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### LOCAL GUIDE AUTHOR

Travel writer Kimberly Hog was born and raised in Fresno. After living in various cities throughout California and Nevada, she moved back to her hometown to raise her daughter.

### INSIDER TIP

Eat your way along the Fruit Trail  
Fresno County agriculture is in full bloom May through September. On a self-guided tour of the Fruit Trail, you can check out more than 30 fruit stands, family farms and agricultural attractions. And, starting in late April, more than 20 seasonal strawberry stands open to the public. The Fruit Trail takes you down back roads to areas where you can sample and buy what Fresno is best-known for: farm fresh produce.

### OUR TOP PICKS



**Dining**  
At Limon Peruvian Cuisine, Latin-inspired dishes come with hints of flavors from India, Japan and China, just like the diverse South American country.  
The menu at this family-owned restaurant, opened in 2008, is based on old family recipes of...

**Nightlife**  
Vino & Friends, one of a handful of locally owned and operated wine stores and tasting rooms in Fresno, sets the stage for relaxation while you taste a wide selection of wines.  
Monthly tasting events, held the first Wednesday of every month,...

**Shopping**  
Fig Garden Village is an upscale shopping area filled with local businesses and some national chains.  
Most stores are mom-and-pop shops, selling a variety of clothing, specialty gifts and delectable treats. Shops sit next to each other in a...

**Only In**  
The elaborate Forestiere Underground Gardens, a labyrinth of garden patios, courtyards with varying levels of fruit trees and passageways to underground ballrooms and bedrooms, were constructed with farming tools by self-taught architect Baldassare...

**Arts & Culture**  
Permanent and rotating exhibits at the Fresno Art Museum (FAM) allow you to discover art from around the world.  
FAM's permanent collections are admirers of pre-Columbian art. The museum's 650 artifacts from the Andes highlight weaving as one of...

**Local Scene**  
Trendy neighborhoods come and go, but the Tower District has been the place for artists, hippies, punks and other social misfits for generations.  
The neighborhood differs from most areas of town in that the locally owned shops and restaurants are...

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**DOWNTOWN FRESNO ICE RINK**  
January 3, 10:00 AM  
Downtown Fresno Ice Rink, Fresno

**GALLERY 26 DEC 2012...**  
January 3, 5:00 PM  
Gallery 25, Fresno

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**1 Elbow Room**

**Cuisine:** American (Contemporary), Italian

\$5-\$15

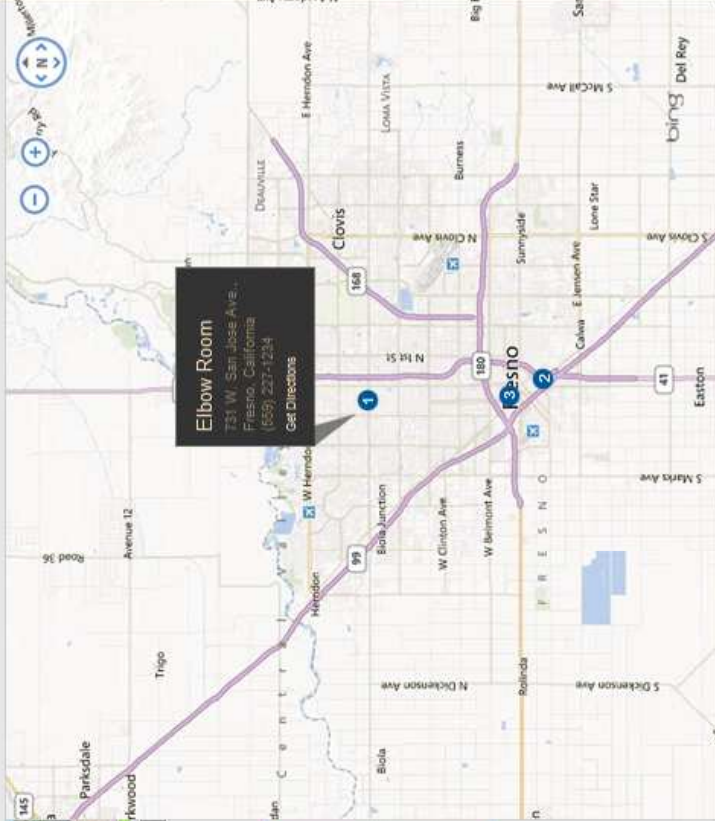
**Atmosphere:** Casual, Intimate

**Hours:** Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-1:30 a.m.

731 W. San Jose Ave., Fresno, California 93704 (559) 227-1234 elbowroomfresno.com

The Elbow Room, open since 1955, is a Fresno classic, and its signature neon cat sign still shines overhead.

