



## Dining in Atlanta

### **Southern Cuisine**

In a Southern city as cosmopolitan as Atlanta, Southern cooking means more than fried chicken, sweet tea, grits and fried green tomatoes. Atlanta's restaurants serve new Southern cuisine fit for the 21st century as well as traditional Southern food.

- [Atlanta Grill \(Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta\)](#) - Feel the warmth of southern-inspired cuisine in an upbeat, club-like setting.
- [Mary Mac's Tea Room](#) - Previously a small Tea Room, this now renowned restaurant sets the standard for genuine Southern hospitality and traditional cuisine. Reserve your private breakfast today at Mary Mac's Tea Room in the heart of the city.
- [Paschal's Restaurant](#) - Rediscover that down home goodness of true southern cooking in this 14,000 square-foot restaurant that also serves as a lounge, coffee shop and bar.
- [Pittypat's Porch Restaurant](#) - Guests truly feel like they have gone back in time at this restaurant adorned with American antiques and modern era furniture. It's unique southern atmosphere is what gives it personality. Oh, and the mint juleps.
- [Redfish, a Creole Bistro](#) - Indulge your taste buds in the diverse Cajun-creole cuisine offered at friendly prices and accompanied by a full service bar with an extensive wine list to please any budget.
- [South City Kitchen - Midtown](#) - Celebrating its 15th anniversary, this restaurant has been bringing unique dining concepts and award-winning food to the heart of Midtown since 1996.
- [Watershed](#) - Executive chef and southern food expert, Scott Peacock, makes sure you won't leave dissatisfied. Watershed's succulent dishes made from fresh, regionally grown ingredients and its made from scratch desserts have earned it rave reviews on both local and national levels.
- [Canoe](#) - Exciting New American cuisine is served in a beautiful historic setting on the Chattahoochee River. Seafood and desserts will satisfy any palate.
- [Horseradish Grill](#) - Atlanta's oldest continuously operating restaurant is a dining experience offering guests a glimpse of yesteryear.

Click here for a complete list of [Southern Restaurants in Atlanta](#).

### **Steakhouses**

Some of Atlanta's finest restaurants are steakhouses. The atmosphere ranges from casual to elegant, making the many steakhouses of Atlanta as suitable for business lunches or romantic dinners as for birthday celebrations or a family night out. Atlanta restaurant-goers may enjoy everything from New York-style steakhouses to Brazilian steakhouses to a 1940s-style supper club serving American cuisine.

- [Bone's Restaurant](#) - Prime beef, fresh seafood and Maine lobster are only a few of the many dishes giving Bone's its critically acclaimed status.

- [The Capital Grille](#) - Surround yourself with the very best- famous dry aging steaks, superb seafood flown in daily and an award-winning wine list.
- [Chops Lobster Bar](#) - An Atlanta icon known for its exceptional food and service. Seafood lovers are encouraged to visit the lower level Lobster Bar.
- [Ted's Montana Grill](#) - Real food, real people, real passion is what you get at this Craftsman-style bar and grill setting, featuring comfort food for the 21st century.
- [Fogo de Chao Churrascaria](#) - An authentic "Gaucho" steakhouse from Southern Brazil serving the finest "churrasco."
- [Maxim Prime](#) - A redefined traditional steakhouse with an enticing combination of fine dining, cocktail and VIP service. (Maxim Prime is currently closed, but will be reopening in a new Buckhead location soon.)
- [Ruth's Chris Steakhouse](#) - Its U.S. prime-aged, hand-cut Midwestern corn-fed beef has earned Ruth's Chris an international reputation as "The Home of Serious Steaks" as well as a special place in the hearts of meat lovers.
- [Kevin Rathbun Steak](#) - Serves food perfectly suited to the modern business diner and makes an impressive addition to Krog's street empire.

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### **Seafood Restaurants**

Atlanta seafood restaurant menus include everything from New Orleans-style Cajun and Creole cuisine to Hawaiian Fusion cuisine to French and American cuisine. Dining patrons in search of satisfying culinary experiences in Atlanta may enjoy oyster bars, upscale seafood restaurants with private dining areas, al fresco dining, raw bars and wine lists.

