

The Year of April

A World Cup Food Guide



A GLOBAL BITE OF KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY'S GLOBAL FOOD SCENE FOR THE WORLD CUP

Kansas City sits across two states, and during the World Cup, that means two completely different food scenes.

On the Kansas side, you'll find some of the city's newest global discoveries, from cozy cafés to vibrant cultural food spots.

On the Missouri side, the experience slows down into rooted neighborhood favorites, culturally layered communities, and local places that give the city its character.

You've already heard about Kansas City barbecue.

This guide is for what comes next: the cozy cafés, hidden gems, global flavors, and cultural experiences that make Kansas City feel immersive, local, and worth wandering between matches.

Save the map to plan your food stops across Kansas City.

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KANSAS

GLOBAL FLAVORS & NEW DISCOVERIES

ANTOJITOS DEL PERU

7809 Quivira Rd, Lenexa, KS 66216

Step into one of the world's most diverse cuisines. From salchipapas (Peruvian sausage and fries) to vibrant ceviche (pictured), this cozy spot offers a flavorful introduction to Peruvian culture.

EL SALVADOREÑO

9860 W 87th St, Overland Park, KS 66212

A cozy Salvadoran spot serving authentic comfort food and handmade staples like pupusas (stuffed corn flatbreads). It's the perfect stop for a warm, filling meal that feels deeply homemade.

KIYOSHI OMAKASE

8016 Santa Fe Dr, Overland Park, KS 66204

A reservation-only omakase experience featuring 12–18 chef-curated courses and live sushi preparation. Tucked away in Overland Park, it feels less like suburban Kansas and more like stepping into Japan for the night.

SAAP SAAP NOODLES

8750 Penrose Ln, Lenexa, KS 66219

This family-run noodle spot shares authentic flavors from Laos and Thailand through recipes passed down for generations. Don't miss the khao piak sen, a comforting Lao noodle soup full of rich homemade flavor.

TURATH COFFEE

9916 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66210

A spacious Arabic coffee shop rooted in tradition, hospitality, and late-night connection. Stop in for handcrafted drinks and a soulful atmosphere that feels both elegant and welcoming.

AFRICAN DREAM CUISINE

8750 Penrose Ln, Lenexa, KS 66219

A welcoming African restaurant serving bold, soulful dishes rooted in tradition and made with care. Don't leave without trying the fufu, a staple experience that brings people together through food and culture.

MISSOURI

ROOTED NEIGHBORHOODS & CULTURAL LAYERING

CAFÉ CORAZÓN

110 SW Blvd, Kansas city, MO 64108 +2 other locations

An Indigenous-owned café inspired by Argentinian flavors and slow connection. Stop in for empanadas, alfajores, and a warm cup of yerba mate, a cozy introduction to one of soccer culture's most iconic traditions.

TIAN TEA HOUSE

911 E 5th St, Kansas City, MO 64106

Rooted in Chinese tea tradition, the owner serves carefully curated teas alongside minimalist desserts in a quiet, intentional space.

The tea jelly is a must-try you won't find elsewhere in the city.

WESTPORT CAFE

419 Westport Rd, Kansas City, MO 64111

A cozy French-inspired café known for its soft, jiggly lemon ricotta pancakes, perfect for a brunch that feels both classic and a little playful.

TAQUERIA MEXICO #2

5920 Independence Ave, KC, MO 64125

A family-run taqueria serving authentic Mexican comfort food, from street tacos to traditional platters full of bold, vibrant flavor.

Come hungry for handmade classics and a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

INDEPENDENCE AVE INTERNATIONAL CORRIDOR

For one of Kansas City's most globally layered neighborhoods, explore the Independence Avenue corridor.

A longtime hub for immigrant-owned restaurants, markets, and cultural communities.

BEYOND THE FOOD

MORE WAYS TO EXPERIENCE KANSAS CITY

EUROPEAN MARKET + CAFE

11170 ANTIOCH RD, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

More than just a café, this cultural gathering space hosts Sunday tea experiences, weekly live music, and rotating seasonal events.

Check their website or social pages for upcoming events.

SALUMI ROSE

7443 BROADWAY, KANSAS CITY, MO 64114

A hands-on experience spot offering charcuterie workshops, wood-burning classes, candle painting, mahjong nights, and more. Perfect for groups looking for something creative and social.

Workshops can be booked online or through social media.

WWI MUSEUM/FAN FEST

2 MEMORIAL DR, KANSAS CITY, MO 64108

During the World Cup, the National WWI Museum grounds transform into one of Kansas City's biggest gathering spaces for international fans, live match screenings, and cultural celebrations.

Even outside tournament events, the museum offers one of the city's most iconic skyline views.

I'm April Jay, a travel storyteller drawn to cozy spaces, global flavors, and the moments that make a city feel alive.

From cafés to cultural food experiences, I love exploring the connections that food creates around the world.



Thanks for exploring with me!

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