



Restaurant guide.

INTRODUCTION

There are hundreds of excellent restaurants in Santiago, but the following list is designed to narrow down the options as much as possible and cover all price ranges.

FINE DINING

Astrid y Gastón | Peruvian | Smart Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$\$ | Providencia

The brainchild of acclaimed Peruvian chef, Gastón Acurio, this has been one of Santiago's best restaurants for years, and showing no signs of letting that change. A celebration of high-end Peruvian cuisine that infuses French, Spanish, and Japanese influences, combined with impeccable service, an on-site sommelier, and a lengthy wine list. Reservations must be made well in advance.

www.astridygaston.cl

Boragó | Chilean | Smart Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$\$ | Vitacura

Described as a 'dialogue between nature and cuisine', this is a wildly creative addition to the restaurant scene. Boragó's larder includes foraged herbs, edible flowers and wild berries, sourced from the wilds of Patagonia to the heights of the Andes. This is a flight of fancy through the culinary heritage of Chile, where molecular meets indigenous. A culinary experience more than just dinner.

www.borago.cl

Europeo | Chilean and International | Smart Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$\$ | Vitacura

A legendary restaurant with a constantly changing menu that leans toward fish, but this is also one of the few places in town that serves wild game dishes, such as venison ragout. Small and intimate, Europeo combines simple decoration, uncluttered tables, outstanding food, and unobtrusive waiters. This is high-end cuisine at its very best.

www.europeo.cl

Fuy | Chilean | Smart Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$\$ | Vitacura

Superb contemporary cuisine in an elegant setting. Reasonably sized dishes of seafood, fish and slow roasted lamb present intense flavours, punctuated by intriguing palate cleansers between courses. Fuy boasts a superb wine list, and the sommelier is always on-hand to recommend the perfect wine for your dish. The dining rooms is elegant, and the service among the best in town.

www.fuysantiago.com

MODERN CHILEAN CUISINE

Ambrosía | Chilean | Business casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$ | Vitacura

Recently named one of Latin America's Top 50 restaurants, Ambrosía's hard work – and in particular that of chef Carolina Bazán – over the past 12 years is finally gaining the recognition it deserves. This is the place for a market-to-table experience, with clean yet homely flavors fuse together in impeccable fashion.

www.ambrosia.cl

Las Cabras Fuente de Soda | Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$ | Providencia

One of the best newcomers on the scene, Las Cabras is a remake of the fuente de soda, Chile's particular take on the soda fountain, a culinary institution along the lines of the American diner; friendly, familiar, old-fashioned. Chef Juan Pablo Mellado maintains the charm of this Chilean institution, while upgrading Chilean dishes (even fast food) with flair and respect for tradition.

99 | Price range: \$\$\$\$ | Business Casual | Providencia

Another new arrival on the Santiago culinary scene, 99 offers beautifully executed dishes that major on intense flavors extracted from primarily Chilean ingredients. The restaurant is casual in style, but gastronomically sophisticated. Rough-hewn wooden tables and recycled furnishings adorn the dining space, while their wide terrace opens out onto the bustling Providencia business district.

www.99restaurant.com

TRADITIONAL CHILEAN

La Casa Vieja | Chilean | Informal | Price range: \$\$\$\$ | Providencia

A great option for traditional dishes from the Chilean countryside in an equally traditional setting. The very complete menu covers the obligatory meat and fish dishes, but also the superb stews and broths that perhaps best characterize Chilean cuisine. No frills, but plenty of local charm.

www.lacasavieja.cl

Peumayén Ancestral Food | Indigenous Chilean | Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$ | Bellavista

As the name suggests, Peumayén strives to reawaken the ancestral cuisine of some of the country's native peoples: the Mapuche, Aymará, and Rapa Nui. While some ingredients such as horsemeat, monkey-puzzle tree nuts, or sea snails will be unfamiliar to most palates, their dedication to celebrating native cuisines makes Peumayén an attractive option for more adventurous diners.

www.peumayenchile.cl

FISH & SEAFOOD

Aquí Está Coco | Chilean seafood | Business Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$ | Providencia

This place is wildly popular with foreign visitors, with good reason. The kitschy atmosphere is as fun as the food is mouth-watering. The restaurant is full of oddball and nautically themed gadgets and curios. Try to arrive a little earlier than your reservation to enjoy an aperitif in the cave-like, brick cellar lounge.

www.aquiestacoco.cl

La Mar | Peruvian seafood | Smart Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$ | Vitacura

La Mar offers a wide range of sophisticated seafood dishes, but their speciality is 'cebiche'; delicious concoctions of white fish, seafood, and other ingredients marinated in lemon juice. They also offer a highly creative drinks menu (with a focus on pisco), an elegant dining room, and great atmosphere. La Mar has established itself as a local favourite, and rightly so.

www.lamarcebicheria.com

MEAT

Cuerovaca | Meat | Business Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$ | Vitacura

