Latin foods:

Taquería Los Amigos
515 N. 7th Street
Allentown, PA 18102
610-434-1316

Although on weekends the menu expands a bit to include soups, this is a real taquería with an appropriately limited menu (taquería = place where tacos are sold). Having said that, the few items they serve are done simply and very, very well. Be brave! Try the tacos de tripas (beef tripe) or de cabeza (beef cheeks)! Or try the excellent, vegetarian sopes (fried hand-formed tortillas with hongos (mushrooms) or papas (potatoes, onions, and peppers)). The décor is pleasant, this is a good place to sit down with friends and family for a great meal. No credit cards, but quite inexpensive. **On Tuesday all tacos are $0.99!!!**

El Azteca
407 N. 7th Street
Allentown, PA 18102
856-655-4596
open daily 11 am - 10 pm

Newly opened restaurant in the location of Allentown’s first real Mexican restaurant. Their tacos ($1 on Tuesday and Thursday!) have received high praise, and a recent pair of diners reported that they “had a great lunch. HUGE amounts of food. And good too. It was terrific. [We] had flautas (4 huge ones and salad for $6) and tacos (3 huge ones for $5) and [...] a huge, football-sized burrito for $6. [The burrito] was REALLY spicy.” From another visit: “I took a group of 13 people to El Azteca. Chips, salsa and guacamole were all quite good. Then rice and beans, also good. The steak tacos were OUTSTANDING. The steak bits had a really nice flavor and the soft taco shells are double-wrapped. [...] We also had a ton of chicken and cheese quesadillas. Everything was quite good, but the steak tacos were superb. Everybody in our group left happy, FULL and quite satisfied with the quality of the food. Last time we went, we had a burrito and it was the size of a small football. And very good too.” Ample seating in an attractive setting. No credit cards. **On Thursday all tacos are $0.99!!!**

La Placita México
158 North 12th Street (12th and Turner)
Allentown, PA 18102
610-821-4549

Authentic, home-style Mexican dishes and groceries. Excellent pozole rojo and pozole blanco (hominy corn-based soups) and very good, very cheap tacos. A wide variety of Mexican sodas is available. There is a small seating section at the rear of the restaurant, beyond the long deli-style counter. No credit cards, but very affordable. Take-out party trays are available and very well done!

El Rey Mexican Restaurant
Allentown’s newest Mexican eatery, El Rey is on the first floor of a rowhouse. They serve a complete menu, including authentic a la carte specialties, mixed platters, and a wide range of nachos. Their salsa is fresh made and surprisingly hot!

Diego’s Restaurante y Panadería
1507 S. 4th Street
Allentown, PA 18103
610-709-9992
open Monday-Sunday 8 am – 8 pm
Offering a full menu of Mexican and Tex-Mex specialities for three meals a day. Very good chilaquiles and amazing enchiladas mixtecas! Not as inexpensive as some of the downtown options, but still reasonable. On weekends, cookies, panes dulces [=sweet, roll-sized, multiform breads], palmeras [=elephant ears], and other baked goods are fresh from the oven... wonderful! Credit cards accepted.

El Rey del Mofongo
937 Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18102
610-439-2400
open daily except Sunday 10 am - 6 pm
Dominican cuisine, served in a newly-refurbished and quite charming space. The original lunch counter restaurant, complete with lovely tin ceiling tiles, has been cleaned and cleared up to make room for tables beyond the counter. Though their specialty is mofongo (mashed plantains with onions and your choice of meat or vegetables), they also serve daily specials as well as excellent chicharrón (fried pork rind), pastelillos (turnovers), and some of the best roast chicken in town. Check out the giant (and tiny!) wooden plantain mashers on display! Servings are massive here-- go hungry! Credit cards accepted.

Tu Nueva Casa Restaurant
American Plaza
223 Hamilton Street (Hamilton and American Parkway)
Allentown, PA 18101
610-433-2012
Excellent Dominican specialties as well as a range of Latin dishes. The meal-size asopao de camarón (shrimp and rice stew) is particularly good. They have several really yummy fish dishes as well. Open very late on weekends!

