



Insider's Guide to BIRMINGHAM

Welcome to Birmingham... the Iron City! This vibrant destination is filled with culinary delights, rich history and cultural experiences. The Sonnhalter Insider's Guide to Birmingham is your go-to resource for exploring all that this incredible city has to offer.

Start your adventure by diving into Birmingham's diverse dining scene, where you'll find restaurants led by James Beard award-winning chefs. Don't miss the chance to immerse yourself in the city's renowned music scene, particularly in jazz.

Whether you're teeing off at world-class golf courses, exploring museums or enjoying thrilling sporting events, there's something for everyone in Birmingham. As they say in Alabama, "It's nice to have you in Birmingham!"

Birmingham District

Hot & Hot Fish Club

Modern approach to Southern, American and French
(205) 933-5474
www.hotandhotfishclub.com/
Reservations required. The James Beard award-winning restaurant is a neighborhood favorite offering farm-to-table regional fare, Gulf fish & wines in a fine dining atmosphere.

Last Call Baking Co.

Baked goods
(205) 601-2564
www.thelastcallbaking.com/
Micro-patisserie. James Beard Semifinalist 2024. Fresh, unusual, and delightful baked goods.

Ovenbird

South American
(205) 957-6686
www.ovenbirdrestaurant.com/
Buzzy, rustic-chic eatery & bar with a patio offering adventurous, globally inspired small plates.

Pizza Grace

Italian
(205) 644-5221
www.pizzagrace.com/
2023 James Beard semi-finalist "Best New Restaurant." Pizza Grace approaches cooking and baking with elegance and refinement, creating pizzas made from high-quality ingredients supplied by local farms.

Shu Shop

Japanese
(205) 291-6660
www.shushopbham.com/
Relaxed, hip outpost offering Japanese ramen noodles & toppings alongside snacks & small plates.

Yo' Mama's

Southern
(205) 957-6545
www.yomamasrestaurant.com/
Counter-serve spot making chicken & waffles along with other Southern eats for breakfast & lunch.

Cahaba Heights

Miss Myra's Pit Barbeque

BBQ
(205) 967-6004
www.missmyras.com/
Generous portions of barbecue with housemade sauces in a cozy, counter-serve, mom-&-pop smokehouse.

Saigon Noodle House

Vietnamese
(205) 408-1800
www.facebook.com/p/Saigon-Noodle-House-100063655265932/
Casual Vietnamese eatery offering pho, banh mi sandwiches & other staples, plus pearl smoothies.

Crestline

Saw's Juke Joint

BBQ
(205) 745-3920
www.sawsbbq.com/
Self-proclaimed "upscale dive" serving Southern barbecue fare like pulled pork & chicken & waffles.

Downtown

Bamboo on 2nd

Asian
(205) 703-0051
www.bamboon2nd.com/
Inventive Pan-Asian plates, cocktails & sake offered in a sleek space with rustic-modern decor.

Bistro 218

American
(205) 983-7999
www.bistro218.com/
French-inspired bistro fare such as duck confit in a brick-walled space with a warm & intimate vibe.

Café Dupont

Southern
(205) 322-1282
www.cafedupont.net/
Chef prepares regional ingredients with a modern Southern spin in a historic, brick-walled bistro.

El Barrio

Mexican
(205) 868-3737
www.elbarriobirmingham.com/
Multi-regional Mexican-inspired cuisine prepared with seasonally sourced produce, gulf seafood, and humanely farm-raised meats.

The Essential

Italian/American
(205) 718-7612
www.essentialbham.com/
Trendy contemporary American cafe offering lunch, dinner & weekend brunch, plus specialty cocktails.

The Fish Market

Greek/Seafood
(205) 322-3330
www.thefishmarket.net/
Regional seafood & fish prepared with a Greek twist, served in an airy, nautical-themed nook.

Helen

Contemporary Southern
(205) 438-7000
www.helenbham.com/
A refreshed take on classic dining that pays homage to Chef Rob McDaniel's memories of his grandmother, Helen, cooking on her indoor grill.

