

From restaurants featuring award-winning chefs, to numerous farm-to-table options, and everything in between, the Birmingham metro area has many unique dining experiences to check out. Here are just a few of our favorites.

HOMEWOOD

Fine Dining

GianMarco's (Italian)

Authentic Italian food with an extensive wine selection.

721 Broadway Street, Homewood, AL 35209

205-871-9622 www.gianmarcosbhm.com

Casual

Cocina Superior (Mexican)

Modern tex mex offering all your favorites as well as innovative original dishes served in a stylish setting.

587 Brookwood Village, Homewood, AL 35209

205-259-1980 www.thecocinasuperior.com

Dave's Pizza (Pizza)

Great local pizza joint located in the Soho area of Homewood. "For a good time, call Dave's!"

1819 29th Avenue South, Homewood, AL 35209

205-871-3283 www.davesontheweb.com

Jinsei (Sushi)

Contemporary Japanese restaurant with a modern atmosphere and a casual twist, offering only the finest fish flown in daily from all over the world.

1830 29th Avenue South, Homewood, AL 35209

205-802-1440 www.jinseisushi.com

Little Donkey Taqueria (Mexican)

Original Mexican food + spirits influenced by Southern soul. Slow-smoked meats, fresh-pressed tortillas. Scratch-made everything.

2821 Central Avenue, Homewood, AL 35209

205-703-7000 www.thelittledonkey.com

O'Carr's Restaurant (Delicatessen)

A classic Birmingham delicatessen. Don't forget to try the chicken salad.

2909 18th Street South, Homewood, AL 35209

(205) 879-2196 www.ocarrs.com

Pizzeria GM (Pizza)

The Gianmarcos brothers' newest venture that features pizza and graffiti as what they call "old school art forms and expressions of creativity."

600 Oak Grove Road, Homewood, AL 35209

205-905-3266 www.pizzeriagm.com

Real & Rosemary (American)

Fast-casual concept focusing on fresh vegetables, whole foods and lean proteins.

1922 29th Avenue South, Homewood, AL 35209

205-820-7199 www.realandrosemary.com

Urban Cookhouse (American)

Locally-owned establishment focused on locally-sourced menu options that vary seasonally.

1920 29th Avenue South, Homewood, AL 35209

205-879-0883 www.urbancookhouse.com

DOWNTOWN

Fine Dining

Bettola (Italian)

A casual upscale restaurant located in Birmingham's Lakeview district. Founded by award-winning chef James Lewis, Bettola offers a wonderful array of foods from the Campania region of Italy in a warm and modern setting.

2930 3rd Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35233

205-731-6499 www.opentable.com/bettola-birmingham

Bottega/Bottega Café (Italian American)

James Beard-winning chef Frank Stitt's restaurant located in the historic Bottega Favorita building. Italy inspires the cuisine, carefully crafted by linking ingredients from the American South and artisanal producers from the Italian countryside. Bottega is the more formal dining room, while the café side is less formal.

2240 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35205

205-939-1000 www.bottegarrestaurant.com

Chez Fon Fon (French American)

Frank and Pardis Stitt's cozy, casual French bistro that transfers you to Paris, Lyon or Nice.

2007 11th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35205

205-939-3221 www.fonfonbham.com

Highlands Bar & Grill (French American)

Frank and Pardis Stitt invite you to enjoy a French-inspired Southern dinner, where exquisite food and gracious service combine to create one of America's great restaurants. Since 1982, diners have come to mark special occasions, conduct business dinners or just drop by for a late evening supper in the inviting atmosphere of the main dining room or bar area.

2011 11th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35205
205-939-1400 www.highlandsbarandgrill.com

Hot and Hot Fish Club (French/Southern)

The Hot and Hot Fish Club takes a modern approach to blending French, Southern, and California-styles of cooking, set against the backdrop of downtown Birmingham. The airy dining room and connecting bar offer ever-changing dishes and cocktails executed by James Beard-award winning Chef/Co-Owner Chris Hastings.

2901 2nd Avenue South, Suite 110, Birmingham, AL 35233
205-933-5474 www.hotandhotfishclub.com

Ocean (Seafood)

Voted Best Restaurant, Best Chef, and the recipient of AAA Four Diamond Award for the past twelve years, Ocean offers fresh seafood in an exciting and contemporary atmosphere.

1218 20th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35205
205-933-0999 www.oceanbirmingham.com

OvenBird (Southern/International)

OvenBird is Chris and Idie Hastings' live fire, casual restaurant. The menu focuses on the amazing seasonal southern ingredients we know and love in a small plate format that takes inspiration from the live fire traditions of Spain, Portugal, Uruguay, Argentina and of course the American South.

2901 2nd Avenue South, Suite 110, Birmingham, AL 35233
205-957-6686 www.ovenbirdrestaurant.com

Roots & Revelry (Southern/International)

An energetic tribute to fun fine dining. Awarded AL.com's Best New Restaurant in Birmingham in 2017, R&R operates on the 2nd Floor of the beautifully renovated Thomas Jefferson Tower in Downtown Birmingham.

