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Downtown Charleston

THE ORIGINAL COBBLESTONE STREETS AND GAS-LIT ALLEYS OF THE FRENCH QUARTER DEFINE THIS HISTORIC DISTRICT. STROLL INSIDE THE OLD COLONIAL WALLS FOR BRILLIANTLY PRESERVED GEORGIAN ARCHITECTURE, THEN STEP INTO THE HEART OF TOWN TO EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF LOWCOUNTRY QUAINTESS AND HIGHBROW CULINARY DELIGHT.

EAT



photo: courtesy of john d. smook, butcher and bee

1. BUTCHER & BEE
BUTCHERANDBEE.COM • 654 KING ST. • 843.619.0202 ~ savour hearty **chinese pork-belly** sandwiches and **korean blts** made with local ingredients at communal tables in an airy industrial space. the changing menu is scrawled along **chalkboard-painted walls**, which you can peruse while sipping your favorite wine. (it's b.y.o.)



photo: squire fox, courtesy of hominy grill

2. HOMINY GRILL
HOMINYGRILL.COM • 207 RUTLEDGE AVE. • 843.937.0930
it's not a trip to the south until you've been fed the classics: **shrimp and grits**, **fried green tomatoes**, **collard greens**, home-made biscuits, and sweet tea. but to have all that goodness served up by a **james beard award-winning chef** is truly a charleston treat. take the coffee mugs to go—they make stellar souvenirs.



photo: courtesy of cru cafe

3. CRU CAFE
CRUCAFE.COM • 18 PINCKNEY ST. • 843.534.2434 ~ a classic country kitchen where **lowcountry comfort food** is served with high ideals. **four-cheese macaroni** elicits squeals from the cozy dining room: save room for smoked pork belly, shrimp blts, and **fried oyster salad**.



photo: squire fox, courtesy of the ordinary

4. THE ORDINARY
EATTHEORDINARY.COM • 544 KING ST. • 843.414.7060 ~ get your fill of **crabs**, **local carolina oysters**, and the **three-tiered shellfish plateau** at this lovely, white-tiled oyster bar and seafood hall in a restored bank with massive windows and high ceilings. the raw bar fashioned out of reclaimed wood is the best place from which to **appreciate the nautical bounty**.

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photo: andrew chebulla, courtesy of the gin joint

5. THE GIN JOINT

THEGINJOINT.COM • 182 E. BAY ST. • 843.577.6111 ~ delight your senses with **classy cocktails** made from **esoteric ingredients** like smoked honey and acid phosphate, which can be paired with **bar snacks** with a gourmet twist.



photo: courtesy of ndg

6. BAR AT HUSK

HUSKRESTAURANT.COM/ABOUT/BAR • 76 QUEEN ST. • 843.577.2500 ~ the city's most-talked-about restaurant spun off with what is now its **most-talked-about bar**: a two-story house dedicated to **handcrafted cocktails**, **house-made bitters**, and **syrops that rotate with the seasons**. once you snag a perch there's no way you'll leave. just ask, and snacks (made with ingredients procured below the mason-dixon line) will be over in a jiffy.



photo: paul henry, courtesy of bin 152

7. BIN 152

BIN152.COM • 152 KING ST. • 843.577.7359 ~ **thirty wine varieties** are offered by the glass, along with **cheesy bites**, **fresh-baked bread**, and **cured meats**. **mis-matched chairs**, **long wooden tables**, and a **cool boho vibe** may conjure images of paris' left bank. the window seat is the **coveted spot for people-watching-while-imbibing**.

SLEEP



photo: courtesy of planters inn

8. PLANTERS INN

PLANTERSINN.COM • 112 N. MARKET ST. • 843.722.2345 centrally located and open since the 19th century. **64 classically appointed, southern-charmed, and possibly haunted rooms** with four-poster beds, **lavish window treatments**, and **roaring fires**.

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photo: robin guikin, courtesy of zero george

9. ZERO GEORGE
ZEROGEORGE.COM • 0 GEORGE ST., CHARLESTON, SC 29401 • 843.817.7900 ~ Charleston charm with a capital c: **eighteen chic guest rooms** spread out among five buildings with lovely **gardens and cozy courtyards**. Food lovers will be enticed by **bespoke cooking packages and european breakfasts**.

SHOP



photo: courtesy of parham & co.

10. PARHAM & CO.
PARHAMANDCOMPANY.COM • 344 KING ST. • 843.722.5344 a husband-and-wife duo sell **antique housewares, religious relics, folk art wood carvings,** and other curios gathered and gleaned from regular trips to european. **relish the artifacts, and feel free to ask for anecdotes.**



photo: ashley winnack photography, courtesy of mac and murphy

11. MAC AND MURPHY
MACANDMURPHY.COM • 74 1/2 CANNON ST. • 843.576.4394 a sweet, **refurbished storefront** gives way to **letterpress treasures, fine papers, and notebooks** from kate spade new york, elum, and local darling side-show press.



