

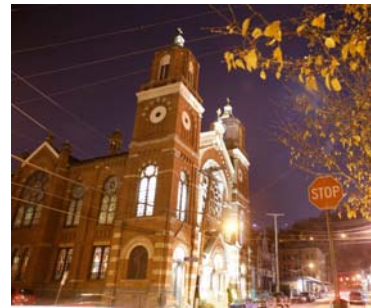
From Dusk 'Til Dawn – Celebrating the 24-hour nature of the Strip



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The Strip District is Pittsburgh's only 24-hour neighborhood. From produce trucks rolling through in the wee hours of the morning to “dance the night away” clubs, there's always something happening. Experience the Strip from dusk 'til dawn and back again...

1. **Mass at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church** – A good way to start your day is with Mass at **St. Stan's**, 21st and Smallman Streets. This Romanesque-style church, designed by Pittsburgh architect Frederick Sauer, was built in 1891 to serve the first Polish congregation in Pittsburgh. **St. Stan's** features a three-dimensional crown over the altar, ornately carved wood, including Stations of the Cross labeled in Polish, and so many stained glass windows that the walls seem to be more glass than plaster. The stained glass windows, produced at the Royal Bavarian Art Institute in Munich, have been described by experts as some of the finest stained glass in the US. The Great Rose Window, 20 feet in diameter dominating the façade of the church, has recently been restored, thanks in part to donations and funds raised from weekly pierogi sales. **St. Stan's** was designated a historic landmark in 1970. Pray for stamina...you'll need it for the rest of the day.



2. **Brunch at Pamela's P&G Diner** – Just across the street from **St. Stan's** is **Pamela's P&G Diner** where you can find a fantastic brunch. The inspiration for the décor in Pamela's relies heavily on '50's nostalgia, with a pink and aqua color scheme, Fiesta dinnerware, “scribble” shades on the lighting fixtures, and scads of photos of prom nights, graduations, birthday parties, and lots of little kids dressed like Ralphie in “Christmas Story.” But don't expect silver dollar pancakes. The hotcakes at **Pamela's** are ultra-thin, with crisp edges and are bursting with fruit and whipped or sour cream – more like crepes. The triple cheese omelet is a cheese lovers dream, the cinnamony french toast is heavenly, and



don't forget to try the "Almost-Famous Lyonnaise Potatoes."

3. **Food Shopping** – Conventional wisdom advises that you never shop for food on an empty stomach and, if so, you won't have any problems on that score after brunching at Pamela's. Nonetheless, you will find it difficult to resist the abundance of gustatory delights to be had in the Strip. For many Pittsburghers, the Strip is all about food – ethnic food, seafood, produce, baked goods, sweets, and scores of gourmet specialties. Smart travelers will bring an ice chest with them to keep their food fresh (although many of the vendors will arrange for shipping). Some "don't miss" favorites:

- Find the freshest and most delectable seafood west of the Atlantic and east of the Pacific at **Benkovitz Seafoods** or **Wholey's Market** and be sure to check **Strip District Meats** if you need a special cut of meat.
- Visit **Reyna Foods**, **Labad's**, **Stamoolis Brothers**, and **WFH Oriental Food Market** for a world of ethnic specialties
- **Penn Mac** has an astounding array of domestic and imported cheese, fresh handmade pasta, critically heralded olive oils, and many other surprises
- Go to **Parma Sausage** for fresh, cooked, and dry-cured sausages made right in the Strip for four generations from family recipes



- Follow your nose to delicious brews at **Fortune's Coffee** or **La Prima Espresso**
- Spice it up at **Penzey's Spices**
- For baked goods, visit **Enrico Biscotti** for hand-shaped and cut biscotti or **Mancini's Bread** for artistic creations that you can eat

After shopping in the Strip you too will be able to make cooking into an art form!

