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OpenTable Reveals the 50 Best Southern Restaurants for Extra Summer Sizzle

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Restaurants Across 14 States and Washington, D.C. Turn Up the Heat on Favorite Southern Fare

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- With only 50 lazy, hazy days of summer remaining as of this week, OpenTable, the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations and part of [Booking Holdings, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: [BKNG](#)), today unveiled the [50 Best Southern Restaurants in America for 2018](#). Featuring restaurants across 14 states and Washington D.C., including ten in the South, the list evokes all the joys of summer picnic fare without having to break a sweat.



While Southern states claim the most number of restaurants on the list, with Louisiana in the lead with eight, northern and mid-western states including New York, Philadelphia, and Illinois prove that Southern hospitality can take root anywhere. From [Café Dupont's](#) famed fried chicken in Birmingham, Alabama and [Antebellum's](#) mouth-watering shrimp and grits in Flowery Branch, Georgia to [Acadiana's](#) soft shell crabs in Washington, D.C. and [Maple Tree Inn's](#) Étouffée in Blue Island, Illinois, diners don't have to venture too far this summer to find the best Southern fare near them.

"OpenTable's list of the best Southern restaurants offers diners plenty of options to savor flavors that are strongly associated with warm summer days and balmy nights, although the honorees serve standout Southern fare year-round," said Caroline Potter, OpenTable's Chief Dining Officer. "While winning restaurants are sprinkled throughout the nation, spots in southern states rightfully dominate the list, which works as a handy guide for travelers who want to eat their way through the region."

The 50 Best Southern Restaurants in America for 2018 list is generated solely from more than 12 million verified OpenTable diner reviews for more than 27,000 restaurants in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. collected between June 1, 2017 and May 31, 2018. All restaurants in the "Southern" cuisine category with a minimum "overall" score and number of qualifying reviews were included for consideration. Qualifying restaurants were then scored and sorted according to their overall food rating.

Based on this methodology, the following restaurants, listed in alphabetical order, comprise the 50 Best Southern Restaurants in America for 2018 according to OpenTable diners. The complete list may also be viewed at www.opentable.com/lists/best-southern-restaurants-2018.

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[Abel Brown](#) – Augusta, Georgia
[Acadiana](#) – Washington, D.C.
[Acre](#) – Auburn, Alabama
[Alligator Soul](#) – Savannah, Georgia
[Anson](#) – Charleston, South Carolina
[Antebellum](#) – Flowery Branch, Georgia
[Atchafalaya Restaurant](#) – New Orleans, Louisiana
[The Boil Waverly](#) – New York, New York
[Boucherie](#) – New Orleans, Louisiana
[Brennan's of Houston](#) – Houston, Texas
[Cafe Dupont](#) – Birmingham, Alabama
[Carrollton Market](#) – New Orleans, Louisiana
[Circa 1886](#) – Charleston, South Carolina
[Cured](#) – San Antonio, Texas
[Cypress Restaurant](#) – Tallahassee, Florida
[Distilled at The Sire Hotel](#) – Lexington, Kentucky
[Dogwood Southern Table & Bar](#) – Charlotte, North Carolina
[Fixe](#) – Austin, Texas
[High Street Caffe & Vudu Lounge](#) – West Chester, Pennsylvania
[Highball & Harvest](#) – Orlando, Florida
[Highlands Bar & Grill](#) – Birmingham, Alabama
[Hot and Hot Fish Club](#) – Birmingham, Alabama
[Ida Claire](#) – Addison, Texas
[Kitchen Notes - Omni Nashville](#) – Nashville, Tennessee
[The King's Kitchen](#) – Charlotte, North Carolina
[Langdon's Restaurant](#) – Mount Pleasant, South Carolina
[Madison's](#) – Highlands, North Carolina
[Mandolin](#) – Raleigh, North Carolina
[Maple Tree Inn](#) – Blue Island, Illinois
[Merrick Inn](#) – Lexington, Kentucky

[Midtown Cafe](#) – Nashville, Tennessee
[Mozelle's Fresh Southern Bistro](#) – Winston-Salem, North Carolina
[Mr. B's Bistro](#) – New Orleans, Louisiana
[Muriel's Jackson Square](#) – New Orleans, Louisiana
[The Olde Pink House Restaurant](#) – Savannah, Georgia
[Preserved Restaurant](#) – St. Augustine, Florida
[Rapsallion](#) – Dallas, Texas
[Restaurant IRON](#) – Pensacola, Florida
[Restaurant R'evolution](#) – New Orleans, Louisiana
[Restaurant Rebirth](#) – New Orleans, Louisiana
[Root & Bone](#) – New York, New York
[RT's Restaurant](#) – Alexandria, Virginia
[Rx Restaurant](#) – Wilmington, North Carolina
[South City Kitchen](#) – Multiple locations
[State of Grace](#) – Houston, Texas
[Stella's Bistro - Simpsonville](#) – Simpsonville, South Carolina
[Toutant](#) – Buffalo, New York
[Urban Grub](#) – Nashville, Tennessee
[Willia Jean](#) – New Orleans, Louisiana
[Yardbird Southern Table & Bar](#) – Multiple locations

About OpenTable

[OpenTable](#), part of [Booking Holdings, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: [BKNG](#)), is the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations, seating more than 25 million diners per month via online reservations across more than 46,000 restaurants. The OpenTable network connects restaurants and diners, helping diners discover and book the perfect table and helping restaurants deliver personalized hospitality to keep guests coming back. The OpenTable service enables diners to see which restaurants have available tables, select a restaurant based on verified diner reviews, menus, and other helpful information, and easily book a reservation. In addition to the company's website and mobile apps, OpenTable powers online reservations for nearly 600 partners, including many of the Internet's most popular global and local brands. For restaurants, the OpenTable hospitality solutions enable them to manage their reservation book, streamline their operations, and enhance their service levels. Since its inception in 1998, OpenTable has seated over 1.6 billion diners via online reservations around the world. OpenTable is headquartered in San Francisco and has bookable restaurants in more than 20 countries, including Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Spain, United Kingdom and the United States. Restaurants are available for reservations in Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish languages.

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