Michael's Steak & Seafood

American
(205) 871-9525
www.michaelssteakandseafood.com/
Updated steakhouse offers choice cuts of beef, lobster & sides in a modern space with skyline mural.

Roots & Revelry

American
(205) 730-1907
www.roots-revelry.com/
Globally inspired plates made with local ingredients are served in a renovated 19-story tower.

Tasty Town

Greek
(205) 855-7750
www.eattastytown.com/
Great atmosphere and lounge. Wood fired grill. Delicious small plates. Chicken souvlakis and greek salads. Wood fired oven.

Trattoria Zaza

Italian
(205) 202-6207
www.zazabham.com/
Popular, petite cafe serving pizzas with creative toppings & other Italian fare in a trendy space.

Five Points South

Chez Fonfon

French
(205) 939-3221
www.fonfonbham.com/
Classic French bistro outfitted with antique furnishings & a court for playing a game of boules.

Makarios Kabob & Grill

Middle Eastern
(205) 731-7414
www.makarioskabob940.com/
An array of Mediterranean salads, soups, sandwiches & entrees served in easygoing quarters.

Forest Park

The Rougaroux

Cajun
(205) 518-6677
www.rougarouxbhm.com/
A kitschy, quirky restaurant serving a taste of New Orleans to the city of Birmingham. They serve real deal gumbo, boudin, po'boys and more.

Highland Park

Rojo

Latin and American
(205) 328-4733
www.rojobirmingham.com/
Vibrant gathering place serving Latin & American dishes in a quirky, brick-walled space.

Homewood

Demetri's Barb-B-Q

BBQ
(205) 871-1581
www.demetrisbbq.com/
Long-standing American barbecue joint & down-home kitchen serving breakfast, wings, ribs & sides.

Gianmarco's Restaurant

American
(205) 871-9622
www.giammarcos.com/
Lively, group-friendly cucina with a cozy bar dishing up pies, pasta, stromboli & Sicilian classics.

Little Donkey Taqueria

Mexican
(205) 703-7000
www.thelittledonkey.com/
Southern-influenced Mexican fare with a farm-to-table focus in a hip hub with live music.

Sam's Super Samwiches

American
(205) 871-0046
www.samssupersamwiches.com/
A Birmingham classic, serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and breakfast samwiches for over 50 years.

Great Wall

Chinese
(205) 945-1465
www.greatwallbirmingham.com/
Chinese classics, plus Asian fare like hibachi eats & pad Thai, served amid red booths & lanterns.

Real & Rosemary

American
(205) 820-7100
www.realandrosemary.com/
A bright, open dining room serving soups, salads & sandwiches for lunch & dinner, plus drinks.

Hero Doughnuts

American
(205) 623-1017
www.eatathero.com/
A doughnut shop and café that serves brioche-style doughnuts, breakfast sandwiches, kolaches, and burgers.



Hoover

Blue Pacific

Thai
(205) 978-0754
www.facebook.com/bluepacificthooverfoodmart
No-frills counter offering classic Thai cooking in the convenience market of a gas station.

Farrelly's Southern Bar and Kitchen

Southern
(205) 968-1408
www.farrellyskitchen.com/
A locally owned restaurant and bar serving Contemporary Southern Fare. The menu is fresh, locally sourced and seasonal!

Moss Rock Tacos and Tequila

Mexican
(205) 783-1130
www.mossrocktacos.com/
The perfect place to relax with a delicious margarita and a plate full of tacos.

Taboon Noon O Kabab

Persian
(205) 979-1717
www.facebook.com/people/Taboon-Noon-O-Kabab/100063789423229/
A Middle Eastern restaurant that specializes in traditional kababs and other grilled dishes.

Sumo Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar

Japanese Steakhouse/Sushi
(205) 444-1515
www.esumo.com/
Theatrical hibachi chefs cook Japanese steak & fried rice tableside in airy digs with a sushi bar.