4. **Lunch at Rolands** – By the time you complete your grocery shopping list, you will be ready to catch your breath and unwind. The perfect time to toddle off to **Roland's Seafood Grill** for a leisurely lunch. Choose from the fresh shellfish, lobster and shrimp overflowing their incredible seafood bar; an outstanding selection of soups, salads, sandwiches and pastas; wood-fired pizzas; or, best of all, treat yourself to **Roland's** signature Hot Lobster Roll (chunks of sweet lobster meat, sautéed with garlic, encased in thickly sliced grilled bread – both soft and crunchy at the same time). And don't forget to complement your meal with a selection from their extensive assortment of imported beers. If weather permits, dine outside on the deck and watch the parade of happy shoppers passing through the Strip.



5. **Shopping for Something Special** – Feeling rejuvenated after your relaxing lunch, you will be ready to embark on an additional shopping adventure for a distinctive gift, a personal indulgence, or the ever-popular serendipitous discovery. Stroll through the Strip and stop when the spirit moves you. You’re bound to find something interesting almost everywhere. To get you started, here are some suggestions:

- **Collage Jewelry, Gifts and Furnishings** – The definition of a collage is “an assembly of diverse elements” and **Collage** provides a vast array of beautiful items designed to suit most every taste. At **Collage** you will find art work, from classy to quirky, popular collectible lines, distinctive jewelry from one-of-a-kind designs to traditional Celtic claddaghs, a constantly changing selection of antique furniture, specializing in Arts and Crafts and mission pieces, stained glass lamps, designer accents, colorful pottery and much, much more. The discerning eye that created this **Collage** will have you coming back again and again.



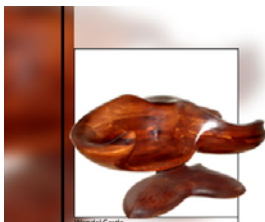
- **Mon Aimee Chocolat** – Visit **Mon Aimee Chocolat** and enjoy a complete chocolate experience unlike any other. Whether you have a passion for delectable unique chocolates, have a craving for the smooth creaminess of gelato, are searching for the perfect confection for a special event favor, or want to create a very special gift, you will find what you want at **Mon Aimee**. They welcome special requests.



- If your taste runs to antiques, visit **Zerrer’s Antiques** for an eclectic blend of furniture, small collectibles, artwork, glassware, vintage jewelry, and architectural items to suit any budget. If you are looking for unique objects to decorate the perfect home, **Zerrer’s** is a great place to start.
- Or patronize the **Sidewalk Vendors** for Pittsburgh souvenirs, flowers, handmade finger puppets, and other interesting tidbits!



6. **Visit the Society for Contemporary Craft** – If you get tired of shopping, or your bags are just too full to carry one more thing, take some time to tour the **Society for Contemporary Craft**. Since 1971, **SCC** has showcased multicultural and non-mainstream art, created by artists from around the world, that challenges visitors to think about art in new ways, while also raising the standards of excellence in the field. But if you can’t keep yourself from buying “just one more thing,” The Store at **SCC** features art created in wood,



glass, ceramics, metal fiber and found objects, including jewelry, wearable art, furniture, toys, and objects for the home.

7. **Dine in Style** – The Strip provides a wide variety of excellent munchables so consult your mood, your appetite, and your pocketbook, then go for it! Some suggestions, in no particular order:

- **Sushi Kim's** – Try the fresh and scrumptious cuisine at **Sushi Kim's**, frequently cited as the City's favorite Korean restaurant. **Sushi Kim's** offers both traditional and edgy selections to please the tamest to the most adventurous of palates. The menu features about 40 Korean specialties and offers photos of every dish to make your choices easier.



