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Intimate, luxurious and current, the Ambassador is Tulsa's only boutique hotel.

Guests will experience the historical beauty and design of the Ambassador as well as the many modern amenities including luxurious rooms with access to wireless internet available, hotel shuttle service and unparalleled customer care.

The Ambassador's Chalkboard restaurant offers guests a chance to experience fine European-style dining in a bistro atmosphere with a variety of culinary creations.

Only a short distance from downtown attractions, the Ambassador offers prime venues for business conferences, weddings or other events. Guests may choose to partake in any number of packages offered, and will find that staying at the Ambassador is an experience not soon forgotten.



Hotel Ambassador  
1324 S. Main, Tulsa, OK 918.587.8200  
www.hotelambassador-tulsa.com

Also take the time to visit Oklahoma City's only boutique hotel, the Colcord. Featuring on-site dining with culinary feats of genius from Soleil, a French theme contemporary restaurant, and the posh XO lounge. 15 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 405.601.4300 • www.colcordhotel.com



# Beat

No need to ever order a burger by the numbers in this town

**Square Meal** The double cheeseburger from Claud's in Brookside won't let you down.



Good luck getting consensus on the best hamburger in Tulsa. People feel strongly about their personal favorites, each worthy. We like Claud's Hamburgers on Peoria Avenue in Brookside. The whitewashed brick restaurant is tiny, with a single row of stools at the counter and a row of chairs a few feet behind, where you wait for a spot to open up.

Get there early, because Claud's starts to fill up as soon as it opens at 11 a.m. But don't bother on Sunday or Monday, when the place is closed.

Once you grab a seat, skip the fries and drink. Instead, gorge on a double cheeseburger. With meat as juicy and flavorful as this, one patty isn't enough. Claud's doesn't skimp on the cheese, either.

Then head across the street to Weber's, another popular burger joint. But you're here for the homemade root beer. Order a large and savor every sip. The drink starts smooth and creamy and ends with a bite on the tongue. It's the only proper way to wash down that double cheeseburger. —Chris Gigley

### Other Favorites

Tulsa has more than burgers to offer.

#### LOLA'S AT THE BOWERY

Good (and not too skimpy) tapas, great beer, fun live music, easy atmosphere in the heart of the artsy Brady district. [lolasatthebowery.com](http://lolasatthebowery.com)

#### IN THE RAW

The sushi bar takes center stage at this happening place in Brookside. Enhancing all that sliced fresh fish is the scene—young professionals elbow-to-elbow at the bar and booths that feel more like daybeds tucked around the dining room. [enfuego-tulsa.com](http://enfuego-tulsa.com)

#### PALACE CAFÉ

Attention to detail, down to rosemary and citrus in the ice water, marks this Cherry Street find. The artful decor matches the presentation of seasonal ingredients, such as rabbit, halibut, and scallop linguini in Madeira sauce. [palacetulsa.com](http://palacetulsa.com)

#### THE CHALKBOARD

Duck into this European-style bistro on the lower level of the Hotel Ambassador for lunch on a rainy afternoon or for a romantic dinner. The cozy scale and European menu—from Beef Wellington to deep-dish quiche—make it hard to leave. [thechalkboard-tulsa.com](http://thechalkboard-tulsa.com)

#### DOE'S EAT PLACE

Nothing's subtle about Doe's, a no-frills kind of place on Cherry Street. The shrimp are plump, the steaks are tender and juicy. Order the T-bone to save room for the signature tamales. [doestulsa.com](http://doestulsa.com)



**Homes Lobby** The Hotel Ambassador serves up '20s-style charm and elegance.

# Sleep

## Homes Away From Home

Planning a visit? Try on one of these Tulsa jewels.

### DOUBLETREE HOTEL TULSA-DOWNTOWN

It's adjacent to the Tulsa Convention Center, spacious, and wired for the Internet. Enjoy the heated indoor pool, whirlpool—and warm chocolate-chip cookie from the front desk. *Rooms from \$99. [tulsadowntown.doubletree.com](http://tulsadowntown.doubletree.com)*

### HOTEL SAVOY

This downtown hotel's seven suites are fully furnished with kitchens, living areas, and separate bedrooms. French antiques decorate the rooms, and the complimentary breakfast features homemade muffins and breads. *Rooms from \$109. [tulsasavoy.com](http://tulsasavoy.com)*

### SKELLY LODGE

Perched on a ridge overlooking the Verdigris River Valley, this elegantly rustic bed-and-breakfast is minutes from the city but perfect for a romantic getaway. Request the namesake rooms where Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt slept. *Rooms from \$150. [skellylodge.com](http://skellylodge.com)*

### CEDAR ROCK INN

All five suites come with a flat-panel TV, and one suite includes cedar-lined walls, while another boasts oak-beamed ceilings. But it's the outdoors that will woo you. In the Terrace and Parkview suites, you can take your morning coffee or evening wine out to your private terrace overlooking the grounds. *Rooms from \$195. [cedarrockinn.com](http://cedarrockinn.com)*

BUILT IN 1929 TO HOUSE the oil tycoons who were building mansions in the Maple Ridge area of Tulsa, the Hotel Ambassador continues its history of catering to an affluent crowd.

The redbrick building, a few blocks from the art deco Boston Avenue church, was closed in 1987 because of financial difficulties. But new owners gave the Ambassador a \$5.5 million renovation and reopened it in 1999. The plush atmosphere offers a different twist on Tulsa's hotel scene. "We're a boutique hotel," says hotel manager Michael Frimel, "not your standard, out-of-the-box hotel."

Coming to town for business? Spacious guestrooms are equipped for productivity, with built-in desks and wireless Internet. Here for a leisurely visit? No problem. "We target the luxury traveler," says Frimel. "I like to say we're a 'quiet refuge,' and a very comfortable place to stay."

With only seven rooms on each floor, sleeping soundly isn't a problem. Pillow-top mattresses and soft bathrobes are among the welcoming touches. Check out the ninth-floor fitness room, first-rate bistro, and the library on the hotel's mezzanine level, not to mention the complimentary shuttles to the airport and downtown entertainment districts. You'll travel in style in a Cadillac Escalade or Lincoln Town Car. *Rooms from \$180. [hotelambassador-tulsa.com](http://hotelambassador-tulsa.com)*

—Martha-Page Ransdell