

MAICON FORWARD

A MAICON 2026 ATTENDEE'S

GUIDE TO CLE

Where to eat, drink and wander — mostly within walking distance of the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland.



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Our favorite spots for breakfast, coffee, lunch, dinner, and a nightcap
— plus a few places to explore downtown and beyond.

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DISTANCES

Listed distances are measured from the Huntington Convention Center.

LINKS

Tap any venue name to visit its website.

HEADS UP

Hours and reservation policies change. Check before you go.

01 BREAKFAST

Both days of MAICON start with networking breakfasts from 7:30 – 8:30am in Exhibit Hall C. But if you want to grab something to eat with a colleague or a new friend instead (or beforehand!), here are a few walkable options.



Good Graces Bakery & Café

1300 E. 9TH ST. #104 · 0.3 MI

Have a casual, sit-down breakfast or grab an on-the-go pastry at this hidden gem...but it can be tough to find. It's located in the southwest corner of the AECOM building, just behind the Westin Hotel. You won't see signs until you get inside. Opens at 7am.

Milk + Honey

1100 SUPERIOR AVE. · 0.6 MI

If you want a good breakfast but don't have time for a sit-down breakfast, stop into this small spot inside Oswald Centre. Pair your bagel sandwich with a delicious and over-the-top drink, like the Cinnamon Toast Crunch latte. Opens at 7am.

Addy's Diner

530 EUCLID AVE. · 0.5 MI

Located inside the 5th Street Arcades, this classic diner is very small and can thus get very full very quickly. But if you're looking for an open-at-practically-dawn breakfast option that hits the spot, fuel up here for the long day ahead. Opens at 6:30am.

Betts

2000 E.9TH ST. · 0.7 MI

Hotel restaurants can be hit or miss, but this one, inside the Kimpton, is a hit, especially in the morning. It's got a classic Americana feel (e.g. breakfast burger, eggs benedict) with a few unexpected twists (lookin' at you, Korean French toast). Opens at 7am.

Al's Deli

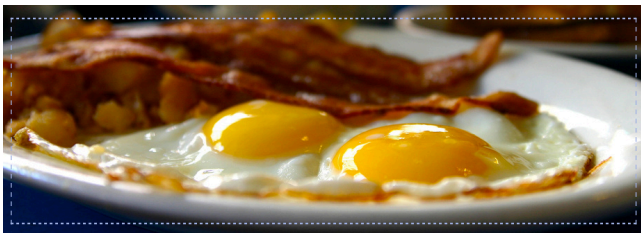
1717 E. 9TH ST. #101 · 0.5 MI

Ever been to a classic deli that's also a Lebanese café? Whether you're on the hunt for pancakes or in the mood for shawarma — yep, even for breakfast — Al's can do it all, with service that's both fast and friendly. Closed on the weekends. Opens at 6:30am.

Restore

1001 HURON RD. E. · 0.8 MI

If you're looking for a rainbow of cold-pressed juices and superfood smoothies to start your day, this is the place. But they've also got a small array of slightly less liquid options, from avocado toasts and acai bowls to steel-cut oats. ([A SmarterX team favorite!](#)) Opens at 8am.



Yours Truly Playhouse Square

1228 EUCLID AVE. · 0.8 MI

Many Northeast Ohio natives feel especially nostalgic for all-day breakfasts from this local chain, which feels like a slightly elevated diner. Try the "Notso Fries"... yes, even in the morning! Opens at 6:30am.

02 COFFEE & TEA

There's a Starbucks in the Huntington Convention Center and coffee offered throughout the conference. But if you want to get away for a specialty drink or just a little break, here are some options we love.



Savour Coffee and Creations

127 PUBLIC SQUARE, LOBBY · 0.3 MI

You don't usually think of office building lobbies as peaceful places to hang out, but the lobby at Key Tower really is—plus you'll have plenty of space if you're with other folks. Sip on a signature honeycomb latte; grab quiche for breakfast, or a sandwich come lunchtime.

Ebreeq Coffee House

241 EUCLID AVE. · 0.4 MI

Looking for a cozy space for a quiet catchup? Want to caffeinate in peace? This Yemeni spot is the spot, serving traditional Adeni chai, mufawar with cardamom and cream and Haraz pour overs. Not familiar with any of those? Now's the time to learn.

