

Charleston Restaurants 2013

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**Must visit*

∞ Visited & Recommends (contains pictures below listing)

± Closed but keep an eye out for a new restaurant from the restaurateur.

****Bakehouse Bakery Café (∞)**

160 East Bay Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 577-2180

Hours: 7:30 am to 7 pm (Mon-Fri) and 8 am to 7 pm (Sat-Sun)

Website: <https://www.bakehousecharleston.com/>



Upon first entering Bakehouse, I was arrested by the design of the café; it gave me all the good feels and vibes. The counter and display case is straight ahead. Before you arrive at the counter, you pass a doorway with a sliding barn door to a second seating area decorated like a library/reading nook; a display wall decorated with burlap coffee sacks from many coffee aficionado countries; and booths big enough to fit a family of 6-8 people. Based on the clientele in the

morning, this was clearly a family friendly place where mothers, fathers, and children stopped off on their way to school or work. On this first visit, I ordered a slice of the turkey, mushroom and gouda quiche. The quiche's crust was flaky, while the egg was creamy and dotted with just the right quantity on turkey and chunky mushrooms. The added bonus was the very thin layer of caramelized melted cheese. YUMMERS! I enjoyed the quiche so much, I got a lemon poppy scone on my last day in Charleston to take with me on the plane.

Bin 125 Wine Bar

152 King Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 577-7359

Hours: 2 pm to 12 midnight (Sun-Thurs) and 2 pm to 2 am (Fri-Mon)

Website: <https://www.bin152.com/>

***Brown's Court Bakery**

199 Saint Philip Street
Charleston, SC 29403

Hours: 7 am to 2 pm and 4 pm to 7 pm (Thurs-Sun)

Website: <http://browns court.com/>

Although not on located on a main street, this charming bakery is a must visit. Located on the first floor of a traditional [Charleston single house](#), the ambience of this bakery makes you want to purchase a baked good and then enjoy it on the porch. On this day, so many baked goods were calling my name, but one stood out because of the ingredients: the cheddar bacon scone, warmed up. Cheese (the fat girl's candy), bacon (nature's perfect meat), and warmed bread. How could I go wrong? I DIDN'T!!! And, you won't if you swing by for a treat!



****Butcher & Bee (∞)**

1085 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29403
(843) 619-0202

Hours: 4 pm to 8:30 pm (Mon & Wed), 11:30 am to 8:30 pm (Thurs-Sat) and 10:30 am to 8:30 pm (Sun)
Website: <https://butcherandbee.com/>

NOTE: I didn't get a chance to stop at Butcher & Bee this trip but stay tuned to another trip I took to Charleston for my review of this restaurant.

*Caviar & Bananas

51 George Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 577-7757

Hours: 7 am to 2 pm (Mon-Fri) and 8 am to 2 pm (Sat-Sun)

Website: <https://www.caviarandbananas.com/location/george-street/>

Caviar & Bananas is in Charleston, what Dean & DeLuca used to be in New York. C&B operates as a general store that also sells hot foods, cold prepackaged foods, pastries, sandwiches, and a plethora of other food stuff. It is a fun store to visit and walk around or to pick up food for a picnic.

*City Lights Coffee (∞)

141 Market Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 853-7067

Hours: 7 am to 8 pm (Mon-Thurs); 7 am to 9 pm (Fri-Sat) and 8 am to 6 pm (Sun)



After being disappointed on our first night in Charleston that we missed the Charleston City Market, my mom and I decide that we would stop at this lovely coffee house on our way back to our hotel. City Lights Coffee is an eclectically decorated coffee house that has pin up prints and local artist works hanging on the walls. It reminded me of one of the dive coffee houses you could find in the East Village in New York City. I loved everything about it, including the barista who made the most delicious iced drink I put in my mouth the whole time I was in Charleston during this trip. I have three words for you: FROZEN! MOCHA! DELICIOUS! It was so good that I had it twice!

