



Welcome to New Haven — The Apizza Capital of the World

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New Haven apizza (say it: *ah-beetz*) is like no pizza you’ve had before. Thin, chewy crust. Coal-fired ovens. **Gloriously charred.** The tradition dates to 1925, and the debate over which spot is best has raged ever since. Conference sessions end at 5pm — leave yourself time to settle the question personally!

Pepe’s Est. 1925

Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana

157 Wooster St, New Haven • 0.8 mi from BTCC

What to order: **White Clam Pie**

The original. Founded 1925. The clam pie — fresh clams, olive oil, garlic, oregano, no mozzarella — is a religious experience.

Sally’s Est. 1938

Sally’s Apizza

237 Wooster St, New Haven • 0.7 mi from BTCC

What to order: **Tomato Pie**

Founded 1938 by Pepe’s own nephew. The tomato pie — just crushed tomatoes and olive oil, no cheese — sounds simple and is extraordinary.

Modern Est. 1934

Modern Apizza

874 State St, New Haven • 1.2 mi from BTCC

What to order: **Mozzarella Pie**

The quieter member of the “Big Three,” beloved by locals who want great pizza without the Wooster Street wait. Slightly thicker crust, wood-coal hybrid oven.

BAR ★ Trivia Night Venue

BAR New Haven

254 Crown St, New Haven • 0.1 mi from BTCC

What to order: **Mashed Potato Pizza**

Home of BTCC26’s Sunday Trivia Night with Dr. Peter Liljedahl! BAR brews its own beer on site and is famous for its mashed potato pizza — yes, really, and yes, it’s incredible.

Zeneli

Zeneli Pizzeria e Cucine Napoletana

138 Wooster St, New Haven • 0.8 mi from BTCC

What to order: **Quattro Formaggi**

Neapolitan-style from an Albanian family who trained in Naples. Lighter, more blistered than classic New Haven apizza — a beautiful counterpoint on Wooster Street.

Da Legna

Da Legna at Nolo

687 State St, New Haven • 0.9 mi from BTCC

What to order: **Broccoli Rabe & Sausage**

Wood-fired, seasonal, and locally sourced. The broccoli rabe and sausage pie is a standout. Tucked into the creative Nolo neighborhood arts district.

A few tips from your BTCC26 hosts:

Pepe’s and Sally’s are cash-only and do not take reservations — arrive early or expect a wait (worth it). All six spots are within a mile of the Omni New Haven. Sharing a whole pie is the move. Apizza is not pizza.

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