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## SPLURGE RESTAURANTS

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Here are ETD Chicago members recommendations:

“*Bavette’s! The strip steak, roasted-tomato-bacon salad (the bacon is thick and brown sugary), mashed potatoes (they’re deliciously different), & chocolate cream pie. Don’t pass on the pie!*”

– **Scott B.**

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“*Gibson’s on Rush for steak. Ask for a window to people watch. Carnivale, everything was so good and fun vibe! Italian Village for authentic Italian food.*”

– **Linda. S**

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“*Bavette’s or Mastro’s for lobster mashed potatoes and butter cake.*”

— **Jenn J.**

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“*Next Restaurant is a great experience, the restaurant was featuring Julia Child, not sure if they still do. You may order wine to pair with the food, but keep in mind that you will get about 7 different wines.*”

— **Betty O.**

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“Gibson’s for steak, Shaw’s for seafood.”

— Steve A.

“Siena Tavern. My partner and I just splurged on the tasting menu, I think it’s called, “Forget about it” or something like that. It’s 5 courses and everything was delicious! It was so much food we ended up with to-go boxes. Outside of that we haven’t found anything we didn’t like. The Coccoli is our go-to app. Drinks are good as well.”

— Akasha C.

“Schwa Restaurant. Unique atmosphere and every course is a surprise. You don’t have to think, just enjoy. Excellent service and BYOB so you can bring your favorite bottle of wine or whiskey. North Pond is also lovely and the coursed dinner is fantastic, just not as edgy but worth the splurge nonetheless.”

— Joanne R.

“Shaw’s during soft shell season.”

— Nancy K.

“Cabra, Girl & the Goat, Virtue, Rose Mary, Siena Tavern, Topolobampo! All have a chef associated with the show Top Chef and it’s cool to taste their food after seeing them cook on TV! All extremely delicious!”

— Anna E.

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“*La Pasadita! Best tacos and eat til’ you drop!*”

— **Dave L.**

“*Gene and Georgetti, great food, service and love the old steakhouse ambience. I like the big salad with the shrimp on top. I call it the garbage salad. I’ve had the bone-in ribeye and several pasta dishes. Lots of tastes from other’s plates. It’s all good. This is the Downtown location. The one near O’Hare’s not as good.*”

— **Sheila B.**

“*Ocean Prime for the warm butter cake. That and vanilla ice cream with raspberry sauce may sound eh, but was on the bomb!*”

— **Mia K.**

“*I went to Armitage Ale House last night and it was a delightful meal! Environment is super cozy! Definitely pricier but tasty!*”

— **Paige M.**

“*Maple and Ash. The best food, the best service, the best atmosphere. Definitely get the seafood tower. Pillow of love and some type of steak. All of their sides are to die for!*”

— **Karolina G.**

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*“Heritage! Menu is updated frequently. Excellent service and an intimate setting. If you like caviar and oysters this is the place! Menu items suited for everyone.”*

**— Timothy B.**

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*“Les Nomades. Stellar service, creative nuanced menu and conversation friendly ambiance.”*

**— Heronymous M.**

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*“Oriole because it’s the best meal I’ve eaten in Chicago, or Alinea because it’s the most unique meal I’ve ever eaten (and the food is delicious).”*

**— Eugenio P.**

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