNK, punkburger.com
- ₹ The Sidecar Bar & Grille Nestled in Graduate Hospital, this neighborhood favorite caters to eaters night until midnight daily with mussels served several ways, build-your-own burgers and tacos. Creative daily specials warrant a visit too. 2201 Christian Street, (215) 732-3429, thesidecarbar.com
- **Strangelove's** − The clever bar food at this Midtown Village pub runs the gamut from warm pretzel bites to kale salad and coconut lemongrass mussels. 216 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 873-0404, strangelovesbeerbar.com
- ₹ Tria Known for its wine, beer and cheese, this popular pair of boutique wine and beer bars, with locations in Washington Square West and Rittenhouse Square, has a menu of prosciutto and broccoli rabe sandwiches, smoked salmon salad and truffled egg toast. 1137 Spruce Street, (215) 629-9200; 123 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 972-TRIA, triacafe.com
- ₹ Tria Taproom Part of the Tria restaurant family but with a strong emphasis on beer, this Rittenhouse location serves two dozen beers, plus wines and ciders. Flatbread pizzas, burgers and wings stand out on a menu of pub fare served until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. 2005 Walnut Street, (215) 557-8277, triacafe.com
- **Twenty Manning Grill** − Casual and sophisticated blend easily at this longtime favorite in Rittenhouse Square serving seasonal, classic fare and a late-night menu from 10 p.m. until midnight on weekends. 261 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 731-0900, twentymanning.com

## **Until Midnight & Sometimes Beyond:**

∉ Barbuzzo – Barbuzzo's kitchen keeps plating chef Marcie Turney's famous dishes—truffled egg pizza, pan-seared gnocchi with mushrooms and truffle butter and their signature salted caramel budino—until today turns into tomorrow. It also serves a late-night happy hour menu Sunday through Thursday, 10:30 p.m. until midnight. 110 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 546-9300, barbuzzo.com

- ✓ Vintage Wine Bar & Bistro This Midtown Village meeting spot from restaurateur Jason Evenchik puts wines in the forefront, with more than 60 offered by the glass. The French-American bistro menu, from three-course dinner to bar snacks, is served until midnight Sunday through Thursday and until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. 129 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 922-3095, vintage-philadelphia.com
- **Zavino** During the work week, this stylish Midtown Village wine bar serves artisan pizza and small plates until midnight; until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. 112 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 732-2400, zavino.com

### Until 1 a.m.:

- American Sardine Bar Point Breeze's place to be for unpretentious, crave-inspiring eats attracts night owls with canned beer, 16 drafts, pretzel melts and, naturally, sardines every which way. 1800 Federal Street, (215) 334-2337, americansardinebar.com
- Cantina Dos Segundos The Northern Liberties half of a two-cantina operation serves fresh juice margaritas, tacos and plenty of vegetarian and vegan options, always until 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. 931 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, (215) 629-0500, cantinadossegundos.com
- Cantina Los Caballitos The first of the two cantinas sets a high standard for quality Mexican food with a contemporary approach in the heart of South Philly's thriving East Passyunk Avenue. The fun atmosphere, excellent drinks and solid cooking draw patrons past traditional dinnertimes. 1651 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 755-3550, cantinaloscaballitos.com
- Charlie was a sinner. Nicole Marquis' sophisticated petite restaubar provides a great vegan alternative to diners any time of the evening every day of the week. The kitchen turns out seasonal dishes plus faves like zucchini crab cake sliders and bucatini and meatless meatballs until the witching hour. 131 S. 13th Street. (267) 758-5372, charliewasasinner.com
- **Dim Sum House** Jane G's West Philly outpost marries Chinese cuisine with cocktail culture. The result is a late-night party with drinks such as sake sangria and Cantonese- and Shanghaistyle snacks (buns, dumplings, turnip cakes) until the kitchen closes at 1 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday. 3939 Chestnut Street, (215) 921-5377, dimsum.house
- **Fountain Porter** The formula for this East Passyunk neighborhood bar is quite simple: Serve a wealth of craft beers on tap, plus \$5 cheeseburgers and a small menu of other eats. Kitchen stops cooking at 1 a.m. 1601 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, fountainporter.com
- Franky Bradley's Midtown Village's new school/old school tavern dishes out potato skins stuffed with brisket and horseradish crème fraîche, meatballs and marinara, pressed duck Cuban sandwiches and updated spins on classic cocktails. The kitchen closes at midnight on Friday and Saturday and at 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, with \$6 appetizers during late-night happy hour, 9 p.m. until closing. 1320 Chancellor Street, (215) 735-0735, frankybradleys.com
- ∉ Good Dog Bar A major renovation has spruced up this cozy and convivial Center City West tavern, restoring the original roll-top bar without disturbing the neighborhood pub feel. The kitchen is known for its chorizo empanadas, vegetarian chili and brisket grilled cheese. 224 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 985-9600, gooddogbar.com

