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BEST PLACE FOR A DINNER DATE

1. **Belly** 30 E. Broadway. 683-5896. eatbelly.com.
2. **Izakaya Meiji** 345 Van Buren St. 505-8804. izakayameiji.com.
3. **Beppe & Gianni's** 1646 E. 19th Ave. 683-6661. beppeandgiannis.net.

It's the stuff of adolescent fantasy — little round tables with white cloth covers and a waxy beacon placed dead center. But if you ask the staff, they'll tell you the real smooching happens in the groovy alcove by the window.

Belly fools the best of us. It's casual upon first glance but swanky when you think about it. The ambiguous aesthetic just works. There are enough obscure menu items to impress but enough familiar ones not to impose. From Slavic to Saharan, there is something for everybody and the menu changes often. As owner/chef Brendan Mahaney says, excited about the dropping temperatures outside, "It's time for Jerusalem artichokes, persimmons, duck confit, pomegranates ..." All this and more for the one you adore.

BEST BAR GRUB

1. **The Horsehead Bar** 99 W. Broadway. 683-3154. horseheadbareugene.com.
2. **Falling Sky Brewing** 1334 Oak Alley. 505-7096; 790 Blair Blvd. 653-9167. fallingskybrewing.com.
3. **Jackalope Lounge** 453 Willamette St. 485-1519. jackalopelounge.com.

Is it the collar greens? The big burgers? Maybe, but for us it's the nachos that really put the Horsehead over the top when it comes to bar grub. There's a lot of good late-night eats around Eugene, and a lot of amazing places to have good food and a cocktail, but the Horsehead is our default when we hit that "Oh shit, I need to eat something hot and fried to take the edge off all that whiskey I just drank" point in the night. The added bonus is that if you get the nachos (and yes, you can get them without meat for all you drunk vegetarians out there) the salsa is so damn garlicky that you will hold vampires and potentially unpleasant suitors at bay for the rest of the night.

BEST DIVE BAR

1. **Tiny Tavern** 394 Blair Blvd. 687-8383.
2. **Luckey's Club Cigar Store** 933 Olive St. 687-4643. luckeysclub.com.
3. **Jackalope Lounge** 453 Willamette St. 485-1519. jackalopelounge.com.

When we say "best dive bar," we mean one you can dive right into and enjoy yourself. The Tiny Tavern has undergone an excellent makeover, transforming from "urinal cake" to "I would eat cake if served there," all the while keeping its working-class flavor.

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