- **Lidia's Pittsburgh** – This is not your grandma's spaghetti and meatballs joint – **Lidia's** cuisine features specialties from the Friuli region of Italy, located on the "cuff of the boot" with hints of Germanic and Slavic flavors filtering in from the north. If your appetite is hearty, try the popular "pasta tasting trio," an all-you-can-eat sampler of the night's featured pastas. Roving servers refill your plate until

you cry "when." And for cheese lovers – don't miss the frico. Savory fillings enclosed in an envelope of Montasio cheese, fried to produce a crispy exterior and a scrumptiously gooey interior. The creation of celebrity chef, cookbook author and restaurateur, Lidia Bastianich, **Lidia's Pittsburgh** is housed in a soaring warehouse space, warmed by sunny earth tones, a gigantic slate fireplace and colorful blown-glass chandeliers.

- **Eleven** – Setting new standards for Pittsburgh dining, **Eleven** is located where the Strip meets Downtown. **Eleven** offers a truly original menu of contemporary American cuisine where even old standbys have been transformed and given a unique twist. The food is amazing, the presentation is gorgeous, the wine list impressive and the interior comfortable and inviting. Go to **Eleven** to impress your dinner companion...go to **Eleven** for a romantic interlude ...go to **Eleven** to enjoy!



- If you need a place the whole family is sure to enjoy, try **Spaghetti Warehouse**. The Spaghetti Warehouse combines Old World Italian Traditions with American abundance in hearty, made from scratch dishes at very reasonable prices. A genuine Pittsburgh streetcar dominates the interior, providing a unique and fun dining experience. Spaghetti Warehouse is definitely a feast for all the senses.

8. **Cocktails for Two** – It's probably a good idea to allow a little time to digest your fabulous dinner before going dancing, and a postprandial cocktail might be just the ticket.

- Visit one of the “hottest” spots in the Strip – **The Firehouse Lounge**, a distinctive nightspot with a sophisticated, yet casual ambiance. **The Firehouse** is located in a historic Strip District fire station (hence the name), renovated with warm, softly lit elements, rich wood, and low slung sofas and chairs that lend the aura of a private residence. Or enjoy the night air on the second floor deck with a selection from the extensive and intriguing drink menu.



- Find the heart of Ireland in the heart of the Strip at **Mullaney’s Harp & Fiddle**. Have a pint of Guinness, a game of darts, some lively conversation, and listen to the toe-tappingest music in town. Or, on Fridays during the summer months, enjoy the peace of the outdoor deck and Acoustic Happy Hours.

9. **Dance the Night Away** - Waltz on over to one of the Strip’s exciting nightspots for a night of dancing.

- Altar your perception of nightlife at **Altar Bar**, Pittsburgh’s first upscale video nightclub. Enjoy videos, movie clips or watch the dancing crowd on the wall of TV screens (three 10-foot screens and six plasmas). For an extra-special evening, reserve one of **Altar’s** three private areas with VIP service. Your night will be divine!
- Enjoy the contemporary luxury of **Privilège**, a multi-tiered ultralounge with 22-foot high ceilings and open-air patio. **Privilège** offers an abundance of amenities, including two full bars, VIP bottle service, and gourmet tapas. **Privilège** features resident DJ’s nightly, a custom designed Bose sound system and a state of the art Martin light show.



10. **Late night snack** – All that dancing is certain to build up quite an appetite. Fortunately you have some good options for late night snacking in the Strip.

- **Primanti’s** – Over the past 70 years **Primanti’s** has evolved from a late-night diner serving the workers unloading fish, fruits and vegetables into a Pittsburgh institution. Their signature sandwiches stack meat, melted cheese, French fries, tomatoes and cole slaw between two slices of Italian Bread. If you haven’t been to **Primanti’s**, you haven’t been to Pittsburgh. If you don’t believe us, ask anyone!



- **JoJo’s** – If breakfast is more appealing to you after a vigorous night on the town, you must try **JoJo’s**, cited by the website “Epicurious” for providing one of America’s ten best breakfasts. **JoJo’s** hours are unusual (M-F 11 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and S-S Midnite to Noon) because **JoJo’s** is where the late and early

shifts come together to eat huge omelets and huge piles of home fries with Italian toast. If you want no-fuss food, served hot and fast, don't miss **JoJo's**.

