# Welcome to Atlanta



#### VIRGINIA HIGHLAND

#### Latavola

992 Virginia Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30306

Located in Virginia Highland, one of Atlanta's most vibrant and historic neighborhoods, La Tavola (which translates to "The Table") is a cozy, authentic Italian trattoria serving classics like spaghetti and meatballs cooked to your mother's perfection and interpretations of less traditional Italian dishes for the more adventurous epicurean.

To make a reservation, call 404.873.5430. www.latavola.com

## Murphy's

Murphy's is one of Atlanta's best-loved restaurants and has been for more than 30 years. Located in the heart of stylish Virginia Highland, Murphy's is the long-standing hub of neighborhood camaraderie and the choice destination for visitors seeking the best of the district's dining and nightlife. Tom Murphy's acclaimed restaurant brings in the crowds with the perfect combination of upscale comfort food, gracious service, a cozy setting, and excellent value.

Our chefs create American contemporary comfort food that focuses on fresh, local ingredients. The menu includes classic patron favorites like shrimp and grits and braised beef brisket as well as seasonal interpretations and the daily catch. Weekend brunch at Murphy's is a must-do, featuring Eggs T. Murphy, Crab Cake Benedict, and Chilaquiles.P 404-872-0904

## Taco Mac

Address: 1006 North Highland Avenue Northeast, Atlanta, GA 30306

Phone: (404) 873-6529

Hours: Open today · 11AM-12AM Menu: tmacrestaurants.com Website Directions

Branch of a sports grill chain offering Buffalo wings, chili, sandwiches & lots of draft beer.

## Welcome to El Taco, Amigo!

The Best Tex-Mex Mexican Restaurant in Atlanta

1186 North Highland Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30306 – in Virginia-Highland The Original El Taco is Atlanta's favorite neighborhood aquaria serving the best Tex-Mex and Mexican dishes in a friendly and fun atmosphere. Voted "Best Mexican" by City search, our best tacos are unique combinations of the best Mexican flavors and go great with an ice-cold cerveza. Or enjoy a Tex-Mex classic like grilled chicken fajitas with a chilly frozen margarita on the patio at the best Tex Mex Mexican restaurant in Atlanta. Our diners love our free salsa bar featuring house-made salsa combinations with fresh cilantro & limes. And they really love it when we spin the 'Wheel of Taco.' El Taco is open every night in Virginia Highland for dinner and weekend lunch – and we're kid-friendly!

El Taco offers private & group dining options to celebrate your special occasions. To make reservations for parties of seven or more, call 404.873.4656

#### **INMAN PARK**

## Rathbun's, Rathbun steak (my favorite)

ABOUT US: In 2004, we discovered a small restaurant space in the Inman Park area of Atlanta. At the time, we were the fifth restaurant to discover this up and coming area. In the spring of 2004, we opened our first restaurant called Rathbun's. Since then, we have grown to four restaurants with three of them on Krog Street. The Inman Park area has now become the new entertainment district of Atlanta and we are proud to be a part of the neighborhoods success. Since our original restaurant, we have added Krog Bar and Kevin Rathbun Steak to our portfolio. Recently, we introduced Atlanta to our newest restaurant, KR Steak Bar. It is located in the Peachtree Hills area of Buckhead. Our cuisines range from American, Mediterranean, Italian, and Prime steaks. Our goal is to continue to serve the Atlanta diners with cutting edge chef-driven restaurants while establishing a local, regional and nationwide following.

Rathbun's Restaurants was founded by Kevin Rathbun, Clifford Bramble and Kirk Parks.

KEVIN RATHBUN: Kevin is the co-owner of Rathbun's and in 2004, Kevin Rathbun opened his namesake restaurant, Rathbun's, then Krog Bar (2005), and then Kevin Rathbun Steak (2007). And today, Kevin continues to be a pivotal and driving force in the local and national restaurant scene.

At Rathbun's, Kevin incorporated his take on Modern American Cuisine. His insight to what his guest's desire have turned most of the menu items into staples.

At Krog Bar, Kevin had a vision of an intimate wine bar with small tapas. Working along with the restaurant designers and architects, Krog Bar opened and did just that. Krog Bar's intimate interior adds to the warmth of dining in this award winning Spanish style wine and tapas bar.

At Kevin Rathbun Steak, Kevin took on his biggest endeavor to date. Only one and a half block from Rathbun's and Krog Bar, Kevin Rathbun Steak has become one of the Top Steakhouses in Atlanta and The United States. (Details Magazine). Kevin Rathbun Steak features Prime steaks from Allen Brothers. Described as a steakhouse with a new modernized atmosphere and updated steakhouse menu.