***Cru Café (∞)

18 Pickney Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 534-2434

Hours: 12 pm to 8 pm (Wed-Sat)

Website: <http://crucafe.com/>



If you're in Charleston and you don't eat at Cru Café, I'm not sure we can be friends. My mom and I arrived at Cru on the first full day of our vacation as it was opening. We were asked if we had a reservation. We didn't! Luckily enough, we were able to score a table. Being our first time at here, we enjoyed fresh squeezed lemonade and sweet tea, a beef burger with cooked onions and french fries; a mixed green salad with bacon, cherry tomatoes, fire roasted corn, goat cheese and grilled chicken with a peach vinaigrette; and a slice of their orange cream sickle cake with a peach twirl. I know what you're thinking, "It's just grilled chicken and a burger." It was one of the BEST tasting grilled chicken and burger I've ever put in my mouth. The orange cream sickle cake was wow inducing and swoon worthy. This cake

is the pinnacle of amazing southern dessert eating. This was our first time eating here, but we knew it wouldn't be our last.



Our second trip to Cru Café bookended our first trip as this was our last meal. I am a huge fan of General Tso's Chicken and. This prompted me to get the General Tso's Cesar Wrap, while my mom ordered the Shrimp BLT with pepper jack mayo. HOLY MOLY!!! Hands down, one of THE BEST MEALS I ATE in Charleston. Cru Café is one of the few restaurants in my tome of place I would visit every time I'm in Charleston, SC.

NOTE: I highly recommend dining at Cru Café. Cru Café has a loyal following and fills up fast. If you decide to dine there, make a reservation to guarantee a table or try to secure a table by showing up just as the restaurant is opening. That was how we were able to dine there.

Early Bird Diner

1644 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29407
(843) 277-2353
Hours: 8 am to 9 pm (Mon -Sat)
Website: <https://earlybirddiner.com/>

***Eli's Table (∞)**

129 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401
Hours (Breakfast & Lunch): 7 am to 3 pm
Hours (Dinner): begins at 5 pm
Hours (Brunch): 7 am to 3 pm
Website: <http://elistable.com/>

This sandwich looked simplistic, but the flavor of the fried shrimp was layered with briny, salty goodness. The texture of the toasted bread added a nice consistent crunch. Would I have liked more shrimp, YES, but I still enjoyed the heck out of this sandwich.



FIG Restaurant

232 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 805-5900
Hours: 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm (closed on Sunday)
Website: <http://www.eatatfig.com/>

This restaurant is highly recommended. Unfortunately, I haven't had a chance to visit it, but I will definitely dine here the next time I am in Charleston.

Fish [PERMANENTLY CLOSED]

442 King St.
Charleston, SC 29403

(843) 722-3474

Hours: 11 am to 2:30 pm (Lunch); 5:30 pm to 10 pm (Dinner)

This restaurant had just opened for dinner service when my mom and I arrived, so we easily scored a table. We order a sampling of food from the menu that we could split. The bread flight, which was complimentary, was different from every other place we ate at during our trip. It was flash fried steamed buns with a sweet chili soy sauce. Yum! We ordered calamari and the fish and shrimp sliders with Bibb lettuce, pickled beets and roasted tomato spread as appetizers. We ordered the 72-hour short ribs with tomato & freebie pie, bacon fries and a bordelaise sauce for an entrée.



My mom loved the food. I enjoyed everything but the tomato & freebie pie. Overall, this was a pretty tasty meal. If it was still open, I would recommend it.

Five Loaves Cafe

43 Cannon Street

Charleston, SC

(843) 937-4303

Hours: 11 am to 8 pm (Mon-Sat) and 10 am to 3 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm(Sun)

Website: <https://www.five洛夫escafe.com/>

High Cotton

199 East Bay Street

Charleston, SC 29401

(843) 724-3815

Hours (Lunch): 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Hours (Brunch): 10 am to 2 pm

Website: <https://www.highcottoncharleston.com/>

HoM

563 King Street

Charleston, SC 29403

(843) 573-7505

Hours: 4 pm to 12 midnight (Mon-Thurs) and 11 am to 12 midnight (Fri-Sun)

Website: <http://www.homcharleston.com/>

Hominy Grill [PERMANENTLY CLOSED] (∞)

207 Rutledge Avenue

Charleston, SC 29403

(843) 937-0930

Hours: 7:30 am to 9 pm (Mon-Fri); 9 am to 9 pm (Sat); 9 am to 3 pm (Sun)

Website: <http://hominygrill.com/>

Hominy Grill, now permanently closed, was known for its hominy-style [grits](#) and its fried chicken biscuit sandwich. My mom ordered the Charleston Nasty Biscuit which included a fried chicken breast, cheddar cheese and sausage gravy (gravy on the side). I ordered the Fried Chicken Basket and side of cheese grits. If fried chicken and grits is on a menu, this gal here is ordering it.