Rising Star Coffee

412 SUPERIOR AVE. · 0.4 MI

Good coffee in a gorgeous setting? Check. This local staple boasts a downtown location inside the Hyatt Arcade, an iconic CLE landmark (see "Places to Explore Downtown"). Try the Promised Land Latte, made with local honey and cinnamon.



Phoenix Coffee Co.

1700 E. 9TH ST. · 0.5 MI

Clevelanders regularly name this specialty roastery as a prime spot for outside-the-office meetings, making it a perfect choice for mid-MAICON get-to-know-you hangs and let's-discuss-our-next-collab convos.

Lionheart Coffee

530 EUCLID AVE. · 0.5 MI

Sure, they serve black coffee. But if you like a more creative caffeinated concoction, this is the place to try. The Bold Buckeye, for example, turns Ohio favorite candy flavors (chocolate and peanut butter) into a latte you'll love.

03 LUNCH

We highly encourage you to join us for the Lunch Labs on Wednesday and the Networking Lunch on Thursday. But if you have time before or after MAICON, there are good options. Here are some spots worth trying.



Emily's

600 SUPERIOR AVE. · 0.4 MI

Catch up with a colleague or get to know your new conference BFF over sandwiches, wraps, and flatbread pizzas at this American-style café. It opens at 7am, making it a good choice for breakfast or early-morning caffeine, too.

Barrio

503 PROSPECT AVE. E. · 0.6 MI

This local taco chain is good for casual catch-up lunches and strong post-conference margaritas. Make your own over-the-top tacos, eat your body weight in chips and guac, and leave room for churro cheesecake. A word of caution: It can get kinda loud.

Naf Naf

184 EUCLID AVE. · 0.4 MI

This fast-casual Middle Eastern grill is a go-to lunch spot for locals who live and work downtown. It's technically a chain, with franchises in other states, but it still has few enough locations that it might be new to you. And it's always tasty.

Slice Shop

603 PROSPECT AVE. E. · 0.6 MI

Look, Cleveland can't promise you New York-style pizza. We simply cannot. But if it's pizza by the slice that you want, we can still do that — and do it pretty darn well. This '80s-vibes spot offers a variety of single slices and whole pies.

Balance Pan-Asian Grille

515 EUCLID AVE. · 0.5 MI

When you can't decide what type of Asian food you want, consider a little bit of everything. This fast-casual, super-healthy lunch spot (think bowls, salads, and tacos) incorporates a variety of flavor profiles: Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Indian, and beyond.

Luna Bakery and Café

1468 W. 9TH ST., STE. 110 · 0.7 MI

This award-winning, European-style pastry shop and café does a little bit of everything, from piled-high sandwiches to impossibly thin crepes, plus all-day breakfast. Gluten-free and vegan options. Inside the Western Reserve Building.

04 DINNER

Whether you're looking for something a little bit upscale or just want to unwind after a long day of learning, downtown Cleveland has plenty to offer. Some places require reservations; others welcome walk-ins.



The Winking Lizard

1300 E. 9TH ST. · 0.3 MI

Cleveland's favorite wing spot is low-key, accessible, and down-to-earth, with a truly massive menu of both food and beer. If you're going the wings route, you've got 20 sauces and rubs to choose from. No need for reservations; this is essentially a glorified bar (in the best possible way). Located in the AECOM building.

Fahrenheit

55 PUBLIC SQUARE · 0.4 MI

One of the most chic (and most delicious) spots downtown is also one of the easiest to score reservations, thanks to a spacious piece of real estate in the heart of Public Square. It's technically a steakhouse, but it's known for its Wagyu short ribs. Can accommodate large groups; also great for lunch. Reservations via OpenTable.

Butcher and the Brewer

2043 E. 4TH ST. · 0.5 MI

Have a slightly larger group? This brewery beckons. Order a variety of pub-inspired small plates for the table (mini corn dogs, anyone?) and cheers your colleagues with B&B's acclaimed Albino Stout (or whatever else tickles your fancy). Reservations via Google or Yelp.

