

DECATUR DESTINATION DINING

15 TOP SPOTS

buzz-worthy restaurants
memorable meals + drinks



DECATUR

Destination Dining

VISIT
DECATUR
GEORGIA



TO
ATLANTA

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Casa Balam

TO I-85

CLAIREMONT



DECATUR
VISITORS CENTER

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Parker's on
Ponce

TO I-285 AND
STONE MOUNTAIN

W. PONCE DE LEON AVE.

E. PONCE DE LEON AVE.

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Chai
Pani

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Café
Lily

PONCE DE LEON PL.

COMMERCE DR.

HISTORIC
DEKALB
COURTHOUSE

BANDSTAND



E. COURT SQ.

Brick
Store Pub

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Café
Alsace

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White Bull

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No. 246

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Leon's
Full
Service



CHURCH ST.

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The Reading
Room

N. CANDLER ST.



map not to scale
Represents a half mile
east to west

SYCAMORE ST.

↑ ONE WAY ↑

E. HOWARD AVE.

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Kimball
House

W. HOWARD AVE.

E. HOWARD AVE.

← ONE WAY ←

W. COLLEGE AVE.

E. COLLEGE AVE.

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Wahoo! Grill

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Scout

Destination Dining in Decatur

Here are 15 restaurants you've
just got to try. Bon appetit!

1

Brick Store Pub

125 E. Court Sq.

404-687-0990

brickstorepub.com

Ranked as **one of the best pubs in the U.S.**, the Brick Store Pub offers 16 rotating **American and international craft beers** on tap in the main bar, and eight more exotic drafts in the Belgian Bar upstairs. The menu features pub favorites (burgers, fish and chips) and more adventurous items, like duck and steak entrees. **No TVs.** Just good beer, good food, and conversation.



BEER GARDEN

Take a stroll down the alley and have a seat in the beer garden 'round back. Order at the 12-tap bar.





2

Café Alsace

121 E. Ponce de Leon Ave.
404-373-5622
cafealsace.net

Seasonal, **classic French cuisine** – cassoulet, bouillabaisse, boeuf bourguignon, coq au vin – is paired with **homemade family recipes** from the Alsace region of France **with a strong German influence** – sauerkraut and pork dishes, spaetzle and onion pie. Quiet, cozy and delicious.

3

Café Lily

308 W. Ponce de Leon Ave.

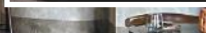
404-371-9119 • cafelily.com

This venerable neighborhood bistro offers an engaging variety of **dishes from around the Mediterranean** – Italian, French, Greek, Spanish, North African and Middle Eastern – and the perfect wine for each. Café Lily has earned the *Wine Spectator* **Award of Excellence** in 2024 (and for 2005-2022, too).



**WHISKEY
WEDNESDAYS**

All day, every Wednesday,
whiskey cocktails are \$5!



4

Casa Balam

201 W. Ponce de Leon Ave.
404-549-8271
casabalamatl.com

Casa Balam is an upscale Mexican restaurant featuring flavor-filled dishes by Chef Luis Damian (co-owner of two popular metro Atlanta restaurants, El Valle and Oaxaca). The gorgeous space has hand-painted textured walls reminiscent of old haciendas, high ceilings, gold and wooden accents, and large semi-circular leather booths. Try the **smoked ceviche Ahumado**, Wagyu flat iron steak, bone marrow tacos, and corn tres leches with blueberry. They also have decadent eggnog French toast for brunch. And “The Bee Word” is the buzz of the cocktail menu.

5

Chai Pani

406 W. Ponce de Leon Ave.
404-378-4030
chaipanidecatur.com

Vibrant colors, Bollywood posters, and chaat – crunchy, spicy, sweet, tangy, brightly flavored **Indian street snacks** like the beloved SDPD (sev potato dahi puri). Order a few dishes to share at dinner – kale pakoras, butter chicken, saag paneer, matchstick okra fries, daal, naan... All go great with a mango lassi, Lime Rickey, or bottomless chai. Or taste test at the daily lunch buffet. Chai Pani is widely praised in Atlanta and beyond. The restaurant is Michelin Guide recommended restaurant (2024), the James Beard Foundation's Outstanding Restaurant for 2022; and regularly featured by food critics.

★ Michelin Guide Recommended



LIVE PANI PURI Crispy, fresh puris are stuffed with masala ragda/potato mix, then dunked in your choice of sweet and spicy waters. Try any Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night.



6

The Deer and The Dove

155 Sycamore St. • 404-748-4617
deerdove.com

Duck, quail, venison – Chef Terry Koval's menu revolves around seasonal Southern classics, European influences, and a wood-burning hearth. Each plate is beautifully presented and shines with melt-in-your-mouth flavor. Trust us, no morsel will be left behind. Chef Koval won James Beard Foundation's Best Chef Southeast award in 2023.

Enjoy the warm ambience of the rustic main dining room or opt for the tree-shaded side patio. Not ready for a full meal? You can always stop in for happy hour and snacks!

★ **Michelin Guide Recommended**

7

The Iberian Pig

121 Sycamore St. • 404-371-8800

iberianpigatl.com

Prized Spanish **jamon iberico**, cheeses, and adventurous **tapas** dishes, perfect for sharing, are served in a warm, convivial setting on the square. Try the **pork-cheek tacos** and **huevo con trufa**. Pair your selections with a fine Spanish, Chilean, or Argentinian wine.





