



5 Great Places for Cheap Eats

Where to Fill Up Without Laying It All Down



Everyone's on a budget these days. Check out our favorite places to break bread — without breaking the bank.

Asian Invasion

Just because you want to eat cheaply, doesn't mean you have to go hole-in-the wall. Head to sleek [Sampan](#) during happy hour to fill up on snacks for just \$2 each. Dumplings, satay, and sliders, plus generous drink specials, make it the perfect place to eradicate workday woes.

Market Value

If you're planning a party but are short on cash, make your way to the [South 9th Street Italian Market](#) to load up on reasonably priced ingredients. Though you'll have to jostle your way through crowded sidewalks, the outdoor stalls heaped with produce are worth the trip. Got money left over? Spring for a colorful pinata at one of the nearby Mexican shops.

Giant Portions

Nestled in a South Philly shopping center, [Nam Phuong](#) is the place to go for authentic Vietnamese fare. Take your pick from bowls overflowing with pho, noodles, congee, and other delicacies. Since even those with ravenous appetites will undoubtedly leave with leftovers, we recommend splitting one of the gargantuan meals with a pal.

Something for Everyone

He wants the duck fat fries; you won't touch them. For those engaged in the never-ending animal consumption battle, find a happy medium at [Divan Turkish Kitchen](#). Veg fiends will be content sopping up creamy hummus with pita bread, while meatheads can sink their teeth into kebabs. You'll both want to save room for baklava and rice pudding.

That's Italian

Rittenhouse restaurants are almost always pricey, but the smattering of small plates at [Cichetteria 19](#) won't empty your wallet. Request a sidewalk table at the Venetian eatery and sample carpaccio, olives, and hearts of palm sandwiches that'll leave you satisfied but not stuffed.