- [Aqua Blue Restaurant](#) - Offering cuisine from all over the world in a chic, must-see environment, Aqua Blue treats customers to not just a meal, but an experience.
- [AQUAKNOX Restaurant](#) - The fresh seafood flown in daily from around the world will be sure to entertain your senses, along with the water encased walk-in wine tower and open kitchen.
- [Atlanta Fish Market](#) - The Southeast's widest selection of fresh seafood, including more than 100 varieties from the deep flown in fresh. The menu is printed twice daily.
- [C & S Seafood & Oyster Bar](#) - This neighborhood saloon serves carefully selected wine, alcohol and oysters as well as a broad menu of French and American fare.
- [Legal Sea Foods Restaurant](#) - Enjoy gorgeous views of the downtown skyline from this two-tiered restaurant known worldwide for serving the freshest seafood. Features "The Oyster Bar" and a state-of-the-art wine bar.
- [McCormick & Schmick's \(Dunwoody and CNN Center\)](#) - Known for the freshest seafood in Atlanta, McCormick & Schmick's offers more than 40 varieties of seafood flown in from exotic locations worldwide.
- [Oceanaire Seafood Room](#) - This is the perfect setting to enjoy Ultra-Fresh seafood, flown in daily from around the world. Dive into ultra-fresh fish, including hard-to-find delicacies like true Dover sole or bluefin tuna.
- [Ray's in the City](#) - This casual dining seafood house offers great price value and a memorable dining experience.
- [Ray's on the River](#) - Enjoy fresh seafood, prime steaks and an award-winning wine list in a sophisticated and relaxed atmosphere at the riverfront setting.

- [Six Feet Under Pub & Fish House \(Grant Park\)](#) - Experience great seafood and your choice of 24 beers on tap on the rooftop patio of this historic brew house.

Click here for a complete list of [Seafood Restaurants in Atlanta](#).

### **Italian Restaurants**

Atlanta's Italian restaurants offer Italian food-lovers a world of culinary choices, with Italian restaurant menus featuring such dishes as fresh veal, hand-made pasta, spaghetti, wood-oven baked pizzas, seafood, garlic bread and artisanal cheeses. Equally enticing are the wine lists found at Atlanta Italian eateries, some of which are quite extensive. Atlanta's Italian restaurants are also rich with atmosphere. The setting ranges from Old World to contemporary, from upscale ristoranti to casual trattorias.

- [Allegro Italian Restaurant](#) - From the homemade pastas to the imported meats and cheeses, everything is fresh at this upscale Midtown restaurant featuring traditional Italian cuisine with a new twist.
- [Antica Posta Ristorante Tuscan Restaurant & Bar](#) - Enjoy the delicate blend of meats, fish, vegetables, spices and sauces that for centuries have pleased the palates of the most demanding Florentines.
- [Baraonda Caffè Italiano](#) - Don't pass up the wood-fired brick pizzas, a favorite of many who frequent this neighborly, upbeat Italian bistro. Menu also features delicious antipasti, pizza, and pasta dishes, as well as an extensive wine list.
- [La Tavola Trattoria](#) - A comfortable balance of elegant simplicity and innovative versions of traditional Italian dishes at this cozy Italian trattoria.
- [Azio Restaurant \(Peachtree Center\)](#) - This ideal downtown destination offers a contemporary interpretation of traditional Italian cuisine including pastas, breads and wood-oven baked pizzas.
- [Sotto Sotto](#) - This contemporary restaurant is redefining Italian cuisine.
- [Veni Vidi Vici](#) - Located in the heart of Midtown, Veni Vidi Vici is perfect for pre-theater dining or as a place to unwind and enjoy a relaxing meal.
- [Dolce Enoteca E Ristorante](#) - Contemporary mix of Northern and Southern Italian cuisine in a chic, plush setting.
- [Maggiano's Little Italy](#) - This Pre-World War II, Little Italy style restaurant serves Old World and New World Southern Italian Cuisine.
- [La Grotta \(Crowne Plaza Ravinia\)](#) - This award-winning restaurant overlooks the outdoor gardens and waterfalls.