Cuchifrito Aquí Me Quedo
105 North 7th Street
Allentown, PA 18101
610-434-1788
A *cuchifrito* is a yummy piece of fried deliciousness... the word has two origins, fried bits of pork (cochino + frito) and that which is both cooked (cocido) and fried (frito). This restaurant’s name says it all: here you can find all of the extraordinarily tasty fried things the Hispanic Caribbean creates: chicharrón, alcapurrias, bacalaitos, pastelillos, papas rellenas, morcillas, chorizos... and a host of other snacks and main-course options. Open very late!

**Don Diego’s Restaurant**
44 North 8th Street (8th and Linden Streets))
Allentown, Pa 18102
610-435-0781
Monday-Thursday 7 am - 10 pm, Friday-Sunday 7 am - 11 pm
Newly reopened. Dominican foods, to eat in or take out. Will cater large orders! Free delivery ($10 minimum) **Be the first to review it for this guide!**

**Rincón Liniero**
548 North 7th Street (corner of Allen)
Allentown, PA 18102
610-433-9450  Free delivery available
open 7 days
Dominican cuisine, in a newly opened space with the former owners of Sunlight Restaurant. Combo meals for larger groups. Credit card accepted. **Be the first to review it for this guide!**

**7th Street Rotisserie Chicken**
535 N. 7th Street
Allentown, PA 18102
610-740-0800
Truly succulent, deeply flavorful rotisserie chicken—no sauce needed! Also serving fried chicken, fruit juices, and fruit batidas. Mostly takeout, but in nice weather, they put tables out on the sidewalk.

**Caribeño Restaurant**
346 Ridge Avenue
Allentown, PA 18101
(610) 432-5459
A small Dominican restaurant, though a new seating area allows you to eat in now. **Be the first to review it for this guide!**

**Casa Latina Restaurant**
527 N 7th St
Allentown, PA 18102
(610) 821-2748
A small but extremely popular Dominican restaurant. On the Muhlenberg shuttle route... and delivery available! **Be the first to review it for this guide!**

**Las Palmas Restaurant**
Sólido’s / El Rincón Criollo
802 North 7th Street
Allentown, PA 18102
610-439-6065
open daily except Sunday 11 am - 6 pm
Dominican cuisine, from the freshest in fried foods (great *alcapurrias* (fried stuffed yuca)!) to rich stews, *pernil*, and roasted chicken. Served with rice and beans, to be washed down with tropical sodas. This restaurant is one of the city’s originals, and has just moved to an easily-reached, totally renovated downtown location. Ample seating area. No credit cards, but very affordable.

Punta Cana Restaurant
801 Union Boulevard (just before Airport Road)
Allentown, PA 181
610-351-3275
Sunday-Wednesday 8 am – 10 pm, Thursday-Saturday 8 am – 11 pm
An extensive selection of ready-to-go foods plus a full menu prepared to order. A great choice if you are headed to see a movie at the Carmike on Airport Road! Credit cards accepted with a $10 minimum.

Sandwichería El Punto
410 W. Tilghman Street
Allentown, PA 18101
610-435-9170
Sunday-Thursday 8am-12 midnight, Friday and Saturday 8am-5 am (!!!)
Take-out sandwiches, featuring the huge and delicious *cubano* as well as many other warm and cold options. Open late every night!

Ecuá-Atlantic Seafood
621 N. 7th Street
Allentown, PA 18102
610-434-8755
Monday-Thursday 10 am – 7 pm, Friday-Saturday 10 am – 8 pm, Sunday 10 am – 5 pm
Fresh fish and seafood, sold raw or prepared on the spot for takeout. Classic Ecuadorean dishes, including *ceviche* and *cazuela* (a thick plantain, shrimp, and peanut stew) prepared on Saturday and Sunday to eat in or take out.

The Cebiche House
Exellent Peruvian and Ecuadorian cuisine in an informal, though pleasant, setting. Try the ceviche (also known as ceviche) in either national style... we’ve tried the Peruvian ceviche mixto and were really impressed with the extraordinary freshness of the fish, shrimp, calamari, and lime. Also recommended: the jalea, mixed fried seafood served beneath a fresh salad of red onions, peppers, tomatoes, and lime juice. The papa a la huancaína, sliced boiled potatoes served cool with a creamy golden cheese and pepper sauce, was perfectly prepared, garnished with the freshest hard boiled egg we have tasted in a long time! Credit cards accepted.