Cordelia

2058 E. 4TH ST. · 0.5 MI

Consistently named one of the best restaurants in the city, Cordelia is also Cleveland's best contender for a James Beard Award (its chef has been nominated three years in a row). Its cuisine is "Midwestern nice," aka leveled-up takes on niche Northeast Ohio dishes like "cheese salad," "chicken and jojos" and more. Reservations via OpenTable.

Johnny's Little Bar

614 FRANKFORT AVE. · 0.5 MI

This place is somehow both a hidden gem and repeatedly named the best burger joint in the city. No reservations. And it is indeed a little bar, so it's best left to groups of four diners or fewer. (Not to be confused with Johnny's Downtown, an also-great but much fancier restaurant.)



04 DINNER

Mabel's BBQ

2050 E. 4TH ST. · 0.5 MI

Mabel's is Cleveland celebrity chef Michael Symon's one and only remaining restaurant in the city. His "Cleveland barbecue" is smoked over local fruitwood, and the sauce incorporates local Bertman's Ballpark Mustard. No reservations; also good for lunch. Not suitable for vegetarians.

Marble Room

623 EUCLID AVE. · 0.5 MI

If you don't already have reservations at CLE's most acclaimed restaurant, you probably can't snag them now. But the bar is first-come, first-served, and seats aren't often hard to grab. Literally everything is incredible, including the architecture: It's located in the grand banking lobby of the city's first steel skyscraper.

LULO Kitchen & Juice Bar

1273 W. 9TH ST. · 0.6 MI

The menu at this Latin-fusion spot is compact and composed (no substitutions), but everything is unbelievably fresh — and usually pretty healthy, too. For a sunny lunch, sit upstairs; for a dinner spot that's sorta sultry, head downstairs. Reservations via OpenTable. (P.S. Google is lying; there's no longer a café version in the Oswald building.)

Noble Beast Brewing

1470 LAKESIDE AVE. E. · 0.6 MI

This taproom doesn't have the same sort of name recognition as some of the city's bigger breweries, but among locals, it's consistently named a favorite — not just for the beer but for the food, too. The menu is small, but when everything is this good, it doesn't need to be any bigger. No reservations.



Masthead Brewing Co.

1261 SUPERIOR AVE. · 0.7 MI

If you need a big spot for a large group, this gigantic brewery — located inside an old car dealership building — can accommodate. It's known for Neapolitan-style pizza, with lots of vegetarian and vegan options available. And as you might expect, it's also got plenty of beers on tap. No reservations for groups of 20 or fewer.

Nuevo Modern Mexican & Tequila Bar

1000 E. 9TH ST. · 0.7 MI

Nuevo, located in Voinovich Park overlooking Lake Erie, is the one place that's absolutely nailing the gorgeous view of our Great Lake. The Latin-inspired menu is far-ranging with plenty to choose from, and the tequila/mezcal menu will delight any aficionado.

05 COCKTAILS, DESSERTS, & MORE

After a long day of all things AI, unwind with a strong cocktail or a sweet treat. Here are a few of downtown's best spots for a little guilty pleasure.



Café Nocturno

236 EUCLID AVE. · 0.4 MI

This Latin spot specializes in one thing and one thing only: tres leches cake. Go classic, or branch out with more than 60 flavors, like Oreo, key lime pie or peanut butter. It's open late, making it a great stop before you turn in for the night.

Jolene's Honky Tonk

2038 E. 4TH ST. · 0.5 MI

Pay tribute to the Queen of Country at Cleveland's take on a Nashville bar, complete with a gigantic mural that reads "In Dolly We Trust." This spot is incredibly campy, and the drinks are no great shakes. But the vibe sure is fun, hun.

Pammy's Ice Cream

401 EUCLID AVE. · 0.5 MI

This cute spot is decorated entirely in black and white, letting the desserts bring the color: creamy, small-batch ice cream and handspun milkshakes, loaded with chunks of scratch-baked cake and cookies. Located inside The Arcade and open late.

Flannery's Pub

323 PROSPECT AVE. E. · 0.6 MI

Just looking for an Irish classic? You've found it. Throw back a pint of Guinness and split a plate of poutine topped with Guinness gravy. All the better if there's a game on — any game, every game. If it's being played, it's also being shown on the TVs here.

