

EXPLORER

7 BEST STEAKHOUSES

1 WEST 14TH

It may be located at the new Oceana Beach Club but make no mistake, this is not the kind of place you turn up to in shorts and flip-flops. This Brooklyn-inspired, warehouse-style steakhouse is all about indulgence. It's extravagance of a simple kind - high-quality ingredients and the finest cuts of great tasting meat - but add a few signature trills, such as a steak-knife menu, a saw for cutting your bread and a killer trolley dedicated to condiments, plus a killer location, and you've got a new contender for the city's best steakhouse. 04 447 7601

2 ASADO

With a combination of moody lighting, music to ignite your passion and a meat lover's dream menu, Asado really raises the steaks. Excellent meat and an enormous wine selection, with terrace views of Burj Dubai thrown in, make this Argentinean restaurant something special, and the hefty price tags prove that the old adage 'you get what you pay for' could never be more true. 04 428 7888

3 RARE

One of Dubai's true hidden gems, Rare is the steakhouse of choice for those in the know. It's not cheap, but there's enough choice to please both the serious carnivore and the picky gourmand. With cuts from around the world, including the exclusive wagyu sirloin, steak aficionados have every reason to make the trip out to the Desert Palm and to keep coming back. Book a table outside on the gorgeously contemporary terrace overlooking the polo fields to take advantage of the boutique hotel's isolated setting. 04 323 8888

4 JWP'S STEAKHOUSE

Set in an intimate, out-of-the-way part of the JW Marriott in Deira, this old-school steakhouse sets your expectations from the moment you walk through the door. Chefs can be seen cleaving huge chunks of meat in the open kitchen and you'll be shown a stately leather armchair, from which you can peruse the huge menu offering an impressive range of steaks and seafood. Salads are prepared freshly at your table and desserts, simple and generous, are worth it, if you can face them after all the meaty excess. 04 607 7977

5 THE EXCHANGE GRILL

The epitome of excess with modern-art installations, a floor-to-ceiling chandelier and signature steakhouse outsized leather armchairs. The menu strikes a balance between the classic and the innovative, and both lunch and dinner menus offer the best quality beef making it a delight for meat lovers and fans of fine dining alike. 04 332 5555

6 RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE

The warm cream, beige and red tones of Monarch's steakhouse create a dining room as elegant as the waiters are friendly and well turned out. Portion sizes are large, and the steaks - which arrive sizzling in butter - will forever be

engraved on your tastebuds. Finish with the delicious bread and butter pudding. It's a pricey affair, but this might just be the most underrated restaurant in Dubai. 04 501 8666



7 SEAFIRE

It's easy to be tempted away by Seafire's higher-profile neighbours at Atlantis, but you'll be missing out on a real treat at this steakhouse. Dinner begins with a list of extravagant sounding and deliciously tasting appetisers. When it comes to the main, try to resist the succulent fillet, T-bone or the seafood grill - the Atlantis strip sirloin is one of the finest steaks you'll taste. The service is impeccable but refreshingly friendly and the stylish dining room manages to retain an intimate feel despite its size. This is some seriously high-end surf n turf. 04 426 2626

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American musician Ben Folds, writing the

was all that was on. 'I'd love the kids who

Francisco by American novelist Dave Eggers