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# The Best Sandwich in Cleveland You've Never Heard Of



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Part of the allure of travel is trying out new things to eat. It's only natural. You are an explorer that is out of their normal element in search of adventure. This is not to say that this task is without its challenges.

Finding delicious local food, when you are *not a local*, can be quite a task.

In the event that your travels take you to the greater Cleveland Ohio area, I implore you to make the pilgrimage to [Alesci's Italian Deli](#) in South Euclid and get yourself a Grinder. Your mouth will thank you.

It should be known that for the first 34 years of my life, I lived in Cleveland. While I may currently be residing in the South, **I am a Cleveland-er.** Once you have that *mark* on you, it will never come off.

Go ahead and click the link above: you're not going to find any mention of this masterpiece on their website. That's

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how good this sandwich is. Locals know about it. Locals love it. Do they want to keep it to themselves? Who's to say? To put it into perspective for you: when my father was alive, he had made a point of introducing his children to the wonders of Alesci's and their sandwiches (specifically the Grinder). For locals, including myself, this is more than a sandwich: it's a heritage.

With respect to the Grinder itself, I'm not going to tell you what's in it. Sure, that's kind of mean and probably doesn't help pique your interests but to be honest, I don't know what's in it. When I lived in that part of town as an adult, I'd never concern myself with the 'whys' and 'where-fores' of said sandwich. My only concern was getting one and getting it in my face-hole ASAP.

If you were to do a quick search of what a Grinder is, you will see that there are almost too many ways to make one and that they vary by regionality. How Alesci's came upon the *correct* ingredients, in the *correct* order, most likely, has been lost to time.

Alesci's Grinder is a simple, flavorful, sandwich. Paired with your favorite beverage and you have one hell of a meal that you won't soon forget.

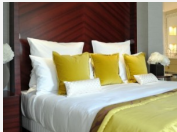
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Sunday 9:30 am - 2 pm

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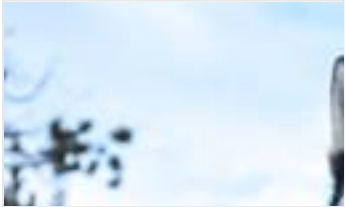


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