The Vault

2017 E. 9TH ST., LEVEL B1 · 0.7 MI

The century-old bank vaults beneath the Cleveland Trust Rotunda (now The 9 Hotel) are home to a mysterious, moody cocktail lounge. Feeling brave? Ask for the secret drink. They'll only make 10 of them, total, each night.

Corbo's Bakery

1603 EUCLID AVE. · 0.9 MI

If you've never had Cleveland cassata cake, this is the place — and no, it's nothing like traditional Sicilian cassata cake! Corbo's layers light sponge cake with thick custard and fresh strawberries, frosted entirely in whipped cream. Try it.

Encore

1580 EUCLID AVE. · 0.9 MI

This walk-in-only craft cocktail bar was voted the Best Espresso Martini in town. And if that's not enough to compel you, everything else is pretty stellar, too. The best time to stop in is from 7:30–9:30pm, when shows are underway at nearby Playhouse Square.

06 PLACES TO EXPLORE DOWNTOWN

Downtown Cleveland began as a settlement laid out around Public Square in 1796 (by Moses Cleaveland, whose name was later shortened to fit in a newspaper headline!). Today, history meets modernity all throughout our fair city, like at these locales.



Cleveland Public Library (Main)

325 SUPERIOR AVE. · 0.3 MI

The People's University, as it's lovingly called, takes up an entire city block. Take a free tour, take a quiet moment in the reading garden or check out one of the many [current exhibits](#) on display throughout this expansive space.

The Free Stamp

601 LAKESIDE AVE. E. · 0.3 MI

Yes, this piece of pop art is exactly what it sounds like: a gigantic rubber stamp that bears the word "FREE." It is, in fact, the world's largest stamp, though we're not exactly sure how much competition it has.

The Cleveland Arcade

420 SUPERIOR AVE. · 0.4 MI

This architectural wonder, which opened in 1890 as the first indoor shopping center in the U.S., was modeled after one in Milan and nicknamed Cleveland's Crystal Palace. These days, it's home to a hotel.

The 5th Street Arcades

530 EUCLID AVE. · 0.5 MI

Yep, there's another arcade, too. This one's less grand, but no less worth a visit, thanks to some interesting shops and tasty eateries. Not in the market for food or shopping? It's a cool spot that's still good for a wander.

Terminal Tower Observation Deck

50 PUBLIC SQUARE · 0.5 MI

If you're in town for the weekend, book \$6 tickets to take a self-guided tour of the highest point in downtown Cleveland. On sunny days, in particular, this 42nd-story spot offers gorgeous 360-degree views of the city and Lake Erie.

Cleveland Clothing Co.

342 EUCLID AVE. · 0.5 MI

There's nothing Clevelanders love more than announcing our love for Cleveland through our attire. Join us! Whether you're looking for a T-shirt, a hat or a fridge magnet, you'll find it here, in a variety of designs both classic and fun.

Script Cleveland Sign

EAST 9TH STREET PIER · 0.6 MI

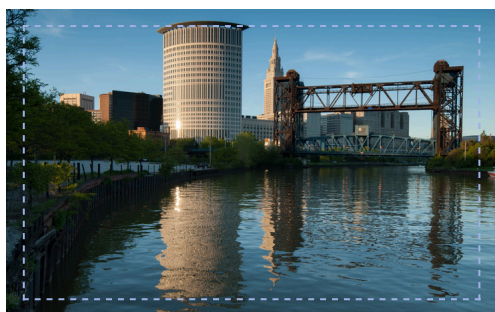
Downtown's "script Cleveland" sign is one of six across the city, the perfect spot to snap a photo to commemorate your trip. This one is located behind the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame near Nuevo Modern Mexican, and it has a perfect view of the skyline. Want to hit them all? Click on the link above to see each location.

07 NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND-UPS

Have a little extra time to spend in the CLE and want to venture beyond downtown? All of these neighborhoods are an easy Lyft or Uber away, especially if you're staying in town on either end of the conference and want to do some exploring.

THE FLATS

Cleveland can't guarantee nice weather, but when it pulls through, The Flats are where you want to be. Situated on either side of the Cuyahoga River, this area is very trendy and occasionally very crowded — but the afternoon hours are usually chill.



