

some places to eat in Winchester (not in any particular order)

River Cottage Canteen: <http://www.rivercottage.net/canteens/winchester/>

“Hugh Fearnly-Whittingstall’s River Cottage Canteen Winchester is located in the stunningly converted grade two listed Abbey Mill building in Abbey Mill Gardens just off the Broadway in Winchester city centre. The Canteen offers a combination of freshly prepared seasonal, local, organic and wild food, on a regularly changing menu, in the relaxed ambience of the restaurant. There is a separate bar area offering a selection of local cider, beer, River Cottage seasonal cocktails, coffees, cakes and snacks throughout the day and evening time.” (Abbey Mill Gardens 01962 457 747)

Chesil Rectory: <http://www.chesilrectory.co.uk/>

“The Chesil Rectory is a unique and historic restaurant located in Winchester which occupies a 600 year old grade II listed Medieval house of exceptional character and charm. Independently owned since 2008 by a small group of friends who share a passion for food and wine, the Chesil Rectory offers a modern British menu featuring simple, classic, seasonal dishes and an abundance of fresh local produce.” (1 Chesil Street 01962 851 555)

Brasserie Blanc: <http://brasserieblanc.com/location/winchester/>

A Raymond Blanc brasserie. “Our desire is that every brasserie feels as authentic, warm and welcoming as Maman Blanc’s home, with a comfortable space where our guests can gather & savour all the various moments of the day, from that first essential coffee of the day, enjoyed with the morning papers, to delicious fresh breakfasts or that mid-morning coffee and pastry.” (19/20 Jewry Street 01962 810 870)

Kyoto Kitchen: <http://www.kyotokitchen.co.uk/>

An excellent and authentic Japanese restaurant. “Specialising in Sushi and Sashimi, our menu contains many different dishes that will introduce you to authentic Japanese cuisine.” (70 Parchment Street 01962 890 895)

Tanoshii Fusion: <http://www.tanoshiifusion.co.uk/>

“At Tanoshii Fusion we are passionate about food and creating exquisite dishes, new tastes and new ways to re–create delicacies from all over Asia. We aim to make every dining experience unique and enjoyable. Our chefs create enchanting cuisine with a twist of fusion; bringing together quality Japanese, Thai, Korean & Chinese, ingredients and spices to offer new dining experiences that reflect the Asian world.” (12 Upper High Street 01962 820288)

The Black Rat: <http://theblackrat.co.uk/>

The Black Rat Restaurant was converted from a pub into a quaint and quirky restaurant that is situated on the fringe of the town centre, along Chesil Street. A year after opening, the team acquired one of the most prestigious accolades in catering, a Michelin Star. “Our ingredients are sourced from some of the best local suppliers that can be found and we have our own forager who brings the most seasonal and fresh products available. Located nearby is our kitchen garden where we grow some of our own herbs and vegetables, all of which helps to inspire the kitchen team to create their take on a Modern British menu. The atmosphere is relaxed but homely with lots to look at in all the rooms, and the service is informal but attentive with an individual personal touch.” (88 Chesil Street 01962 844465)

Rick Stein, Winchester: <https://www.rickstein.com/eat-with-us/rick-stein-winchester/>

“Rick’s first restaurant to open outside of Cornwall. With a nod towards his coastal heritage, this restaurant brings the freshest fish, simply cooked to Winchester. With a delicious a la carte dinner menu, and set menu option for lunch this is the perfect place to eat in Winchester.” (7-8 High Street, 01962 353535)

Porterhouse: <http://www.porterhouserestaurant.co.uk/>

“It’s about doing something simple and doing it better than anybody else. That something is Beef. 100% grass fed, naturally reared Beef.” (24 Jewry Street 01962 810 532)

Loch Fyne: <http://www.lochfynefoodandgrill.co.uk/locations/winchester>

“The building that is home to Loch Fyne in Winchester dates back to 1509. Our separate bar area is an excellent place to sit and have a drink before you dine - enjoy a glass of wine from a list that has been specially created to complement our menu. The wine bottles are displayed scaling our high walls, which leads your eyes to our magnificent upstairs dining area. With its original fire place settings and wooden beams, this section of our restaurant should be experienced by all. For an unparalleled selection of fresh and seasonal dishes from an extensive *à la carte* menu, our Loch Fyne Winchester restaurant is the place to be. We are pleased to offer dishes to suit all tastes - come and see for yourself today.” (18 Jewry Street 01962 872 930)

Forte Tea Rooms and Brasserie

A wonderfully old-fashioned tea room, just off the High Street. (78 Parchment Street 01962 856840)

There are also Italian/pizza restaurants –

Zizzi (57 High Street 01962 841 814)

Prezzo (16 Jewry Street 01962 864 256)