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The excellent selection of funky bars, cafes and restaurants make Exeter a vibrant place to be after dark. *Lonely Planet 2005*

Exeter has eight restaurants included in the *Which? Good Food Guide 2007* and is rated one of the top 20 cities in the UK to eat out. This, along with the yearly food festival and popular farmers market, has made Exeter an exciting place for food. Exeter has a diverse range of eating out venues to suit all tastes and budgets - you really are spoilt for choice!

Exeter is fortunate to be located in the Heart of Devon, the coast and country are just minutes away. This natural environment supplies fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy produce, meat and fish all ready to be turned into mouth watering meals in one of Exeter’s top quality cafés and restaurants.

Of course, eating out is not just about food. Most Exeter pubs offer many local ales and juices as well as quality beers, wines and spirits. Devon is also gaining recognition for its vineyards, which combine warm climate, quality Devon soil and clever use of grapes to produce some truly outstanding wines.

Exeter has beautiful green spaces, and quality delicatessens - perfect ingredients for a picnic. Or why not take a short drive or train ride to Topsham and experience the impressive array of restaurants, cafes and food shops in this historic estuary town.

The Exeter Eating Out Guide highlights just some of the great eateries in the city. But don’t just take our word for it – go and enjoy them for yourself!

Christopher Archambault arrived in Devon early in March 2005 to get closer to the source of his ingredients. He is Head Chef at Café Paradiso, the popular AA Rosette restaurant within Hotel Barcelona. An exciting addition to the Café Paradiso experience will be their new kitchen herb and vegetable garden; crops will be ready for use after next year’s harvest. Chris sums up his style as “simple with a personal touch.”

‘There isn’t much new under the sun, so you have to find little ways of making dishes yours. Straight-forward presentation, balanced primary colours, no more than three or four flavours on a plate and never intimidate the diner.

I rejoice in the fact that I live and work in one of the most naturally beautiful parts of the world bursting with flavour from coast to coast and ever more populated with producers, suppliers and chefs that share concern over the issues that affect us all. Devon and the West Country - Tuscany of England!’
Markets and Festivals

The Exeter Festival of South West England Food and Drink has been a runaway success since its inception in 2004. Over 15,000 people visit the festival in Northernhay Gardens to experience the tastes of the South West. The festival has over 80 food and drink producers, a restaurant trail throughout Exeter and beyond, a mini beer festival, live cookery demonstrations, and a children’s food education tent.

The Exeter Festival of South West England Food and Drink takes place from late March to early April. Please call 01392 265700 or visit www.visitsouthwest.co.uk/exeterfoodfestival for more information.

The Exeter Farmers Market is extremely popular, and takes place in the city centre at the top of South Street/Fore Street every Thursday between 9am and 2pm. It offers delicious seasonal food straight from the farm, and has built up a strong and loyal following. All food is produced locally, which cuts down on the amount of food miles it has travelled and therefore guarantees freshness and quality. Exeter Farmers Market has a great community feel, and often runs special events to coincide with county and nationwide events such as the Devon Celebration of Food in October. Please contact 01392 265757 for further information.

Exeter was awarded Fairtrade City status in 2004. Over 40 shops and 25 cafes and restaurants serve Fairtrade products. Goods that carry the Fairtrade Mark are guaranteed to meet internationally recognised standards ensuring a better deal for marginalised and disadvantaged Third World producers. Eateries that carry this symbol in this guide use or sell Fairtrade products.

Another much anticipated event is the twice-yearly Continental Market. With traders from all over Europe serving breads, sausages, cheeses, fruit and vegetables, as well as a variety of delicious food cooked on site, the market brings a carnival feel to the city. Contact Exeter Tourist Information Centre 01392 265700 for dates of the next market.

The Exeter Slow Food Market is a relatively new event to the city. Located on the Historic Quayside on the third Saturday of the month it sells great quality food from around the region and offers information about the slow food movement. Call 01297 442378 for more information about Slow Food in Exeter.

Many eateries within the city sell or use local produce within their menus. Buying local means food is fresher as there is less time from “field to plate,” it shows support for the local community and often means better tasting food.

Listings key

- Number of covers
- Child friendly
- Smoking or non-smoking
- Sell or use local produce
- Sell or use Fairtrade produce
- Accessible by Train/Bus
Cafes and Tea Rooms

Exeter is a vibrant city with lots to see and do, but if you need to relax and refresh why not stop at one of the numerous cafes and tearooms in the city. Offering contemporary menus as well as traditional Devon favourites, Exeter has somewhere to suit all tastes.

