

# Mama Mia's Trattoria is the People's Choice for best Italian in Portland



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When it comes to Italian, our readers prefer an old school, traditional approach. They prefer Mama Mia's Trattoria, and they've named it their **People's Choice for the best Italian restaurant in the Portland area**.

Since 2004, Mama Mia's has served authentic southern Italian dishes made from scratch. Set in an 1886-built building, the tall ceilings, crystal chandeliers, gilded mirrors and red, gold, black and green color scheme reflect nearly everyone's idea of Old World Italian.

And our readers have noticed. Lorene Corbett likes just about everything about Mama Mia's: "The best Italian restaurant in Portland or for that matter best I've had anywhere is MAMA MIA'S!! Great food, great staff. Just all around best experience ever," she wrote in an email.

With a **heartfelt thank you and a Facebook plea** to "let your voices be heard," Mama Mia starting picking up steam about midway through our voting, in the end capturing nearly 17 percent of the vote. As the winning restaurant, Mama Mia's will receive a "Best of 2016" badge for all to see. (**Full terms and conditions.**)

Here's how the top nominees finished in our best Italian poll:

**Mama Mia Trattoria**, 16.99 percent

**3 Doors Down**, 13.71 percent

**Piazza Italia**, 10.88 percent

**Nonna Emilia**, 7.6 percent

**Serratto**, 6.86 percent

**Nostrana**, 5.81 percent

**A Cena Ristorante**, 4.77 percent

**Bugatti's**, 4.62 percent

**DeNicola's**, 4.47 percent



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