photo: courtesy of worthwhile

12. WORTHWHILE
SHOPWORTHWHILE.COM • 268 KING ST. • 843.723.4418 the well-worn king street boutique caters to the **feminine girl with a little edge**. Labels like isabel marant, rick owens, and a **détacher** hang on industrial racks surrounded by **floor-to-ceiling shelves of accessories, fragrances, and tabletop goods.**

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photo: courtesy of heirloom bookstore

13. HEIRLOOM BOOK CO.
HEIRLOOMBOOKCOMPANY.COM
• 54 1/2 BROAD ST., CHARLESTON, SC 29401 • 843.469.1717
the local food cognoscenti are regulars at the small culinary literature shrine that has a charming selection of vintage and out-of-print cookbooks, kitchen ephemera, heirloom seeds, and a roster of special events.



photo: courtesy of kate spade new york

14. KATE SPADE NEW YORK
KATESPADE.COM • 236 KING ST.
• 843.577.8019 ~ channel the spirit of the perennially stylish southern girl with colorful cocktail dresses, darling cardigans, stacked bangles, and structured satchels for swinging along on evening strolls through town.

EXPLORE



photo: julia lynn, courtesy of gibbes museum of art

15. GIBBES MUSEUM OF ART
GIBBESMUSEUM.ORG • 35 MEETING ST. • 843.722.2706
located on museum mile, the small, early 1900s beaux arts museum houses a collection of genteel watercolors and decorative arts from the american south.



photo: courtesy of charleston stage

16. DOCK STREET THEATRE
CHARLESTONSTAGE.COM/DOCK-STREET-THEATRE.HTML • 135 CHURCH ST. • 843.577.5967
as america's first theater, the french quarter gem might be the most photographed spot in town. look for the faded salmon-colored federal exterior and gorgeous green wrought iron balcony.

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YOUNGER, EDGIER, IN-THE-KNOW LOCALS ARE LOVING THE REVITALIZED PARK CIRCLE. THE ADORABLE EAST MONTAGUE AVENUE PROMISES A BLOSSOMING CREATIVE DISTRICT WITH EMERGING ART, MUSIC, AND INVENTIVE CUISINE.

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photo: courtesy of evo pizza

1. EVO PIZZA

[EVOPIZZA.COM](#) • 1075 EAST MONTAGUE AVE. • 843.225.1796
the thin, artisanal wood-fired neapolitan pizza goes hand-in-hand with local toppings like south carolina bacon, ashley farms chicken, and local craft beers in an open, casual brick storefront.



photo: courtesy of cork bistro

2. CORK BISTRO

[CORKBISTRO.COM](#) • 1067 EAST MONTAGUE AVE. • 843.225.2675
an eclectic, seasonally-inspired menu is prepared in an open kitchen and served in a sustainably minded (reclaimed, reused, refurbished) cafe. it's all in the details, so don't forget to ask for okra in your mt. pleasant bloody mary.

DRINK



photo: jay santiago, courtesy of jay santiago

3. THE SPARROW

1078 EAST MONTAGUE AVE. • 843.744.7753 ~ a little local tavern and music venue that could rival any nashville dive with its southern lineup, vintage arcade games, and tastefully bearded crowd. wear your favorite jeans and tee, and say a cheers with a pint of local brew.



photo: courtesy of b\u00e1sico

4. B\u00c1SICO

[BASICOMBRC.COM](#) • 4399 MC-CARTHY ST. • 843.471.1670
an industrial chic taqueria with canary yellow walls, charming outdoor picnic tables, and local ingredients tucked into hand-pressed tortillas.

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photo: sarah davis, courtesy of mixson market

5. MIXSON MARKET
MIXSONMARKET.COM • 4338 MC-CARTHY ST. • 843.417.2850
a beautifully curated **dry goods shop** with a coffee counter, picnic provisions, and industrial wood shelving stacked with **diy cheese kits, wine caddies, pocket knives, and indie magazines**. pick up an artisanal sandwich or two before heading to the park with your seedbombs.

EXPLORE



photo: courtesy of south of broadway theatre company

6. SOUTH OF BROADWAY
SOUTHOFBROADWAY.COM
• 1080 EAST MONTAGUE AVE.
• 843.745.0317 ~ it may look somewhat nondescript, but this **small southside spot** hosts **broadway-caliber productions** by playwrights like neil simon and wendy wasserstein.



photo: courtesy of charleston area cvb

7. RIVERFRONT PARK
NORTHCHARLESTON.ORG/
VISITORS/RECREATION/OUTDOORS/
PARKS/RIVERFRONTPARK.ASPX
• 1001 EVERGLADES AVE. • 843.740.2531 ~ pack a gourmet picnic lunch and **enjoy stellar views** of the cooper river. **stroll the grounds** with massive oak trees and rotating art sculptures. the contemporary, **open-air pavilion** is an excellent place to hear live music.



photo: courtesy of north charleston coliseum & performing arts center

8. NORTH COLISEUM AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
NORTHCHARLESTONCOLISEUM.PAC.COM/HOME • 5001 COLISEUM DR • 843.529.5000 ~ **2,200 plush orchestra seats** surround an intimate stage where big name indie, pop, and country performers, visiting broadway productions, and the summer jazz festival set up for **acoustically-inspired shows**.

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