SEM 55th Annual Conference Restaurant List

1. Restaurants Located in the Wilshire Grand Hotel:
   Seoul Jung- Korean, 213-688-7880, MFLD/WD, $$$
   Cardini- Italian, 213-896-3822, MFLD/WD, $$$
   City Grill- American, 213-627-4289, BL, $$$
   Point Morrea- Upscale sports bar, 213-833-5100, D, $$
   City Grill Coffee Bar- coffee, pastries, 213-627-4289, BL, $
   http://www.wilshiregrand.com/restaurants&bars/index.htm

Restaurants Walking* Distance from the Wilshire Grand Hotel (within 2 blocks, numbers correspond to locations on Restaurants map):
2. Takami Sushi & Robata- Japanese, 811 Wilshire, Ste 2100, 213-236-9600, nice view, MFLD/WD, $$
3. Engine Co. No. 28- American, 644 S. Figueroa, 213-624-6996, MFLD/WD, $$$
4. Wokcano- Pan Asian, 800 W. 7th, 213-623-2288, LD, $$$
5. Morton’s The Steakhouse- American, 735 S. Figueroa, Ste 207, 213-553-4566, MFLD/WD, $$$$  
5. George’s Greek Café- Greek, 735 S. Figueroa, #131, 213-624-6542, LD, $
5. Adoro Mexican Grill- Mexican, 735 S. Figueroa, 213-955-9204, LD, $$
6. Kachi- Sandwiches/Salads, 1001 Wilshire, 213-482-4898, MFLBL, $
7. Maria’s Italian Kitchen- Italian/Californian, 615 S. Flower, 213-623-4777, MFLD/WD, $$
8. Big Mama’s & Papa’s Pizzeria- Italian, 657 S. Flower, 213-627-5556, MFLD/WL, $
9. Tierra Café- Mexican/Vegetarian, 818 Wilshire, 213-629-1402, MFL, $  
For more restaurants go to link below. You can sort by distance, name, popularity and price.

For the Adventurous:

11. Bona Vista Lounge- European, 404 S. Figueroa, 213-624-1000. This restaurant/cocktail lounge rotates at the top floor of the Bonaventure Hotel (famous for its outdoor glass elevators). Best time is in evening when you can get a 360-degree view of the Los Angeles skyline. If you are on a budget go there for sodas and appetizers. DISTANCE 3 blocks. D. $$$$.
   http://www.thebonaventure.com/dining/bona_vista_lounge.cfm
12. Clifton’s Cafeteria- American, 648 S. Broadway, 213-627-1673. A landmark for over 70 years, the interior is done up like a redwood forest complete with mechanical animals. Huge selection- great prices. Open 24 hours. DISTANCE 6 blocks from financial district to heart of retail district. BLD. $
http://www.cliftonscafeteria.com/home.html

Metro to Union Station and Various Cultural Centers. Many interesting restaurants and cultural experiences are to be had by catching the subway- Metro Red Line- located at the 7th Street Metro Center 1 block east from the Wilshire Grand on 7th Street. Take the subway two exits to the end of the line at Union Station (it takes only six minutes). From there you can walk across the street to Olvera Street (a touristy Mexican outdoor market), Chinatown (5 blocks northwest) and Little Tokyo (5 blocks southwest). These locations are not able to be shown on the Wilshire Grand Restaurants map.

Olvera Street- Across the street from Union Station. The oldest part of Los Angeles, founded in 1781, and the central Mexican plaza and outdoor market. You can find several types of restaurants at Olvera Street, from sit-down restaurants to taco stands. Best known are La Gonondrina, La Noche Buena, Juanita’s, and Cielito Lindo. BLD. $$.
http://www.yelp.com/search?find_desc=olvera+street+restaurant&find_loc=Los+Angeles%2C+CA

Philippe’s- 1001 N. Alameda, 213-628-3781. Founded in 1908, birthplace of the French Dip sandwich, it is 2 blocks north from Union Station. BLD. $
http://www.philippes.com/

Chinatown. From Union Station you can walk north 4 blocks and west 2 blocks and be in the heart of Chinatown. Or you can catch Dash Bus Line B north on weekdays right outside Union Station (runs every 8 minutes). Once in the heart of Chinatown (Broadway and College) get off at any stop. There are too many choices to list them all. Empress Pavillion (988 N. Hill, 213-617-9898) is the most popular place for Dim Sum. Be prepared for a wait.
LD. $$.
http://www.empresspavilion.com/

Little Tokyo. From Union Station walk south on Alameda over the 101 Freeway and past government buildings to 1st Street (nearly a mile). Once there you will find some excellent restaurants near the Japanese American National Museum including Oomasa for tempura and Orochon for ramen.
http://www.urbanspoon.com/n/5/435/LA/Little-Tokyo-restaurants
Key:
$ under $10 per entrée
$$ $10-15 per entrée
$$$ $15-25 entrée
$$$$ $25 on up per entrée
MF Monday through Friday
W Weekends
B Breakfast
L Lunch
D Dinner
* Nobody Walks in L.A!

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