# DISCOVER HALAL FOOD IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES HAS ONE OF THE MOST DYNAMIC AND DIVERSE DINING SCENES IN THE COUNTRY, OFFERING EVERYTHING FROM STREET FOOD TO JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION AWARD WINNING RESTAURANTS. FROM CALIFORNIA CUISINE TO ORGANIC INGREDIENTS, FOOD TRUCKS AND DINE L.A. IN WINTER AND SUMMER, L.A.'S CULINARY INFLUENCE CAN BE FELT ACROSS THE COUNTRY. LOS ANGELES CUISINE IS A REFLECTION OF THE CITY'S CULTURAL DIVERSITY. WITH L.A. HAVING ONE OF THE LARGEST MUSLIM AMERICAN POPULATIONS IN THE US, HALAL CERTIFIED RESTAURANTS CAN BE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

## FEATURED HALAL RESTAURANTS

## Al-Noor

## 15112 Inglewood Ave., Lawndale, 310.675.4700, www.alnoor-restaurant.net

The communities surrounding LAX are especially strong on Halal cuisine. In Lawndale, chef Hasan Zaidi has been going strong with Al-Noor since 1998. The space features mottled yellow walls and tables lined with pink cloths. Hearty family recipes featured on the menu include shami kebabs, chicken tala gosht, and lamb korma. For vegetarians, the palak paneer pairs well with garlic naan that was praised on The Food Network show "The Best Thing I Ever Ate."





## Shamshiri Grill

## 1712 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles, 310.474.1410, www.shamshiri.com

Shamshiri Grill has the standard complement of Persian stews and kebabs, but the repertoire runs far deeper. For instance, karafs are served with your choice of meat (chicken, lamb shank, or veal) and on Mondays and Fridays, they serve braised lamb neck paired beautifully with a sprinkling of tangy sumac. Special polos (basmati rice dishes) include baghali (fava beans and baby dill) and shirin (slivered almonds, pistachios, and orange peel). Better yet, they bake pita in-house, and Shamshiri Grill also supplies spicy red "salsa" with mesquite roasted tomato and pepper blended with lemon juice, cilantro, and black pepper.

#### Biriyani Kabob House

## 3525 W. 3rd St., Los Angeles, 213.384.3570, www.biriyanikabobhouse.com

Little Bangladesh is one of L.A.'s most recent neighborhood designations, taking effect in 2010, and the small area sandwiched between Koreatown and Hollywood houses many interesting Bangladeshi restaurants and markets. Biriyani Kabob House occupies the corner of a strip mall and features food photos on the wall, shiny, colorful tables, and steam trays full of Bangladeshi, Indian, and Pakistani dishes. Biriyani is of course a major draw, including key proteins like beef, lamb, or chicken. Customers should also be pleased with ground chicken or beef seekh kebobs, lamb curry, or saag paneer.



# FEATURED HALAL RESTAURANTS (CONT.)

## The Halal Guys

510 W 7th St., Los Angeles, 213.628.3072, www.thehalalguys.com

The famed New York cart, Halal Guys has expanded and become a brick and mortar transplant in Los Angeles. Choose from chicken, gyro and/or falafel - one or two - and add their delicious white sauce for ultimate flavor. The red sauce will bring up the heat levels pretty fast, but it's too good not to try, so add sparingly.





#### Revolutionario: North African Tacos

1436 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles, 424.223.3526, www.revolutionario.com

No other Halal restaurant is quite like Revolutionario, a North African taco shop located a few miles south of Downtown L.A. near the University of Southern California. Smoked lamb tacos feature chunks of leg meat, sweet potato, and chickpeas. Black-eyed pea falafel comes with pico de gallo and spicy green harissa. Duck hash co-stars potato and calls for tangy pineapple salsa folded with chilies and ras el hanout. Depending on the day, Japanese-Peruvian ceviche contains cubed fish

like yellowtail or tuna dressed with cabbage, red onion, piquant leche de tigre, sweet potato, sweet potato chips, and roasted corn kernels. To drink, enjoy ginger lemonade, hibiscus lemonade, or mint tea.

#### LIST OF HALAL FOOD RESTAURANTS

**786** Degrees Wood Fired Pizza Co 8879 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Sun Valley 818.939.6566, www.786degrees.com

Apey Kade Restaurant 19662 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana 818.609.7683

Bangla Bazar & Restaurant 4205 W 3rd St, Los Angeles 213.380.4070

# Flame

1442 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles 310.470.3399, www.flamepersiancuisine.com

## Gaby's Mediterranean

10445 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles 310.559.1808, www.gabysexpress.com

#### **Hummus House**

12211 Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne 310.675.3400, www.hummus-house.com



Hummus House Kafta Mahi-Mahi

#### Kashcool Kitchen 6159 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, 818.849.6545, www.kashcoolkitchen.com



Kashcool Kitchen Filet Mignon Chenjeh Sultani Kabob

## Mega Pizza & Grille

11028 Washington Blvd., Culver City 424.298.8135, www.megapizzagrille.com



Mega Pizza Grille Gyro Pizza Sandwich

#### Naab Cafe

1269 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles 310.473.0303, www.naabcafe.com

Omar's Xinjiang Halal Restaurant 1718 N. New Ave., San Gabriel 626.570.9778

# Open Sesame Mediterranean Grill

7458 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles 323.525.1698, www.opensesamecafe.com

#### **Shandiz Vanak**

109 E. 9th St., Los Angeles 213.489.5156, www.shandizvanak.com

### Sunnin Lebanese Café

1776 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles 310.475.3358, www.sunnin.com

### Zam Zam Market,

13649 Inglewood Ave., Hawthorne 310.978.1927



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#### MZuma Kitchen

1942 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles 310.446.0055, www.mzumakitchen.com

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