

Pizzeria Bianco Pizza House Winner (Phoenix)

623 E. Adams St. Phoenix, AZ 85004

In a society that relishes life in the fast lane, admired chef Chris Bianco is teaching downtown Phoenix to slow down and appreciate what pizza is supposed to taste like. Although the wait list can be long, patrons can enjoy appetizers and a drink or two next door at Bar Bianco, open Tuesday through Saturday, 4pm to 11pm. The atmosphere is casual and relaxed with the wait staff being extremely friendly and informative, and after waiting two hours for a seat, they should be! The guests range from after-work businessmen to elderly tourists. The menu is simple and straightforward, you will not find a pizza with ham and pineapple in this restaurant, there are only hand-picked Italian toppings. They are open Tuesday through Saturday, 5pm to 10 pm. Be sure to arrive early to avoid a long wait!

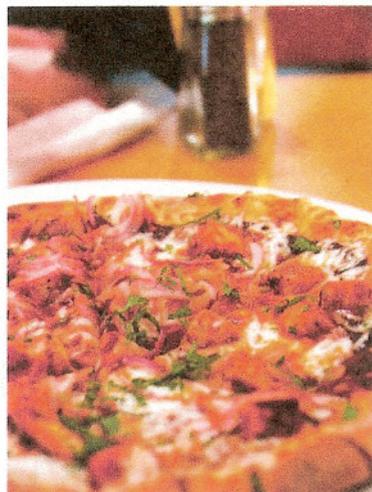
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Buca Di Beppo Pizza House Winner (Scottsdale)

3828 North Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85251

With over 100 locations nationwide, this Italian eatery has developed a reputation for flavorful pasta dishes served "family-style", meaning that they're intended to be shared or consumed by one very hungry person! Recently, however, they have introduced the "Buca Mio" plates of individual portions. Either way you go, you are in for a treat, but Buca di Beppo is a restaurant designed for groups of friends or family looking to share food, drinks, and laughs over a red-and-white checkered tablecloth. The sprawling dining room is decorated with vintage Italian-American kitsch and features a six-person booth placed in the middle of the kitchen, in addition to the infamous "Pope Room" for parties of 15 diners or more.

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Venizias Pizza House Winner (Tempe)

33 E. Southern Ave. Tempe, AZ 85282

From Italy to Arizona, the Montanile family owned and operated restaurant has carried their tradition of making great pizza from Rio Rancho, New Mexico to Tempe, Arizona. With three valley locations and two in New Mexico, they make my favorite chicken pesto pizza easier to enjoy wherever I might be. Being located in a college town they also make it easier on students wallets with great student discounts and daily specials. With more than 20 toppings, you can create your own perfect pizza or choose from their 10 signature extreme pizzas. Family friendly, they also serve wings and calzones, sandwiches, pasta and salads, as well as appetizers and desserts, with an optional kid menu. Hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday 11am to 10pm and Friday and Saturdays 11am to 11pm.

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