- ₹ The Good King Tavern An urbane, French Bella Vista brasserie slings socca with seared foie gras, classic steak frites, escargots and wines by the carafe well into the night. 614 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 625-3700, thegoodkingtavern.com
- ✓ **Johnny Brenda's** Chalkboard specials supplement the regular menu at this corner hangout for Fishtonians—and the live rock acts that entertain them. The fare is fun and seasonal; taps pour locally brewed beer only. 1201 N. Frankford Avenue, (215) 739-9684, johnnybrendas.com
- **Kabobeesh** − Curries, kabobs and biryanis come with generous portions of rice, nan and veggies at this Indian and Pakistani University City standby. More portable options: rolled sandwiches stuffed with chicken gyro or beef paratha. 4201 Chestnut Street, (215) 222-8081, kabobeesh.com
- Khyber Pass Pub Southern-fried cuisine with vegan options and a superior beer list make this Old City bar a mainstay for late eaters. On any given night, platters of smoked BBQ pork, ribs and brisket and po'boys steadily roll out of its kitchen. 56 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, (215) 238-5888, khyberpasspub.com
- ∠ Loco Pez Dinner can be ordered until 1 a.m. at this River Wards Mexi-bar. Among the options: the volcano burrito, chorizo quesadillas and bacon-wrapped street dogs. 2401 E. Norris Street, (267) 886-8061, locopez.com
- McGillin's Olde Ale House The night is always young at one of the oldest taverns in the country. Drop-ins can indulge in straight-up bar food such as fried shrimp, nachos and mile-high meatloaf. 1310 Drury Street, (215) 735-5562, mcgillins.com
- Monk's Cafe It's easy to lose track of time at this beloved Belgian beer haven. Luckily, the kitchen puts out pots of steaming mussels, crisp frites and cheesy burgers to satisfy late night cravings. 264 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 545-7005, monkscafe.com
- ✓ Moonshine Craft beer, cocktails and comfort food until 1 a.m., including bestselling blackened chicken pesto gnocchi and a rice bowl, served veggie-only or with chicken or shrimp, satisfy guests at this casual Pennsport spot. 1825 E. Moyamensing Avenue, (267) 639-9720, moonshinephilly.com
- ✓ New Wave Cafe Queen Village night owls pour into this corner bar for hearty pub grub offerings of substantial salads, flatbreads, chicken fingers and catfish BLTs. 784 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, (215) 922-8484, newwavecafe.com
- ▼ N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dinner's for sale until 1 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday and midnight Sunday through Tuesday at this boisterous Northern Liberties spot. Comfort food includes simple but popular roast chicken, Buffalo wings, potato-cheddar pierogi and Moroccan-spiced lamb burgers.

  801 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, (215) 413-3666, norththird.com

- ∉ Royal Boucherie Chef Nick Elmi's handsome Old City tavern specializes in house-cured charcuterie, oysters and other raw bar specialties, various terrines and decadent burgers.
   52 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, (267) 606-6313, royalboucherie.com

