

Dim Sum Garden

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Dim sum is a traditional style of Cantonese eating, where people can eat a large array of small dishes for a meal. Traditionally, Dim sum serves a variety of savory and delicious dumplings along with these small dishes. If you are anything like me, you will find these words most enticing; *a delicious array of dumplings as a meal.*

I am sure we have all had our fair share of American-style Chinese food before, but nothing can compare to Dim sum's meals. Dim Sum Garden is a local restaurant located in Chinatown, which serves some of the tastiest traditional dumplings in Philadelphia.

My roommate and I decided to start with a dish we both know and love, crab rangoons. Theirs were crispy and creamy, with a good ratio of crab. It was served with sweet sauce (as it is in most places), and was the perfect size for an appetizer. It came with four, triangular rangoons, which is perfect to split between two people.

One of their most popular dumplings has always been the pork soup dumplings, according to more than a few review sites and restaurant staffers. I decided to get them steamed, and they were even better than I expected.

The dumplings were filled with delicious broth and pork, making it one of the most unique dumplings I had ever had. The broth was warm and savory, and complimented the pork well. One thing I would highly recommend is this: when you bite into the dumpling, pour in a little dumpling sauce as well. Almost every dumpling you order is served with dumpling sauce. The broth and the dumpling sauce was tangy, savory, and overall fantastic. The little bit of mess these dumplings created was one-hundred percent worth it in the end.



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The other order of dumplings my roommate and I ordered were the fried pork chive dumplings. These were another of Dim Sum Garden's favorites. These dumplings were not filled with broth so they were a lot easier to eat. The pork was juicy and tender which blended well with the chives. They were savory and flavorful and the frying of the dough made for a nice texture.

One of the best parts of Dim Sum Garden is the amount of dumplings you get for how much you pay. For just about \$30, my roommate and I got 18 dumplings, and an order of crab rangoons.

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