

Eating out in Falmouth

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There are many excellent restaurants in Falmouth, catering to all tastes, the majority in the harbour area close to the MEI Conference venue, the National Maritime Museum.

There are good restaurants at Falmouth's three popular beaches.

The **Gylly Beach Café and Bar** is situated on Falmouth's main beach with an informal, lively atmosphere and occasional live music. Serving a freshly cooked contemporary menu.

One of Falmouth's most stunningly situated restaurants, overlooking Swanpool Beach, is the busy **Hooked On the Rocks** (Tel: 01326 311886) (photo right). The next cove, at Maenporth Beach has one of Falmouth's best (but most expensive) restaurants, **The Cove** (Tel: 01326 251136). Bookings are essential for both, and although the coast path walks to these restaurants are beautiful in the early evening, you will need to take a taxi for your return after dark (01326 212141).



The Maritime Museum is situated in Events Square, where there are some fine restaurants. **The Shed** (Tel: 01326 318502) serves reasonably priced meals, including good pizzas. Next door is **The Shack** (Tel: 01326 212800) serving fresh Cornish seafood. Also next door is **The Ranch Steakhouse and Grill** (Tel: 01326 210989). Opposite is **Pizza Express** (01326 318841), offering glorious views of the harbour from the terrace, if the weather permits. Below Pizza Express is the ultra modern **Zizzi** Italian restaurant (Tel: 01326 314351) also with great harbour views. **Rick Stein's Fish and Chips** (Tel: 01326 330050) is a very pricey fish and seafood restaurant.

Most of the town's restaurants are on Arwenack Street and its quays. **5 Degrees West** (Tel: 01326 311288) on Grove Place just before Arwenack Street is a grillbar, popular with the sailing fraternity, which serves up a burger that would satisfy the biggest of appetites. The **Harbour Lights** is a traditional British fish 'n chips shop, with restaurant and takeaway service. On a warm evening, there is probably nothing better than to take your fish 'n chips and eat them at nearby Custom House Quay, but beware of the seagulls!



There are two pubs on Custom House Quay serving simple pub meals and good ale - the **Chain Locker** and the **Quayside Inn**. Again, great to eat outside here on a warm evening.

If you are looking for something spicy, then **Balti Curries** (Tel: 01326 317905) is a very good Nepalese/Indian restaurant.

Walking up Arwenack Street, there is a profusion of good restaurants, **Hunkydory** (01326 212997) is good, there is the **Warehouse Bistro** (Tel: 01326 313001), African food at **Amanzi** (Tel: 01326 312678), and **Fuel** (01326 314499), a stylish café, bar and lounge. Opposite Hunky Dory is **The Stable** (01326 211199) offering Falmouth's "finest pizzas, pies and cider". Opposite Fuel is **Namaste** (Tel: 01326 313141), specialising in Nepalese and Indian Cuisine. Off Arwenack Street, and down the very narrow Quay Street, you will find the popular **Seafood Bar** (Tel: 01326 315129). Also on Quay Street is **The Hut** (Tel: 01326 318229) and the **Ploy Thai Restaurant** (Tel: 01326 210333) and the (01326 753118).

Continuing up Arwenack Street and on to Church Street, there is **Cribbs Caribbean Restaurant** (Tel: 01326 210000), Asia inspired street food at **KinnAsia**, the **Habaneros Burrito Bar**, the **Harbour View Café** (Tel: 01326 315315), and **The Lookout** (01326 218318) Tapas bar and restaurant. There is a good atmosphere in **The King's** pub, below the church. **Ming's Garden Restaurant** (Tel: 01326 314413) serves Chinese, Malaysian and Thai food. **Dolly's Tea Room and Wine Bar** ("a haven of Georgian splendour") serves tapas and wine in a relaxing setting.

Opposite **Toast**, popular with students, is a very narrow alley, probably popular with the press-gangs a couple of centuries ago. At the bottom of the alley is Falmouth's number 1 restaurant on *TripAdvisor*, **The Wheel House** (01326 318050), serving simple menus of fresh local shellfish only. This is very popular so book a table well in advance and note that payment is by cash only. Further on the **Grapes Ale House and Kitchen** serves good pub food with great harbour views.

At the far end of town, you reach the steep High Street. On the corner are "take-aways" at **Cod on the Corner**, **Pizza on the Corner** and **Kebab on the Corner**. Turn left just before High Street, and you will arrive at The Moor, where there is the Nepalese and Indian Restaurant, the **Gurkha** (Tel: 01326 311483) and another Indian restaurant, **Asha** (Tel: 01326 211688). Falmouth's oldest and quaintest pub, the **Seven Stars** is on The Moor, and is worth a visit for a pint of real ale. Across the road is **Mangia** (Tel: 01326 31230) an informal bistro with home-made Italian favourites, including excellent pizzas.

On the High Street is the excellent **Oliver's** (01326 218138), rated #2 on *TripAdvisor*, and Thai food at the **Thai Orchid** (Tel: 01326 211028). At the top of the High Street is the **Star and Garter** pub, with food and views across the River Fal.