- **Royal Izakaya** Like a traditional izakaya, Queen Village's Royal offers convivial Japanese snacks, sushi and sake in a dimly lit setting. It may well be the only place in town to score *tsukemono* (preserved vegetables), chicken gizzard yakitori (skewered) and *chashu* (stewed pork) buns until 1 a.m. 780 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, (267) 909-9002, royalsushiandizakaya.com
- **Royal Tavern** − With a jukebox of indie hits, Bella Vista's original gastropub plays host to a devoted crowd who come for pints of microbrews, meatloaf sandwiches, duck-confit potato skins and multifarious vegan noshes. 937 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 389-6694, royaltavern.com
- ✓ South Philadelphia Taproom This corner bar on the edge of the trendy East Passyunk neighborhood serves its eclectic cuisine—Buffalo lager wings, mac and cheese, wild boar tacos and fried PB&J—nearly as late as it serves its fantastic, micro-brew-focused selection of beer. 1509 Mifflin Street, (215) 271-7787, southphiladelphiataproom.com

- **Time** − Going a bit in reverse, Time serves classic pub and seasonal new American dishes until 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The three distinct spaces here are the dining room and bar; Whiskey Bar & Tap Room (with 20-plus beers on draft and more than 100 single malts, small-batch bourbons, whiskeys and ryes); and Absinthe Lounge, for dancing on Fridays and Saturdays. 1315 Sansom Street, (215) 985-4800, timerestaurant.net
- ∉ Tio Flores This Graduate Hospital taqueria brings street-food sensibility to Mexican fare. Open until 1 a.m. every Friday and Saturday, midnight Monday through Thursday, the kitchen concocts beer-battered street corn, poutine à la Mexicana and all kinds of tacos. 1600 South Street, (267) 687-2220, tioflores.com
- ▼ Triangle Tavern This South Philly institution has been smartly updated to accommodate vegans and hipsters, but the flavors are still rooted in the neighborhood. A variety of beers accompany red sauce mussels, meatless roast beef and Parmesan platters. 1338 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 800-1992, triangletavernphilly.com
- ✓ Varga Bar With its pin-up theme and comfort food menu, this corner Washington Square West venue celebrates guilty pleasures. The kitchen has no complaints when orders for crab cheese fries, Reuben sliders and duck confit wings come in at midnight Sunday through Wednesday or 1 a.m. Thursday through Saturday. 941 Spruce Street, (215) 627-5200, vargabar.com
- ∀illage Whiskey Burgers and bourbon know no bedtime. Jose Garces' Rittenhouse gastropub has both on its late-night menu, along with duck-fat fries, fried pickles and Buffalo cheese curds until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. 118 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 665-1088, villagewhiskey.com

### Until 1:30 a.m.:

- ✓ Misconduct Tavern A nautical theme and upscale bar food apply to both locations of this refined yet fun Center City pub, where approachable comfort food includes beer-battered pickle chips, seared salmon sliders and design-your-own mac and cheese. 1511 Locust Street, (215) 732-5797; 1801 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, (267) 928-4297, misconduct-tavern.com
- **Porta** The mozzarella is house-made, but the flour, tomatoes and pizza ovens are purely Italian in this Neapolitan Washington Square West pizza and pasta spot that serves pies until 1:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. 1215 Chestnut Street, (267) 534-2135, pizzaporta.com

#### Until 2 a.m.:

- **Bonchon Chicken** − There's no need to be an early bird to sample the world's most addictive chicken (Korean fried). Chinatown's branch of a global chain keeps the buckets coming deep into the dark hours. 1020 Cherry Street, (267) 639-6686, bonchon.com
- ∉ Grace Tavern The hideaway in the Graduate Hospital neighborhood keeps its focus on a small selection of eats and drinks. The beauty is that passersby can stop in on a whim for a meal until closing. 23<sup>rd</sup> & South Streets, (215) 893-9580, gracetavern.com
- **Tony Luke's** It's worth ducking out of the pub to get in line at this sandwich vendor deep in South Philadelphia. Just-baked rolls filled with slow-cooked roast beef and broccoli rabe, house-made roast pork slathered in garlicky spinach and sharp provolone, veal or chicken cutlets with marinara—and one of the best cheesesteaks in town—are just a taxi ride from Center City. Open until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday, midnight Monday through Thursday. 39 E. Oregon Avenue, (215) 551-5725, tonylukes.com
- ✓ Yakitori Boy Most folks flock to this Chinatown karaoke hall to belt out their best pop song renditions, but Yakitori Boy knows that guests are going to need a little more than liquid fuel for singing. A full menu of sushi, bento boxes and Japanese snacks is available until the final encores. 211 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 923-8088, yakitoriboy.com

