

# FOOD&DINING

## Catch The Holiday Tamale Trolley

Ask anyone of Latin American descent “Who makes the best tamales in L.A.?” and the answer is always, “Mom.” Ask where the second best tamales are found and be prepared for a litany of conflicting answers. Everyone is an expert and everyone has an opinion. The good news is that many of the best tamale sources are in East L.A. and many can be reached by the new Metro Gold Line. Add a couple of buses and you can find a whole bunch more.

Tamale hunting becomes sport this time of year because tamales are a Christmas Eve tradition for thousands of Latin Americans in Los Angeles, as well as others with good taste and imagination.

If buying more than a few days before serving, wrap the tamales in air-tight, re-sealable plastic bags and freeze.

Here is a list of Eastside tamales places that are accessible via Metro.

### SOTO STATION

El Rinconcito del Mar Bakery  
(bakery only; not sold at restaurant)  
2908 E. 1st St.  
Los Angeles, 90033  
323-269-8723  
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2122 E. 1st St.  
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323-264-4750

### INDIANA STATION

Cinco Puntos Mexican Foods  
(market only; no restaurant facilities)  
3300 E. Cesar Chavez Avenue  
Los Angeles, 90063  
323-261-4084  
Tamales Lilianas  
3448 E. 1st St.  
Los Angeles, 90063  
(also at 4629 East Cesar E Chavez Avenue,  
Los Angeles; 323-780-0989)  
323-780-0829  
El Gallito Restaurant  
(in El Mercadito)  
3425 E. 1st St.  
Los Angeles, 90063  
323-266-0127

### MARAVILLA STATION

King Taco  
4504 E. 3rd St.  
Los Angeles, 90022  
323-264-4067

### ATLANTIC STATION

Las Delicias  
287-A S. Atlantic Blvd.  
Los Angeles, 90022  
323-980-9904

Accessible with a transfer from the Metro Gold Line to a local bus, here are a few more:

### SOTO STATION

La Mascota Bakery  
2715 Whittier Blvd.  
Los Angeles, 90023  
323-263-5513  
La Indiana Tamales  
1142 S. Indiana St.  
323-262-4682

### MARAVILLA STATION

Juanito's Tamales  
4214 E. Floral Drive Los Angeles, 90063  
323-268-2365

### ATLANTIC STATION

Sandra's and Lolita's  
(to go only; no restaurant facilities)  
5390 Whittier Blvd. Los Angeles, 90022  
323-722-2961

Want more dining suggestions for the Eastside? Metro has a new brochure, the Eastside Dining Guide, that lists dozens of restaurants near the Gold Line. Also available is a Metro Gold Line Coupon Booklet that contains discounts for many Eastside businesses, including restaurants. To get copies of either, go to the Customer Relations department on the first floor of Metro headquarters, adjacent to Union Station in downtown Los Angeles at One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles 90012. For more information on getting to any of the tamale locales, go to the Metro Trip Planner at metro.net or call 1-800-COMMUTE.

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