Click here for a complete list of [Italian Restaurants in Atlanta](#).

### **Japanese Restaurants**

Atlanta's Japanese restaurants, Japanese steakhouses, sushi bars and sake bars bring a touch of the Far East to the Atlanta dining scene. From Buckhead to downtown Atlanta and beyond, dining patrons will discover a variety of culinary experiences awaiting them at the Japanese restaurants of Atlanta.

- [Benihana Restaurant, Buckhead](#) and [Benihana Restaurant, Downtown](#) - Create your own personalized experience and choose from delicious steaks, chicken and seafood prepared hibachi style at your table by your own chef.
- [Geisha House](#) - Escape to Tokyo 2050 at this futuristic Japanese fusion restaurant, complete with a sushi bar and sake lounge.

- [Kobe Steaks](#) – This restaurant features creative cuisine with the freshest delectables sizzling before your eyes on the hibachi grill.
- [Lee's Golden Buccha & Mo Mo Ya](#) - These traditional Chinese and Japanese specialties take diners on a journey to the Far East.
- [MF Sushi Bar](#) - Award-winning sushi creations are prepared by one of the country's most accomplished sushi chefs in a high energy, sophisticated atmosphere.
- [Nakato, Inc.](#) - Beautiful Japanese décor ornaments the unique tastes of a Hibachi dining room, an elegant garden room and private tatami rooms. Reservations are recommended.
- [Yami Yami](#) - Choose from over 50 different sushi, rolls and hot entrees at this buffet-style lunchtime hot spot.
- [Pacific Rim Bistro](#) - Specializing in Pan-Asian cuisine, enjoy the innovative dishes, large sushi menu and extensive wine list under an enormous, outside covered patio.

Click here for a complete list of [Japanese Restaurants in Atlanta](#).

### **American Cuisine**

The search for American cuisine in Atlanta can lead to a rich variety of Atlanta dining experiences. Atlanta restaurants serving American cuisine range from upscale restaurants in swanky hotels to casual sports bars and entertainment centers that are fun for the whole family. If Atlanta restaurant menus are any indication, American-style cuisine has countless interpretations — each designed to offer Atlanta dining patrons a flavorful culinary experience.

- [Bluepointe](#) - A contemporary restaurant of dramatic proportions offers a blend of modern American cuisine with a splash of Asian flavor. The menu features inventive items such as Peanut Crusted Grouper in Masaman Curry and Crispy Somen Noodle Cake.
- [The Globe Cafe Restaurant Bar](#) - This urban bistro is a reprieve from the daily grind with a midtown kick to it. The menu features simple ingredients in an easygoing and stylishly collected atmosphere.
- [The Café \(Ritz-Carlton Buckhead\)](#) - Bright with color and fresh as a garden, The Café is perfect for casual dining or snacks.
- [Einstein's](#) - It's no wonder hip neighbors, Piedmont Park enthusiasts, and an established business set frequent this Midtown community café. The menu features innovative entrees, pastas, salads and sandwiches.
- [Lobby at Twelve](#) - Situated on the ground floor of TWELVE Hotels & Residences, the hypnotizing aromas and the warm, intimate environment of this restaurant makes it impossible to pass up.
- [Rathbun's](#) - This acclaimed menu, highly recognized for its innovative cuisine and service, continues to surpass even the highest of expectations.
- [Repast Restaurant](#) - This husband-and-wife chef team creates an exceptional dining experience with seasonally inspired metropolitan cuisine, unique wine selections and hand-crafted cocktails.
- [Restaurant Eugene](#) - The dining destination embraces guests with southern hospitality as soon as they enter this metropolitan setting. Seasonal new American cuisine is served for both lunch and dinner.
- [Table 1280](#) - Nestled on an art complex and offering a unique menu, Table 1280 is where fine art and fine dining unite. Guests may choose from either the American brasserie-inspired restaurant or the Tapas Lounge.

