

Welcome to the San Francisco Bay Area 2007 Pizza Tour!

The Pizza Tour was designed to display the breadth of “pizza” while carefully celebrating its four main schools at their Bay Area pinnacles. From pizza’s traditional Italian roots, to the American genres established as pizza traveled from New York to Chicago and finally to California, the history of pizza unfolds as the Tour showcases the quality of the Bay Area pizza experience.

You have been selected as one of three **Core Judges** for the 2007 Tour. You’ll sample and judge 2 medium slices at each of 8 acclaimed Bay Area pizzerias (2 peak practitioners in each of 4 styles) . One will be a simple/classic/traditional pie (for easy comparison), and one will be the specialty of the house or a more exotic variety (to see each pizzeria at its best). On behalf of all of us at the San Francisco Bay Area 2007 Pizza Tour, please be safe and enjoy yourselves!

Schedule

The Pizza Tour will take place on **Saturday, February 24**. Times are approximate, especially later in the day.

12:45pm *Core Judge registration outside of Zachary’s, please bring \$40 materials fee*

1:00 **Zachary’s Chicago Pizza** (Chicago: Deep Dish) 1853 Solano Ave, Berkeley

2:00 **Gioia Pizzeria** (New York: New World Neopolitan/Sicilian) 1586 Hopkins St, Berkeley

2:30 **The Cheeseboard** (California) 1512 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley

3:15 **Arinell’s Pizza** (New York: New World Neopolitan/Sicilian) 2109 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley

3:45 *Short break to rest, walk, and drive to San Francisco*

5:00 **A16** (Neapolitano: Traditional Italian Wood-fired) 2355 Chestnut St, San Francisco

6:15 **Little Star Pizza** (Chicago: Deep Dish) 846 Divisadero, San Francisco

7:30 **Pauline’s Pizza** (California) 260 Valencia St, San Francisco

9:15 **Pizzaiole** (Neapolitano: Traditional Italian Wood-fired) 5008 Telegraph Ave, Oakland

10:00pm *Discussion & Prizes*

Instructions to Judges

Score each pizza with 0.0 – 5.0 points on crust, texture, and flavor. Try to appreciate the objectives and special characteristics of each school. Total your scores, then pick your favorite pizzeria in each genre. To ensure a consistent scale for tallies and discussion, please use this scale:

5	Exceptional	Love	Each bite is a gentle twang on the orgasm-inducing direct line between my crown chakra and God.
4	Excellent	Really like	This is a really great pizza – certainly in competition for the best in its genre.
3	Good	Like	I’m enjoying this, it’s worth paying for, but it’s not the “best” of anything. Why are we here?
2	Fair	Feel ambivalent	Not bad exactly, but I think I could probably make it better myself at home.
1	Poor	Don’t like	Yuck, after the first few bites I didn’t want to eat any more because it’s not very good.
0	Disgusting	Despise	Yuck, after the first bite I didn’t want to eat any more because it’s disgusting.