1623 2nd Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203
205-730-1907 www.roots-revelry.com

Casual

5 Points Public House & Oyster Bar (Seafood/Pub)

A public house and oyster bar in a relaxed gathering spot that's perfect for locals.

1210 20th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35205
205-918-0726 www.5pointpublichouse.com

Automatic Seafood and Oysters (Seafood)

ASO aims to blend fine dining with a friendly atmosphere where everyone is welcome, always offering a variety of seafood dishes, featuring fish primarily sourced from the Gulf of Mexico, oysters from waters along the Southern and Eastern coastlines, as well as a selection of land-based produce and proteins.

2824 5th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35205

205-580-1600 www.automaticseafood.com

Babalu (Tacos and Tapas)

Gourmet tacos, Spanish-style tapas and hand-crafted cocktails with a Southern twist.

2808 7th Ave S #117, Birmingham, AL 35233

205-297-0200 www.babalutacos.com

Bamboo on 2nd (Asian)

This Asian-inspired restaurant and bar is located in Birmingham's downtown loft district. The menu includes sushi rolls, noodle bowls, small plates, a variety of skewered and Asian inspired salads.

2212 2nd Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203

205-703-0551 www.bamboon2nd.com

Carrigan's Public House (American)

Airy, industrial spot with a patio & roof deck for upscale pub fare, craft beer & seasonal cocktails.

2430 Morris Avenue, Birmingham, AL

205-440-2430 www.carriganspub.com

El Barrio (Mexican)

Inspired by multi-regional Mexican cuisine, urban design and locally-sourced ingredients, El Barrio bridges the gap between the typical Mexican restaurant and a bustling bar and grill.

2211 2nd Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203

205-868-3737 www.elbarriobirmingham.com

East West (Asian Fusion)

Laid-back choice for eclectic bites that combine flavors from Eastern & Western cuisines.

2306 2nd Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203

205-202-4496 www.eastwestbirmingham.com

Five (American)

FIVE makes it easy; they offer five dinner specials, five white wines, and five red wines. They also have a bar stocked with everything you need and nothing more. When you only have five entrées, they had better be good—and they always are!

744 29th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35233

205-868-3841 www.five-bar.com/birmingham

Paramount (American)

Food, Drinks, Games. A downtown bar arcade focusing on all-natural burgers, hot dogs and sandwiches. A great place to grab some good grub and catch up with friends.

200 20th Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203

205-320-2824 www.paramountbirmingham.com

Slice (Pizza)

Mouth-watering pizzas cooked in a natural stone oven and served with the tastiest brews around, located in the Lakeview District.

725 29th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35233

205-715-9300 www.slicebirmingham.com

The Southern (Southern American)

Located in the Uptown District, The Southern creates a casually chic atmosphere offering the best entertainment with the hospitality of a true southern gem. The Southern-inspired menu has quickly become a local favorite offering acclaimed southern delicacies.

2301 Richard Arrington, Jr. Boulevard, Suite 300, Birmingham, AL 35203

205-278-7270 www.thesouthernbirmingham.com

MOUNTAIN BROOK

Fine Dining

Dyron's Lowcountry (Seafood)

Restaurant focused on fresh, local food made with whole ingredients, inspired by the lowcountry cuisine of South Carolina. Menu selections include oysters, she-crab soup, and their popular shrimp and grits entree.

121 Oak Street, Mountain Brook, AL 35213

205-834-8257 www.dyronslowcountry.com

Ollie Irene (French)

Bustling neighborhood French bistro.

75 Church Street, Mountain Brook, AL 35213

205-769-6034 www.ollieirene.com

Vino (European)

An intimate dining spot featuring an array of fresh, simple, and healthy Mediterranean and Italian-inspired menu options, along with an extensive wine collection. Enjoy indoor seating or dine on the patio, overlooking English Village.

1930 Cahaba Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35223

205-970-8404 www.vinobirmingham.com

Casual

Brick & Tin (American)

Casual restaurant, bar and bakery offering sourcing fresh, farm to table ingredients.

2901 Cahaba Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35223

205-509-7271 www.brickandtin.com

Chez Lulu (French)

French bistro featuring freshly-baked artisan bread from adjoining Continental Bakery, fresh soups, European tartes, stone oven-baked pizza and delectable dips and spreads.

1911 Cahaba Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35223

205-870-7011 www.chezlulu.us

Saw's Juke Joint (BBQ)

Third location of the Saw's enterprise. Features a more expansive menu and live music and a larger bar area. If you're looking for fantastic barbeque and good music, this joint is jumpin'!

115 Dunston Avenue, Mountain Brook, AL 35213

205-745-3920 www.sawsbbq.com

Surin of Thailand (Thai)

Featuring a broad spectrum of Thai cuisine coupled with a full sushi bar, this restaurant is located in Mountain Brook's Crestline Village. *Another location, Surin West, located downtown in the Five Points area of downtown Birmingham.

64 Church Street, Mountain Brook, AL 35213

205-871-4531 www.surinofthailand.com