ALSO WORTH A VISIT

Alley Cat Oyster Bar for, well, oysters
 BrewDog for craft brews on the water
 Good Night John Boy for a '70s-inspired night out
 Music Box Supper Club for dinner and a show

[27 Club Coffee](#) - Machine Gun Kelly fans won't want to miss this hometown boy's very own coffee shop and lounge (outfitted in all pink and black, naturally).

[Collision Bend Brewing](#) - It's easy to spend hours lost in conversation, craft beers, and a Cuyahoga sunset on this brewery's massive patio.

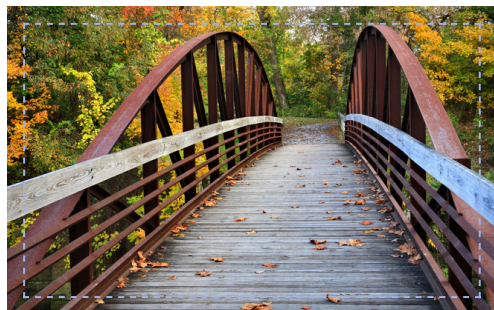
[Harbor Inn](#) - Allegedly the oldest bar in the city, this nautically themed spot can best be described as a classic "sticky bar," thanks to years of spilled PBRs.

[Shooters](#) - MGK is also part-owner of one of the city's most storied spots. Head here for oysters, frozen cocktails, and a perfect river view.

[Cocky's Bagels](#) - If you've ever hankered for a gigantic bagel sandwich at midnight, get 'em here. (You can also get 'em during daylight hours.)

TREMONT

This popular neighborhood is one of Cleveland's oldest, with a rich Polish immigrant history. Today, it's known for restaurants — lots of them. Whether you're looking for fancy dinner, a quirky café or a down-to-earth bar, you'll find a few of each here.



ALSO WORTH A VISIT

AffoGATO Cat Café for cats and coffee
 Bar Oni Izakaya for Japanese bites
 Leavened for pastries
 Prosperity Social Club for old-world eats

[Bourbon Street Barrel Room](#) - Bet you didn't expect to channel NOLA in CLE! It's got étouffée, po'boys, gumbo, and more — just take it easy on the Hurricanes.

[Cloak and Dagger](#) - This sorta-spooky, gothic-inspired cocktail lounge also offers a small but fully vegan menu. Reservations strongly suggested.

[Martha on the Fly](#) - Unhinge your jaw for a gigantic, retro-inspired breakfast sandwich on the fluffiest house-made milk bread buns. No seating.

[Mosaic Brewing Co.](#) - This casual neighborhood brewery has a varied menu with something for everybody. Its spacious patio has stellar views of downtown.

[Rowley Inn](#) - Want to try Cleveland's most curious culinary concoctions? Guy Fieri raved about the Loco Moski, a burger stacked with pierogi.

[The Towpath Trail](#) - This 101-mile trail follows the historic route of the Ohio & Erie Canal. Walk a bit of a distance or just meander near the river.

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OHIO CITY: WEST 25TH

Just across the Cuyahoga River from downtown is Ohio City, largely centered around West 25th Street (and specifically around the amazing West Side Market). With lots of restaurants and bars to explore, it stays laid-back during the day and turns up at night.



[Great Lakes Brewpub](#) - This is the only location of Cleveland's oldest standing brewery. Try brews here not available in stores. The food is great, too!

[Horizontal Books and Coffee](#) - Try an Orange Black Sesame Latte while you browse this heavily discounted, floor-to-ceiling book warehouse.

[Mitchell's Ice Cream](#) - This popular local ice cream chain is based in a gorgeous old theater. They offer 30+ flavors, and you can't go wrong with any of them.

ALSO WORTH A VISIT

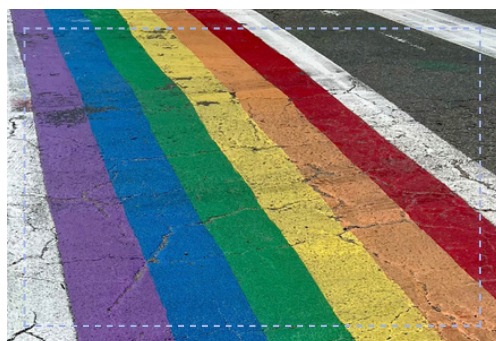
Bright Side for Italian food
 Heck's for burgers
 Market Garden for patio beers
 Phnom Penh for Cambodian food

[Tabletop Board Game Café](#) - Appease your inner child with a whopping 900+ games to choose from. Walk in or book a table ahead of time.

