

# *Arts & Culture*

## **Cultural Foods:**

### *Thai*

#### Tipps Thai Cuisine

512 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 643-3040

Tipps Thai Cuisine is a place to come to experience both arts and culture. As soon as you walk into Tipps you feel a part of the Thai culture. Every item offered at Tipps is delicious authentic Thai food, and they also have a huge selection of drink choices to compliment your cuisine.

#### White Sand Asian Cuisine & Bar

394 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 667-2120

White Sand has options of salads, appetizers, and entrées ranging from vegetarian or gluten-free selects to tasty BBQ style classics. With food and drinks that will always leave you satisfied, White Sand also offers both inside and outdoor patio seating.

#### Rice Thai Cuisine

387 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 641-3573

The environment at Rice Thai Cuisine is peaceful and relaxing. They are known for their delicious specialty classics, including the Yellow Curry, Pad Thai, and Talay. Rice Thai Cuisine brings the social environment and mouthwatering eats of the Thai Culture right to you in Downtown Ventura.

### *Indian*

#### The Taj Café

574 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 652-1521

The Taj Cafe is a unique family owned restaurant that prides itself on introducing traditional Village Cuisine and their Indian Culture to their patrons. The Santa Barbara Independent and The Los Angeles Times voted them the highest honor with the title for Best Indian Restaurant.

#### Bollywood

500 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001  
(805) 648-2533

It is a casual dining Indian restaurant with a full collection of Indian beers and wines. They strive to prepare your food fresh, healthy and just the way you wanted it; mild, medium, spicy or even very spicy. They bring the Indian food experience to Downtown Ventura.

### *Japanese*

#### Fuji Sushi Ventura

573 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 643-7277

Fuji Sushi has great service, a great atmosphere, and delicious food. The food is made authentically for every customer. Come in and try some of their unique specialties such as the Halloween roll or classics such as the California roll.

#### Sushi Marina

120 S California St, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 643-5200

There is a reason that Sushi Marina is always filling up with customers. This restaurant has a great vibe and an awesome environment. It's the food that's keeps people always coming in for more, as they make genuine sushi and other dishes that are absolutely delicious. With fast and friendly service to top it off, this place is hard to beat.

### *Mexican*

#### Taqueria Vallarta

278 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 643-3037

Taqueria Vallarta is hole in the wall. The food at the Taqueria is as authentic as it gets. It's the delicious food that is the biggest reason that this place is so great.

#### Maria Bonita

256 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 652-0247

The Ventura restaurant named after the famous actress strives to be the most famous Mexican food of the area. People cannot stop raving about the food

### *Italian*

#### Sicily Pizzeria Trattoria

563 E. MAIN ST - VENTURA CA 93001 805-641-2220

Sicily by Gino makes authentic Italian cuisine with a true Italian passion.

#### Capriccio

298 E Main St, Ventura, CA (805) 643-7115

Capriccio is one of the most elegant places to eat dinner in the downtown area. The Italian café serves up a variety of impressive entrées that are perfect to enjoy with a glass of their exclusive wines.

## **Art Galleries:**

### Latitudes Fine Art

401 E. Main St. Ventura, Ca 93001 (805) 279-1221

This is a must stop for art lovers. Latitudes has a wide selection of gorgeous photography on many different creative mediums. Their pricing could not be more reasonable for the product that they offer. Their photographs are a blend of local shots, and scenery photographed around the globe. You could potentially bring home a piece that could take the beauty of your home to the next level.

### Red Brick Gallery

315 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 643-6400

The Red Brick Gallery is located in a historical building right across from Palermo. On average they have roughly 20-25 artists on display with work in ceramics, glass, photography, painting, pastel, mixed media, mosaic, wood, sculpture, and jewelry. The Red Brick Gallery offers classes and twice a month on either a Friday or Sunday they have painting parties. The cultural atmosphere brought by Red Brick will fill you with their passion for art.

### Buenaventura Gallery

700 E Santa Clara St, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 648-1235

The Gallery is showcasing an exciting array of traditional and contemporary artwork by local Ventura County artists. An artisan section with handcrafted jewelry, cards, unframed prints, and other gift items, rounds out the fine art for sale.

### Fox Fine Jewelry (Art Gallery)

210 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 652-1800

Not only is Fox Fine Jewelry filled with gorgeous jewelry but they also have an impeccable art gallery. In the gallery they show art from local artist, including painters and sculptors, from Ventura County and Carpinteria. They also have art shows that include paintings, drawings, sculptures, and photography. Set your eyes on both beautiful jewelry and art pieces and Fox Fine Jewelry.

## **Art Museums:**

### Museum of Ventura County

100 East Main Street • Ventura, CA 93001 805.653.0323

The Museum of Ventura County celebrates, preserves and interprets the art, history and culture of Ventura County, the California Channel Islands and the surrounding region through its collections, exhibitions, events, educational programs, publications and its research library, and serves as a gathering place for the community. The Museum offers free admission the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month as well.

### San Buenaventura Mission Museum & Gift Shop -

211 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 643-4318

The Mission San Buenaventura Gift Shop offers a wide variety of Catholic/Christian devotional, gift, seasonal and collectible items for sale. Some of our most popular items are those relating to the history of the Mission and California Missions in general. The Mission itself is absolutely stunning. Being one of the original buildings in the downtown area, the mission dates back to 1749.

### Improv –

34 North Palm st. Ventura, CA(805) 643-5701

The Improv is a hidden gem in the Downtown Ventura area. This comedy improv place will have you laughing hard and having fun. They have a variety of activities including improv workshops for adults and youth, movement classes, and special events. The Improv is most popular for their Friday and Saturday shows every week at 8 pm. These shows are full of music, hilarity, and audience involvement that make it enjoyable for everyone.

### The Majestic –

26 S Chestnut St, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 653-0118

The Majestic is a beautiful venue to go listen to incredible music. They feature anywhere from up and coming artists to superstars. Check out which of the artists you love are going to be playing right here in beautiful downtown Ventura.