Downtown Hartford Restaurants: Here are just some of the restaurants located within downtown. They are an easy walk from the hotel, and in some cases just across the street, but if you’d prefer a ride, the DASH shuttle circles downtown from the hotel/convention center on weekdays. For more information and maps, check out Hartford.com or ask your hotel concierge.

50 Elm: The menu is tapas-style, eclectic and Caribbean-inspired, and the cocktail list is equally inspired. The ambience is great and loungy. 50 Elm St, (860) 206-3322

Agave: Agave is downtown’s Mexican favorite and is known for their tableside guacamole, margaritas, and an extensive menu of traditional and exotic Mexican dishes. Check out Margarita Monday’s madness. 100 Allyn Street

Arch Street Tavern: AST is known as “Hartford’s Classiest Watering Hole”. They have great pub food, a beautiful spacious bar and a solid crowd of good people to meet and hang out with. 85 Arch Street

Bear’s Smokehouse: Bear’s Smokehouse serves delicious Kansas City-style barbecue cafeteria style, and it is GOOD. Bear’s is consistently voted CT’s best BBQ. 89 Arch Street, (860)-724-3100

Bin 228: Bin 228 has very tasty food and a huge wine menu. And on Mondays, all the bottles on their wine list are half priced. The menu has a really nice selection of small plates to choose from. 228 Pearl Street, 860-244-9463

Black-eyed Sally’s: This restaurant serves award winning BBQ and Cajun cooking, and hosts some of the best recording artists on the blues circuit today. They have live entertainment Wednesday thru Saturday nights. 350 Asylum Street

Blue State Coffee: A fun place to go for that delicious cup of joe, sandwiches or salads just across from the Old State house in the heart of downtown. 777 Main St.

City Steam: They’re a microbrewery and restaurant all-in-one. It’s a very comfortable spot to stay for happy hour or a pub-style dinner. 972 Main Street, 860-525-1600

Dish: Dish serves yummy comfort food, with a little touch of the fancy pants. 900 Main Street

Feng Asian Bistro: Everything about Feng is spot-on. They have fabulous, near-flawless cuisine. The much talked-about lobster latté deserves the buzz. Feng’s an excellent choice for downtown dining. 93 Asylum Street

Front Street Bistro: Drink, eat and see movies. Or just eat, drink and watch while other people go to the movies. The menu has a little bit for everyone. 39 Front St, (860) 422-7712
Koji: Koji has a great yakatori menu of Japanese style skewers (like little kebobs), tons of yummy appetizers, a solid list of lunch and dinner entrees and a huge Saki and Cocktail menu. Koji describes itself as a Modern Asian Restaurant and Lounge with specially created cocktails that cannot be found anywhere else. 17 Asylum Street

Max Downtown: “With its contemporary design, extensive array of martinis and wines, and sophisticated cuisine, Max Downtown is a favorite with the city’s well-heeled and a popular after-work spot.” – Fodor’s
185 Asylum Street

Nix’s: Nixs offers modern American small plates, contemporary cuisine, an amazing raw bar, New England micro brews and craft cocktails. On the weekends join them for dinner followed by some of the best nightlife in the city- live bands, dj’s, and some imaginative and crazy delicious craft cocktails. 40 Front St, (860) 373-9400

ON20: This restaurant has the most spectacular dining views in all the land. They also have one of the best fine dining experiences you’ll ever have. The menu is seasonal. Open for lunch weekdays and for cocktails and a special bar menu Wednesday – Friday. It’s worth going just for the drink and the view. Not the easiest restaurant to find but well worth it. One State Street, 20th Floor

Peppercorn’s Grill: Peppercorn’s is about as close to Italy as you’re going to get on Main Street in Hartford. This is a mainstay for inventive Italian dishes. 357 Main Street

Royal Masala: RM has a broad menu featuring North Indian dishes with plenty of vegetarian choices as well. They’ve become a downtown staple. 391 Main St, (860) 882-0900

Salute: Salute has inventive Italian food and so much more. They’re an excellent choice for downtown dining and are located just off Bushnell Park. 100 Trumbull Street

Sorella: Sorella specializes in traditional wood fired Neapolitan pizza, fresh pasta and antipasti. The restaurant is comfortable and cozy even- and that’s cozy in a good way. 901 Main Street

Ted’s Montana Grill: Their menu honors the cooking traditions of the American West and their margaritas are DE-licious. 35 Front St., (860) 692-1167

The Capital Grille: The Capital Grille, directly across from the hotel, uses only the finest, freshest ingredients, artfully prepared in recipes designed to engage all of your senses. You’ll be delighted with everything. 44 Front Street, (860) 244-0075

Trumbull Kitchen: This restaurant is described as “contemporary, cool and inventive.” The menu is excellent and the ambiance is exciting. 150 Trumbull Street

Vito’s on the Park: Vito’s by the Park offers traditional Italian dining with a cool view of Bushnell Park. Their pizza is really spectacular and they have great pasta choices, an outstanding raw bar, and an inventive drink menu. 26 Trumbull Street
Hartford Places to Go, See or Do

**Ancient Burying Ground**  
Corner of Main and Gold Streets

**Bushnell Park**  
“An opening in the heart of the city... a place where children play... a place for holiday scenes and celebrations... a place of life and motion that will make us more completely conscious of being one people.” – The Rev. Horace Bushnell, 1853. The park is also home to a restored and operating carousel.

**Butler-McCook House and Garden**  
396 Main Street  
For 189 years the Butler-McCook House & Garden was home to four generations of a family who participated in, witnessed, and recorded the evolution of Main Street in Hartford. “Witnesses on Main Street” is an exhibit chronicling the neighborhood’s transformation to what it is today.

**Connecticut Historical Society Museum and Library**  
1 Elizabeth Street

**Connecticut Science Center**  
Next door to Hartford Marriott

**Connecticut’s Old State House**  
800 Main St.  
Historic state house with small gallery and changing exhibitions physically in the heart of downtown.

**Connecticut State Capitol Tours**  
State Capitol, 210 Capitol Avenue  
Monday – Saturday, take a guided or a self-guided tour of the Capitol Building. It’s an unbelievably impressive structure. The dome is 200 feet high.

**Elizabeth Park**  
Elizabeth Park, Hartford, CT 06105  
A bit of heaven in the city...and home to a spectacular public rose garden.

**Harriet Beecher Stowe Center**  
77 Forrest Street  
The Center uses the life and impact of 19th century author Harriet Beecher Stowe to inspire you to change your world, offering tours and programs with vibrant discussion and provocative conversation.

**Hartford History Center**  
Hartford Public Library  
500 Main Street  
There is a huge amount of extremely cool stuff on Hartford’s History in here – more than 50,000 books, trade publications, postcards, photographs and memorabilia. They’ve got revolving exhibits and guest speakers that rotate monthly. Keep checking their site for new events...

**Mark Twain House**  
351 Farmington Avenue  
The Mark Twain House & Museum is all about helping to foster an appreciation of the legacy of Mark Twain as
one of our nation’s defining cultural figures, and to demonstrate the continuing relevance of his work, life and times.

**Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art**  
600 Main Street  
There are some unbelievably famous paintings in the Wadsworth - America’s oldest public art museum.  
(Unfortunately closed Mondays and Tuesdays)

**West Hartford Center and Blue Back Square**  
Farmington Avenue and Main Street, West Hartford  
This is Hartford’s 2nd downtown filled with unique and interesting shops and oodles of restaurants located just a few miles west of downtown Hartford.