Michael Caines Café Bar At Abode Exeter
Abode Exeter
Royal Clarence Hotel
Cathedral Yard
Exeter, EX1 1HD
Tel: 01392 223626 Fax: 01392 223639
Email: tablesexeter@abodehotels.co.uk
www.abodehotels.co.uk

Our café bar is about the enjoyment of informal fun foods, served day and night with Michael Caines style.

Starters from £3.50 Main courses from £5.50

The Real McCoy
21 McCoys Arcade
Fore Street
Exeter
EX4 3AN
Tel: 01392 410481

Starters from £3.95 Main courses from £3.95

Enjoy excellent food in an interesting setting. McCoys arcade has an array of independent shops all offering that something different.

Georgian Tearoom
Broadway House, 35 High Street
Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0ED
Tel: 01392 873465 Fax: 01392 666103
Email: heather@broadwayhouse.com
www.broadwayhouse.com

Taste of the West Best Tearoom in Devon 2006

Our delicious food has been cooked to a high standard on the premises using traditional Devonshire flavour recipes and using fresh local produce wherever possible.

Starters from £3.60 Main courses from £5.80
Pubs, Inns and Bars

Exeter has a wide range of places to drink and many offer exceptionally good food. Whether you want a cosy inn with a roaring log fire, a family friendly pub with stunning river views, or a contemporary city centre bar, Exeter has something for everyone. Many also offer live music and special events. Here are a few great places to try:

**Jack in the Green**
Rockbeare, Exeter, EX5 2EE
Tel: 01404 822240
Email: info@jackinthegreen.uk.com
www.jackinthegreen.uk.com

AA: 2 Rosettes, Which? Good Food Guide Recommended, Devon Dining Pub of the Year 2006, Michelin Bib Gourmand

A multi award winning dining pub showcasing supremely fresh artisan produce, expertly cooked and delivered with first class hospitality. The perfect place for all occasions.

Starters from £5.00  Main courses from £9.50

**John Gandy’s**
23 Gandy Street
Exeter, EX4 3LS
Tel: 01392 213924
Email: john.gandys@southdevoninns.co.uk

Excellent pub lunches with local food, families welcome until 7pm. Evenings have late closing until 1.30pm. Weekends have great music and promotions on beers and cocktails.

Starters from £3.00  Main courses from £5.00

**Coolings**
11 Gandy Street
Exeter, EX4 3LS
Tel: 01392 434184
Email: coolings@southdevoninns.co.uk

City centre bar with café feel serving local food from salad bar to carvery. Coffees, Belgian beers, plus 40+ wines, 25 served by the glass.

Non-smoking lunch time only

Starters from £3.95  Main courses from £5.95

**Child friendly until 7pm**
The Old Firehouse
50 New North Road
Exeter
EX4 5EP
Tel: 01392 277279

Traditional friendly pub with courtyard in the heart of the city serving delicious home cooked foods at reasonable prices and local real ales.

Main courses from £2.20
Deserts from £2.00

On The Waterfront
4-9 Southern Warehouse
The Quay
Exeter
EX2 4AP
Tel: 01392 210590
Email: onthewaterfront@southdevoninns.co.uk

Dine and drink on the historic waterside famed for its 12" and 16" dustbinlid pizzas! Espressos, wines and cask ales. Families welcome.

Starters from £3.00
Main courses from £5.95

The Puffing Billy
Station Road
Exton
Exeter
EX3 0PR
Tel: 01392 877888
www.thepuffingbilly.com

A stylish place for a drink or to enjoy excellent modern British dining. We have a large garden and are very close to the station.

Starters from £3.95
Main courses from £8.95

The Well House Tavern At Abode Exeter
Abode Exeter
Royal Clarence Hotel
Cathedral Yard
Exeter
EX1 1HD
Tel: 01392 223611
Fax: 01392 223639
Email: tablesexeter@abodehotels.co.uk
www.abodehotels.co.uk

The tavern is famous for serving the largest range of local ales in Exeter, also offering the best of menus from our kitchens.

Starters from £3.95 Main courses from £8.50
Restaurants

Exeter restaurants are very diverse. Fine dine award-winning restaurants live side by side with relaxed family friendly establishments; the contemporary complements the traditional. Cuisine from around the world is created using fresh local produce. Whether you have a special celebration planned or just don’t fancy cooking, you will be sure to find that perfect place in Exeter and Topsham. Here are a few ideas:

**Buckerell Lodge Hotel**
Topsham Road
Exeter
EX2 4SQ
Tel: 01392 221111
Fax: 01392 424333/www.foliohotels.com/buckerelllodge

Set in landscaped gardens, eat in a tranquil setting. All-day menus served in lounge, bar and gardens, in addition to the more formal Raffles Restaurant.