Cuquita Restaurant
960 Broadway
Fountain Hill, PA 18015
(610) 868-5558
Though it is a bit beyond Allentown (in Fountain Hill, almost to south side Bethlehem), this is the best Colombian restaurant in the area. Massive servings of fresh, prepared-to-order steaks, seafood, and the ever daunting, always delicious bandeja paisa, a platter of steak, chorizo, chicharrón, rice, beans, fried eggs, and avocado. Cuquita stands out for their chocolate (hot chocolate) and unique chicharrón, made with smoked pork: heavenly! Credit cards accepted, very much worth the short trip!

José Burgos
484-347-6447
Special orders for delivery of truly amazing Salvadoran tamales. Especially good are the tamales de elote, sweet corn tamales, served with crema. ¡Ñam! ¡Ñam!

Island in the Sun
921 W. Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18102
610-435-4347
Monday-Thursday 11 am - 8 pm, Friday-Saturday 11 am - 9 pm, closed Sunday
OK: this is not technically a Hispanic restaurant, but it is Caribbean (Jamaican) and the food could easily be found in any antillano community throughout Latin America. The restaurant itself is clean and charming, with lovely rattan and wicker chairs and an understated decor. The food... is amazing. Fish poached in coconut milk, jerk chicken, brown stew, oxtail, curried goat, rice cooked with coconut milk and pigeon peas (gandules) or red peas, roti... all bursting with flavor, some spicy, many cinnamon- or allspice-scented. Also serving Caribbean sodas and an interesting variety of natural juices. Try the sorrel drink: it can be overwhelming when drunk full strength, but very tasty when watered down a bit.

Luna’s Bakery
1120 W. Linden Street
Allentown, PA 18102
610-432-3255
This newly-opened Caribbean bakery has a variety of pastries, cakes, desserts (*tembleque* (a coconut pudding), flan, bread pudding), and sandwiches on freshly-baked *pan sobao*. No seating area, but a great place to pick up coffee and a sweet treat. Credit cards accepted.

**Panadería El Quetzal**  
736 E. Fourth Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
610-865-2089  
open 7 days a week 6 am - 6 pm  

Located in south side Bethlehem, this is the only full-service Hispanic bakery in the area. This bakery is run by Guatemalans and specializes in Guatemalan treats, but offers breads and pastries from across Latin America.

The nearby communities of Bethlehem, Easton, Coopersburg, Quakertown, and Reading offer an very broad selection of cafes and restaurants; in Bethlehem the selections include Salvadoran (*Francisco’s Salvadoreño Restaurant*, 100 E. Broad Street, 610-866-3556), Caribbean (a brand new Cuban restaurant needs to be explored: *Nueva Lanterna Fusion Grill and Rum Bar*, 530 Pembroke Road, 610-867-9066), Mexican (*La Lupita*, 4 W. 4th Street, 610-868-5733, by Lehigh’s campus, is a nice choice that is open until 10pm Tuesday - Saturday, until 9pm Sunday and Monday), and Peruvian (*El MachuPicchu*, at 1328 East 4th Street, 610-865-5838, with excellent *pollo a la brasa* every day and *ceviche* on the weekend, open Wednesday - Sunday), while in Easton Mexican (recommendation: La Perla Tapatía, 1126 Northampton Street, 610-252-1289) and Colombian (recommendation: *Las Delicias*, 144 West St. Joseph Street, 610-559-9490) dominate. In Quakertown and Reading, the large immigrant population from Mexico (and more recently, Central America) allows for dozens of very good and often very affordable restaurants (recommendations: *Cocina Salvadoreña*, 219 W. Broad St., Quakertown, PA 18951, 215-529-5598 and *Tijuana Tacos*, 216 W. Broad Street, Quakertown, 215-536-0444). Just south of Allentown, off Rt. 309, *Casa Toro* is a very pleasant Mexican restaurant with excellent food; a bit pricier than other restaurants, it is worth both the drive and the cost (7001 Rt. 309, Coopersburg, PA 18036, in the Fairmount Village Shopping Center 610-282-8888).

