



TIM FINNEGAN'S IRISH PUB

An Oasis of Friendliness And Fine Food

FISH & CHIPS

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There are some places that transport you to another time and place. Not so much an escape from reality, but a soothing time-out from the norm. Tim Finnegan's is that kind of a place.

The wood paneled walls, rich Irish authenticity, comfortable furniture and great food make this restaurant a place to cherish.

And most who go there do. "I love to come here; I love the food and the atmosphere. My daughter was not feeling well so I came to get Jorge's homemade mashed potatoes and vegetables. No one else makes food fresh like this. And, my daughter loved it," said Denise, who meets her gal pals regularly at Tim Finnegan's.

Denise isn't the only one who finds that Tim Finnegan's hits a hot spot in their heart. "I had never heard of Scotch Eggs before tonight. But, oh God they were delicious," said Robin Durkin from Virginia. Robin was with her mom Patricia and they were indulging in Tim Finnegan's finest foods. "We loved the corned beef and cabbage, it was wonderful."

There are plenty of dishes worth touting - especially those uniquely Irish. The Barbeque Guinness Chicken Wings are American in nature but Irish in nurture baked (and fried) in a rich sweet Guinness sauce. Also popular are Sausage Rolls made with Irish sausage wrapped in puff pastry and then baked. If you're up for something special try the homemade potato soup with cheddar cheese topped with bacon and scallions.

BANGERS AND MASH





CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE



TRADITIONAL IRISH BREAKFAST



SHEPHERD'S PIE

There are a lot of choices at this family run restaurant but one thing that is irrevocable is that everything is fresh and homemade by Chef Jorge. With years of culinary expertise and a passion for his trade, Jorge is brimming with ideas and scrumptious Irish specialties. You may not think Fried Fish is a specialty - or French fries either - but when you taste Tim Finnegan's beer battered fried fish and homemade hand-cut fries you'll realize its world class.

Their Shepherd's Pie also lives up to its reputation as a mainstay of Irish culinary culture. Made with slow simmered ground beef, onions, peas and carrots it's topped with fresh homemade mashed potatoes. Their Drunken Chicken is also a savory dish that will make your mouth water and your taste buds say, 'where have you been all my life.' This roasted chicken breast is served in an Irish whiskey cream sauce with mushrooms and onions, and comes with homemade mashed potatoes and veggies.

If you hanker for something from a more seafaring habitat try the Mahi-Mahi in a white wine lemon butter sauce. Served with a choice of potato (baked, mashed or fries) and fresh veggies, it's definitely a winner. Tim Finnegan's also has sizzling New York Strip steak and nightly specials that will woo you over. Dishes such as Chicken Wellington (chicken breast with mushroom puree wrapped in a pastry puff); Filet Mignon, Herb Crusted Cod and blackened Mahi-Mahi are always a welcome surprise.

That's the secret of Tim Finnegan's. They surprise guests with tasty dishes that will make you go "wow," while at the same time treating you with the sweet intimacy of an invited guest. Jenny Fox and her son (who teaches yoga) were enjoying a spinach dip and Drunken Chicken, but couldn't help commenting on the laid back comfort of their surroundings. "The people here are so down-to-earth, the food is exceptional and the waitress is wonderful."

But that's not all. Every night of the week there is reason to celebrate. Monday night is Karaoke night, Tuesday is Irish night with 2 for 1 appetizers (and Dart games), Wednesday at 6 are Irish dance classes, Pub Quiz, \$5 martinis and half-priced Mussels (steamed in an herb garlic white wine sauce and garlic bread).

As the week revs up there's more excitement on tap. Thursday is Singer-songwriter Open Jam sessions with Marie, Friday is Seafood Specials (fish and chips are only \$9.95) with live music and Saturday you can indulge in an Irish Breakfast from 11am to 3pm with Live Music after 8pm.

Sunday is a special day at Tim Finnegan's and one that most people enjoy with gusto. There's an Irish Breakfast, an Irish language class, Traditional Irish music and a Roast Dinner at 4pm for only \$15. An Irish Breakfast consists of Irish Sausage, Irish Bacon (which is wonderful), Black and White Pudding, Grilled tomato and Mushrooms, Eggs and Beans. You can't find a more authentic Irish meal this side of the Atlantic (and why even try).

Tim Finnegan's also serves lunch specials week days for \$6.95 with your choice of soup, salad and fries or coleslaw. Not to be unrivaled are their homemade desserts that will delight your endorphins. The homemade Bailey's cheesecake with Oreo cookie crust and Irish Bread Pudding is heavenly (perhaps more so).

They also have an outstanding selection of whiskey with rare brands like Yellow Spot and Green Spot. And, as a special treat they have an "Irish Whiskey Tour," that when completed you get a Waterford Crystal Whiskey Glass with your name engraved on it. Not only is there a full bar (with Beer, Wine, Martinis, Liquor) but the friendly banter and good vibes will make you wonder, "Where did the time go?"

That was the owner's master plan. "Our customers are what it's all about here. Friendships have been formed here and we have all laughed and cried together - it really is a very special place. My staff is all-important to me as well. They're my family in the USA, and as I look around at this restaurant, I am filled with pride," said Lisa.

With St. Patrick's Day upon us brace yourself for an amazing day. It kicks off with an Irish Breakfast at 9am and at 1pm the legendary singing duo Kathy and Andreas Durkin (direct from Ireland) will entertain and they'll be Irish Step Dancers and Pipers.

Happy Hour is every day from 11am to 7pm. But take our word for it; every day is a happy day at Time Finnegan's.

Marge and Jack from New Jersey couldn't agree more. "We are totally impressed with the food, the bartender and the waitress. The people here are just extraordinary." You bet they are!

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