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## GREAT PLACES TO WORK

Chances to learn and grow

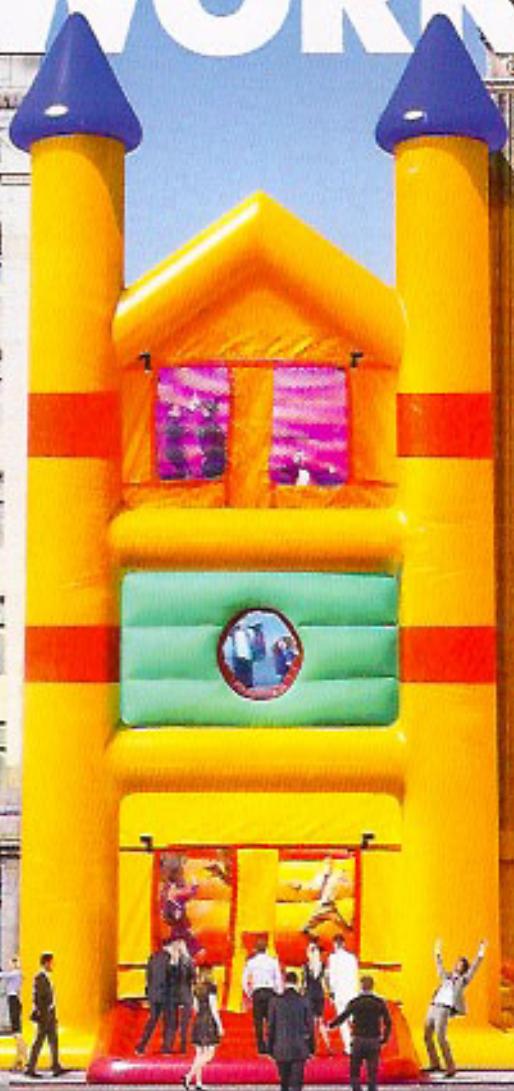
Good pay

Generous benefits

Stimulating work

Flexible schedules

Rewards and recognition



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**3. PEKING GOURMET INN**

FALLS CHURCH

Whole ducks with pancakes, thinly sliced spring onions, and hoisin sauce bring big crowds.

## MEXICAN

**OYAMEL**

PENN QUARTER

José Andrés's glam spot features salt-foam-topped margaritas, artful ceviches, and of course tableside guacamole.

**2. EL CENTRO DF**

LOGAN CIRCLE AND GEORGETOWN

Tacos and more than 100 tequilas are the thing, and the all-you-can-eat \$35 brunch is a hit.

**3. CACTUS CANTINA**

FORT MYERS PARK

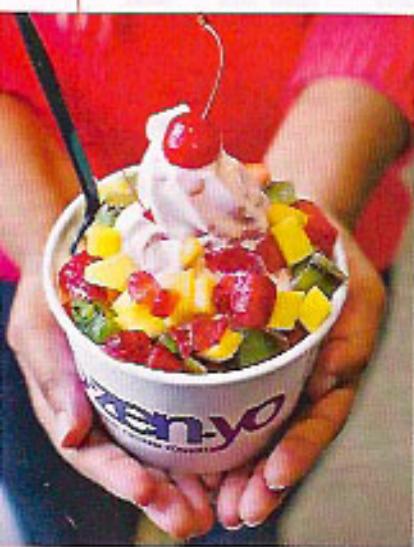
This Tex-Mex hangout has been dishing up fajitas and swirly frozen margaritas for 23 years.

## FROZEN YOGURT/ICE CREAM

**FROZENYO**

MULTIPLE AREA LOCATIONS

Calorie counters love the creative flavors of self-serve



*Berries and tropical fruit dress up a cup of frozen yogurt at FroZenYo.*



*An array of salsas brightens a lunchtime feast of pork-, steak-, and chicken-topped tortillas at District Taco.*

yogurt (apple pie, French toast) and plentiful DIY toppings.

**2. PINKBERRY**

MULTIPLE AREA LOCATIONS

Tangy frozen and Greek yogurts are piled with fresh fruit—or less virtuously, brownie bits—at this LA-born chain.

**3. PITANGO GELATO**

LOGAN CIRCLE, PENN QUARTER, CAPITOL HILL, AND RESTON

Sick of chocolate and vanilla? Cardamom and black tea are two off the offbeat flavors at these gelato/sorbet/coffee shops.

## BAKERY

**BAKED & WIRED**

GEORGETOWN

Most folks stand in line for the cupcakes, but the fruit pies and OMG Bars—layered with caramel, marshmallow, and chocolate—are fantastic, too.

**2. PAUL**

DOWNTOWN DC, FOGGY BOTTOM, GEORGETOWN, PENN QUARTER, TYSONS GALLERIA

Baguettes, oversize macarons, and tarts are among the indulgences at this French chain.

**3. BAYOU BAKERY**

COURTHOUSE

We hit New Orleans transplant David Guas's cafe for many treats: pralines, biscuits, and especially the cream-filled Oat-O cookies.

## CHEAP LUNCH

**DISTRICT TACO**

CAPITOL HILL, DOWNTOWN DC, AND ALEXANDRIA

The Yucatán-style tacos are available Mexican style (with cilantro and lime) or American (with cheese, lettuce, and pico de gallo).