[West Side Market](#) - Cleveland's largest public market has been around since 1912. As you wander, grab jerky from Czuchraj, pizza bagels from Vera's, and caramel cheese popcorn from Campbell's.

OHIO CITY: HINGETOWN

Technically, Hingetown is a neighborhood within a neighborhood, located at the "hinge" of Ohio City and funneling into downtown CLE. But it's got enough visit-worthy locations that it deserves its own section. It's about a 15- to 20-minute walk from West 25th.



[Amba](#) - This Indian-inspired small plates spot regularly lands on local best-of lists. No reservations, so get there either early or late for your best shot at seating.

[Jukebox](#) - Nothing's more Cleveland than a bar that specializes in pierogi and kielbasa. Vegan versions available, too, so everyone can partake.

[Larder Delicatessen and Bakery](#) - The James Beard-nominated owners of this Eastern European-inspired deli specialize in Jewish classics done differently.

[Lekko](#) - This beautiful, peaceful coffee shop offers some of the city's best caffeinated brews. The owners also run nearby Little Cloud Sandwiches.

[ROSY](#) - The New York Times named it a best new restaurant in the U.S., so tables are hard to get. But for "ancestral European cooking," it's worth a try.

[Saucy Brew Works](#) - The beer is cold, and the pizza is thin and crispy. It can accommodate larger groups, but it also gets loud and crowded; plan accordingly.

ALSO WORTH A VISIT

Anthology for cask ales
 Beet Jar for vegan smoothies
 Patron Saint for all-day lounging
 The Roaming Biscuit for breakfast sandwiches

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OHIO CITY: FAR WEST END

Yes, Ohio City is a big neighborhood! The far west end is more than a mile walk from the West 25th Street area, so it feels like its own place entirely. Expect a grittier, more what-you-expected-from-Cleveland scenery over here, but don't underestimate its many worthwhile stops.



ALSO WORTH A VISIT

Heart of Gold for wings
 Imposters Theater for a comedy show
 Proof for happy hour
 Tripi for Italian sandwiches

[Cent's](#) - A Brooklyn pizzaiolo relocated to Cleveland and gifted us with this decidedly East Coast pizza shop. All thin crust, all the time.

[Goldie's Donuts](#) - Stop in for super-fluffy donuts, a variety of other pastries, and darn good coffee. Not much space to sit.

[Juneberry Table](#) - This sunny, bustling breakfast spot is relatively tiny, so be ready to wait at least a few minutes. No reservations.

[Paradise Galleria](#) - Vintage-lovers, your 13,000-sq-ft "Mall of Dreams" awaits. Play in the ball pit, take the fridge tunnel, and ride the slide to the basement.

[Soho Chicken and Whiskey](#) - If you want to eat like you're in the South while you're here in the North, we can accommodate that!

[Visible Voice Books](#) - This combination bookstore/café/coffee shop was recently revamped into an enormous space with an incredible book selection.

GORDON SQUARE

The West Side's arts district is home to multiple theaters and lots of murals, along with some of the city's quirkiest restaurants and shops.



ALSO WORTH A VISIT

Blue Habanero for tacos
 Gypsy Beans for bagel sandwiches
 Il Rione for thin-crust pizza
 Stone Mad Pub for Irish eats

[Brewnuts](#) - For colorful, themed and utterly delicious donuts the size of your face, this is the spot. Wash it down with beer or an icy frosé.

[Happy Dog](#) - Ever wondered what Spaghetti-Os, Froot Loops or everything bagel cream cheese would taste like on a hot dog? Find out here.

[Ninja City Kitchen & Bar](#) - This lively, comic book-themed Asian-fusion restaurant is outfitted in retro gaming memorabilia. Don't skip the togarashi tots.

