

Your Guide to Tempe Fun for the Niche Magazine Conference

The Tempe Mission Palms (conference headquarters)
60 East Fifth Street
Tempe, AZ 85281
480.894.1400
www.missionpalms.com

The Tempe Mission Palms is located just 4 miles east of the airport and adjacent to Arizona State University. The hotel provides a complimentary shuttle to and from the airport so transportation couldn't be easier. Tempe is the ultimate college town so there's plenty of activity! South Mill Ave is the main drag – but you can easily walk to anywhere in this area in 10-15 minutes. You can't help but have a great time exploring Tempe! Make sure to check out that big mountain next to the hotel. It's called Hayden Butte aka "A Mountain" (because it's got a big A on it). It's an easy 45-minute hike.

Ask the hotel for a map and hit the town. Here are just a few of our favorites...

South Mill Area (Left at S. Mill)

The Big Bang

501 S. Mill Ave.

www.thebigbangbar.com

Dueling pianos, sing-along, comedy...don't be shy!

The Library Bar & Grill

501 S. Mill Ave. #101

www.thelibraryusa.com

Hotspot with servers dressed as schoolgirls

My Big Fat Greek Restaurant

525 S. Mill Ave.

www.mybigfatgreekrestaurant.net/

You guessed it—really good Greek food

La Bocca Urban Pizza & Wine Bar

501 S. Mill Ave. #301

www.laboccapizzeria.com

Loungey upscale bar

Mill Cue Club

607 S. Mill Ave.

www.millcueclub.com

Laid-back bar with 10 pool tables

P.F. Chang China Bistro

740 S. Mill Ave.

www.phchang.com

If you need a chain restaurant—this is the best!

South Mill Area (Right at S. Mill)

Gordon Biersch Restaurant & Brewery

420 S. Mill Ave. #201

www.gordonbiersch.com

Lots of GB beer on tap, of course

Rula Bula Irish Pub

401 S. Mill Ave.

www.rulabula.com

Lively Irish pub with robust menu

Caffe Boa

398 S. Mill Ave.

www.cafeboa.com

Euro-style bistro & wine bar

Sushi Bars

Ra Sushi

411 S. Mill Ave.

www.rasushi.com

Happy hour sushi, plus "reverse happy hour" 10pm-close.

Sushi Eye

780 W. Eliot Rd.

www.sushieye.com

Top sushi in Phoenix area

Eclectic

Cornish Pasty Company-British

960 W. University Ave.

www.cornishpastyco.com

Tons of pasties-The Porky, Bangers & Mash,
Lamb & Mint

Monti's La Casa Vieja-Steakhouse

1 W. Salado Parkway

www.montis.com

Good reasonably priced steakhouse, cool building

House of Tricks - French fusion

114 E. & 7th St.

www.houseoftricks.com

French-southwestern inspired cuisine

Café Lalibela-Ethiopian

849 W. University Dr.

www.cafelalibela.com

Delicious Ethiopian dining experience

Delhi Palace Cuisine of India-Indian

933 E. University Dr.

www.delhipalacetempe.com

Best chicken tikka masala in town!

Worth a Quick Cab Ride

Tempe Market Place

2000 E Rio Salado Pkwy.

www.tempe-marketplace.com

Best shopping in the Area (about 10 min drive)

Casey Moore's Oyster House, 850 S. Ash Ave.

www.caseymoore.com

Guinness flows, seafood menu, large patio

Four Peaks Brewing Co., 1340 E. 8th St. #104

www.foupeaks.com

Great beer selection, big patios, great burgers

Dos Gringos Trailer Park

1001 E. 8th St.

www.dosgringos.com

Downscale, intentionally cheesy and crazy!

Pizza

Oregano's Pizza Bistro

523 W. University Drive

www.oreganos.com

Try their "kickbutt" garlic bread or famous
dessert pizza cookie (20-minute walk)

Southwestern-Mexican

Restaurant Mexico

423 S. Mill Ave.

Real Mexican food—cheap and great

Z-Tejas

20 W. 6th St.

www.ztejas.com

Upscale Mexican dining

Macayo's Depot Cantina

300 S. Ash Ave

www.depotcantina.com

Super-sized Mexican cantina

Arts, Culture and Recreation

THEATRE: MADCAP Theaters

730 S. Mill Ave.

www.madcap.com

Work-in-progress live theaters with dance,
poetry and more

ART: The ASU campus has dozens of
historical and art museums, galleries, public
art, an arboretum and more. Visit

<http://www.asu.edu> for info and a map.

OUTDOORS: You can also enjoy the walking
trails at nearby Tempe Town Lake, or people-
watch at the Beach Park. Visit

<http://www.downtowntempe.com>.

COMEDY: Tempe Improv

930 E. University Dr. #201

www.symfonee.com

Comedy club and restaurant