My mom enjoyed the chicken biscuit, but she didn't care for the sausage gravy. Good thing she got it on the side. I love the fried chicken basket, which included a breast, wing, thigh and leg. I am not a fan of the leg, so my mom took one for the team and ate it. The flavor on the chicken was delicious and the coating was crunchy, while the meat was silky. The grits has bite in that the kernels were in hearty size and the cheddar taste was prominent. This was a great way to start the day.

Husk Restaurant (∞)

76 Queen Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 577-2500

Hours (Dinner): 5 pm to 10 pm (Sun-Thurs) and 5 pm to 11 pm (Fri-Sat)

Hours (Brunch): 10 am to 2 pm (Sat-Sun)

Website: <http://www.huskrestaurant.com/>

Hyman's Seafood

215 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 723-6000

Hours: 11 am to close

Website: <https://www.hymanseafood.com/>



When you are in Charleston, so many locals will recommend going to Hyman's. "It's a Charleston institution" known for its raw oyster bar. I am not a fan of oysters, but it was a seafood restaurant, so why not try some of their other offerings? On one fairly late night, we took the locals' suggestion and lived to regret it. This was the worst meal we had our entire trip.

DO NOT EAT HERE! Unless oysters are your jam.

Jestine's Kitchen

215 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 722-7224

Hours: 11 am to 10 pm

Website: <https://plus.google.com/112570705744987283140/about?gl=us&hl=en>

Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q [This location is now permanently closed.]

288 King Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 577-0406

Hours: 11 am to 9 pm (Sun-Thurs) and 11 am to 10 pm (Fri-Sat)

Website: <http://www.jimnicks.com/>

Menu: http://www.jimnicks.com/images/menus/Nicks_Menu.pdf

Our first night in Charleston, my mom and I dined at Jim 'n Nick's Bar-B-Q for dinner. This location was right around the corner from our hotel and we wanted something close after having just arrived earlier in the afternoon. We drank fresh squeezed lemonade and dined on Catfish and Brisket & Link tacos and pulled pork with sides of mac-n-cheese, fried green tomatoes, and cheesy corn muffins.



For a first meal it was delicious, but not our favorite BBQ place in the city center.

Kaminsky's

78 North Market Street
Charleston, SC
(843) 853-8270

Hours: 2pm to late night (Mon-Wed) and 12 noon to late night (Thurs-Sun)

Website: <http://www.kaminskys.com/>

Menu: http://www.kaminskys.com/menu/kaminskys_menu.pdf

Kitchen 208

208 King Street
Charleston, SC
(843) 725-7208

Hours: 7 am to 3 pm

Website: <http://www.kitchen208.com/>

Menu (Breakfast): <http://www.kitchen208.com/wp-content/themes/kitchen208/images/breakfast.pdf>

Menu (Lunch): <http://www.kitchen208.com/wp-content/themes/kitchen208/images/lunch.pdf>

Kudu Coffee & Craft Beer

4 Vanderhorst
Charleston, SC

Hours: 6:45 am to 9 pm (Mon-Fri); 7 am to 9 pm (Sat) and 8 am to 7 pm (Sun)

Website: <http://www.kuducoffeeandcraftbeer.com/>

Lana

210 Rutledge Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403
(943) 720-8899

Hours (Lunch): 11 am to 2:30 pm (Mon-Fri)

Hours (Dinner): begins at 6 pm (Mon-Sat)

Website: <http://www.lanarestaurant.com/>

Menu (Lunch): <http://www.lanarestaurant.com/lunch-menu/>

Menu (Dinner): <http://www.lanarestaurant.com/dinner-menu/>

Leaf Café and Bar

15 Beaufain St
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 793-2230

Hours: 11 am to 10 pm

Website: <http://www.leafcharleston.com/>

Menu (Brunch): http://www.leafcharleston.com/interior/PDF/leaf_brunch_menu.pdf

Menu (Lunch): http://www.leafcharleston.com/interior/PDF/leaf_lunch_menu_side_1.pdf