Do you want to cook your own food? Wegman’s, on Tilghman street beyond Cedar Crest, has many, many fresh, frozen, and canned ingredients for Latin and Spanish (from Spain!) meals; be forewarned, they can be fairly expensive. A much more affordable option is **Supremo Supermarket**, a sparking new supermarket on 7th Street between Tilghman and Allen, where super fresh produce, Hispanic cuts of meat, may varieties of chorizo and other sausages, and more canned, frozen, and refrigerated goods from around the Hispanic world than you might imagine share space with a full range of Anglo products. At **C-Town, la tiendona del pueblo**, on Tilghman between 4th and 5th Streets (401 W Tilghman St, Allentown, 18102, 484-664-7060, hours and details at [http://www.ctownsupermarkets.com](http://www.ctownsupermarkets.com)) you can find a spectacular array of Latin American products, with an especially strong collection of Central and South American fresh, frozen, and canned goods; here you can find a good selection of meats (Latin cuts like *pernil*), seafood (including octopus!), vegetables, fruits, spices, and Latin American cheeses. **C-Town offers pick-up and drop-off service for car-less shoppers.** The Little Apple Market,
next to Supremo on 7th Street between Tilghman and Allen, is another choice. Elias Farmers’
Market, at 101 Tilghman Street, offers a mammoth selection of fresh fruits and vegetables for
virtually any Latin dish. Elias Fish Market, right next door, has a great selection of fish and
seafood.
There are also lots of small bodegas around the downtown area: check out the flags in the
windows to see whether a store specializes in Caribbean (2nd and Linden, 4th and Ridge, 7th and
Turner, 14th and Turner, and many more), Mexican (142 N. 7th St, 7th and Gordon, 10th and
Hamilton, or 12th and Turner), or Peruvian (7th and Chew) products.

For community information and entertainment:

**television**

*Canal 69, Noticiero Hispano.* Local news with national and international updates. A great way to
find out the events and interests of the Lehigh Valley’s Hispanic communities… or to intern.
Every weeknight 11-11:30 pm. On Muhlenberg’s campus, channel 69 is received on Service

National networks *Univisión, Telemundo,* and *Mun2* are available here. Check your cable
provider for channels.

*El Show de Puentes* is a news and talk show on Service Electric Cable Channel 50, weekdays 10-
11 am.

*Lehigh Valley Latino* is the Dominican-focused news and variety show on Service Electric Cable
Channel 50, Sundays at 7:00 pm. Followed by *Baby J Video,* playing all the latest hits with
Spanglish chat.

**radio**

*HOLA am 1600,* locally produced all-Spanish station, with music, news, and talk shows 24/7.
(1600 AM)

*Latin Sunday,* the oldest and most comprehensive radio show in the Lehigh Valley. Includes
music, talk, and informational segments. At our own WMUH (91.7 FM), Sunday mornings 8 am
- 12 noon.

*Baby J Radio,* with week’s worth of Spanglish chat and up-to-the-minute music packed into
Sundays 12 noon - 3 pm on WLVR (91.3 FM).

**newspapers**

*Al Día Hispanic Newspaper* is based in Philadelphia but does excellent regional coverage. In
boxes, bodegas, and on the web at pontealdia.com. *Al Día accepts interns— details can be
found on their website!*

*El Torero* newspaper is distributed weekly. In Spanish. Subscriptions available: 610-435-6608,
eltorerosspanish@hotmail.com
Other local and regional Spanish or bilingual papers can be found in restaurants, bodegas, and drop boxes across the city. They include: *El Hispano, Luz y Sal, Panorama, La Razón, and La Voz Latina Regional.*

**For Latin music:**
Casa de Música / House of Music  
711 East 4th Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
(610) 814-0516  
The Casa de Música has a little bit of everything, but is mostly Latin. You can also purchase guitar strings and arrange for lessons here.

**Religious services in Spanish (a very partial list., call first to confirm schedules!):**

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