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Where to eat in Huntington: Restaurants, bakeries and more

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On the map, downtown Huntington is a splash of olive oil from the Nassau line, but, on the plate, it's the center of eating and drinking in Suffolk.

Patchogue and Bay Shore are having a rebirth. Stony Brook's attractions are growing, as are Greenport's. Port Jefferson keeps up to date. East Hampton always does. But the hub of Huntington has been the paradigm for decades.

Walking distance separates most of the destinations in what's often called Huntington Village. And just a cross-section of the cuisines makes for a mini-United Nations. Using High and Fairview streets as a southern border, so your trip doesn't get too unwieldy, head north and bring an appetite.

Tapas and tango: Cafe Buenos Aires

Credit: Daniel Brennan

Cafe Buenos Aires (28 Wall St.): Named the best Latin restaurant on Long Island in Newsday's Top 100 listing for 2018, the festive establishment serves excellent food and a good time. Hugo Garcia, the attentive and accommodating overseer of the dining room, ensures both. The bar is spirited and tango dancers are expected to return for showtime in winter. Year-round: appetizing Argentine tapas, empanadas, tacos, baked oysters, patatas bravas with chorizo, ropa vieja, ceviche, Serrano ham with manchego cheese and olives (in photo) as well as seafood paella, and a knockout mixed grill for two with chicken, short ribs, sausages, smoked bacon, and top sirloin. The selection of Argentine wines is exceptional. Churros with dulce de leche ice cream and are the ideal More info: 631-603-3600, cafebuenosaires.net