Tre Luna Bar and Kitchen

Italian
(205) 538-5866
www.trelunabarandkitchen.com/
The restaurant's menu is Italian-inspired and suits a variety of occasions, whether guests want to come for celebratory champagne and oysters or a casual weeknight pizza.

Irondale

Irondale Café, The Original Whistlestop Café

Southern
(205) 956-5258
www.irondalecafe.com/
Enduring eatery, made famous by the film 'Fried Green Tomatoes,' serving traditional Southern fare.

Leeds

Taqueria La Juanita

Mexican
(205) 352-3064
<http://ordertaquerialajuanita.com/>
Delicious Mexican cuisine, including tamales, tacos, sopes, tortas, and pozole.



Lakeview

Automatic Seafood and Oysters

American/Seafood
(205) 580-1600
www.automaticseafood.com/
Restaurant serving seafood, steak & cocktails in a chic, relaxed space with patio seating.

Bettola

Italian
(205) 731-6499
www.bettolabhm.com/
Founded by award-winning Chef James Lewis in 2008, Bettola honors the Italian farm-to-table tradition. Inspired by the regional cuisine of Campagna, Italy, each dish features the fresh flavors of locally sourced ingredients.

Slice Pizza and Brewhouse

American
(205) 715-9300
www.slicebirmingham.com/
Chill pizzeria pairs pizzas cooked in a stone oven & craft beers in hip digs with a fireplace.

Mountain Brook

Carrigan's Public House

Gastropub
(205) 582-2221
www.carrigans.com/
Airy, industrial spot with a patio & roof deck for upscale pub fare, craft beer & cocktails.

Chez Lulu

Bakery
(205) 870-7011
www.chezlulu.us/
A funky and eclectic little French café located in the heart of English Village.

dg Restaurant

American
(205) 871-3266
www.danielgeorgerrestaurant.com/
Gulf seafood, game & local produce share the menu at this white-tablecloth American restaurant.

Habitat Feed & Social

American
(205) 414-0505
www.habitatfeedandsocial.com/
Stylish dining room & bar with a rooftop terrace at the Grand Bohemian Hotel Mountain Brook.

La Paz Restaurante

Mexican
(205) 879-2225
<https://eatatlapaz.com/>
Best Mexican for 32 years & counting! Familiar dishes plus margaritas & outdoor seating.

Sol Y Luna

Mexican
(205) 407-4797
www.solylunabham.com/
Unique Mexican tapas, a bar full of tequila and margaritas to die for.

Vino

Mediterranean/Italian
(205) 870-8404
<https://vinobirmingham.com/>
Intimate, elegant eatery offering upscale American & Mediterranean fare plus wines.

Southside

Bottega

American, Italian, Southern
(205) 939-1000
<https://bottegarrestaurant.com/>
Intimate restaurant offering refined Italian fare & cocktails amid dark woods & outdoor tables.

Galley and Garden Restaurant

American/Southern
(205) 939-5551
www.galleyandgarden.com/
Farm-to-table American fine dining in an elegant, historic home with intimate rooms & a jazz brunch.

Ocean

American/Seafood
(205) 933-0999
www.oceanbirmingham.com/
A bold seafood menu & fine wines are highlights at this trendy, contemporary cafe.

Saw's BBQ

BBQ
(205) 224-4408
<https://sawsbbq.com/>
Fast-casual BBQ Restaurant with chef-inspired Southern specialties. Bar with draft & canned beer, liquor, and mixed drinks.

Ted's Restaurant

Southern
(205) 324-2911
<https://tedsbirmingham.com/>
Old-school cafeteria serving up meaty dishes with 3 veggie sides plus mac 'n' cheese.

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Near Shoal Creek

Amore Ristorante Italiano

Italian
(205) 437-1005
<https://letsamore.com/>
Upscale, family-owned Italian bar/eatery since 2005 offering a cozy, warm ambiance & seafood dishes.

Northside

Niki's West

Southern
(205) 252-5751
www.nikiswest.com/
Lots of veggies on a Southern buffet, plus steak, seafood & breakfast menus in roomy quarters.

