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Hinoki's Creative Director Shingo Sakan creates smoke from stainless steel and clay, which is added to the Yamazaki cocktail featuring Japanese single malt whisky, Kiyohito sake, Okinawa cherry, Benedictine liqueur and bitters.

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In a city as well-versed in food as Atlanta, it takes much more than a perfectly cooked steak or an artfully stacked cheeseburger to impress. That's why we're back with the 2016 edition of **JEZEBEL's 100 Hottest Restaurants**, a list that takes into account not only what dishes we had to post on our Instagram page, but also which concepts are pulling in a fleet of posh patrons week after week. Thanks to you, our in-the-know readers, a record 30,000 votes, combined with the expert knowledge of our editorial team, has helped to create one of our most competitive lists yet (with six new concepts holding a spot in the top 10!). Read on to find out which restaurants to make a reservation at ASAP. Check, please!

EEF: \$ Some extra price range \$ Dish available (time vary) R Reservations accepted (restrictions may apply) P Photo dining F Party brunch welcome

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**GIO'S CHICKEN AMALFITANO**

1099 Hemphill Ave., NW  
Westside  
404.347.3874  
lifeitalia.com  
\$13-\$17  
P

The two-and-a-half-year-old cafe from mercurial, mysterious Antico Pizza founder Giovanni Di Palma, keeper of all things cheesy and delicious, is just one component of his folkloric Little Italy. Tucked into a back corner of this culinary compound, the classic Italian eatery serves up specials like Sorrento lemon chicken, savory panini and Zuppa Di Pollo (an exceptional peari-pasta chicken soup that's certain to cure whatever ails you). Round up the crew for a Sunday nosh fest, or bunker down on the adjacent patio for a quick picnic. Just make sure it's not Monday, when this spot is sadly *chiuso* (closed).

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**ORMSBY'S**

1170 Howell Mill Road  
Westside  
404.968.2033  
ormsbysatlanta.com  
@ormsbysatl  
\$6-\$23

Ormsby's takes the traditional bar model and turns it on its head with a game selection that rivals the best toy store. Round up the crew and imbibe the night away with a selection of wine, beer and spirits while playing backgammon, bocce ball, darts, pool, shuffleboard and more. (You can even sign up to be in the official Atlanta Bocce League). After you've worked up a competitive sweat, reward yourself with pimento cheese and corn fritters, baked shrimp and crab dip, boja fish tacos and a bevy of sammies and hot dogs. Winner takes all with the epic fried PB&J sandwich with housemade whipped cream. Faint of heart need not apply.

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**VINE & TAP**

2770 Lenox Road  
Buckhead  
404.600.5820  
vineandtap.com  
@vineandtap  
\$14-\$22  
B R P F

Looking for a place where the delicious bites pair just right with the libations? If you're in the Buckhead hood, head to this delectable destination. The beauty of the bistro is its chic but cozy surrounds (think weathered wood tables accented with comfy white leather chairs and cushy gray banquettes). Must-tastes from chef Brandon Peterson and Chef de Cuisine Doug Rouen include steak frites, charcuterie and daily fresh \$1 oysters from 5 to 7 p.m. Or stop by just for the sips, which include an extensive wine list, cheeky cocktails, six taps of rotating local craft beer and more. Book a newly offered vino class while you're at it!

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**FADO IRISH PUB**

Multiple locations  
fadoirishpub.com  
@fadoirishpub  
\$10-\$20  
B P

The yearly go-to for St. Patrick's Day revelry, Guinness-charged soccer madness and UFC melees is Fado Irish Pub. Fado's array of traditional Irish pub fare—like fish and chips, shepherd's pie, and \$6 snacks and drinks for happy hour—will make you think you've caught the luck of the Irish. Whether you're in the house for feverishly fun team trivia on Wednesdays, rollicking live music Friday and Saturday nights or its weekend "rehab" brunch to get you back in the game after a night of whiskey shenanigans, Fado is an Irish-inspired party that doesn't stop.

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**MURPHY'S**

997 Virginia Ave., NE  
Virginia-Highland  
404.872.0904  
murphysatlanta-restaurant.com  
@murphysatlanta  
\$14-\$29  
B R P

From shrimp and grits to a mouthwatering burger served up in casual but chic surroundings, Murphy's is Va-Hi's go-to for comfort food. The neighborhood mainstay has held its spot in ATLians' hearts for more than 35 years now, thanks to its taste-making menus. Head in to enjoy chef Ian Winslade's signature Murphy's brunch, which includes faves like crabcake Benedict and chilaquiles; then head back for dinner and indulge in the much-loved spinach and sausage meatloaf. Or, grab the girls and head to one of the weekly themed wine tastings at the resto's wine shop. Cheers to that!

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**THE BLIND PIG PARLOUR BAR**

128 E. Andrews Drive NW  
Buckhead  
404.931.2169  
theblindpigparlourbar.com  
\$3-\$12  
R

The Blind Pig Parlour Bar takes the party to the 1920s in this Prohibition-inspired speakeasy. Nestled behind Smokebelly BBQ, this intimate Victorian era lounge is draped in tufted leather and old tchotchkes that make you feel like you're in a contemporary saloon. And in true speakeasy style, a password is required for entrance. Mosey on up to the bar and nosh on Cubanitos, spicy tuna tartare toasts or herbed goat cheese while a seasoned barkeep props a classic vesper or Sazerac cocktail. Feeling extra saucy? Play things loose with whiskey and black tea sipper Fine Thing to Say or the gincentric The Long Play.

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**BUTTERMILK KITCHEN**

4225 Roswell Road NE  
Buckhead  
678.732.3274  
buttermilkkitchen.com  
@buttermilkitch  
\$8-\$14  
B P

It's worth the wait at this charming breakfast and lunch spot that serves up Southern dishes made from scratch featuring locally sourced ingredients. Chef and owner Suzanne Vizethann continues to keep regulars impressed with her ever-changing weekend brunch items. Must-try eats include the savory made-from-scratch buttermilk pancakes and the signature chicken biscuit slathered with housemade red pepper jelly and served with pimento cheese grits and house pickles. The heated patio, open on the weekends, is reason enough to get up extra early to secure the best spot in the house.

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**BELLINA ALIMENTARI**

675 Ponce de Leon Ave., NE  
Old Fourth Ward  
404.330.9933  
bellinaalimentari.com  
@bellinaatlanta  
\$15-\$40  
P

Bellina Alimentari is an immediate welcome upon entering Ponce City Market's gleaming Central Food Hall. Just ask visitor Owen Wilson. Inside, the Italian market and eatery brims with authentic products (olive oils, sauces, dried pastas) and entrees. Grab a prepared salad to go from the counter, or sit at the bar and order from chef David Berry's menu of comfort dishes, many of which feature housemade pastas. His pappardelle al ragù is hard to beat, so too is the bar's wine program (featuring several orange vinos). Love rolling up your sleeves in the kitchen? Join Bellina's Culinary Club for cooking classes, tastings and workshops.



Arrive early to snag a spot on the Murphy's patio, where the brunch is one of the best in town.

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