11. **Call it a "Morning"** – Sated and sleepy, you have now experienced a day and night in the Strip, Pittsburgh's only 24-hour neighborhood. Time for slumber at one of Pittsburgh's charming hotels, close to the Strip

- **The Hampton Inn and Suites, Downtown.** Located just across from the Heinz History Center, the **Hampton Inn** is the most convenient place to stay while visiting the Strip. In addition to a friendly staff, the **Hampton Inn** offers a free hot breakfast daily and **free parking** (yes, free parking in a downtown hotel) making it one of the best deals in town!
- **The Priory** – Carefully restored and renovated, **The Priory** is a 24-room European-style hotel on Pittsburgh's North Shore. From continental breakfast in the morning in the cozy dining room or the courtyard garden to relaxing by the parlor fireplace in the evening (with complimentary wine), you will find monastic charm combined with modern elegance. **The Priory** has a "Discover the Strip" package that includes passes and discounts for many of the Strip's most popular attractions.
- **Courtyard by Marriott Pittsburgh Downtown** – The **Courtyard by Marriott** encompasses four historical buildings that have been meticulously renovated. Spacious guest rooms with 12-14' vaulted ceilings surround a beautifully landscaped Courtyard atrium.



Or start all over again!

Call or visit the websites of the businesses you plan to visit for additional information and hours.

Altar Bar
1620 Penn Avenue
www.altarbar.com

Eleven
1150 Smallman Street
www.bigburrito.com/eleven

Fortune's Coffee Roastery
2005 Penn Avenue
www.fortunescOFFEE.com

Labad's
1727 Penn Avenue
412-261-0419

Mancini's Bread
1717 Penn Avenue
www.mckeesrocksbread.com

Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle
2329 Penn Avenue
www.harpandfiddle.com

Pennsylvania Macaroni Company
2012 Penn Avenue
www.pennmac.com

The Priory
614 Pressley Street
www.thepriory.com

Roland's Seafood Grill
1904 Penn Avenue
www.rolandsseafoodgrill.com

Spaghetti Warehouse
2601 Smallman Street
www.meatballs.com

Sushi Kim
1241 Penn Avenue
www.sushikim.com

Zerrer's Antiques
2703 Liberty Avenue
www.zerrersantiques.com

Benkovitz Seafoods
2300 Smallman Street
benkovitz.stores.yahoo.net

Enrico Biscotti
2022 Penn Avenue
www.enricobiscotti.com

Hampton Inn & Suites, Downtown
1247 Smallman Street
412-288-4350

LaPrima Espresso Company
1501 Smallman Street
www.laprima.com

Marriott Courtyard
945 Penn Avenue
412-434-5551

Pamela's P&G Diner
60 21st Street
412-281-6366

Penzey's Spices
1729 Penn Avenue
www.penzeys.com

Privilege
1650 Smallman Street
www.peivilege.com

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
57 21st Street
www.saintsinthestrip.org

Stamoolis Brothers
2020 Penn Avenue
412-471-7676

Wholey's Market
1711 Penn Avenue
www.woley.com

Collage
2124 Penn Avenue
www.collage-pgh.com

Firehouse Lounge
2216 Penn Avenue
www.firehouse-lounge.com

JoJo's
110 24th Street
412-261-0280

Lidia's Pittsburgh
1400 Smallman Street
pittsburgh.lidiasitaly.com

Mon Aimee Chocolat
2101 Penn Avenue
www.monaimzechocolat.com

Parma Sausage
1734 Penn Avenue
www.parmasausage.com

Primanti Brothers
46 18th Street
www.primantibros.com

Reyna
2023 Penn Avenue
412/261-2606

Society for Contemporary Craft
2100 Smallman Street
www.contemporarycraft.org

Strip District Meats
2123 Penn Avenue
412-391-1763

WFH Oriental Food Market
2227 Penn Avenue
412-434-6579



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