

# Los Angeles Times

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## Best LA Dining Bets

Best Los Angeles Restaurants

### Best Italian Cuisine

I'm going to raise some local eyebrows here and go with **Locanda del Lago**, 231 Arizona Ave. (tel. **310/451-3525**), a heavily touristed restaurant at a Santa Monica shopping mall that specializes in cuisine from Northern Italy's Lombardy region. Until someone makes a better house-made whole-wheat pappardelle tossed in a duck ragout, I'm sticking with the boys from Lombardy.