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**BEST  
HIDDEN GEM  
RESTAURANTS**

Atlanta

# BITES UNSEEN

These under-the-radar restaurants are serving up unforgettable flavors and unique experiences across the city. *by ERIN KAIN*

From top: The globally inspired dishes at Little Bear are sure to delight; chic interiors at Banshee.



## BANSHEE

Nestled in East Atlanta Village, Banshee offers a fresh take on New American cuisine with a seasonal menu. From braised beef bavette and lobster risotto to matcha creme brulee and coconut mochi beignets, every dish impresses. The bar's inventive cocktails and late-night music scene make it a vibrant spot for both foodies and party animals alike. [banshee-atl.com](http://banshee-atl.com)

## FISHMONGER

Fishmonger, anchored in Poncey-Highland, is a seafood lover's paradise. The fabulous raw bar features oysters, tuna tartare, shrimp cocktail and smoked fish dip. Dive into dishes like the blackened grouper sandwich (a fan favorite) or lobster roll, paired with a deliciously concocted cocktail. Fresh flavors and laid-back vibes make this eatery a standout spot. [fishmongergroup.com](http://fishmongergroup.com)

## GIGI'S ITALIAN KITCHEN

Tucked inside a cozy Candler Park space, Gigi's Italian Kitchen brings bold, modern twists to classic Italian dishes. Known for its ever-changing menu, highlights include handmade pastas, rich sauces and inventive small plates. With its intimate vibe and creative culinary flair, Gigi's is a must-visit for Atlanta's food enthusiasts. [gigisitaliankitchenatl.com](http://gigisitaliankitchenatl.com)

## HAVANA SANDWICH SHOP

For nearly 50 years, Havana Sandwich Shop has been serving authentic Cuban flavors on Buford Highway. Family-owned and -operated, it's beloved for its classic Cuban sandwich, hearty plates piled high with ropa vieja and arroz con pollo, and tropical milkshakes in flavors like papaya and guava. Don't skip the flan for dessert! [havanaatl.com](http://havanaatl.com)

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### LA SEMILLA

A delicious spot right off the Beltline, La Semilla celebrates Latin-inspired, plant-based cuisine with vibrant, flavorful dishes. From jackfruit tacos to yuca frita, the menu reimagines traditional favorites with a creative twist. Pair your meal with a craft cocktail and soak in the lively atmosphere, making it a standout destination for conscious foodies.

*lasequilla.kitchen*

### LITTLE BEAR

Little Bear offers an ever-evolving menu of playful, globally inspired dishes that defy convention. Chef Jarrett Stieber's intimate spot surprises with bold flavors and creative presentations, from inventive small plates to unexpected flavor pairings. With its cozy vibe and boundary-pushing cuisine, Little Bear is truly a culinary adventure. *littlebearatl.com*

### LUCIAN BOOKS AND WINE

Blending a love for wine and literature, Lucian Books and Wine is a chic haven for art, design and culinary enthusiasts. Co-owners Katie Barringer and Jordan Smelt pair an extensive 450-bottle wine list with elegant dishes like saffron cavatelli with lobster and bison tartare. It's where sophistication meets creativity.

*lucianbooksandwine.com*

### MF SUSHI

In the heart of Inman Park, MF Sushi redefines Japanese dining with style and flair. From the chef's omakase to inventive creations like the wagyu beef roll and truffle aioli salmon, every bite is like a masterpiece. Add top-shelf sake, and you've got a dining experience worth savoring.

*mfsushiatl.com*

### MIKASA OMAKASE

Chef Jorom Paler's Mikasa Omakase offers an exclusive 10-course sushi experience at Larakin on Monday and Tuesday nights. With fish flown in weekly from Japan, the menu highlights pristine sashimi, nigiri and more. Pair wines by the half glass for a perfectly curated evening. Follow chef Paler's Instagram for reservations and spur-of-the-moment updates.

*@joromthesushiguy*

### NFA BURGER

Serving up award-winning smash burgers from a Chevron in Dunwoody, NFA Burger proves great food needs no frills. The refreshingly simple menu stars double-patty burgers with Mt. Olive pickles, sassy sauce and Martin's potato rolls. Now with a second location in Avalon, it's a must-try for burger purists. *nfaburger.com*

### OKIBORU

At Okiboru, *tsukemen*, or dipping ramen, takes center stage. With broth simmered to velvety perfection and housemade noodles served on the side, it's a ramen experience like no other. Don't miss the spicy paitan, crispy gyoza or tonkotsu ramen at the resto's many locations across Atlanta. *okiboru.com*

### OK YAKI

OK YAKI brings the vibrant flavors of Osaka to Atlanta with authentic Japanese street food. Known for their savory *okonomiyaki* pancakes, the menu also features standouts like braised beef tendon, panko fried rice and kitsune udon. Open late, it's the perfect spot for a flavorful, after-hours bite. *okyakiatl.com*

### PIZZA BY YANDYS

Hidden away in a Latin American grocery store on Roswell Road, Pizza by Yandy's serves up the most crave-worthy pies with a 48-hour dough that's the perfect base for creations like the supreme pizza or hot honey char pepperoni. From calzones to build-your-own options, this local favorite delivers bold flavors and a menu that'll keep you coming back for more.

*pizzabyyandys.com*

### RINA

Nestled along the Beltline in Old Fourth Ward, Rina reimagines Israeli street food with a modern twist. From falafel and shawarma to beef kebabs and harissa honey wings, every dish tells a story. End your meal with a Turkish coffee milkshake or walnut baklava for a sweet finish.

*rinakitchen.com*

### THE CHASTAIN

Perched on the edge of Chastain Park, The Chastain blends neighborhood charm with chef-driven, farm-to-table cuisine. Start your day with flaky croissants or quiche from the cafe, then return for an upscale dinner featuring smoked Iberico pork chop, rabbit roulade or the Border Springs lamb rack au poivre. *thechastainatl.com*

### THE WHITE HOUSE RESTAURANT

The White House Restaurant is a nostalgic nod to classic Southern diners. Located in Buckhead, the hot spot is known for its buttery biscuits and gravy, fluffy pancakes and perfectly seasoned Tennessee eggs paired with warm, friendly service for a truly satisfying start to the day.

NFA Burger serves up seriously delicious smash burgers out of a Chevron in Dunwoody and in Avalon.

