CCC 2010 Restaurant List

All addresses in Cambridge unless otherwise noted. MD = Maxwell Dworkin, the building in which the conference is being held. Dollar signs roughly indicate the price of an entree, as follows.

$: ≤ $10  $$: $10 – $20  $$$: $20 – $30  $$$$: > $30

Cafes and Lunch Spots

Some of these places are also good for dinner, but they all share the properties of being near Harvard and relatively quick to get in and out of (if one chooses). Walking times are approximate from MD.

≤ 5 minutes walking

**Buckminster’s**  inside the LISE building (11 Oxford St.)
Harvard cafe that’s a very short walk from MD, offering Peet’s coffee and some quick breakfast and lunch options. Open 9am-5pm.

**Greenhouse Cafe**  inside the Science Center (1 Oxford St.) (617) 496-4790
Similar to the above, except they brew Starbucks coffee. Open 7am-3pm.

5 – 10 minutes walking

$-$ $$ Cambridge Common  1667 Mass Ave.   (617) 547-1228
Restaurant/bar with a standard offering of burgers, sandwiches and pub food, plus a sizeable and frequently changing beer list. Also good for dinner.

$ Oxford Spa Cafe  102 Oxford St.  (617) 661-6988
Nearby sandwich spot with a cute interior.

Starbucks  1662 Mass Ave.  (617) 491-0442

10 – 15 minutes walking

**Crema Cafe**  27 Brattle St.  (617) 876-2700
Cafe with ample seating and an enjoyable ambience; has a small selection of breakfast and lunch options.

**Peet’s Coffee**  100 Mt. Auburn St.  (617) 492-1844

**Simon’s Coffee House**  1736 Mass Ave.  (617) 497-7766
Good cafe that’s small but not usually crowded. The Mexican hot chocolate is a treat.

$ Hi-Rise Bread Company  56 Brattle St.  (617) 492-3003
Great place for coffee, breads and (slightly pricey) sandwiches with an outdoor patio.

$ Darwin’s Ltd.  148 Mt. Auburn St.  (617) 354-5233  1629 Cambridge St.  (617) 491-2999
Popular sandwich place with both lunch and breakfast options, though many more for lunch; the Cambridge St. location is slightly closer to MD. Also has great coffee.

$ Tamarind Bay  75 Winthrop St.  (617) 491-4552
Indian restaurant with a popular lunch buffet. Also good for dinner ($$).
\$ Veggie Planet 47 Palmer St. (617) 661-1513
Several eclectic vegetarian entrees served over your choice of rice or pizza dough.

\$-$\$ Cambridge 1 27 Church St. (617) 576-1111
Delicious “gourmet” pizza; also good for dinner.

\$-$\$ Wagamama 57 JFK St. (617) 499-0930
Japanese noodle bar with a selection of other dishes as well. Also good for dinner.

\$-$\$ Le’s 36 Dunster St. (617) 864-4100
Vietnamese restaurant with decent Pho. Also good for dinner.

\$ Mr. Bartley’s Burger Cottage 1246 Mass Ave. (617) 354-6559
Some of the best hamburgers to be found around Boston. No-frills atmosphere, and endless combinations of toppings – many cheekily named after American political figures and current events.

\$ Seoul Food 1759 Mass Ave. (617) 864-6299
Korean food. Also good for dinner (but they don’t have a liquor license).

\$ Tamarind House 1790 Mass Ave. (617) 491-9940
Thai restaurant (not to be confused with the similarly-named Indian restaurant) with good food in a casual atmosphere. Also good for an inexpensive dinner.

L.A. Burdick Chocolate Cafe 52D Brattle St. (617) 491-4340
Very popular coffee and dessert shop (don’t expect to find a seat). The hot chocolate is amazing, but quite rich – get a small!

15 – 20 minutes walking

\$-$\$ Blue Fin 1815 Mass Ave. (617) 497-8022
Sushi/Japanese restaurant. Also good for dinner (\$-$\$\$).

Dinner

Near Harvard

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\leq 10 \text{ minutes walking}

\$-$\$-$\$-$\$ Chez Henri 1 Shepard St (617) 354-8980
Upscale French/Cuban cuisine. Sit at the bar and get the Cuban sandwich for a cheaper option.

\$ RF O’Sullivans & Son 282 Beacon St., Somerville (617) 491-9638
Burgers that are a worthy rival to Mr. Bartley’s; they only serve 1/2-pound patties – come hungry.

10 – 20 minutes walking

\$-$\$ Border Cafe 32 Church St. (617) 864-6100
Tex-Mex and Cajun food in a lively (sometimes noisy) atmosphere. Not always completely authentic, but
still a popular spot. Good for a big group, though it’s sometimes crowded; also open for lunch.