Menu (Lunch): http://www.leafcharleston.com/interior/PDF/leaf_lunch_menu_side_2.pdf

Menu (Dinner): http://www.leafcharleston.com/interior/PDF/leaf_dinner_menu.pdf

Lowcountry Bistro

49 South Market Street
(843) 302-0290

Hours: open 11 am (Mon-Fri); open 10 am (Sat-Sun)

Website: <http://www.lowcountrybistro.com/>

Menu (Lunch): <http://www.lowcountrybistro.com/lunch-menu/>

Magnolias (∞)

185 East Bay Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 577-7771

Hours (Lunch): 11:30 am to 3:30 pm (Mon-Sat)

Hours (Dinner): Begins at 3:45 pm (Daily)

Hours (Brunch): 11 am to 3:30 pm (Sun)

Website: <https://magnoliascharleston.com/>



I could wax poetic about how good this meal was, and I will. Sweet Tea! Perfection. The Down South egg roll filled with collard greens, chicken, and tasso ham over a red pepper purée, spicy mustard, peach

chutney medley, droll inducing. The first bite of this egg roll opened my taste buds and mind to the endless possibilities of the combinations that could go into an egg roll wrapper. MIND BLOWING! The Buffalo Chicken Cobb Salad featured one of my favorite ways of having chicken, buffalo style. Move over grilled chicken; there's a new sheriff in cobb town. YUMMERS! The Cuban Sandwich with ham and crispy pork belly and homemade chips, although the weakest link in this meal, was by no means not tasty. The thick slices of ham and the freshly fried potato chips were my favorite part of this dish. I was leery of ordering the Pecan Pie with vanilla bean ice cream, but my mom convinced me to try to it. This was the first piece of pecan pie that I enjoyed because it wasn't too sweet, and the vanilla ice cream was a perfect accompaniment to the richness of the gooey pie.

BRAVA, Magnolia!

Martha Lou's Kitchen

1068 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29403
(843) 577-9583
Hours: 8am to 5 pm (Mon-Sat)

The Peninsula Grill at Planter's Inn

112 North Market Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 723-0700
Hours: 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm (Sun-Thurs) and 5:30 pm to 11:00 pm (Fri & Sat)
Website: <http://www.peninsulagrill.com/index.cfm>
Menu (Dinner): <http://peninsulagrill.com/downloads/menu/new%20menu%20L%20web.pdf>
Menu (Desert): <http://peninsulagrill.com/downloads/menu/dessert1028.pdf>
Photos: <http://www.peninsulagrill.com/photos.cfm>

Poogan's Porch Restaurant

72 Queen Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 577-2337
Hours: Lunch: 11 am to 2:30 pm (Mon-Fri) and 9:00 am to 2:30 (Sat & Sun); Dinner: 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Website: <http://www.poogansporch.com/>
Menu (Brunch): <http://www.poogansporch.com/menus/brunch/>
Menu (Lunch): <http://www.poogansporch.com/menus/lunch/>
Menu (Dinner): <http://www.poogansporch.com/menus/dinner/>
Photos: <http://www.poogansporch.com/gallery/>

For brunch, this meal of Homemade Biscuits with honey butter, Chicken and Waffles, and a Vegetable Omelette with asparagus, tomatoes and other veggies hit the right spot. The honey butter really made the biscuit, which I initially thought was undercooked due to it's light top, sing.



The Rarebit

474 King Street
Charleston, SC

(843) 974-5483

Hours: 11 am to 2 am (Tues-Sun)

Website: <http://therarebit.com/>

Menu: http://therarebit.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/RAREBIT_MENU.pdf

Social Restaurant and Wine Bar

188 East Bay Street

Charleston, SC 29401

(843) 577-5665

Hours (Dinner): 5 pm to 12 midnight (Dinner only)

Hours (Brunch): 12 noon to 3 pm (Sat-Sun)

Website: <http://socialwinebar.com/>

Second State Coffee

70.5 Beaufain Street

Charleston, SC 29401

(843) 793-4402

Hours: 7 am to 5 pm (Mon-Fri) 8 am to 5 pm (Sat-Sun)

Website: <https://secondstatecoffee.com/>

Sticky Fingers (∞)

235 Meeting Street

Charleston, SC 29401

(843) 853-7427

Website: <https://www.stickyfingers.com/>



THIS IS MY FAVORITE BBQ place in the city center.

