

# The Best Kept Secrets: Seattle's Historic Restaurants

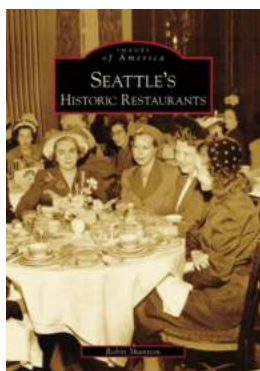


Seattle is known for its vibrant food scene, with an array of trendy new eateries cropping up each year. However, beneath the surface lies a treasure trove of historic restaurants that have stood the test of time and played a significant role in shaping the culinary history of the city.

## The Beginnings

As you stroll through the streets of Seattle, it's hard not to notice the charming facades of these iconic establishments. One such restaurant that has been serving customers since it first opened its doors in 1928 is the "Pike Place

Chowder." Located near Pike Place Market, this cozy spot is famous for its award-winning clam chowder, drawing locals and tourists alike.



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Another classic gem in the heart of Seattle is the "Canlis." Established in 1950, this family-owned fine dining restaurant offers breathtaking panoramic views of Lake Union and downtown Seattle. With its timeless elegance and exquisite cuisine, it has been a favorite spot for celebrations and romantic evenings for generations.

### **Preserving Tradition**

While many restaurants have come and gone over the years, a few have managed to preserve their essence and continue serving customers with the same dedication as when they first opened. One such example is "Salumi." Founded in 1999 by Armandino Batali (father of renowned chef Mario Batali), this artisanal cured meat shop has been a source of delight for meat enthusiasts in Seattle and beyond.



For those seeking a taste of Seattle's maritime legacy, "Ivar's Acres of Clams" is the place to be. Since 1938, this waterfront restaurant has been serving up delicious seafood, including their famous clam chowder, in a casual and welcoming atmosphere.

## **Iconic Culinary Landmarks**

No article on Seattle's historic restaurants would be complete without mentioning "The Pink Door." Established in 1981, this unique Italian-American restaurant is tucked away in Pike Place Market and offers an eclectic dining experience with live entertainment ranging from cabaret to trapeze performances.



If you're in the mood for a classic steakhouse, "Metropolitan Grill" is the place to be. Since 1951, this downtown Seattle institution has been serving prime cuts of beef in a refined and elegant setting, attracting steak lovers from all over.

## A Glimpse into the Past

Exploring Seattle's historic restaurants is not only a gastronomic adventure but a journey back in time. These establishments have witnessed the city's growth and development, serving as meeting places for locals, celebrities, and even politicians.



While some of these restaurants have evolved to keep up with the changing times, they have done so while preserving their rich heritage and traditions. From their iconic dishes to their timeless charm, Seattle's historic restaurants continue to captivate both locals and visitors, providing a glimpse into the city's vibrant past.

## **Experience the Legacy**

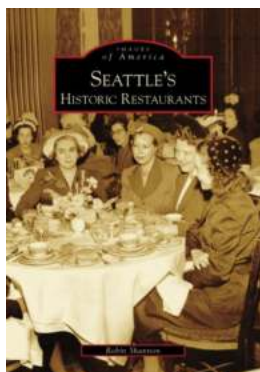
If you find yourself in Seattle, take a break from the trendy new spots and embark on a journey to these historic restaurants. Indulge in their legendary dishes, soak in the ambiance, and create your own memories that will become a part of their rich tapestry of stories.



Seattle's historic restaurants are more than just places to eat. They are living testaments to the city's culinary heritage and an integral part of its cultural

identity. So, the next time you find yourself in the Emerald City, make sure to savor a piece of history at one of these remarkable establishments.

Seattle's historic restaurants exemplify the essence of culinary time travel. Through their enduring presence and unwavering commitment to excellence, they have become cherished icons of the city. From the tried and true classics to the hidden gems, each restaurant tells a story and invites you to become a part of its narrative. So, don't miss out on the opportunity to discover the magic of Seattle's historic restaurants and embark on a journey that intertwines the past with the present.



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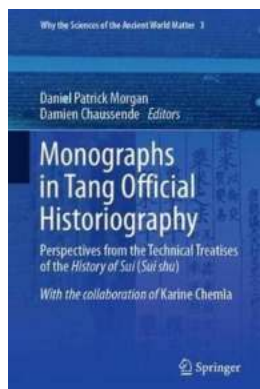
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Seattle's Historic Restaurants depicts an era of nostalgia and romanticism, and highlights historic photographs of restaurants, postcards, and menus. From 1897 to 1898, thousands of so-called stampeders came through Seattle on their way to the Klondike goldfields. Hungry stampeders could purchase a meal at the Merchant's Caf (the oldest caf in Seattle) or one of the many restaurants nearby. For the next 25 years, those who made it rich in Seattle were the restaurateurs, shop owners, and real estate owners. Famous local landmarks



such as the Space Needle, Mount Rainier's Paradise Camp, Snoqualmie Falls, and the Empress Hotel are still here, but their menus and clientele have changed over the years. Local haunts like Ivar's Acres of Clams, The Dog House, Andy's Diner, Clark's Restaurants, Coon Chicken Inn, Frederick and Nelson's Tea Room, The Wharf, Von's, The Purple Pup, and the Jolly Roger are just a few of the restaurants featured within.



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