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## Charleston Dishes It Up

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Visitors go to Charleston, S.C. for its beautiful beaches, world-class shopping venues, unique blend of history and culture, and phenomenal golf and other outdoor sporting activities. But they go back to Charleston for the food. Once visitors experience the dining in this gracious Southern city, Charleston becomes forever synonymous with food, glorious food, wonderful, succulent, delicious, magnificent food! Touting more fine dining establishments per capita than any other city in the Southeast, Charleston credits the eclectic tastes of Lowcountry cuisine for its coveted reputation as a world-renowned dining destination.

"Lowcountry cuisine" is defined, in part, by its fresh local seafood such as shrimp, crabs, oysters and a variety of fish, each prepared using an interesting blend of seasonings. Because nearby Johns Island serves as the backyard garden for local chefs, restaurants receive produce—squash, green beans, broccoli, spinach, okra, collards, onions, tomatoes, cucumbers, Brussels sprouts, asparagus, a number of different lettuces and a variety of herbs—right from the fields for a distinctive fresh-picked taste. And let's not forget rice, a staple of the region for centuries that still helps define this unique food style.

But Lowcountry cuisine is just the beginning of the dining options available in and around Charleston. American, French, Italian, Mediterranean, Mexican, Indian, Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Cajun, Creole, and just about anything else hungry travelers can dream up is dished up in Charleston, from tangy mustard-based barbeque to the best darned hot dog to ever pass the lips. Not only does Charleston have what visitors want to eat, it also has many tasty delights they've probably never heard of...but won't soon forget.

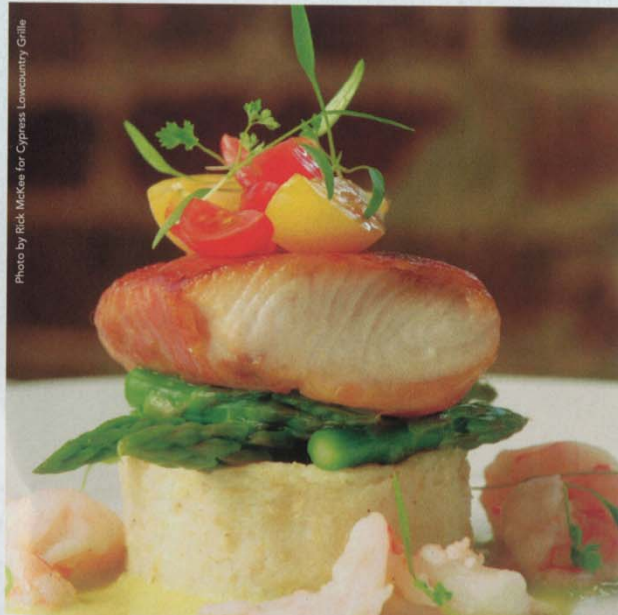


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Any of the following dining options would be a great place to start your tour for the taste buds:

**82 Queen** • (843) 723-7591

82 Queen St. • [www.82queen.com](http://www.82queen.com)

**A W Shucks Seafood Restaurant** • (843) 723-1151

35 Market St. • [www.a-w-shucks.com](http://www.a-w-shucks.com)

**Blossom** • (843) 722-9200

171 East Bay St. • [www.magnolias-blossom-cypress.com](http://www.magnolias-blossom-cypress.com)

**Blu Restaurant and Bar** • (843) 588-6658

One Center St., Folly Beach • [www.blufollybeach.com](http://www.blufollybeach.com)

**Bocci's Italian Restaurant** • (843) 720-2121

158 Church St. • [www.boccis.com](http://www.boccis.com)

**The Buccaneer** • (843) 805-5065

5 Faber St. • [www.thebuccaneerrestaurant.com](http://www.thebuccaneerrestaurant.com)

**Charleston Crab House** • (843) 795-1963

James Island, Mt. Pleasant and Downtown Charleston  
[www.charlestoncrabhouse.com](http://www.charlestoncrabhouse.com)

**Circa 1886** • (843) 853-7828

149 Wentworth St. • [www.circa1886.com](http://www.circa1886.com)

**Cypress Lowcountry Grille** • (843) 727-0111

167 East Bay St. • [www.magnolias-blossom-cypress.com](http://www.magnolias-blossom-cypress.com)

**Fleet Landing** • (843) 722-8100

186 Concord St. • [www.fleetlanding.net](http://www.fleetlanding.net)

**Halls Chophouse** • (843) 727-0090

434 King St. • [www.hallschophouse.com](http://www.hallschophouse.com)

**Hank's Seafood Restaurant** • (843) 723-3474

Church at Hayne St. • [www.hanksseafood.com](http://www.hanksseafood.com)

**Hyman's Seafood Company** • (843) 723-6000

215 Meeting St. • [www.hymanseafood.com](http://www.hymanseafood.com)

**Jack's Cosmic Dogs** • (843) 884-7677

Mount Pleasant and Folly Beach • [www.alljack.net](http://www.alljack.net)

**Magnolias** • (843) 577-7771

185 East Bay St. • [www.magnolias-blossom-cypress.com](http://www.magnolias-blossom-cypress.com)

**McCradys** • (843) 577-0025

2 Unity Alley • [www.mccradysrestaurant.com](http://www.mccradysrestaurant.com)

**Oak Steakhouse** • (843) 722-4220

17 Broad St. • [www.oaksteakhouserestaurant.com](http://www.oaksteakhouserestaurant.com)

**The Ocean Room** • (843) 768-6253

One Sanctuary Beach Dr., Kiawah Island  
[www.kiawahresort.com](http://www.kiawahresort.com)

**O-Ku** • (843) 737-0112

463 King St. • [www.o-kusushi.com](http://www.o-kusushi.com)

**Peninsula Grill** • (843) 723-0700

112 N. Market St. • [www.peninsulagrill.com](http://www.peninsulagrill.com)

**Queen Anne's Revenge** • (843) 216-6868

160 B Fairchild St., Daniel Island • [www.qarevenge.com](http://www.qarevenge.com)

**Saffire at the Charleston Marriott Hotel** • (843) 723-3000

170 Lockwood Blvd. • [www.marriott.com/chsmc](http://www.marriott.com/chsmc)

**SpiritLine Dinner Cruise** • 722-2628

360 Concord St., Suite 201 • [www.spiritlinecruises.com](http://www.spiritlinecruises.com)

**Tommy Condon's Irish Pub** • (843) 577-3818

160 Church St. • [www.tommycondons.com](http://www.tommycondons.com)

**Virginia's on King** • (843) 735-5800

412 King St. • [www.virginiasonking.com](http://www.virginiasonking.com)

**Water's Edge** • (843) 884-4074

1407 Shrimp Boat Lane, Mt. Pleasant  
[www.waters-edge-restaurant.com](http://www.waters-edge-restaurant.com)

For more information about these Charleston restaurants, visit [www.DiscoverCharleston.com](http://www.DiscoverCharleston.com).