

The Year of April

Beyond the BBQ

A GLOBAL BITE OF KANSAS CITY



KANSAS CITY'S GLOBAL FOOD SCENE FOR THE WORLD CUP

Kansas City spans two states, which means two completely different food scenes.

On the Kansas side, you'll find some of the city's newest global discoveries, where international flavors, cultural traditions, and entrepreneurial stories continue to reshape the region.

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 moments of connection that happen around a shared table, a neighborhood café, a cultural celebration, or an unexpected conversation that makes a city feel a little bigger than before.

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 vibrant ceviche (pictured) to comforting lomo saltado and refreshing chicha morada, 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. It's the kind of place that feels less like dining out and more like being welcomed into someone's home.

KIYOSHI OMAKASE

8016 Santa Fe Dr, Overland Park, KS 66204

A reservation-only omakase experience featuring 12–14 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 house rooted in tradition, hospitality, and late-night connection. Handcrafted drinks, rich aromas, and a warm atmosphere make it easy to linger long after your cup is empty.

AFRICAN DREAM CUISINE

8750 Penrose Ln, Lenexa, KS 66219

An African restaurant serving bold, soulful dishes rooted in tradition and made with care. Meals here are as much about culture and connection as they are about flavor, offering a shared dining experience that invites curiosity, conversation, and discovery.

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. A reminder that some of the city's most meaningful cultural experiences are found in neighborhood storefronts.

WESTPORT CAFE

419 Westport Rd, Kansas City, MO 64111

A French-inspired bistro serving classic dishes, curated wines, and a touch of Parisian charm. It's the kind of place that encourages you to slow down and savor the experience as much as the meal.

TAQUERIA MEXICO #2

5920 Independence Ave, KC, MO 64125

A family-run taqueria serving authentic Mexican comfort food, from street tacos to traditional platters rooted in generations of culinary tradition. More neighborhood gathering place than restaurant, it's a warm introduction to everyday Mexican hospitality.

INDEPENDENCE AVE INTERNATIONAL CORRIDOR

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

Home to immigrant-owned restaurants, markets, and cultural businesses from around the world, it offers one of the city's richest cultural experiences.

BEYOND THE FOOD

MORE WAYS TO EXPERIENCE KANSAS CITY

EUROPEAN MARKET & CAFE

11170 ANTIOCH RD, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

More than a cafe and market, this gathering space celebrates European culture through traditional foods, Sunday tea experiences, live music, and seasonal events.

It's a place where food, community, and cultural traditions come together around a shared table.

SALUMI ROSE

7443 BROADWAY, KANSAS CITY, MO 64114

Part workshop, part gathering space, Salumi Rose brings people together through creative experiences designed for connection. From charcuterie classes to mahjong nights, each event encourages guests to slow down, create, and share time together.

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 experiences, I'm drawn to the stories, traditions, and moments of connection that make a place feel alive.



Thanks for exploring with me!

Explore more cozy, global, deeply local stories ~



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