For some stick to your ribs good Memphis style 'cue, visit Sticky Fingers. Our first trip there, my mom and I ordered the Sticky Duo, which includes a choice of two of the following meats: ribs, brisket, pulled pork, pulled chicken, wings, sausage, smoked chicken and two sides. The ribs were tender and lightly sauced, while the wings were smoky and fan-freaking-tastic. The beans had rich notes of sweetness and smoke. The second time, we shared a trio of ribs and a selection of four sides.

This was some mighty fine barbecue.

Sugar Bakeshop

59 ½ Cannon Street

Charleston, SC

(843) 579-2891

Hours: 10 am to 6 pm (Mon-Fri) and 11 am to 5 pm (Sat)

Website: <http://sugarbake.com/home.html>

Menu: <http://sugarbake.com/printmenu.html>

Taco Boy

217 Huger Street

Charleston, SC

(843) 789-333

Hours: 10 am to 2 am

Website: <http://tacoboy.net/index.php>

Menu: <http://tacoboy.net/downloads/TacoBoy-Menu-Summer2013.pdf>

Ted's Butcherblock

334 East Bay Street

Charleston, SC 29401

(843) 577-0094

Hours: 11:00 am to 7:00 pm (Tues-Sat)

Website: <http://www.tedsbutcherblock.com/>

Menu: <https://tedsbutterblock.com/menus/gourmet-cafe/>



Upon entering Ted's Butcherblock, the first thing I noticed was the charm of this artisanal grocery store/restaurant. When visiting, you could order an charcuterie platter for an event or a picnic basket that you could take to the beach for a day of fun in the sun. In this case, we stopped here for lunch and ordered from the "deli" counter. I had one of my favorite brands of ginger ale and a Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato and Avocado on ciabatta with cold style Mac-n-cheese. This was the first time I ever ordered mac-n-cheese and it came out cold like macaroni salad. This entire meal was delightful.

Triangle Char and Bar

828 Savannah Highway

Charleston, SC 29407

(843) 377-1300

Hours: 11 am to 12 am (Mon-Thurs), 11 am to 1 am (Fri-Sat)

Website: <http://trianglecharandbar.com/>

Menu: http://trianglecharandbar.com/uploads/docs/Triangle_Menu.pdf

Tristan

10 Linguard Street

Charelston, SC 29401

(843) 534-2155

Hours: 5:30 pm to 10 pm (daily)

Webite: <http://www.tristanding.com/>

Menus: <http://www.tristanding.com/menus/>

Twenty Six Divine

682 King Street

Charleston, SC

(843) 297-8118

Hours: 11 am to 4 pm (Tues-Sat)

Website: <http://www.twentysixdivine.com/>

Menu: <http://www.twentysixdivine.com/menu>

Virginia's on King

412 King Street

Charleston, SC

(843) 735-5800

Hours (Breakfast): 7 am to 11 am (Mon-Fri) and 8 am to 11 am (Sat)

Hours (Supper): begins at 3 pm

Menu (Breakfast): <http://www.virginiasonking.com/menus/VABreakfast.pdf>

Menu (Supper): <http://www.virginiasonking.com/menus/Supper-Virginias.pdf>

Wholly Cow Ice Cream

159 Church Street

Charleston, SC 29401

(843) 722-6665

Hours: 9 am to 9 p, (Mon-Sun)

Website: <http://www.whollycowicecream.com/>

Menu: <http://www.whollycowicecream.com/ice-cream>

WildFlour Pastry

73 Spring St

Charleston, SC 29403

(843) 327-2621

Hours: 6:30 am to 4:30 pm (Tues-Fri); 8 am to 3 pm (Sat) and 8 am to 1 pm (Sun)

Website: <http://www.wildflourpastrycharleston.com/>

NOTE: Known for Sticky bun on Sundays