#### **FRITTI**

you can't go wrong" with the "excellent true Neapolitan pizza", "extensive", "well-priced" all-Italian wine list and salads that are "worth the trip" at this Inman Park "gem" from restaurateur Riccardo Ullio (Escorpion, Sotto Sotto); "alfresco-ing" on "one of the best patios in the city" makes for a "perfect date or night out with friends." ADDRESS

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#### SOTO SOTO

It's "like dining at someone's villa in Italy" at Riccardo Ullio's Inman Park Italian where a "creative, enticing menu" of "meticulously prepared" dishes and "superb" desserts is complemented by an "impressive" wine list; "reasonable" prices, "professional" service and "pleasant outdoor dining" are further pluses, but some counsel "reserve well in advance", for seating is a bit "tight." DDRESS

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#### MF SUSHI

\$\$\$ · Sushi Restaurant

Sleek restaurant specializing in elaborately presented sushi also serves Japanese entrees.

Address: 299 North Highland Avenue Northeast, Atlanta, GA 30307

Phone: (678) 575-7890

Hours: Open today · 11:30AM-2:30PM, 5-10PM

Reservations: opentable.com

Menu: mfsushiusa.com

#### Barcelona Wine Bar Inman Park

\$\$ · Wine Bar

A variety of Spanish shareable plates & a long wine list amid rustic wood decor & wraparound patio.

Address: 240 North Highland Avenue Northeast, Atlanta, GA 30307

Phone: (404) 589-1010

Hours: Open today · 11:30AM-12AM Menu: barcelonawinebar.com

#### WISTERIA

Wisteria Restaurant is located in the historic Atlanta neighborhood of Inman Park. Housed in a building nearly a century old, our intimate atmosphere is cozy & inviting. Our contemporary American cuisine incorporates a Southern twist which is sure to please every palate. Come in and enjoy Chef Jason Hill's seasonal menu featuring items such as All Natural Iron Skillet Fried Half Chicken and Molasses-Rubbed Pork Tenderloin. Wisteria prides itself on a diverse and extensive wine list served by a warm and knowledgeable staff (This is one of my favorite restaurants in Atlanta. The service is excellent and the food never disappoints.

#### **BUCKHEAD**

#### ARIA

## www.aria-atl.com/

Aria is widely regarded as one of Atlanta's finest restaurants. Located in Buckhead and specializing in modern American cuisine.

Guests enjoy prominently featured "slow food" Patiently braised, roasted, stewed or simmered ingredients that deliver the ultimate in flavor, in avant-garde environs that showcase the talents of emerging, artists, including Chef Gerry Klaskala.

Address: 490 East Paces Ferry Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30305

Phone : (404) 233-7673 Hours: Closed today

Reservations: opentable.com

Menu: aria-atl.com

#### **BONES**

Bones opened its doors in 1979 with a mission to provide only the finest service, steaks and seafood. Since that time, we're proud to have been recognized as the best steakhouse in Atlanta -- and by many, as the best steakhouse in America. Prime beef, fresh seafood, and Maine lobster are served along with regional specialties from our Southern roots.

Known for business lunches and business dinners, Bone's provides private party rooms and personalized menus to accommodate fine dining experiences and special occasions.

Bone's has received the Best of Atlanta Steakhouse

Address: 3130 Piedmont Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30305

Phone: (404) 237-2663

Hours: Open today · 5:30-10PM Reservations: opentable.com

Menu: bonesrestaurant.com

#### **ATLAS**

Atlas celebrates the very best in seasonal American cuisine combined with European influences. With a focus on curating fresh ingredients from local farms, this chef-driven restaurant brings an unparalleled culinary experience to the capital of the South. Upscale hotel restaurant serving artfully plated American food made from seasonal ingredients. Located in the St. Regis Hotel

Address: 88 West Paces Ferry Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30305

Phone: (404) 600-6471

Hours: Open today · 5:30–9PM Reservations: opentable.com Menu: atlasrestaurant.com

#### UMI

Located in Atlanta's bustling Buckhead neighborhood, Umi unites classic along with modern Japanese flavors in a sophisticated, contemporary setting. Designed by Atlanta artist and designer Todd Murphy, the interior is elegant, yet simple with organic, earthy elements closely reflecting the pure and clean qualities of Asian fare.

Chef Fuyuhiko Ito's menu showcases the freshest fish from the world's finest markets and highest quality ingredients available. Hot items such as baked lobster tempura, sautéed foie gras and black cod miso and a selection of "aburi" or slightly cooked sushi-grade fish accompany an assortment of starters, soups, salads, sashimi, nigiri and specialty house and traditional rolls. The diverse beverage list includes a fine selection of exclusive craft sake, handmade cocktails, premium wine and beer and pressed, artisan roasted Lamill coffee.

Address: 3050 Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30305

Phone: (404) 841-0040

Hours:

Reservations: opentable.com

Menu: umiatlanta.com

#### **TOMO**

Born in Osaka, Tomo Naito came to the US to study theatre direction at Queens College. During his stay  $\Box$  in Manhattan Tomo worked at local Japanese, French,  $\Box$  and Italian restaurants. After graduation Tomo took  $\Box$  a job working for a Japanese trading company where  $\Box$  he sourced the highest quality seafood from the Japanese markets. He developed a superb eye for quality and love for amazing ingredients. Tomo soon realized that his true passion lay in the kitchen and  $\Box$  began his quest to become one of the world's leading minds in the world of contemporary Japanese cuisine. Tomo's unique and extensive skills soon landed him  $\Box$  in Las Vegas working in the famed Nobu. Here he  $\Box$  was able to take his extensive skills to the next level  $\Box$  by working the "omakase" station creating inspired tasting menus for the Vegas elite.

Soon Tomo moved to Atlanta with a desire to run his own kitchen. He opened TOMO with one basic idea.... To do contemporary Japanese food with the absolute finest

handpicked ingredients from all over the world. Tomo's absolute devotion to perfect quality and eclectic style makes him one of the most inspiring chefs in the US today. This classy Japanese spot at the Ritz Carlton Residences offers artful sushi & a lengthy sake list

Address: 3630 Peachtree Rd #140, Atlanta, GA 30326

Phone : (404) 835-2708 Hours: Closed today

Reservations: opentable.com Menu: tomorestaurant.com

#### **CHOP'S LOBSTER BAR**

Chops, a swanky local favorite, is often frequented by power brokers and features hushed tones and a well-stocked display case. One level of the restaurant is a steak house, hence the name, Chops. The other level, Lobster Bar is predominately seafood. Lobster Bar downstairs, offers the featured crustacean along with many other fish dishes. The seafood platter consists of a South African lobster tail, petite salmon filet, colossal lump crab, diver sea scallops. The wine list is excellent. This is an upscale restaurant with waiters wearing jackets, so you'll want to get a bit dressed up when paying a visit to Lobster Bar. Reservations are a must, ANY day of the week as Lobster bar is popular with the business crowd and for special occasions.

Old-school chophouse with a dark-wood dining room serving USDA prime aged beef & fresh seafood.

Address: 70 West Paces Ferry Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30305

Phone: (404) 262-2675

Hours: Open today · 5:30–10PM Reservations: opentable.com Menu: buckheadrestaurants.com

#### ST CECILIA

St. Cecilia, from Atlanta chef-owner Ford Fry, serves coastal European food—simple and thoughtful dishes inspired by the coastlines of Italy, Spain, and France—in Buckhead's Pinnacle Building.

With an old-world, ingredient-driven approach, Executive Chef Craig Richards displays the Italian trademarks that have always stood the test of time, but with versatile and local Southern ingredients. Richards' simplicity met with sophistication catapulted the position of St. Cecilia in Atlanta's dining scene since opening in January 2014.

Address: 3455 Peachtree Rd, Atlanta, GA 30326

Phone : (404) 554-9995 Hours: Open today · 5-10PM Reservations: opentable.com

Menu: stceciliaatl.com

#### WATERSHED

Watershed on Peachtree is an award-winning restaurant in the heart of the historic Brookwood Hills neighborhood. Watershed serves local, seasonal, soulful dishes inspired by Southern tradition and prepared with present day artistry.

We're talking about an evolution. After pioneering the farm-to-table movement in Atlanta and earning a James Beard Award in the process, owners Emily Saliers (of the Grammy winning Indigo Girls) and Ross Jones moved the restaurant to its current uptown location in May 2012. The new space boasts a patio, private dining, an expansive bar and valet parking in a comforting, yet elegant atmosphere.

Today, Watershed on Peachtree continues the restaurant's long standing commitment to its founding principles with great attention to detail and community consciousness. The best tasting food arrives fresh from local and organic farmers. The best tasting wine is served in a proper glass at the proper temperature. We value each guest and everyone is welcome at Watershed on Peachtree.

Southern-accented dining in an airy room with centerpiece bar, intimate banquettes & patio.

Address: 1820 Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30309

Phone : (404) 809-3561 Hours: Closed now

Menu: watershedrestaurant.com

#### **HOUSTON'S**

Welcome to Houston's, an American institution since 1977, where our versions of the classics allow the exceptional quality of the ingredients to take center stage. Everything at Houston's is prepared daily from scratch and each plate is composed with a thoughtful attention to detail. Known for atmospheric spaces influenced over the years by architects such as Frank Lloyd Wright, Houston's has a modern feel with a sense of history. Our service strives to be timely and graceful thereby allowing you to focus on the important things: enjoying good company over a fine meal.

2166 Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30309 hillstone.com (404) 351-2442

Open now: 11AM-10PM

## **WEST ATLANTA**

#### BACCHANALIA

Bacchanalia has well-earned its reputation as Atlanta's most-celebrated restaurant since opening in 1993, and consistently gains ratings as one of Atlanta's top restaurants.

Featuring contemporary American cuisine from Chefs/Owners Anne Quatrini and Clifford Harrison, and a crack culinary team lead by Joseph Schaffer, Bacchanalia features light and creative plates. Bacchanalia's seasonal menu relies entirely on organic ingredients,

many sourced from Anne and Clifford's farm, Summerland, creating a fresh and unique experience every time.

Bacchanalia offers an a la carte menu, updated weekly, for a customizable dining experience.

(This is the finest restaurant in Atlanta, in a class by itself!!

Address: 1198 Howell Mill Rd, Atlanta, GA 30318

Phone : (404) 365-0410 Hours: Closed today

Reservations: opentable.com Menu: starprovisions.com

#### **OPTIMIST**

Ford Fry's The Optimist brings a seaside fish camp experience to landlocked Atlanta's. From fresh oysters from the Alabama coast and Maine sea scallops to whole roasted Georgia trout, guests enjoy high-quality, sustainable seafood from the country's best suppliers. Tucked in an old ham-aging house, The Optimist serves up beer, wine, and handcrafted cocktails with hickory-roasted fish and raw oysters, while beach-food classics like hush puppies and lobster rolls transport you to your favorite coastal haunts.

Lobster rolls, gumbo, wood-fired oysters & more in a lofty, country-modern space with a raw bar.

Address: 914 Howell Mill Rd, Atlanta, GA 30318

Phone : (404) 477-6260 Hours: Open today · 5-10PM Reservations: opentable.com Menu: theoptimistrestaurant.com

#### MARCEL

A brief and recent history of restaurants: First, there were places of taste and pastimes and chiaroscuro lighting and low piano notes of laughter; places of urbane chat over classic dishes and cocktails and wines and—of course, of course—steaks made the right way. Those were the days. Then people got fancy with their food and tried new things. Good for them. But they always come back. Classic is classic because classic serves, and serves well.

And here we are again, back to the beginnings at Marcel, a first-rate steakhouse and bar by Ford Fry. Named after Marcel Cerdan, the iconic French fighter-romantic who endured ring rumbles, war, marriage, a famous affair with Edith Piaf (and could only be stopped from seeing his love when his plane crashed into a mountain), Marcel is a return to the days when people appreciated every moment, when dull care was forgotten, when love lingered over the best meals—including, pound-for-pound, the best steaks money can buy.

(This place is a bit pricey but the Baked Alaska is to die for!!)

## **Tourist attractions in Atlanta:**

## Downtown:

The following attractions are all located around Centennial Olympic Park, next to the OMNI, Georgia World Congress Center and CNN Center:

- The Georgia Aquarium
- The College Football Hall of Fame
- The National Center for Civil and Human Rights
- The World of Coca Cola
- The Skyview Ferris Wheel

## Midtown (a short drive up Peachtree St from downtown):

### The Fabulous Fox Theatre

660 Peachtree Street

Current events:

- An Evening with Macklemore & Ryan Lewis January 29
- Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage, Concert Tour 2016 January 30
- Theresa Caputo Live January 31
- Beauty & The Beast, The Hit Broadway Musical February 2-7

## Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Woodruff Arts Center

1280 Peachtree Street

Current events:

- Guest Conductor Miguel Harth Bedoya conducts Dvorak; Kholodenko Plays Prokofiev in ASO debut - January 30
- Concertmaster David Coucheron Solos: Everest of the Violin Concerto, Brahms February 4-6

## High Museum of Art

Woodruff Arts Center 1280 Peachtree

Various exhibitions currently showing (www.high.org)

Midtown is also home to many of Atlanta's finest hotels and restaurants.

# Buckhead (approx. 20 minute drive up Peachtree Street from downtown):

Atlanta's finest shopping is in Buckhead, including Lenox Mall, Phipps Plaza and the Streets of Buckhead (all on Peachtree Road). Buckhead is also home to many of Atlanta's finest hotels and restaurants.