Try chef-driven fare, new restaurant concepts and a cutting-edge beverage scene. Foodies and locals alike love to sample the variety of food on culinary walking tours.

*Bon Appétit* didn’t have to eat its words when it proclaimed Pittsburgh as the “Next Big Food Town.” And, Zagat, the go-to source for restaurant reviews, named Pittsburgh the “No. 1 Food City” in the U.S. a few years back. The city has more than a half-dozen James Beard Award semifinalists.

Cooking and sharing food with family and friends is a time-honored ‘Burgh tradition. From its early days, Pittsburgh has welcomed immigrants who, seeking comfort in familiar traditions, offered a taste of their homeland after settling into neighborhoods that took on ethnic flavors. Pittsburgh is home to several family owned, long-standing international restaurants in neighborhoods like the Strip District, Bloomfield and more.

Much of Pittsburgh’s food comes fresh from the farm. The city has more farmers’ markets and community gardens per capita than most U.S. metropolitan areas.

Plan to visit during one of Pittsburgh’s food festivals or just come see why everyone talks about the grub.