



My Favorite

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THANKS FOR SIGNING UP!



I can only start with infinite gratitude for signing up to receive my newsletter in your inbox! I can't wait to share with all of you the amazing things that Houston has to offer, as well as hidden gems I find during my everyday life and trips.

Houston's culinary scene has exploded in the past 10 years and that's why I'm so excited to share with you my ten favorite restaurants in this amazing city I call home.

So, I hope you enjoy my reviews and savor each and every one of them as much as I did.

Have a great culinary adventure in H-Town.

Mariana

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01 Fig and Olive



The Galleria, Houston's shopping mecca, is home to Fig and Olive. And that's where one of my favorite ingredients in the world, Olive Oil is the main ingredient in their kitchen. You'll be delighted by their orange infused olive oil with Rosemary Focaccia, as well as with dishes such as their Burrata with watermelon, Croquettes Trio, Balsamic Glazed Short Ribs, Riviera Salmon and the Pot the Crème. A perfect option for a weekend night out.

02 Rise

Rise No.2 offers the city of Houston a unique concept with a menu that consists mainly of sweet and savory Soufflés. My favorite dishes are the Marshmallow Soup and the Brie Cheese Soufflé. Of course, you can't leave without ordering at your table the extraordinary cheese cart that'll delight you with their wonderful local and international cheese selection.



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Alice Blue



In the heart of the Heights picturesque neighborhood, you'll find this cute little restaurant. Its impeccable decor frames perfectly their French contemporary menu accompanied by a very good wine selection. My favorite dish is the Squid's Ink Pasta with Crab.

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Emmaline

Emmaline really lives up to the hype. Amazing ambiance, exquisite food, and delicious drinks. My favorite dish is the scallops with mushrooms and the Emmaline Burger. I also love the refreshing Bayou and O cocktail made with gin, grapefruit, Meletti, Amaro, and Mint.



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Xochi



Chef Hugo Ortega transmits his love and respect for Mexico in his new restaurant Xochi. His dishes transported me to the picturesque alleys of Oaxaca. Get ready to try insects and all sorts of extraordinary flavors and be blown away by them.

La Table is a modern, multi-level destination housing a French-American restaurant, a Bistro, a bakery, and a bookstore. As you enter you are greeted by a delicious selection of pastries, all types of bread, and of course macarons. Also on the first floor, you can find Le Marché, a bistro that offers breakfast and lunch in a casual environment with a Parisian feel.

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La Table



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The Pass



If you're looking for a culinary adventure like no other, The Pass is the place to go. In this elegant space you'll never find the same menu, because the Chef changes his fixed 7-course menu according to the season and offers a culinary surprise every time.

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Coltivare

Coltivare is one of my favorite restaurants in Houston because it was one of the firsts to offer the Farm to Table concept. All of their plates are elaborated with fresh and seasonal ingredients from their cute vegetable garden, so their menu is always fresh, different, and exciting. Any of their Pasta or Pizza dishes are marvelous options.



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Pappas Steak House



My favorite steak place in Houston is Pappas Bros Steak House. Here you'll find the best meat selections and cuts in the city like their bone-in Filet Mignon, Prime New York Strip, or a huge Porterhouse. Simply extraordinary!

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Potente

Jim Crane, the owner of the Houston Astros, delights us with the opening of two new restaurants in Downtown, Osso & Kristalla and Potente. Both are located just a block away from Minute Maid Park providing an innovative architecture and decoration to enhance the corner of Texas Avenue and Crawford Street. They offer two very interesting Italian proposals - A casual trattoria called Osso & Kristalla and its high-end sibling Potente. Some of their specialties are the Lobster Risotto with black truffles and the Branzino with crab. It also offers an elegant bar, perfect to enjoy a delicious drink like the frozen Negroni, prepared by one of their expert mixologists.



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Riel

Bonus



At Riel, you'll find a relaxed atmosphere to enjoy delicious food and refreshing drinks. They focus on modern American Cuisine and they pride themselves from offering seasonal ingredients in their menu. The Bone Marrow with bacon and peach chutney and their blue crab Pappardelle are amazing.

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Toulouse

Toulouse is located at the upscale River Oaks District shopping center. In this restaurant, you'll find an authentic French Menu offering their delicious Onion Soup, Butter Escargots, Terrine de Foie Gras, Steak Frites and their extraordinary French desserts like the Crème Brûlée, Tarte Tatin, Beignets and Fondant Au Chocolat.



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