



Downtown Wilmington Restaurant Suggestions

The Copper Penny

Located in historic downtown Wilmington, the Copper Penny offers an eclectic and affordable mix of appetizers, salads, and sandwiches. But it's the relaxed atmosphere that keeps locals coming back time and again. Guy Fieri visited the Copper Penny in 2018 for "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives".

(910) 762-1373 | copperpennync.com

Circa 1922

Open daily for dinner, Circa 1922 takes traditional dishes and elevates them to a modern experience. Their ever-changing, seasonal menu is sourced from highest quality, local products—often straight off the boat! If you can, save room for a decadent dessert crafted by their in-house pastry chef.

(910) 762-1922 | circa1922.com

Elijah's

Since 1984, Elijah's has been downtown Wilmington's premier outdoor dining destination. There are expansive indoor seating options, but on nice days, you'll want to choose the outdoor waterfront dining with panoramic views of the best sunsets around. Enjoy their raw bar and extensive dinner menu, but don't forget to save room for dessert!

(910) 343-1448 | elijahs.com

Floriana Wilmington

Floriana Restaurant is an independently-owned Italian bistro that's all about friends, family, and community. Come to relish in delicious homemade pastas, fresh seafood, and more made with seasonal ingredients and served in a beautifully appointed dining room—perfect for any occasion. Don't miss their Saturday and Sunday brunch.

(910) 504-00160 | wilmington.florianarestaurant.com/restaurant

Fork N Cork

What do a young student bullied by peers and a Food Network star have in common? In 2018, Fork N Cork owner and chef James Smith let Ava create a burger for their menu. Weeks later, Guy Fieri fell in love with the restaurant's confit duck wings and shared "Ava's burger" on air. Try it yourself: served between two bacon waffles and shoestring potatoes.

(910) 228-5247 | theforkncork.com

The George on the Riverwalk

Dock and dine at The George on the Riverwalk, a true Wilmington restaurant in the heart of downtown on the bank of the historic Cape Fear River. Their menu covers the best in Southern Coastal cuisine, including fresh local seafood, steaks, pasta, chicken, and salads. Complimentary parking is available at this dog-friendly restaurant.

(910) 763-2052 | thegeorgerestaurant.com

Little Dipper Fondue

Enjoy a romantic dinner or celebrate special occasions at this uniquely Wilmington dining experience! The Little Dipper features 17 house made dipping sauces into which you can dip bread, fruits, premium meats, fresh seafood, vegetables, and more. Don't miss All You Can Dip Mondays and other weekly specials.
(910) 251-0433 | <https://www.littledipperfondue.com/>

manna

Manna may be known to fall from heaven, but in Wilmington, it's found at the city's first and only restaurant to receive the prestigious AAA Four Diamond Award. manna uses local, regional, and American ingredients almost exclusively in their stunningly crafted, seasonal menu. Their lounge, Bourgie Nights hosts musicians in an intimate listening room.
(910) 763-5252 | mannaavenue.com

Marina Grill

Located on the north end of the riverwalk, Marina Grill's menu was inspired by their setting. Enjoy Southern hospitality for lunch, brunch, or dinner, served up in the form of the freshest seasonal ingredients. You can often find live music in their large outdoor space. House favorites include the spicy tuna nachos and the hot chicken and grits.
(910) 769-7974 | marinagrillwilmington.com

The Pilot House Restaurant

Established in 1978, The Pilot House has been a preeminent destination for seafood and fowl indigenous to the Wilmington area for 45 years. Whether you're craving "down home cooking", Cajun, or traditional Southern fare with a contemporary twist, this fine dining restaurant has it all. Discover The Pilot House in historic Chandler's Wharf.
(910) 343-0200 | pilothouserest.com

PinPoint Restaurant

Opened in 2015 in the heart of downtown Wilmington, PinPoint Restaurant has quickly become a fan favorite, being named one of the ten best restaurants in the South by *Southern Living*. More recently, they earned a 2022 OpenTable Diner's Choice award. Stop by for local seasonal offerings from area farmers, fishermen, oystermen, and crabbers.
(910) 769-2972 | pinpointrestaurant.com

Rooster & The Crow

Named after its owners, Rooster & The Crow dishes out the best Southern food in Wilmington. You don't want to miss their Sunday brunch, featuring culinary delights such as chicken and beignets, bananas foster French toast, and the smothered hoop cheese biscuit. They also host a beer garden with live music and the Fowl Play gaming arcade.
(910) 399-4780 | roosterandthecrow.com

RUMCOW

Love the Southern charm and culture of Charleston and Savannah? RUMCOW brings the same carefully curated dining and bar experience to the heart of downtown Wilmington. Enjoy your favorite Southern plates, sourced from the finest fresh and local ingredients, and served with a global twist.
(910) 769-4659 | rumcow.business.site

Savorez

Pure and simple: Savorez offers local fare with Latin flair. Head inside this modest brick building for big, bold flavors! Chef Sam Cahoon sources ingredients and recipes locally, staying true to his Southern roots while adding Latin flavors to delectable dishes. Join them for a special Sunday brunch.

(910) 833-8894 | savorez.com

Seabird

Set in an historic building in downtown Wilmington, Seabird celebrates the seasonality of NC's coastal seafood and ingredients. Their creative, fresh, and seasonally inspired menu includes the Seasonal Seafood Tower. This table-sized choice features more than 15 small plate options, including pickled shrimp, smoked fish salad, and seaweed mignonette.

(910) 769-5996 | www.seabirdnc.com

Tarantelli's

Wilmington Magazine named Tarantelli's a 2022 Best of Wilmington winner. And who are we to argue? This family-owned *ristorante* serves the best authentic Italian food in town! They're easy to reach on foot, but patrons have been known to take water taxis, trolley cars, and even a horse-drawn carriage to indulge in these family recipes.

(910) 763-3806 | tarantellis.com

YoSake Sushi Lounge

Discover a sushi lovers paradise tucked away on the second floor of the storied Roudabush building in historic downtown. Featuring succulent sushi in addition to a full pan-Asian menu served in modern Tokyo elegance, the bar boasts an eclectic collection of wine, sake, and beer as well as a seasonal craft cocktail menu. Recently added is a street level shaded patio so that you can enjoy outdoor dining.

(910) 763-3172 | www.yosake.com

Downtown Wilmington Area Attractions:

- 20+ Restaurants in walking distance
- Downtown Riverwalk
- Wilmington Water Tours
- USS North Carolina Battleship
- Ghost Walk of Wilmington
- Local Breweries, BrewBoat Wilmington, Trolley Pub Wilmington
- Railroad Museum, Children's Museum
- The Cotton Exchange – Downtown Shops
- Bellamy Mansion, Latimer House, Burgwin-Wright House & Gardens
- The Games- Escape Room
- Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts