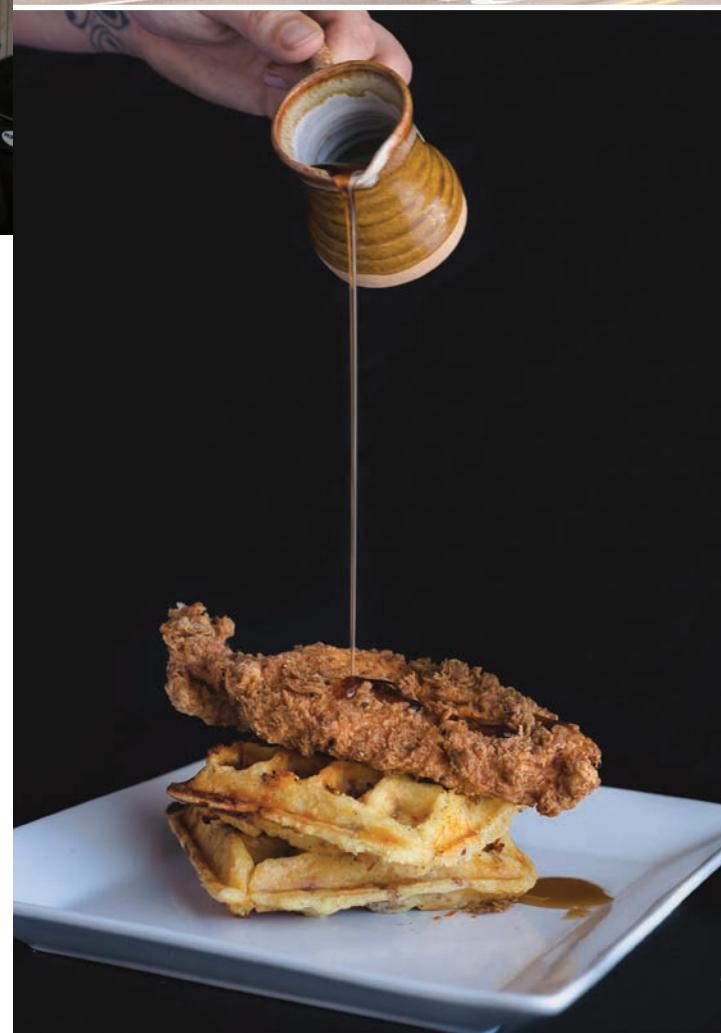


Mississippi's Best-Kept Secret

Why Columbus, Mississippi Will Satisfy Your Craving



The quiet, idyllic town of Columbus, Miss., looks like something from the pages of a Tennessee Williams play. The birthplace of America's greatest playwright, Columbus has captivated writers, artists and musicians alike for decades with its classic Southern architecture, small-town charm and scenic outdoor backdrop.

In Downtown Columbus, where colorful, welcoming shops line the street, family-friendly festivals and farmer's markets make this area a lively hub of activity. And while Main Street looks like something out of a magazine, it's the food scene that is causing a buzz.

The Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway wraps itself around the town and beckons visitors to come on in. In Columbus, "The City That Has It All," there's something for everyone, so wander over, grab a bite to eat, enjoy a tall glass of sweet tea or a mint julep and stay for a while.

Treat Your Tastebuds at a Columbus Eatery

Having a grand time takes on an entirely new meaning when visiting Columbus. With more than 676 historic properties, Columbus is a history buff's dream. In the heart of the Mississippi Black Prairie, visitors indulge in tranquility and Southern hospitality at its finest, while playing a round

of golf at Old Waverly, site of the 1999 U.S. Women's Open and 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur. And for music lovers, Columbus' "Catfish Alley" was once the legendary epicenter of blues, jazz and soul music; here, nationally recognized artists, such as B.B. King, Duke Ellington, Little Richard, Louis Armstrong and James Brown, performed alongside Mississippi's blues guitarists.

Small-town Columbus offers no shortage of big-city attractions. Likewise, with everything from fast-casual to fine-dining, Columbus' up-and-coming food scene is also worth biting into. Whether looking for a fun atmosphere, a white tablecloth experience or something in between, Columbus restaurants serve something to suit all tastes.

Nothing starts the day off better than the leisurely tradition of brunch. In the heart of Downtown Columbus, in an upscale, yet unpretentious setting, Harvey's serves up both a sweet and savory go-to brunch menu: buttermilk-fried chicken and Belgian waffles with a berry gastrique; shrimp and smoked jalapeno cheddar grits topped with a rich Tasso ham gravy; honey-pepper salmon atop a bed of wild rice; and the house specialty, a 12-ounce, mouthwatering ribeye marinated for 48 hours. Of course, no brunch would be complete without an Irish cream coffee or blueberry mimosa.

In Columbus, meals in the company of friends and family, particularly over good food, is almost a religious experience. And Huck's Place is no exception. Here, visitors can get anything from New Orleans-inspired zydeco flatbread and boudin-stuffed shrimp topped with a spicy homemade crawfish sauce, to bayou shrimp tacos and open-faced, fully-dressed roast beef po-boys. For more than a decade, Huck's Place's large Cajun-Creole menu has kept guests coming back for more.

For an authentic farm-to-table restaurant experience, J. Broussard's uses locally grown produce, free-range hens and Mississippi farm-raised catfish, in addition to hand-cutting all of their steaks one by one. Their unwavering commitment to serving the local economy is second only to their attention to quality and detail. J. Broussard's has been keeping Columbus fed for 20 years with their thoughtfully prepared, made-from-scratch dishes, such as their thinly pounded veal tenderloin with a decadent mushroom cream sauce.

While differing in their menu offerings and creative touches, Columbus restaurants share one bragging right: No one leaves hungry. Restaurant hours vary, and we suggest calling ahead to confirm hours of operation.

Visit Columbus, Mississippi – Safely

With its classic Southern architecture, blues music legacy, vibrant downtown, variety of one-of-a-kind restaurants and lively festival scene, Columbus is the South's best-kept secret.

Learn more about "The City That Has It All" and request a free visitor's guide. For travel tips, trip itineraries, restaurant recommendations – including updated hours of operation, click here.