Some recommendations for nearby Lunch/Dinner/Nightlife

Lunch (all in Rice Village)

C4. Jason's Deli (2400 University Blvd); “yuppie” New York style deli, varied menu, salad bar, a lot of seating

G1. Croissant Brioche (2435 Rice Blvd); French Bakery & Cafe, best coffee/lattes and bakery around; sandwiches, salads, soups and quiches

D1. Istanbul Grill (5613 Morningside); Good Turkish food!

J1. Sweet Paris Creperie & Café (2420 Rice Blvd); sweet and savory crepes, salads, sandwiches, beer and wine

B2. La Madeline's (6205 Kirby); French cafe and bakery chain

E2. Prego (2520 Amherst St); good Italian cuisine $$ for pasta dishes, $$$ for other dishes

C3. D’Amico's Italian Market & Cafe (5510 Morningside Dr); combination of Italian grocery, deli and trattoria

G5. Salento Cafe (2407 Rice Blvd); salads, sandwiches, coffees, wine; free Wi-Fi Wed-Sat open until midnight

G4. Kahn's Deli (2429 Rice Blvd); authentic New York Style deli, limited seating

M1. Jersey Mike's Subs (5819 Kirby Dr), longer walk

E1. Brown Bag Deli (2523 Amherst St); sandwiches

D6. Ruggles Cafe (2365 Rice Blvd); soups, sandwiches, burgers (good but a little more expensive some other cafes)

L2. Thai Spice (5117 Kelvin); another Thai lunch buffet

L3. Local Foods (2424 Dunstan Rd); gourmet salads and sandwiches made with local ingredients, very popular and crowded

C5. Bombay Brasserie (2414 University, upstairs across from Jason’s Deli); Excellent Indian food, $11 lunch buffet

Q1. Seco’s Latin Cuisine (2536 Nottingham St); a very small place but they are reasonably priced and have good food!

G3. Torchy's Tacos (2400 Times Blvd); really good, inexpensive tacos

Dinner (in or near Rice Village)

$=most entrees under $10, $$=most entrees under $20, $$$=most entrees under $30

D1. Istanbul Grille (5613 Morningside); Good Turkish food! $  

C5. Bombay Brasserie (2414 University, upstairs across from Jason’s Deli); Excellent Indian food $$

C6. Kubo's Sushi Bar & Grill (2414 University Blvd) $$$

E2. Prego (2520 Amherst St); good Italian cuisine $$ for pasta dishes, $$$ for other dishes

A1. Mi Luna (2441 University Blvd); Tapas Bar and Restaurant, very popular $$

C7. Miss Saigon’s Cafe (5503 Kelvin Dr); Vietnamese $$

L1. Benjy's (2424 Dunstan Rd); modern American cuisine, very good but very crowded $$-$ $$

G2. Cafe Rabelais (2442 Times Blvd); Excellent French Restaurant and wine bar $$

B2. La Madeline's (6205 Kirby); French cafe and bakery chain $

P2. Chipotle (5600 Kirby); burritos, for those on a budget! $

J1. Sweet Paris Creperie & Café (2420 Rice Blvd); sweet and savory crepes, salads, sandwiches, beer and wine $

E8. Black Walnut Cafe (5510 Morningside); contemporary American food; good pastas, free wi-fi $

P3. Azuma (5600 Kirby); Very trendy and popular Japanese restaurant and Sushi bar (also very pricey and crowded)

Q1. Seco’s Latin Cuisine (2536 Nottingham St); a very small place but they are reasonably priced and have good food! $$

R1. Simone on Sunset (2418 Sunset Blvd); very casual but nice wine bar on Sunset, they also have outside seating.
Nightlife (in or near Rice Village, walking distance)

