

Editors' Picks: Our Favorite Romantic Restaurants



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Nothing quickens the heart quite like an intimate setting, the warm glow of candlelight, and sumptuous cuisine. For those pining for that perfect fusion of flavor and ambience, our writers have chosen their favorite restaurants. Whether you're looking for a quiet atmosphere tucked away from the city or the bold surroundings of an urban hot spot, these establishments are sure to charm. Whatever your palate and passion, we hope that among our choices you'll find just the place to savor a memorable evening with someone special and ignite a new—or old—flame.

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Cypress Lowcountry Grille, Charleston, South Carolina

Location matters, and Cypress takes full advantage of its prime spot on the corner of East Bay and Queen Streets in the heart of Charleston. As the name suggests, Lowcountry cuisine gets highbrow here. Big picture windows; dramatic lighting (which changes colors); and high-back, upholstered chairs make for quite a treat. Check out their wall of wine (4,500 bottles, 30 feet

wide x 25 feet high). **Best table:** Try those in the corner, by the windows, and to the left of the entrance. **Don't miss:** The tableside preparation of a Caesar salad is the perfect start to a romantic dinner. Entrées range from \$17 to \$34. **Bar:** With a tremendous selection of wines from all over the world, consider some you've never had. *167 East Bay Street; (843) 727-0111.* MARK G. STITH ►