- [Buckhead Diner](#) - Inventive menu items, snappy service and upscale, retro style give this Atlanta icon a fun flair all its own.
- [Hard Rock Café](#) - Considered by some to be a cornerstone of Southern rock, this rock 'n roll memorabilia-packed café serves up delicious delicacies every day.
- [The Varsity](#) - Serves delicious, quality food that's fun and fast. Whether it's a chili cheese dog, the rings, a Frosted Orange or maybe a fried pie, everyone's favorites are made from scratch each morning at the world's largest drive-thru restaurant.
- [Wisteria](#) - This casual dining atmosphere offering Southern charm and contemporary American specialties such as crab bisque topped with Calvados crème fraiche to start, followed by an iron-skillet chicken over corn pudding.

Click here for a complete list of [American/New American Restaurants in Atlanta](#).

### **Coffee Shops and Wine Bars**

Whether you're looking for a quick bite to eat, trying to satisfy an insatiable sweet tooth or hoping to jump-start your morning with a quick cup of java, Atlanta's coffee shops and wine bars are sure to please. Casual menus in Atlanta feature a variety of refreshments and offer everything from espresso coffee and smoothies to sandwiches, salads, snacks and pastries.

- [Corner Café & Buckhead Bread Company](#) - This European-style bakery with a coffee bar is the perfect stop for morning coffee, lunch or a quick treat.
- [The Grape \(Atlantic Station, Inman Park and Phipps Plaza\)](#) - Taste more than 120 wines paired with delicious bistro fare in the wine bar. The Grape features unique wines, a taste-based classification guide and a chic, non-intimidating atmosphere.
- [Sweet Auburn Bread Company](#) - Chef Sonya serves a sweet potato cheesecake so tasty it's been featured on the Food Network. Also available to please your senses are homemade cookies, muffins, cakes and pies.

Click here for a complete list of [Coffee Shops, Casual Menus & Wine Bars in Atlanta](#).

### **Mexican Food**

Mexican food is always a favorite dining choice no matter where you are, and Atlanta is no exception. Mexican-food aficionados will find a broad array of Mexican fare to tempt them when eating out in Atlanta. Cuisine at Atlanta's Mexican food restaurants includes Tex-Mex, which brings the flavors of the American Southwest to Atlanta, as well as regional specialties, which showcase Mexican cuisine from throughout Mexico.

- [Mama Ninfa's](#) - The restaurant is famous for authentic Mexican recipes like sizzling fajitas, tacos al carbon and camarones. Ask for the legendary Ninfaritas!
- [No Mas! Cantina](#) - Escape to Mexico - or at least to the heart of Castleberry Hill - where this cantina resides, serving up mouth-watering flavorful dishes.
- [Rosa Mexicano Restaurant](#) - Authentic Mexican cuisine is served in a modern, friendly atmosphere.
- [Uncle Julio's Casa Grande](#) - Border style Mexican food is served in a festive atmosphere. Cool down with The Swirl, a frozen blend of layered margarita and homemade sangria.

Click here for a complete list of [Mexican Restaurants in Atlanta](#).

### **French Restaurants**

You don't have to be a gourmet food-lover or a wine aficionado to appreciate the French restaurants of Atlanta. But as soon as you visit one of Atlanta's French restaurants, you'll likely be smitten by

traditional French food, modern French cuisine or a unique interpretation of French cuisine. Visit one of Atlanta's popular French restaurants below.

- [The Dining Room at the Ritz-Carlton](#) - Reflects the culinary influences of the Mediterranean and holds a Mobil Five-Star rating and a AAA Five-Diamond award.
- [F.A.B.](#) - French-American brasserie that serves French cuisine as well as traditional American food. Its new space captures the majestic feeling of centuries past.
- [Au Pied de Cochon](#) - A 24-hour French brasserie that combines continental cuisine with international flavors. Guests can book a spot at a private Chef's table where they can witness extraordinary behind-the-scenes culinary action.

**Click here for a complete list of [French Restaurants in Atlanta](#).**

### **International Cuisine**

Other cities have different neighborhoods where the same ethnicities live, but Atlanta has one long road – **Buford Highway** – connecting one long neighborhood of different nationalities living side-by-side and working side-by-side in family-owned restaurants. You'll find Korean barbeque, Vietnamese bakeries, pho shops, dim sum, arepas from Venezuela, Salvadorian pupusas, Mexican breakfast, ceviche, several mixed food courts, taquerias, farmer's markets and much more. It's one of the few places, if not the only, where you can barbeque your own food at the table, crack raw eggs into a bubbling bowl of brothy tofu, eat out of a pot, wrap it, roll it, eat it raw, charred, sautéed, sip it, slurp it, then top it off with a cappuccino and pastries from a local Asian bakery.