D2. Ginger Man Pub (5607 Morningside); Huge selection of beers! wine, cider, snacks; nice back patio, darts
N2. Big Easy (5731 Kirby Dr); live blues and zydeco, no cover, pool tables, full bar, dancing
L3. Kelvin Arms (2424 Dunstan Rd); Scottish Pub; more than 20 beers on tap and over forty malt scotches
Ll. Benjy’s (2424 Dunstan Rd); Upscale trendy lounge upstairs from restaurant
G2. Cafe Rabelais (2442 Times Blvd); Wine bar and French Restaurant
O4. Brian O’Neil’s Restaurant & Irish Pub (5555 Morningside Dr); pub and restaurant, some sofas, front patio, full bar
C2. Baker St. Pub and Grill (5510 Morningside); live music, lunch, dinner, pool tables, free wi-fi
O3. Bronx Bar (5555 Morningside Dr); small bar, mixed drinks and beer
N1. Hans' Bier Haus (2523 Quenby); good craft beer selection
{Rice campus} Valhalla (Rice’s “grad student bar”, beneath Keck Hall front steps); cheapest beer around
F1. Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar (2525 Rice Blvd); sports bar, trivia
O5. Little Woodrow's (5611 Morningside)
B5. Starbucks (2520 University Blvd)
D6. Ruggles Cafe (2365 Rice Blvd); a lot of good desserts (open till 10 pm) (See map for locations)

What’s open on Campus on the weekend

Salento at the Brochstein Pavilion; breakfast, coffee, sandwiches; Saturday and Sunday 9:00am – 6:00pm
Rice Coffee House (Rice Memorial Center); coffee, pastries; Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm; Sunday 2:00pm – 1:00am
ReChargeU (Rice Memorial Center); convenience store; Saturday 10:00am – 10:00pm
Valhalla; beer and snacks; Saturday Closed; Sunday 7:00pm – 2:00 am

Transportation

Yellow Cab: 713-236-1111
Hilton Shuttle: 713-313-4000
Holiday Inn Reliant Stadium Shuttle: 713-790-1900
A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING:
Ruggles Green, 2311 West Alabama, 77098
Jason's Deli, Rice Village, 2350 University Boulevard, 77005
Black Walnut Cafe, Rice Village, 5510 Morningside Dr, 77005
Hungry's, Rice Village, 2356 Rice Boulevard, 77005
Empire Cafe, 1732 Westheimer Road Houston, 77019

TEX-MEX:
The Original Ninfa's (they invented fajitas!), 2704 Navigation Boulevard, 77003
Escalanles, Highland Village, 4053 Weslheimer Rd, 77027
Goode Company Taqueria, 4902 Kirby Drive, 77098

MEXICAN:
Hugo’s Restaurant, 1600 Westheimer, 77006 (excellent but pricey; reservations recommended)

SUSHI:
Nippon, 4464 Montrose Boulevard, 77006
Azuma, Downtown. 909 Texas Street, 77002
Kata Robata (more than just sushi), 3600 Kirby Drive, 77098

AMERICAN:
The Counter: Custom Built Burgers, 4601 Washington Avenue, 77007
Benjy's, Rice Village, 2424 Dunstan Road, 77005
Goode Company Barbeque, 5109 Kirby Drive, 77098
Raven Grill, 1916 Bissonnet Street, 77005
Hearsay Gastro Lounge, Downtown, 218 Travis Street, 77002

ITALIAN:
Dolce Vita, 500 Westheimer Road, 77006
Vinoteca Poscol, 1609 Westheimer Road Houston, 77006

FRENCH:
Brasserie Max & Julie, 4315 Montrose Boulevard, 77006
Cafe Rabelais, Rice Village, 2442 Times Boulevard, 77005
Bistro des Amis, Rice Village, 2347 University Boulevard, 77005

INDIAN:
Shiva, Rice Village, 2514 Times Boulevard, 77005

THAI:
Thai Village, Rice Village, 2512 Times Boulevard, 77005

DESSERTS:
Berripop, Rice Village, 2339 University Boulevard, 77005
Swirl, Rice Village, 2531 University Boulevard, 77005
Chocolate Bar, Rice Village, 2521 University Boulevard, 77005
Ruggles Cafe Bakery, Rice Village, 2365 Rice Boulevard, 77005
Sweet Paris Creperie & Café, Rice Village, 2420 Rice Boulevard, 77005

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