



Happy Birthday, Oreo

Raise a glass of milk to salute the Oreo cookie, which celebrates its 100th birthday Mar. 6. Or, better yet, try an Oreo-inspired treat at some of our favourite spots around town. Fatburger (page 66) offers an Oreo milkshake for kids and adults alike, while Society (page 66) serves up an adults-only version, complete with frangelico and crème de cacao. Butter Baked Goods (page 67) has a chocolate sandwich cookie, referred to as the homemade “you know what,” and Marble Slab Creamery (page 67) can mix Oreos into any ice cream on the menu. Here’s to the next 100 years of Oreos!—*Sheri Radford*

ECLECTIC

ALTITUDES BISTRO This chic restaurant atop Grouse Mountain has a two-tiered patio and a stunning view. Fresh produce is a mainstay. Wheelchair accessibility can be tricky in winter. \$\$ L/D (daily); last Skyride up the mountain is at 10 pm. 6400 Nancy Greene Way. 604-998-4398. www.grousemountain.com & **Map 4: A4**

EUROPEAN

CHAMBAR BELGIAN RESTAURANT Other European, Where to Dine Awards since 2007. Chef of the Year, *Vancouver* magazine 2011. Best Other European, *Vancouver* magazine since 2008. You might come for the moules-frites (three ways, no less), and you’ll likely stay for the atmo-

sphere. \$\$\$ D (daily). 562 Beatty St. 604-879-7119. www.chambar.com & **Map 1: C6**

FRENCH

BACCHUS RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE Best Bar/Lounge, *Vancouver* magazine since 2006. This four-diamond restaurant is in the Wedgewood Hotel & Spa, Vancouver’s only Relais & Chateaux property. The modern French menu may include wild British Columbia salmon. Reservations recommended. Valet parking. \$\$\$ B/L/D (daily), brunch (Sa-Su). 845 Hornby St. 604-608-5319. www.wedgewoodhotel.com & **Map 1: C5**

BISTROT BISTRO Classic French country cuisine meets contemporary

design at this intimate Kitsilano restaurant. Menu changes seasonally. \$\$ D (daily). 1961 W. 4th Ave. 604-732-0004. www.bistrotbistro.com & **Map 1: E2**

LE CROCODILE French, Where to Dine Awards since 2005. Best Formal French, *Vancouver* magazine since 2008. Michel Jacob’s solidly flavoured dishes are served with flair but little fuss. \$\$\$ L (M-F), D (M-Sa). 909 Burrard St. Entrance on Smithe St. 604-669-4298. www.lecrocodilerestaurant.com & **Map 1: C4**

LES FAUX BOURGEOIS Enjoy gourmet dishes such as canard confit and portobello mushroom parmentier, followed by a sweet serving of milk chocolate mousse. \$\$ D (Tu-Su). 909 E. 15th Ave. 604-873-9733. www.lesfauxbourgeois.com & **Map 4: D4**

GREEK

KALYPSO RESTAURANT In the heart of downtown, come for the souvlaki, calamari and oven-roasted lamb, then stay for the belly dancing (F-Sa and special events). \$\$ L/D (daily). 1323 Robson St. 604-689-5550. www.kalypsorestaurant.ca & **Map 1: B4**

SIMPATICO RESTAURANT

Established in 1969, this restaurant evokes the cool vibe of the Greek island of Mykonos. Butterknife-tender roast lamb and crusty whole-wheat pizza are the house specialties. \$-\$\$ L/D (daily). 2222 W. 4th Ave. 604-733-6824. www.simpaticorestaurant.ca Partial & **Map 1: E2**

INDIAN

SITAR RESTAURANT Specialists since 1983 in meat and vegetarian dishes of India, such as tandoori, vindaloo, biriyani, korma and butter chicken, in a setting of handsome wood and brick with a large window overlooking the street. Drop in or reserve. \$\$ L/D (daily). 8 Powell St. 604-687-0049. www.sitarrestaurant.net & **Map 1: C7**

VIJ’S Indian, Where to Dine Awards since 2005. Best Indian, *Vancouver* magazine since 1996. Vij’s superb, innovative Indian fare evolves at whim, with a menu that changes frequently. Regulars rave over the lamb “popsicles.” Wonderful vegetarian

>> HUNGRY

Large appetites are required for breakfast plates such as the Yukon-style bacon and eggs at Tomahawk Barbecue (page 64), North Van’s longest-running diner.