- [Hae Woon Dae](#)  
Enjoy a unique dining experience at the popular Korean BBQ restaurant Hae Woon Dae, where you order a choice of meat and the chef cooks it right at your table. Always bustling, Hae Woon Dae also has an elaborate spread of traditional Korean fare including salads, soups and rice.
- [Panahar](#)  
At Panahar, owner Mirza Chowdhury's warm, inviting service and exquisite cuisine make this Bangladeshi restaurant something to crave. Much like Indian food but with different spices, Panahar's Bangladeshi fare includes meats such as beef, lamb, goat, shrimp and chicken, unusual vegetarian creations cooked with orange lentils, potatoes, sautéed eggplant, or cashews and raisins, and delicious breads stuffed with cheese, beef, garlic, raisins, or many more options. The best part? You don't even need the menu as Mirza will work with you to create a delicious dining experience based on your tastes.
- [Canton House](#)  
Serving both authentic Cantonese cuisine and Americanized Chinese favorites, Canton House's large menu offers every kind of Chinese dish you can imagine, all of which are freshly prepared in-house. Dim sum, where waiters push a giant cart stocked with goodies like dumplings, steamed buns and (for the risk-takers) chicken feet, is served daily. Try it on a Sunday morning, when families of every ethnicity gather to begin their week, but make sure to get there before 11 a.m. to ensure a table!
- [Penang](#)  
For Malaysian cuisine at its finest (and most authentic), check out Penang. The inspiration for this food comes from three different Asian countries- Malaysia, China and India- which creates a wonderful combination of flavors, including wet and dry spices like ginger, cloves, cinnamon and cumin. Penang is most famous for their noodle soups, with ingredients like lemongrass, garlic, cardamom and lots of chiles.
- [Mini Hot Pot](#)  
This tiny little restaurant serves individual bubbling broth where you cook all of your food. Meals include anything from just veggies to combo plates of seafood, and every entrée comes

with a platter of cabbage, watercress, rice noodles, mushroom, tofu and even an egg. Drop everything into the broth, and just let it cook for maximum messy deliciousness. The wait staff will tell you exactly what to do, and even tell you how to mix up the special sauce from the bar in the back. [Read an Atlanta Journal-Constitution review about Mini Hot Pot.](#)

- **[Huong Giang](#)**  
Specializing in traditional Vietnamese food from the central city of Hue, Huong Giang offers adventurous Asian cuisine for both first timers and die hard fans. Try the bun bo hue, a spicy, beef-noodle soup served with pig's feet, or filet mignon cooked in vinegar. The restaurant also allows you to bring your own bottle of wine to compliment your meal at no additional charge.
- **[El Taco Veloz](#)**  
Although it resembles a rundown shack from the outside, the wonderful Mexican food inside makes El Taco Veloz one of Buford Highway's most popular spots. Sample their oversized burritos, chile relleno taco and thick tortilla chips, all of which you order at the window and then take away with you (for the more adventurous, try the beef tongue taco). At only \$1.69 for a taco, this hole-in-the-wall heaven won't break the bank.
- **[88 Tofu House](#)**  
88 Tofu House serves delicious Korean cuisine with lunch and dinner specials starting at just \$5.99. Despite the name, the restaurant features several tasty meat dishes and a traditional spicy kimchi soup, all on an easy-to-read menu. The best news? 88 Tofu House is open 24 hours a day, so you can enjoy amazing Korean food whenever your taste buds call for it.

Visit [Atlanta.net/dining](http://Atlanta.net/dining) to search Atlanta's dining destinations by neighborhood or cuisine. Also, check out daily discounts to restaurants throughout Atlanta in the [Cheap Eats](#) section and browse through the [ATL Insider dining blogs](#), where locals talk about their favorite places to go.

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