### Until 3 a.m.:

- ∉ Dos Tacos The brainchild of a chef and two nightlife impresarios solves the dilemma of where to go when the bar closes, serving until 3 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The Center City taco stand dishes up a mix of tacos with traditional and creative flavors. 120 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 567-8226, dostacosphilly.com
- ✓ Insomnia Cookies Those in need of a late-night or early-morning sugar fix contact this spot for delivery of fresh-baked cookies in all sorts of varieties—chocolate chunk, peanut butter, oatmeal, sugar, snickerdoodle and more. 135 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, 108 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, 4319 Main Street, 1601 N. Broad Street, 3400 Lancaster Avenue, 3417 Spruce Street, 1084 E. Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr, (877) 63-COOKIE, insomniacookies.com

- ∠ Lorenzo and Sons It's an all-ages show until 4 a.m. Saturday and Sunday (3 a.m. the rest of the week) at this popular South Street walk-up. Here, an energized post-concert crowd loads up on \$2 slices of oversized, thin-crusted, cheese-loaded pizza, devouring floppy wedges that taste distinctly better the later the hour. 305 South Street, (215) 800-1942, lorenzoandsonspizza.com

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- Masala Kitchen There's no reason to wait until tomorrow for Indian street food. This quick-service kitchen in Center City offers kati rolls and platters laden with curried chicken and lamb. 1211 Walnut Street, (215) 309-3301, masalakitchenphilly.com
- **Shiao Lan Kung** − This Chinatown eatery hosts the post-bar crowd on a nightly basis. Hot pots, salt-baked squid and pan-fried beef noodles hit the spot. 930 Race Street, (215) 928-0282
- **Sonny's Famous Steaks** What Pat's, Geno's and Tony Luke's are to South Philly, this spot is to nightlife-filled Old City. Open until 3 a.m. on weekends, Sonny's serves cheesesteaks of all sorts, rib-eye burgers, cheese fries and onion rings to partiers who need to fuel up before going down for the night. 228 Market Street, (215) 629-5760, sonnyscheesesteaks.com
- **Tai Lake** Even the tardiest lovers of Cantonese seafood can get their fix until 3 a.m. weekends and 2 a.m. Monday to Thursday with fish maw soup, clams in black bean sauce and steamed fish with ginger and scallions. 134 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 922-0698, tailakeseafoodrest.com

## Until 4 a.m.:

- Prima Pizza Taqueria With a name that makes sense in South Philly only, Prima actually only offers tacos—and seriously great ones. Wildly accommodating hours and a super affordable price-point make this storefront a late-night must. 1104 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 339-5000
- ✓ Wishbone No matter the stage of the party, pretzel-battered chicken is always welcome. At both its West Philly and Center City locations, this fried chicken joint obliges visitors at all hours with sandwiches, platters and hand pies for dessert. Serving until 4 a.m. Thursday through Saturday, 210 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 309-3667. Serving until 3 a.m. Thursday through Saturday, 4034 Walnut Street, (215) 921-3204, wishbonephilly.com

#### All Night Long:

- **Broad Street Diner** − Not fancy, but certainly friendly, this well-located diner serves as a post-party pit stop for night owls in transit between Center City and South Philly. Best to stick to the basics here: They're known for their omelets, hash browns and hot coffee. 1135 S. Broad Street, (215) 825-3636, thebroadstreetdiner.com
- ✓ Melrose Diner The slogan at this 80-plus-year-old South Philly institution, is "Everybody who knows goes to the Melrose." Some weekend nights, it seems like everybody does. Counter seats are many; pies are homemade; servers are no-nonsense. 1501 Snyder Avenue, (215) 467-6644
- Pat's King of Steaks and Geno's Steaks At 2:15 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, these across-the-street rivals get slammed. "Originator" Pat's, with its notoriously sloppy Cheez Whiz topping, and blindingly neon bright Geno's, with its fancy provolone, draw crowds that meet in the avenue's center, often stopping traffic just before dawn. Pat's, 1237 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 468-1546, patskingofsteaks.com; Geno's, 1219 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, (215) 389-0659, genosteaks.com

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