Starters from £4.25
Main courses from £6.95

**Cat in the Hat Restaurant**
29 Magdalen Road
Exeter
EX2 4TA
Tel/Fax: 01392 211700
Email: info@cathat.co.uk
www.cathat.co.uk

An intimate fine dining restaurant with a passion for seasonal Westcountry produce and fine wines.

Starters from £4.95
Main courses from £16.50

**Alias Hotel Barcelona**
Magdalen Street, Exeter, EX2 4HY
Tel: 01392 281000  Fax: 01392 281001
Email: barcelona@aliashotels.com
www.aliashotels.com

Café Paradiso within Hotel Barcelona is a vibrant neighbourhood restaurant overlooking a terrace and gardens. It offers a varied seasonal menu of local produce.

Starters from £4.50
Main courses from £7.50
Darts Farm
Topsham
Exeter
EX3 0QH
Tel: 01392 878201
Fax: 01392 878230
Email: shop@dartsfarm.co.uk
www.dartsfarm.co.uk

Winners of Taste of the West - South West Local Retail Outlet 2006

Darts Farm is situated in a region rich in high quality artisan foods and uses the farm shop as its larder producing an extensive menu.

Starters from £3.95
Main courses from £6.50

Effings
74 Queen Street, Exeter, EX4 3RX
Tel: 01392 211888 Email: info@effings.co.uk
www.effings.co.uk

“An asset in central Exeter”

Fabulous food all day and Friday and Saturday evenings. Brunch, lunch, snacks and drinks. Local sourcing, imaginative menu, realistic prices. Airy and modern, cool piano music and a fun, family friendly environment.

Starters from £3.50 Main courses from £6.95
Special fixed price lunch menu from £9.50 for 2 courses

The Galley Fish and Seafood Restaurant and Spa with rooms
41 Fore Street, Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0HU
Tel: 01392 876078 Fax: 01392 876078
Email: fish@galleyrestaurant.co.uk
www.galleyrestaurant.co.uk


Discover the secret with Masterchef of Great Britain Paul Da-Costa-Greaves, spiritual healer and alternative therapist. Nautical themed 5 star awarded accommodation, spa, panoramic river views.

Starters from £8.50 Main courses from £19.95

The Globe Hotel
Fore Street, Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0HR
Tel: 01392 873471
Fax: 01392 873879
Email: sales@globehotel.com
www.globehotel.com

Good Pub Guide, CAMRA recommended.

16th Century Coaching Inn with a popular café, restaurant and bar. Modern English (Westcountry) cuisine expertly cooked and presented with emphasis on flavours and textures of our fantastic ingredients.

Starters from £3.50 Main courses from £9.95
**Hansons Restaurant**
2 Cathedral Close, Exeter, EX1 1EZ  
Tel: 01392 276913  
Fax: 01392 276493  
Email: andy@hansonsrestaurant.co.uk  
www.hansonsrestaurant.co.uk

Contemporary British cuisine within Elizabethan walls. Also offering probably the best cream tea in Exeter. Open Monday - Saturday 9am - 6pm and Friday and Saturday evenings.

Starters from **£3.50**  
Main Courses from **£5.00**  
Evening - Set price **£20.00** 2 courses, **£24.00** 3 courses

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**Harry’s**
86 Longbrook Street  
Exeter  
EX4 6AP  
Tel: 01392 202234  
www.harrys-exeter.co.uk

Friendly family run bistro style restaurant offering a wide range of excellent freshly prepared food. Lively fun atmosphere, great value friendly service. Established 12 years.

Starters from **£3.00**  
Main courses from **£7.50**

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**Michael Caines Restaurant**  
At Abode Exeter  
Abode Exeter  
Royal Clarence Hotel  
Cathedral Yard, Exeter, EX1 1HD  
Tel: 01392 223638  
Fax: 01392 223639  
Email: tablesexeter@abodehotels.co.uk  
www.abodeexeter.co.uk

Our fine-dine restaurant offers modern British and European cuisine in a stylish and atmospheric setting, using only the best of local produce.

Starters from **£7.50**  
Main courses from **£18.75**

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**No 21**
21a Cathedral Yard  
Exeter, EX1 1HB  
Tel: 01392 210303  
Email: restaurant@21cathedralyard-exeter.co.uk

AA Red Rosette

No 21 overlooks Exeter Cathedral. Chef proprietor Andrew Shortman welcomes you with the very best of food which is locally sourced and freshly prepared.

