

"He was a bold man who first swallowed



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DEVOUR DOWNTOWN

Take advantage of these dining deals now at restaurants worth visiting all year long.

SINCE 2005, THE DEVOUR DOWNTOWN event has offered a chance for diners to sample some of Downtown's best restaurants on a budget-friendly, \$30 prix fixe menu. More than 40 restaurants are participating in the event from August 8–21, and many of these places also offer deals during the winter event each year. With multiple options for each course, there's something to satisfy every palate. Here are a few suggestions to start your culinary exploration. For more choices, visit devourdowntown.org.

FOGO DE CHAO

If there's one thing this Brazilian *churrascaria* does best, it's meat, and during the Devour event this summer, you can order from the steakhouse's traditional

menu for a fraction of the usual cost. For \$30 per person, you get access to the extensive salad bar that is almost misleading in description—much more than just veggies and dressing; a selection of more than 10 fire-roasted meats, sliced and served at your table (when you flash the appropriate card); a choice of sides; and one of the restaurant's six decadent-looking desserts. Try the signature Papa-ya Cream. 117 E. Washington St., 658-4000, fogodechao.com

CAPITAL GRILLE

Reserve a table at the Capital Grille for an elegant dinner at one of Indy's best fine-dining restaurants—it recently earned an "Achievement of Excellence Award" from

the American Culinary Federation. Order the creme brulee for dessert and experience a treat the restaurant touts as "nothing short of inspired." 40 W. Washington St., 425-8790, thecapitalgrille.com

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There's something new here every day, as the menu is based on seasonal availability of only the freshest fish and produce. The Devour menu is no exception. Stop in for a varied, \$30-per-person prix fixe menu guaranteed to include select options of market-fresh fish and possibly a few house favorites. If it's available, try the Cioppino, a traditional fisherman's stew from the San Francisco area. 50 S. Meridian St., 955-2277, theoceanair.com

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A staple in Downtown Indianapolis since 1902, St. Elmo is still the place to go for a hearty steak dinner and other fine-dining options. Take advantage of the prix fixe menu—at \$30 per person, you get three courses, with several options, for less than the price of a regular filet mignon. Choose from the restaurant's signature dishes, like the shrimp cocktail with its infamous fiery sauce to start, or a traditional filet mignon for your entree. 127 S. Illinois St., 655-0656, stelmos.com

HARRY & IZZY'S

St. Elmo's casual cousin, Harry & Izzy's dishes up innovative and mouth-watering plates to patrons looking for more options at moderate prices. The restaurant offers lunch and vegetarian menus

at \$20 per person, and a dinner menu for \$30 per person. Start your meal with the ever-popular crab cakes, and polish off the evening with the most talked-about dessert—Chef Dave's Brownie. 155 S. Illinois St., 655-9594, harryandizzys.com

WEBER GRILL

It's rare that you'll find someone grilling burgers indoors (yikes!) but that's exactly what you'll see at Weber Grill, where the chefs in the open kitchen cook your order on over-sized Weber kettle grills. The Devour menu here is perfect for barbecue lovers. Order the "barbecue combo choose 3" and get a mouth-watering plateful of three choices of the restaurant's signature barbecue dishes, including beef brisket, pulled pork, ribs, meatloaf, chicken, or smoked sausage. 10 N. Illinois St., 656-7600, webergrillrestaurant.com •

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