

Happy Hour at Isola Pizza Bar

Get a margherita pizza for \$5

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If you thought slice joints like [Bronx](#) and [Landini's](#) have the cheap pizza market cornered with their two slices and a drink for \$6 deals, wait until you get a load of the **happy hour menu** at [Isola Pizza Bar](#).

To drink, there are \$4 brews and \$5 wines, but the real attraction is the food. There are nine options, and **nothing is over \$5**. That means that magnificent margherita pie pictured at the top of this post can be yours for (wait for it...) five dollars. That would be a good deal for a personal pizza from The Hut, let alone one made from hand-tossed dough topped with San Marzano tomato sauce, fresh mozzarella, and basil that's cooked in a blistering hot oven and served to you in about 5 minutes.



Other options include fresh-made focaccia topped with herbs and tomato sauce (\$3), roasted beets and gorgonzola (\$4), and shrimp with garlic, white wine, and chili (\$4). One must try item is the **farinata** (\$4), which look like thick cut fries, but are actually made with garbanzo bean flour. The mixture is cooked up on the stove, then cooled in baking trays, cut into sticks, and quickly fried. Their crisp exterior makes them similar to french fries, but the chickpea version is lighter and much fluffier on the inside than their potato predecessors. They're served with a tangy aioli for dipping, but are tasty enough straight up. Half a portion is plenty to satiate even the strongest salt craving.

Isola is located at 1526 India St., in the heart of Little Italy. Happy hour runs from 3 to 6 p.m., daily.

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