Starters from **£4.50**  
Main courses from **£14.50**
Red Square Restaurant
Rougemont House
Castle Street
Exeter
EX4 3PU
Tel: 01392 411292
Email: russianexeter@aol.com
www.redsquerestaurant.co.uk

Authentic Russian cuisine served in an 18th century building in a secluded spot, yet in the heart of Exeter.

Starters from £4.25
Main courses from £9.00

Sun Dogs Restaurant
38 New Bridge Street
Exeter,
EX4 3AH
Tel/Fax: 01392 499038
sales@sundogs.eclipse.co.uk
www.sun-dogs.co.uk

Small independent restaurant serving up freshly produced locally sourced food in a relaxed yet sophisticated environment at very competitive prices. Please call for further information.

Starters from £4.50
Main courses from £10.00

Starz Lounge Bar and Restaurant
18 Lower North Street, Exeter, EX4 3ET
Tel: 01392 256625 Fax: 01392 494682
Email: info@starzuk.com
www.starzuk.com

Punch Taverns national retailer of the year 2006

American style restaurant and lounge bar serving steaks, ribs, fajitas and delicious award winning cocktails in a party atmosphere. Starz is ideal for any celebration.

Starters from £3.90
Main courses from £6.50

The Terrace
Macdonald Southgate Hotel
Southernhay East
Exeter, EX1 1QF
Tel: 01392 412812
Fax: 01392 413549
Email: events.southgate@macdonaldhotels.co.uk
www.southgate-hotel.co.uk

This light and airy restaurant is open Monday to Friday lunchtimes and is an ideal venue for a light, informal lunch with friends or colleagues.

Starters from £4.75
Main courses from £8.75
The Treasury Restaurant
St Olaves Hotel
Mary Arches Street
Exeter, EX4 3AZ
Tel: 01392 217736 Fax: 01392 413054
Email: info@olaves.co.uk
www.olaves.co.uk

AA 2 Rosette

The Treasury at St Olaves Hotel is open to non-residents for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Eat in the hotel or al fresco in the walled garden.

Starters from £3.95
Main courses from £6.95

Special Food Retailer and Delicatessens

Eating out doesn’t always have to be indoors. Exeter has some beautiful parks and gardens as well as the Historic Quayside, so picnicking in the city can be a pleasure. Or why not buy some tasty ingredients and try some recipes at home.

Effings
74 Queen Street, Exeter, EX4 3RX
Tel: 01392 211888 Email: info@effings.co.uk
www.effings.co.uk

Devon Life - “Best Specialist Food Shop 2006”

Delicatessen and restaurant combined. Cheeses, antipasti and cured meats sit alongside pates, cooked meats, ready meals, sweet and savoury tarts, salads, sandwiches and patisserie from the kitchen. Picnics, gift hampers and catering for parties

Starters from £2.50
Home made ready meals from £3.95
For more information on places to visit and stay in and around Exeter please contact or visit:

**Exeter Tourist Information Centre**
Dix’s Field, Exeter, EX1 1RQ
Tel: 01392 265700
Fax: 01392 265260
Email: tic@exeter.gov.uk
www.exeter.gov.uk/visiting
www.essentialdevon.com

Exeter Tourist Information Centre offers a wide range of services to help make your stay in the area as enjoyable as possible, including:

- Accommodation bookings, brochures and leaflets,
- Events information, bus and train timetables, discount vouchers, maps, books and souvenirs.

**Open:**
Monday - Saturday: 9am - 5pm
Sunday: 10am - 4pm (July and August)
Bank Holidays: 10am - 4pm
Reduced opening Christmas and New Year

**Exeter Cathedral**
Cathedral Close
Tel: 01392 285983 www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

**Exeter Red Coat Guided Tours**
Civic Centre, Paris Street
Tel: 01392 265203 www.exeter.gov.uk/visiting

**Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery**
Queen Street
Tel: 01392 665858 www.exeter.gov.uk/museums

**Exeter Phoenix**
Bradninch Place, Gandy Street
Tel: 01392 667080 www.exeterphoenix.org.uk

**Quay House Visitor Centre**
The Quay
Tel: 01392 271611 www.exeter.gov.uk/visiting

**Spacex**
Preston Street
Tel: 01392 431786 www.spacex.co.uk

**Topsham Museum**
The Strand, Topsham
Tel: 01392 873244

**City Wall Trail**
Leaflets available from Exeter Tourist Information Centre
Tel: 01392 265700

**Woollen Trail**
Leaflets available from Exeter Tourist Information Centre
Tel: 01392 265700 www.ex.ac.uk/iais

**Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies**
University of Exeter, Stocker Road
Tel: 01392 264036