This is where the Santiaguinos go when they are in need of a meat fix. Cuerovaca offers an impressive menu of high-quality meat, great side dishes, and superb cocktails, all at very reasonable prices. Along with the classic cuts, Cuerovaca prides itself on its excellent, Chilean-produced Wagyu and over 200 wines. The atmosphere is relaxed and local, which is another plus.

www.cuerovaca.cl

Ox | Meat | Smart Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$ | Vitacura

A luxurious parrillada that serves arguably the best meat in town, prepared with attention to detail and expertise. The menu focuses mainly on premium cuts, accompanied with an impressive selection of side dishes and a huge wine list to satisfy the demanding crowd. Ox is the perfect place for meat lovers with high expectations.

www.ox.cl

VEGETARIAN & VEGAN

El Huerto | Vegetarian | Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$ | Providencia

Until recently the only vegetarian restaurant in Santiago, El Huerto is still the pick of the bunch today despite all the competition, and was recently voted #11 in a worldwide poll of vegetarian restaurants. The restaurant caters to variety; it's a veritable rotating sampler plate of global cuisines with an à la carte focus on local traditions like ceviches and vegetable-stuffed quesadillas.

www.elhuerto.cl

Shakti en Chile | Vegan | Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$ | Barrio Italia

This is Santiago's only 100% vegan restaurant. Located in a gallery on Avenida Italia, the restaurant has a charming, small cafe environment, with a dedicated vegan chef who truly cares about creating quality plant-based cuisine. Flavourful and complex without being overly salty or heavy, with a varied and healthy focus. Exactly what vegan food should be.

INFORMAL

Bar Liguria | Chilean | Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$ | Providencia

Everyone loves Liguria: actors, artists, business types, tourists and locals alike converge here in a vibrant mélange that always feels celebratory. The Chilean fare is hearty and delicious, and the sharply dressed waiters rushing to and for provide quick, attentive service. Their drinks list is also superb. All three Bar Ligurias are loads of fun, but perhaps the Manuel Montt branch is the best.

www.liguria.cl

Chipe Libre | Chilean & Peruvian | Business Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$ | Lastarria

The self-proclaimed 'Independent State of Pisco' is a celebration of the famous elixir. Is it Chilean? Is it Peruvian? Who cares? Chipe Libre has over 50 brands of pisco from both countries, and impressive cocktail list (a plethora of pisco sours here), and some excellent dishes from Chile and Peru. Informal and great fun.

Tiramisú | Pizza | Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$ | Las Condes

For the best pizza in town, there is only one place. Tiramisú has been doing this for years, making it an eternal favourite among Santiaguinos. This is ideal for those looking for a no-frills venue with great atmosphere, good food, and a nice glass of wine. Tiramisú is always full to the brim, so get there early. While waiting for your table, their pisco sour is highly recommended. Unbeatable.

www.tiramisu.cl

SANDWICHES

Dominó | Sandwiches | Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$\$ | Several branches

A great introduction to the huge Chilean sandwich, Dominó prides itself on its wide variety of sandwiches and hot dogs (almost 150), rapid, friendly service, and spotless, lab-like cleanliness. The classic 'italiano' is your choice of sandwich with thick layers of avocado, mayo, and tomato. Request "suave todo" (about 50% less of each ingredient) in order to get the best balance.

www.domino.cl

Fuente Alemana | Sandwiches | Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$\$ | Providencia & Centro

A Santiago legend, Fuente Alemana is the place to eat one of the vast, overflowing sandwiches that Chileans take such pride in. Try a lomito completo with thin tender slices of pork with sauerkraut, mayonnaise, and tomato sauce, or a chacarero, with slices of beef with tomatoes, green beans, and chili pepper. Get "sin ají" (without green chillis) if you don't like spicy food.

Fuente Mardoqueo | Sandwiches | Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$\$ | Several branches

Another classic, informal eatery, with perhaps the nicest dining rooms. They may offer fewer options than the other two restaurants, but their sandwiches are arguably the best in town. They also have a wide range of craft beers, both bottled and on tap, making the perfect pairing for their huge sandwiches. The atmosphere is always good, and service slick and efficient.

www.fuentemardoqueo.cl

FOR WINE LOVERS

Baco | Chilean & International | Business Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$\$ | Providencia

Baco is a great place to order Chilean wine by the glass from their wide selection, paired with small dishes such as salmon carpaccio, or local cheeses. Its elegant dining room provides the perfect pit stop whilst exploring Santiago during the day, or at night for a more extended meal. They also have an outdoor terrace, which is the ideal place to sit on one of those balmy summer nights.

Bocanariz | Chilean & International | Business Casual | Price range: \$\$\$\$\$ | Barrio Lastarria

Chile is famous for its wine and so it comes as no surprise that a wine specialist has made it onto this list of Santiago's best cultural restaurants. Bocanariz is one of the capital's most famous places to enjoy the best wine that Chile has to offer. Bocanariz's menu has been designed to perfectly fit the different types of wine that Chilean vineyards produce every year.

www.bocanariz.cl