[Océanne](#) - Stop in here for minimalist, modern jewelry and lots of sparkly tchotchkes, plus "forever jewelry" and a fully stocked charm bar.

[Ready Set! Coffee](#) - This specialty coffee roaster is known for especially photo-worthy drinks that are as delicious as they are beautiful.

[Super Electric Pinball Parlor](#) - You don't have to be a bona fide pinball wizard to have a good time at this game spot. Flat fee for entry, BYO food.

Photo source: Gordon Square Arts District Facebook Page

07 NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND-UPS

LAKEWOOD

Lakewood is technically a suburb of Cleveland, but you can think of it like our Brooklyn: That is to say, some of the city's best stuff is here, even though it's outside the main drag.



ALSO WORTH A VISIT

Artis for a non-steakhouse steakhouse
 Birdtown Brewing for beers in an old neighborhood church
 Salty Not Sweet for kitschy gifts, Cleveland-themed and otherwise
 Solstice Steps at Lakewood Park for Lake Erie sunset views

Birdietown Mini Golf + Lounge - No kitschy miniature golf here. This spot is swanky, from the golf course to the main courses.

Brewella's - If your grandma turned her house into a coffee shop and crêperie, it would probably look, taste, and feel a lot like this consummately cozy spot.

Cleveland Curiosities - You've never been to an oddities shop like this! Get your fix of quirky taxidermy, antique jewelry, wet specimens, and all things macabre.

Edgewater Park - Get up close and personal with Lake Erie at this 147-acre park. (It's technically at the very western end of Cleveland.)

Mahall's - Whether you want to go bowling, go dancing, see a concert, or sip a cocktail in a '70s-themed basement, you can do it all at this hipster haven.

Thai Thai - Get a taste of authentic Bangkok street food, right here in Cleveland. But only order your food "Thai hot" if you're truly prepared for the fire.

LITTLE ITALY

If you head to the city's East Side to see the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Cleveland Cultural Gardens and other such storied sites, nearby Little Italy offers your best bet for food, drink and a little wandering.



ALSO WORTH A VISIT

Etna for nice Italian food and wine
 Lake View Cemetery (really!) for gorgeous views and a president's tomb
 Murray Hill Market for gourmet grab & go
 Presti's Bakery for breakfast pastries

Algebra Tea House - This eclectic, artsy spot offers 36 different teas and a variety of Middle Eastern food.

Blue Sky Brews - Which kind of brews are you looking for, coffee or beer? No matter. This spot specializes in both!

Cent' Anni - Celebrate "Italian drinking culture" (their words, not ours) at one of the best cocktail bars in town. Alla salute!

Tavern of Little Italy - With 14 beers on tap, a calzone-centric menu and a giant patio, this is the place to take a load off after a day of exploring.

La Dolce Vita - It's not unusual for the owner of this classic Italian restaurant to stop by your table to offer a sample of cacio e pepe or a bit of cannoli.

Moonstruck - Wander around this jam-packed boutique for curated vintage finds and locally made art.

08 MAICON 2026 NETWORKING



Opening Night Party - Get ready to rock! MAICON 2026 kicks off at the iconic Rock & Roll Hall of Fame on Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 6:30 – 8:30pm, with exclusive museum access, live entertainment, great food and drinks, and plenty of fellow attendees to meet.

AI for CMOs Networking Reception - A private evening reception for CMOs and senior marketing leaders on Monday, Oct. 12, from 6:30 – 8:30pm, before the Summit programming begins the next morning. Reserved exclusively for AI for CMOs Summit registrants.

Networking Breakfasts & Lunches - Some of the best conversations at MAICON happen over a meal. Grab a plate (and/or a coffee) and join fellow attendees for relaxed conversations throughout the conference. Good food. Great company. Even better conversations.



Networking Happy Hour - After a full day of big ideas, grab a drink and some light bites in the expo hall. Keep the conversation going with fellow marketers, innovators, and exhibitors. Cheers to great ideas and even better company!

Networking Dinner - Complete a short survey, and we'll match you with a small group based on your interests and preferences. There is a small registration fee to help ensure everyone who signs up plans to attend. Dinner is on your own. Take the survey to claim your seat for a Wednesday, Oct. 14 dinner!


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