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Winter Park, FL

Old-World Oasis

Although founded as a vacation destination in the 1800s, this idyllic city nestled north of Orlando feels quaintier than its hustle-and-bustle neighbor. Winter Park has the vibe and walkability of a European village, complete with restaurants that celebrate Florida's bounty through myriad culinary languages, as well as a wealth of art, museums, and natural beauty that's next to none. —M.M.

Asheville, NC

Feasting in the Foothills

Asheville has emerged as one of the South's top destinations—and the food scene is a big reason why. Its restaurants rival those of larger metropolitan areas, both in terms of creativity and quality of ingredients. And while this quirky city in the Blue Ridge Mountains honors its regional heritage with barbecue and biscuits, it has also embraced global cuisines, ushering in a new era for Appalachian dining tourism. —M.M.

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BREAKFAST

FORGET CALORIES AND RELISH THE BEST VERSIONS OF DECADENT MORNING FAVORITES. STOP BY BISCUIT HEAD (BISCUITHEADS.COM) FOR ITS EPONYMOUS QUICK BREAD PAIRED WITH MEATY OR VEGETARIAN GRAVIES. FOR A FULL-ON BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS, OPT FOR THE ASHEVILLE BENEDICT SERVED WITH SCALLION

CREAM CHEESE, TOMATOES, AND ROASTED RED PEPPERS. ON THE SWEETER SIDE OF THE CARB SPECTRUM, HOLE DOUGHNUTS (HOLEDOUGHNUTS.COM) CRAFTS CIRCULAR DROPS OF HEAVEN. OF ITS THREE STANDARD FRESHLY FRIED YEAST DOUGHNUTS, WE RECOMMEND THE TOASTED ALMOND SESAME CINNAMON. WHEN IT COMES TO SEASONAL VARIETIES, THE TEAM EXPERIMENTS WITH UNEXPECTED HERBS, SPICES, FRUITS, AND FLORALS, SUCH AS ORANGE CLOVE, CRANBERRY GINGER, AND HIBISCUS.

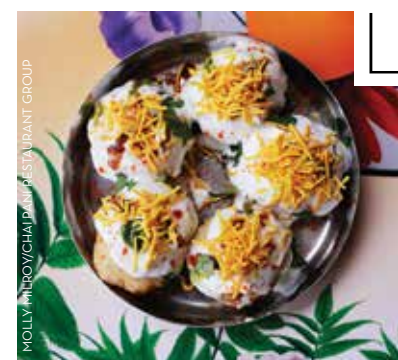
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: FOOD AND SCENE AT BUXTON HALL BARBECUE; PULLED PORK BISCUIT AT BISCUIT HEAD; COCKLES IN VERMUT SAUCE AT CÚRATE.

DRINK Craft beer is a religion in Asheville, and there are dozens of taprooms to choose from. Make a sudsy day of it, hitting up breweries around town including Wicked Weed (*wickedweedbrewing.com*), Wedge (*wedgebrewing.com*), Green Man (*greenmanbrewery.com*), and One World (*oneworldbrewing.com*).

LUNCH

Chai Pani (*chaipaniashville.com*) brings India's street

food culture indoors, offering a modern take on *chaat* (savory snacks) in colorful surroundings. Chef Meherwan Irani's creations are so addictive that you'll yearn to return for such flavor bombs as *kale pakora*, *aloo tiki chaat*, and *sev potato dahi puri* (pictured), all washed down with a mango lassi. For something totally different yet equally worldly, visit White Duck Taco Shop (*whiteducktacoshop.com*), where unconventional fillings perplex and please a devoted clientele. Travel via



your taste buds—stamping your passport in Vietnam, Korea, and Thailand with *banh mi* tofu, beef bulgogi, and Bangkok shrimp—or stick with new-world eats like jerk or spicy buffalo chicken.

DINNER

Cúrate (*katiebuttonrestaurants.com/curate*) is always packed with sophisticated diners sampling authentic Spanish tapas that recall idle afternoons spent imbibing and indulging. The seasonal menu is heavy on *jamón* in the form of *croquetas* and charcuterie, but there are plenty of non-ham options, too, including a veggie-forward paella. To embrace meat in all its Southern glory, make a beeline to Buxton Hall Barbecue (*buxtonhall.com*). Chai Pani's chef Irani teamed up with fellow James Beard nominee Elliott Moss to launch this down-home eatery that marries an urban atmosphere with country classics like whole hog pulled pork with a vinegar-based sauce, as well as dynamite baby lima and butter beans.



STAY

Part of Winter Park's growth was due to the establishment of Rollins College. Today, The Alford Inn (*thealfordinn.com*) is supporting Rollins students by directing its profits toward full scholarships for incoming liberal arts majors. While this mission is reason enough to book a room, The Alford Inn also offers an unparalleled location and stylish surrounds. Guests can easily enjoy the city's main street, Park Avenue, located two blocks away. They're also invited to explore The Alford Collection of Contemporary Art for Rollins College, which appears throughout the boutique hotel. Attend a happy hour art tour, held every first Wednesday, or peruse the pieces on your own and snap your favorite to share on social media.

DON'T MISS

On your way into Winter Park, stop at East End Market (*eastendmkt.com*), a food hall situated just outside the city limits. Highlights include La Femme du Fromage, which specializes in innovative grilled cheeses, and Gideon's Bakery, whose giant cookies have earned a cult following.



EAT



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: THE RAVENOUS PIG; CHOCOLATE ONYX PASTRY AT THE GLASS KNIFE; THE CHARLES HOSMER MORSE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART; WINTER PARK SCENIC BOAT TOUR.

BEGIN AT THE GLASS KNIFE (THEGLASSKNIFE.COM), A QUIRKY-MEETS-ELEGANT EATERY ANCHORED BY A COLLECTION OF ITS NAME-SAKE KITCHEN TOOL. THE MENU BALANCES SWEET AND SAVORY, INCLUDING FRESH DOUGHNUTS, PASTRIES, AND DESSERTS. CONTINUE ON TO PRATO (PRATO-WP.COM), WHICH CRAFTS ITALIAN CUISINE FROM STATE-SOURCED INGREDIENTS. THE MENU CHANGES DAILY, BUT A RELIABLE FAVORITE IS THE MEATBALL FINISHED WITH CIPOLLINI AGRODOLCE AND POLENTA. NO TOUR IS COMPLETE WITHOUT A MEAL—OR MORE—AT THE RAVENOUS PIG (THERAVENOUSPIG.COM). THE SEASONAL MENU IS A STUDY IN FAMILIAR CONCEPTS ELEVATED TO THE FLAVORS OF FINE DINING YET PRESENTED IN A DOWN-TO-EARTH MANNER. SAVE ROOM FOR THE SIGNATURE PIG TAILS, A SPIN ON CHURROS.

SEE + DO

In between all that eating, take advantage of the city's landscape and museums. Learn the local history by setting sail with Winter Park Scenic Boat Tour (*scenicboattours.com*). Afterward, head over to The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art (*morsemuseum.org*), a treasure trove of all things Tiffany & Co. In addition to Tiffany jewelry, pottery, lamps, and more, it also houses objects from Louis Comfort Tiffany's Long Island home, including a restored version of his Daffodil Terrace. The museum's *pièce de résistance*, however, is the interior of the chapel Tiffany created for the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