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**Casablanca** 40 Brattle St.  (617) 876-0999
Hip Mediterranean restaurant with decor themed after the movie. Also offers tapas, and serves a three-course, $35 prix-fixe menu (Sun-Wed only).

$ **Grendel’s Den** 89 Winthrop St.  (617) 491-1050
Cozy bar/restaurant with a standard selection of American food. All food is half price 5-7:30pm every day and 9-11:30pm Sun-Thu, but only if you eat inside. Also open for lunch.

$$$-$$$$  **Harvest** 44 Brattle St.  (617) 868-2255
Thoughtfully prepared “contemporary New England” cuisine.

-$-$** John Harvard’s Brewhouse** 33 Dunster St.  (617) 868-3585
Lively brewpub serving standard American and (slightly dressed up) pub food; the in-house-brewed beer is a big draw.

$$$  **Legal Sea Foods** 20 University Rd.  (617) 491-9400
A Boston institution with at least a dozen locations around town. “If it isn’t fresh, it isn’t Legal.”

$  **Dali** 415 Washington St., Somerville  (617) 661-3254
Basque restaurant (read: tapas) with a fun, vibrant atmosphere.

20 – 30 minutes walking

$$  **Elephant Walk** 2067 Mass Ave.  (617) 492-6900
Cambodian restaurant that also offers sampling/prix-fixe menus.

**Elsewhere around Cambridge**

$  **Baraka Cafe** 80 Pearl St.  (617) 868-3951
Tiny north African restaurant tucked into a residential side street just outside of Central Square.

-$-$** Cantina La Mexicana** 247 Washington St., Somerville  (617) 776-5232
For those visiting from the west coast, this may be your best chance of finding satisfying Mexican food.

$$$  **Central Kitchen** 567 Mass Ave.  (617) 491-5599
Pricey but worthwhile new American cuisine in an intimate atmosphere.

-$-$-$** East Coast Grill and Raw Bar** 1269 Cambridge St.  (617) 491-6568
Seafood and southern-style BBQ.

$$  **The Friendly Toast** 1 Kendall Square  (617) 621-1200
If you’re craving breakfast at 10pm, this is your spot. Stays open until at least midnight Tue-Sun.

$$  **The Helmand** 143 First St.  (617) 492-4646
Excellent Afghan restaurant near MIT. Eating here and not trying the pumpkin would be criminal (though it is quite sweet). Reservations recommended.

$  **Mary Chung** 460 Mass Ave.  (617) 864-1991
One of the better Chinese places around Central Square.
$$ $$ $Oleana$ 134 Hampshire St.  (617) 661-0505
Turkish restaurant with a small selection of entrees and a large selection of appetizers (meze).

**Outside of Cambridge**

$T$ indicates the nearest MBTA station.

$$ $$ $Addis Red Sea$ 544 Tremont St., Boston  (617) 426-8727  $T$ Back Bay (orange line)
Tasty Ethiopian food in the hip South End neighborhood.

$$ $$ $Giacomo's$ 355 Hanover St., Boston  (617) 523-9026  $T$ Haymarket (orange line)
One of many good Italian restaurants in the North End.

$$ $$ $Lala Rokh$ 97 Mt. Vernon St., Boston  (617) 720-5511  $T$ Charles/MGH (red line)
“Home-style” Persian cuisine in the Beacon Hill neighborhood.

$$ $$ $$ $O Ya$ 9 East St., Boston  (617) 654-9900  $T$ South Station (red line)
Husband-and-wife-run Japanese restaurant which should satisfy even the most hard-core foodie. Named “#1 restaurant in America” by the NY Times when it opened in 2008. Expect to spend a lot. Reservations recommended.

$$ $$ $Red Bones$ 55 Chester St., Somerville  (617) 628-2200  $T$ Davis Square (red line)
Authentic southern-style BBQ and “soul food” served alongside a worthy beer list. Can get very crowded.

$$ $$ $Zaftigs$ 335 Harvard St., Brookline  (617) 975-0075  $T$ Coolidge Corner (C green line)
Popular Jewish-style delicatessen serving all the favorites and breakfast all day.

**Dessert**

$Toscanini's$ 899 Main St.  (617) 491-5877
Two excellent ice cream shops. Toscanini's proudly notes that it was named “best ice cream in the world” by the NY Times, but reasonable people can differ on which they prefer.

$Christina's$ 1255 Cambridge St.  (617) 492-7021

$Finale$ 30 Dunster St.  (617) 441-9797
Fancy “desserterie” with two other locations around Boston.

$Mike's Pastry$ 300 Hanover St., Boston  (617) 742-3050  $T$ Haymarket (orange line)

$Modern Pastry$ 257 Hanover St., Boston  (617) 523-3783  $T$ Haymarket (orange line)
By far, the two most popular places to get cannoli in the North End.

$L.A. Burdick Chocolate Cafe$ 52D Brattle St.  (617) 491-4340  (repeat from Cafes)