

8 STOPS FOR AS-GOOD-AS-IT-GETS GUMBO

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GUMBO IS ONE OF THOSE SUREFIRE WAYS to get to any Southerner's heart. Many folks reminisce on the times spent watching their parents or grandparents stirring up a roux in a cast-iron pan, the craving for a bowl building as the soul-soothing aroma wafts through the house. Like many regional delicacies, family recipes are held close to the heart and passed down through generations only to be revived for special occasions, cool winter nights, and those days when you just need a hearty helping of nostalgia. Then, there are the times when you want to let someone else do all the heavy lifting so you need only to sit down and savor the flavor. That's the beauty of living down South. There are oh-so-many restaurants at our fingertips serving up their own spins on gumbo by the bowlful. We're spoiled for choice. Thankfully, we've been around the block a time or two, and we've curated the ultimate list of must-try gumbos for you all. Starting in Louisiana, the state synonymous with good gumbo, we recommend **Eliza Restaurant & Bar** in Baton Rouge. Their roasted chicken and andouille Gumbo Ya Ya packs big flavor into each serving and can be treated as either a starter or the main event. **Li'l Dizzy's Cafe** in New Orleans is up next with their "always hot and served straight from the pot" famous recipe that hasn't changed since they opened their doors in 2005.



STEVE'S MARINA RESTAURANT
213 East Beach Boulevard
Long Beach, MS 39560

LI'L DIZZY'S CAFE
1500 Esplanade Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70116
lildizzyscafe.net

ELIZA RESTAURANT & BAR
7970 Jefferson Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70809
elizabatonrouge.com

THE OLE BILOXI FILLIN' STATION
692 Howard Avenue
Biloxi, MS 39530

FISHER'S AT ORANGE BEACH MARINA
27075 Marina Road #300
Orange Beach, AL 36561
fishersobm.com

HAPPY'S BAYOU BITES
431 Skinner Boulevard
Dunedin, Florida 34698
happysbayoubites.com

LITTLE DADDY'S GUMBO BAR
2107 Postoffice Street
Galveston, Texas 77550
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BLACK PEPPER OYSTER RESTAURANT
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Taking things over to the Magnolia State, **Steve's Marina Restaurant** in Long Beach, Mississippi, dishes out completely from-scratch seafood gumbo nightly. You can even order it by the gallon to dish out for family and friends at home without any of the hassle. Then, there's **The Ole Biloxi Fillin' Station** in Biloxi, Mississippi. It's the perfect stop for a delicious side of gumbo paired with your choice of po'boy or any of their other mouthwatering entrées. **Fisher's at Orange Beach Marina** brings us to the Intracoastal Waterway in Orange Beach, Alabama, with their Gulf Shrimp & Okra Gumbo, studded with locally sourced catches. Then, it's on to Florida where the welcoming crew at **Happy's Bayou Bites** treats you like family while offering up scratch-made chicken-and-sausage gumbo from the comfort of their unassuming roadside shack in Dunedin. We wrap up our list with our friends in Galveston, Texas. **Little Daddy's Gumbo Bar** cooks up a selection of savory gumbos (and other Cajun fare) in specially designed steam kettles while **Black Pearl Oyster Bar & Grille** sticks to the basics with their rich pork-and-seafood gumbo. All are worthy options and master classes in Southern fare, but there are certain to be several we missed. What about your favorites? We want to see where you get your gumbo fix. Show us on social media by tagging #TasteoftheSouth. 📌



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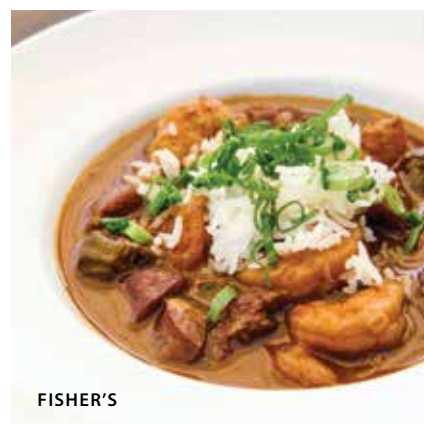
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