Uptown

Eugene's Hot Chicken

Southern
(205) 322-7555
<https://eugeneshotchicken.com/>
Hot chicken specialist goes brick-&-mortar, serving up its signature with classic Southern sides.

Vestavia Hills

Foodbar

American
(205) 876-8100
www.foodbarbham.com/
Farm-fresh American cuisine & handcrafted cocktails turned out in a relaxed atmosphere.

Kool Korner Sandwiches

Cuban
(205) 822-4406
www.koolkornersandwiches.com/
Home of the best hot pressed Cuban sandwich in the Southeast.

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Nightlife and Bars

Adios (Bar) – www.adiosbham.com/

Avondale Brewing Company (Bar) – www.avondalebrewing.com/

Black Market Bar + Grill (Bar) – <https://evilbartenders.com/>

Cahaba Brewing Company (Bar) – www.cahababrewing.com/

Carrigan's Public House (Bar) – www.carrigans.com/

Cayo Coco Rum Bar & Restaurante (Bar) – cayococorumbar.com/

The Collins Bar (Bar) – <https://collinsbarbham.com/>

Ghost Train Brewing Company (Bar) – <https://ghosttrainbrewing.com/>

Golden Age Wine (Winery) – www.goldenagewine.com/

Hop City Beer & Wine (Bar) – <https://hopcitybeer.com/>

The House of Found Objects (Bar/Club) – www.instagram.com/thehouseoffoundobjects/?igshid=NzNkNDdiOGI%3D

Juniper (Bar) – www.juniperbham.com/

Lou's Pub and Package (Bar) – www.facebook.com/LousPub/

The Lumbar (Bar) – www.lumbarbham.com/

Mayawell (Bar) – www.mayawellbar.com/

Mom's Basement (Bar) – www.momsbham.com/

The Nick (Bar) – www.thenickrocks.com/

Paper Doll (Bar/Club) – www.paperdollbar.com/

Parkside on Fifth (Bar) – www.parksideonfifth.com/

Pilcrow Cocktail Cellar (Bar) – www.pilcrowbham.com/

Platinum of Birmingham (Nightclub) – <https://platinumbham.com/>

Queen's Park (Bar) – www.queensparkbham.com/

Red Lion Lounge (Bar) – www.yelp.com/biz/red-lion-lounge-birmingham

The Red Shamrock Pub (Bar) – www.facebook.com/p/The-Red-Shamrock-Pub-100039789687146/

Saturn (Bar w/ live music) – www.saturnbirmingham.com/

TrimTab Brewing Company (Bar) – www.trimtabbrewing.com/

Vlounge (Nightclub) – www.instagram.com/vloungebham/

Sightseeing & Activities

Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame – <https://jazzhall.com/>

Alabama Theatre – <https://alabamatheatre.com/>

Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum – www.barbermuseum.org/

Birmingham Botanical Gardens – <https://bbgardens.org/>

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute – www.bcri.org/

The Birmingham Ghost Walk – www.viator.com/tours/Birmingham/The-Birmingham-Ghost-Walk-Hotels-Churches-and-Riots/d34184-86381P1

Birmingham Historic Tours – <https://bhamhistory.com/>

Birmingham Museum of Art – www.artsbma.org/

Birmingham Zoo – www.birminghamzoo.com/

Civil Rights District – <https://birminghamcivilrights.com/>

McWane Science Center – <https://mcwane.org/>

Oak Mountain State Park – www.alapark.com/parks/oak-mountain-state-park

Regions Field – www.birminghamal.org/listings/regions-field/

Rickwood Field Park – <https://rickwood.com/>

Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark – www.slossfurnaces.com/