This top spot for locals to hang out, grab a beer and appetizer is enhanced by an inviting patio with large windows that front Fig Garden Village. Temperature control keeps the patio comfortable year-round, regardless of



**Elbow Room**  
731 W. San Jose Ave., Fresno, California (559) 227-1234  
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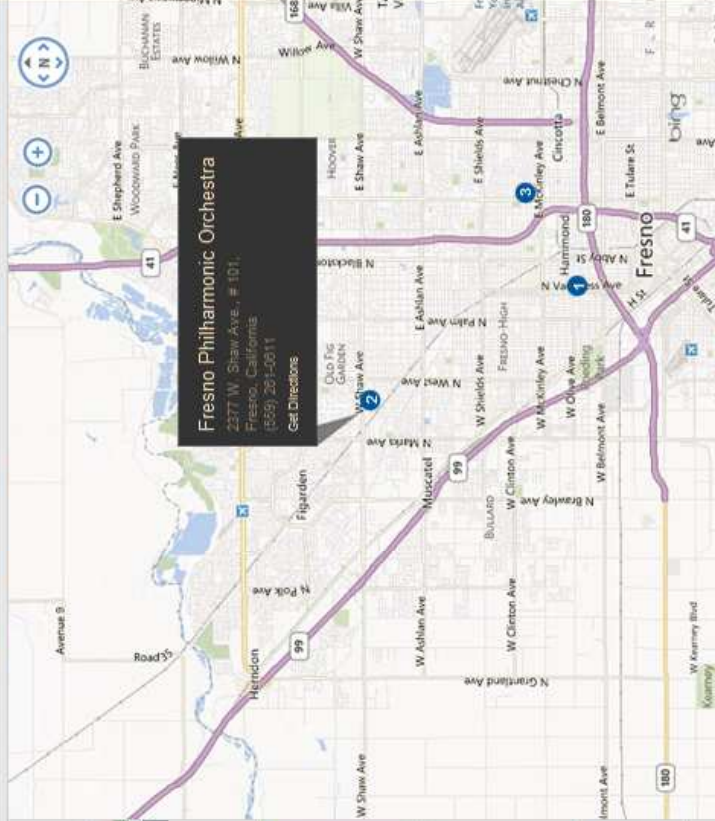
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**Hours:** Vary by show

2377 W. Shaw Ave., # 101 Fresno, California 93711 (559) 281-0811 fresnophil.org

Talented musicians in the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra perform three different series of concerts (classical, pop and family) throughout the year at the William Saroyan Theatre. The lineup varies from Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 to music by the 70s pop band The Eagles.

The orchestra's 80 performers come from around the country and are led by internationally recognized Maestro Theodore Kuchar, who also conducts the Reno orchestra and has appeared as a conductor on more than 100 recordings.



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Fresno, California 93720  
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**2** **Saf's Mexican Restaurant**  
7476 N. Fresno St.  
Fresno, California 93720  
(559) 433-3300  
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**3** **Pino's Coastal Grill**  
3327 N. Blackstone Ave.  
Fresno, California 93720  
(559) 439-8463  
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**4** **Limón Peruvian Cuisine**  
8488 N. Port Washington # 101  
Fresno, California 93750  
(559) 435-1015  
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**5** **Campagna Restaurant**  
1381E Chico Blvd Ct.  
Fresno, California 93720  
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**6** **Hotel Château du Bureau and Erna's Elderberry House**  
4883 Victoria Lane  
Clovis, California 93614  
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**7** **Samba Churrascaria Brazilian Steakhouse**

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**1** **Slates**  
Cuisine: Steaks, Seafood  
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**Atmosphere:** Classy, Intimate  
**Hours:** Monday-Saturday, 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Closed Sundays.  
7465 N. Fresno St.  
Fresno, California 93720  
(559) 258-4141  
[slates-restaurant.com](#)

Hidden in the pyramid-shaped Palestine building in the popular Riverpark neighborhood, Slates offers elegant dining and the finest California cuisine in Fresno.

Dishes are made with fresh organic ingredients grown right in the valley, so the menu changes monthly. Certain popular dishes, including sweet yet tangy spicy lamb potstickers, prime cuts of steak and the pan-roasted

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