

# Eating Out

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Teach find QAR to be the best place to get their fill of lore and classic fare like she-crab soup, crab cakes, and fish and chips.

## BEST James Island Restaurant

### Mondo's Italian Restaurant

915 Folly Road, James Island  
(843) 795-8400  
eatatmondos.com

Mondo's has been pleasing James Islanders for more than a decade with big bowls of fresh pasta and that wonderful focaccia bread, which inevitably fills you up before dinner even hits the table. It's the perfect neighborhood restaurant. You don't feel the need to dress up, the kids can come with you, and you're bound to see neighbors and friends. And, most importantly, the food is delicious.

## BEST Folly Beach Restaurant

### Taco Boy

15 Center St. Folly Beach  
(843) 588-9761  
tacoboy.net

Tacos and the beach, a perfect combination. Almost as perfect as, say, margaritas and the beach. Or guacamole and the beach. Or cold Mexican beer and the beach. No wonder this Center Street hotspot remains a favorite Folly destination.

## BEST Mt. Pleasant Restaurant

### Red Drum

803 Coleman Blvd. Mt. Pleasant  
(843) 849-0313  
reddrumrestaurant.com

This is one of the places that does Mt. Pleas-

## BEST IOP Restaurant

### Boathouse at Breach Inlet

101 Palm Blvd. Isle of Palms  
(843) 886-8000  
boathouserestaurants.com

Sweeping views of the water, fish fresh off the boat, and a relaxed but upscale beach vibe have made this classic Isle of Palms venue a favorite for more than a decade. The Boathouse is also a platinum partner in the S.C. Aquarium's Sustainable Seafood Initiative, ensuring that you're eating at a place with a conscience when it comes to the world's fish population.

## BEST West Ashley Restaurant

### Al di La

25 Magnolia Road, West Ashley  
(843) 571-2321  
aldiarestaurant.com

Their website opens on a sweeping picture of the northern Italian countryside, which is where you'll think you are when dining at Al di La. The Avondale trattoria maintains its favored status by serving up rustic Italian food in an unpretentious setting.

## BEST North Charleston Restaurant

### EVO

1075 East Montague Ave. North Charleston  
(843) 225-1796  
evopizza.com

Ricky Hacker and Matt McIntosh have been setting the pace in North Charleston from the beginning with their fabulous little pizza place. EVO is a regular Park Circle attraction, bringing people in from all over the area for their crispy artisan pies topped with seasonal, local ingredients. And the Pork Trifecta Challenge is the best serious eater challenge in the area. You need to go for it, if you haven't already.