

## STUDENT RESTAURANT GUIDE

# Eat cheap, not crap

A guide to some of the best restaurants for eating on a budget in Victoria

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Victoria is packed with great restaurants; the only problem is that because the downtown is also packed with tourists, prices tend to be higher than normal. But there are still some great deals to be found around the city without sacrificing quality. Here's a look at seven of the best spots to go on a student budget.

### 5. Lady Marmalade

Fluorescent green sneakers, strange art and paintings by local artist Caleb Spelling line the peagreen walls of one of the most interesting spaces in Victoria, Lady Marmalade. Young, hip diners munch on chef Carla Cherry's all-day breakfast or diverse lunch options. Try the good morning poutine (\$5.95), hash browns and aged white cheddar topped with hollandaise or tomato-orange cream. The sandwiches, from the best club (\$9.95) in town to the Mexican-inspired tortita-gordita (\$9.95), are served with either a soya-ginger dressed green salad or a delicious homemade potato salad.

The inside scoop: The Lady M. crew are looking into expanding their place, getting a liquor licence and opening late. It'd be a much-needed relaxed place to hangout, have a bite and avoid listening to the too-loud cover bands that dominate downtown nightlife. 608 Government Street (under the scaffolding). 381-2872.

