



Frankie & Benny's

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According to the story, Frankie Giuliani was ten years old when, with his Mamma and Poppa, he left Sicily and landed at Ellis Island, New York in 1924. It was no surprise when the family opened a restaurant, everybody helping with the building and the cooking in equal measure – each of them had a favourite dish to contribute. In 1953 Poppa retired and Frankie and Benny took over the business, combining the best of popular American food with traditional Italian dishes. The rest is history...

This restaurant attracts everybody from couples and parties of friends out for good times and great food, to families treating themselves to a night out – children are extremely well catered for, with their own menu, activities and games. The choice is so massive that making a decision is a difficult task. To start, try the succulent chicken wings tossed in a choice of either American BBQ or Louisiana hot sauce, served with a cooling dip. Magnificent mains range from pastas, speciality pizzas, burgers, grills and calzone, to 28-day-aged steaks, salads, sandwiches and specials, with fish and vegetarian dishes aplenty. To finish, perhaps share The Godfather, Frankie & Benny's iconic dessert. In typical Stateside fashion, service at Frankie & Benny's is second to none. Nothing is too much trouble for the friendly staff. So loosen your tie, relax, settle into your booth and relish the wonderful feeling of a very satisfied appetite.



Italian American



Open: Mon-Sat 9am-11pm;
Sun 9am-10.30pm

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£15 to £20



Cheikho's

- ▶ **Location** 9 Leicester Road, Oadby, LE2 5BD
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The inviting candlelit atmosphere of this bijou bistro in the heart of Oadby is the perfect accompaniment to the authentic Italian cuisine that is its speciality.

Great Italian food is all about choosing the very best local ingredients and using established techniques to take them to another level, and this simple philosophy is championed with passion and flair at Cheikho's. The menu here is reassuringly concise – testament to the fact that each dish is finely honed and freshly cooked to order – yet offers an excellent range, including a dedicated vegetarian selection and a regularly changing specials board that showcases seasonal dishes.

I started my meal with garlic mushrooms, while my partner had prawns served with salad and Marie Rose sauce. Both classics were superbly cooked and beautifully presented, as well as packing some bold flavours. The lamb shank I enjoyed for my main course was similarly well executed – the meat practically melted off the bone into a sauce that was rich with red wine and rosemary. My partner's chicken, basil and mushroom pasta dish was yet another lesson in balancing simple ingredients to create a dish that is refined yet in keeping with its rustic roots.



Italian



Open: Tues-Sat 6.30pm-10pm

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£22 to £27