8

Kimball House

303 E. Howard Ave.

404-378-3502

kimball-house.com

The dark-wood and soft-leather elegance of the Kimball House in Decatur's **renovated rail depot** is inspired by the long-gone downtown Atlanta hotel of the same name. This new Kimball House is known for its inventive menu, outstanding cocktails, and **metro Atlanta's best oyster program**, with fresh varieties from coast to coast. The stars are Shiny Dimes from Kimball House's own Florida oyster farm.

★ **Michelin Guide Recommended**

9 Leon's Full Service

131 E. Ponce de Leon Ave. • 404-687-0500
leonsfullservice.com

In a **renovated 1920s service station**, this neighborhood gastropub provides the restaurant version of full service. Delicious entrees, innovative cocktails, a revolving menu of craft beers . . . and then there are the snacks – “**pub frites**” and bacon in a glass. Sit inside or make use of one of their **two open-air, shaded, dog-friendly patios**.





10

No. 246

129 E. Ponce de Leon Ave.
678-399-8246 • No246.com

Chefs Ford Fry and Drew Belline serve up a **nostalgic throwback** to classic “red-sauce” Italian. The menu features calamari marinara, fried house-made mozzarella and cheesy garlic bread, Nonna-approved pizzas, and **pasta (made in-house daily)** including cacio e pepe, spaghetti and meatballs, and tagliatelle bolognese. Plus, crowd-pleasing secondi where meat and fish take the spotlight.



CHEF'S COUNTER

Reserve early to get a seat for this five-course dinner served at the edge of the kitchen.



11

Parker's on Ponce

116 E. Ponce de Leon Ave.

404-924-2230

parkersonponce.com

Bring your appetite for **steak and seafood** to this sophisticated steakhouse. You'll find top-quality meat selections – ribeyes, pork chops, chicken entrees, scallops, crab cakes and shrimp — accompanied by **classic comfort sides**.





12

The Reading Room

429 Church St.

404-855-5653

thereadingroomatl.com

Glamorous, bohemian, and bookish, the Reading Room is undeniably beautiful. While not a full service restaurant, the dreamy space is perfect for enjoying enjoy coffee during the day and wine and cocktails in the evening with sandwiches, soups, small bites, charcuterie and brunch boards and pastries.



13

Scout

321 W. Hill St. • 404-496-6863
scoutoakhurst.com

A mix of casual, upscale, and rustic, Scout serves up classic American dishes in the historic Old Scottish Rite Hospital. Find crowd-pleasers for brunch and dinner from chicken & waffles and french toast to the five-hour hanger steak and blue crab cake. Share small plates – the PBR battered cauliflower, deviled eggs and stuffed peppadews – and sip craft cocktails. When the weather is right, enjoy your meal on the patio overlooking Oakhurst.





14

Wahoo! Grill

1042 W. College Ave.

404-373-3331

wahoogrilldecatur.com

A casual **European-influenced neighborhood bistro** exuding elegance, warmth, and a down-to-earth feel with an eclectic menu of pasta, steak, and seafood prepared with Southern flair. Ask for seats in the **glass-walled garden patio paradise**.

15

The White Bull

123 E. Court Square
404-600-5649
whitebullatl.com

A farm-forward restaurant by Chef Pat Pascarella, The White Bull serves up a daily menu that reflects what is seasonally available and sustainably grown. The spotlight is on **house-made pasta** crafted from **house-milled flour**, and a few mainstays, like the signature sfincione bread, are always available on the menu. Try something unexpected like the squid ink Black Spaghetti or the classic Cacio e Pepe. Go all out and plan a polenta party with friends and family!



Michelin Guide Recommended



APERITIVO HOUR

Everyday from 4-6 pm
featuring \$10 pastas and
drink specials.



UNWIND OUTSIDE

Dine al fresco in tucked-away beer gardens and back patios. Sip and stroll with hand-crafted cocktails and locally brewed beers through Decatur's downtown Open Container Zone.

RECENT FANFARE

Michelin Guide Recommended

Atlanta's Michelin Guide includes four Decatur restaurants: **Chai Pani**, **The Deer and the Dove**, **Kimball House**, and **The White Bull**.



James Beard Accolades

Casa Balam

James Beard Semifinalist for Best New Restaurant 2025

Kimball House

James Beard Semifinalist for Outstanding Restaurant 2025

The Deer and the Dove's Chef Terry Koval,

James Beard Best Chef: Southeast for 2023

Chai Pani's Chef Sahar Siddiqi,

James Beard Semifinalist for Best Chef: Southeast 2023

Chai Pani's Chef Meherwan Irani,

James Beard Semifinalist for Best Chef: Southeast 2020

HOTELS + HELPFUL TIPS

Book an upscale stay steps away from Decatur's central downtown square (named again as one of USA Today's 10 Best Public Squares). You'll be within easy walking distance of most of the city's restaurants and shops.

Courtyard by Marriott Decatur Conference Center

130 Clairemont Ave.
404-371-0204 • courtyarddecatur.com

Hampton Inn & Suites

116 Clairemont Ave.
404-377-6360 • hamptoninn.com

MARTA Stations

East Lake 2260 College Ave.
Decatur 400 Church St. (on the square)
Avondale 915 E. Ponce de Leon Ave.

Plentiful Parking

Lots of lots, decks, and street parking.
Pay stations accept credit, debit, and coins.





Decatur is a dining destination with something delicious for every appetite! Our 80+ restaurants and pubs are critically acclaimed. Eat inside or dine al fresco; you can even sip and stroll inside Decatur's Open Container Zone. Everything is within a 30-minute walk of downtown, and the city is served by three MARTA stations. If you drive, you'll find plenty of convenient parking decks and on-street spaces. Start exploring!

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