Southern Museum of Flight – <https://southernmuseumofflight.org/>

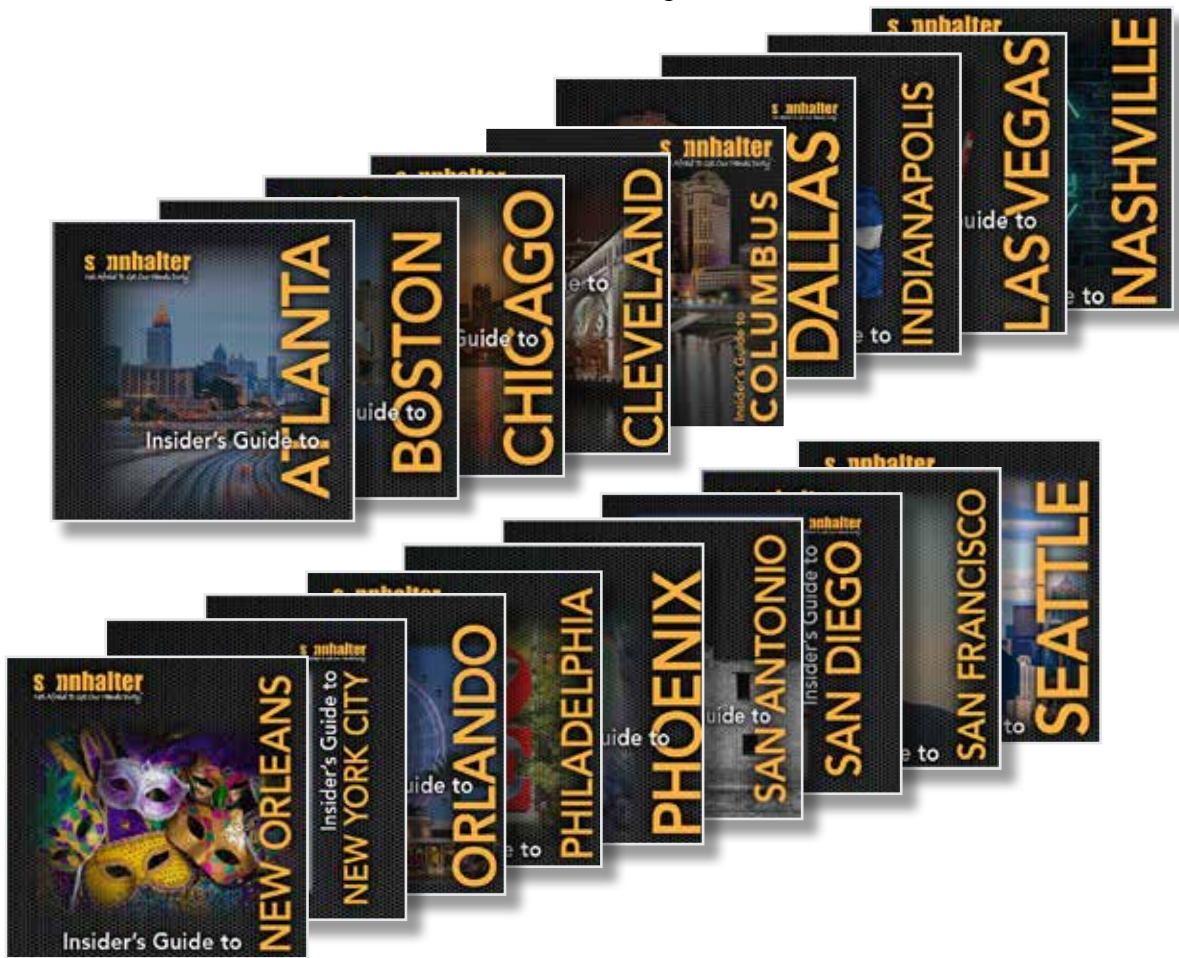
Vulcan Park and Museum – <https://visitvulcan.com/>

Taxi Services

Airport Taxi Birmingham Metro Cab	(205) 567-7089
Allen Transportation Co.	(205) 873-8879
Bush & Butler Vintage Cars Co. LLC	(256) 919-2983
Coats Classic Cars LLC	(205) 413-0480
King Cab Co	(205) 616-1466
Silver Cab Company	(205) 701-2222
Steel City Executive Transportation	(205) 936-3543

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