

PLACES TO EAT IN MEMPHIS

East Memphis/Germantown:

Corky's BBQ

5259 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN 38119 • (901) 685-9744

HOURS:

Sun-Thur 10:45am - 9:30pm • Fri, Sat 10:45am-10pm (No holiday closings)

REVIEWS:

TA: 4/5 stars on 121 reviews, Yelp: 4/5 stars on 129 reviews

Famous For: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzGcF2F7to8>

Germantown Commissary BBQ

2290 Germantown Road South Germantown, TN 38138 (901) 754-5540

HOURS:

Monday-Saturday 9am-9pm, Sunday 11am-8pm (Closed Jan 2nd)

REVIEWS:

TA: 4.5/5 on 161 reviews, Yelp: 4.5/5 on 56 reviews

A 90-year-old country store serving up stellar 'cue since 1981. The ribs plate (including slaw, a deviled egg, baked beans, and a roll and pulled pork sandwiches are serious. Despite the chichi (by 'cue shack standards, anyway) interior, the ribs have an authentic flavor and the shoulder is smoky and tender. Could the secret have something to do with a wet-dry compromise?

Midtown (near Liberty Bowl):

Central BBQ

2249 Central Ave. Memphis, TN 38104 (901) 272-9377 ([info](#))

HOURS:

Sun - Thur: 11:00AM - 9:00PM, Fri - Sat: 11:00AM - 9:00PM

They haven't decided on holiday schedule, need to call back

REVIEWS:

TA: 4.5/5 on 47 reviews, Yelp: 4/5 on 85 reviews

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sb2SsNhRTFM>

Brother Juniper's (breakfast place, just steps from UM campus)

3519 Walker Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111 (901) 324-0144 ([info](#))

HOURS:

Breakfast Only, closes between 12pm and 1pm each day. Didn't call for holiday hours.

REVIEWS:

TA: 4.5/5 on 33 reviews, Yelp: 4/5 on 53 reviews.

Downtown:

Rendezvous

52 South 2nd Street, Memphis, TN 38103-2628 (901) 523-2746 ([info](#))

REVIEWS:

TA: 3/5 stars on 174 reviews, Yelp: 3.5/5 stars on 228 reviews

HOURS:

Dec 30th – 11 – 10:30, Dec 31st – 11 – 9pm, Jan 1st – 11:30 – 10:30, Jan 2nd – Closed

Gus' Fried Chicken

310 South Front Street, Memphis, TN 38103 (901) 527-4877 ([info](#))

REVIEWS:

TA: 4.5/5 stars on 95 reviews, Yelp: 4.5/5 stars on 167 reviews. Famous for their chicken!

If you want to experience real, down-home Memphis and only have time for one meal, [Gus's Chicken](#) is the place to go. Their hot and spicy chicken has been featured in magazines and on TV, and people travel from all parts of the US just to get it. Words cannot describe how good their chicken is.

HOURS:

Mon-Thu, Sun 11 am - 9 pm, Fri-Sat 11 am - 10:30 pm, Dec 31st - Close at 4pm, Jan 1st - Closed

Huey's

77 South 2nd Street, Memphis, TN 38103 (901) 527-2700 ([info](#))

REVIEWS:

TA: 4.5/5 Stars on 38 reviews, Urban: 4.5/5 on 14 reviews.

Huey's has been serving up Blues, Brews and Burgers since 1970. You'll find a casual setting and laid back feeling in this legendary tavern where the entertainment includes blowing toothpicks into the ceiling with your drink straw. You'll want to try one of our mouthwatering burgers...voted "Best Burger" by Memphis Magazine every year since 1984.

HOURS:

Everyday 11am – 3am, not closed at all during the holidays

Blues City Café

138 Beale Street, Memphis, TN 38103 (901) 526-3637 ([info](#))

REVIEWS:

TA: 3.5/5 stars on 105 reviews, Yelp: 3.5/5 stars on 59 reviews

There are plenty of restaurants on Beale Street that specialize in BBQ/ribs. In my opinion, the pick of the litter is [Blues City Cafe](#), a '50s-style diner (check out the Pink Cadillac set into the wall). If you think you can handle one more rack before settling down to an evening of music along Beale Street, I know just the place - Blues City Cafe part tourist hangout, part local drop-in - will satisfy any last scintilla of a ribs craving.

Why the tourists at Blues City Cafe? Because the interior of the restaurant appeared in the film *The Firm*, and it is where Bill Clinton eats ribs when he's visiting Memphis. Why the locals? Because the barbecue and the live music are divine. Blues and barbecue, smoke and sauce. In Memphis, they all meld beautifully. Just like heaven. (http://www.bluescitycafe.com/Testimonials_BonAppetit.php)

HOURS:

Sun – Thur 11am – 3am, Fri – Sat 11am – 5am, open during holidays

Rum Boogie Café

182 Beale Street, Memphis, TN 38103 (901) 528-0150

My favorite spot for live music and have read that the food is pretty good so this is a good backup plan for eating on Beale St! From a review: If their superfine rum selection and beer aren't enough to entice you, the Cajun and barbecue menu should--ribs, fried catfish, gumbo and red beans and rice served by fast and friendly servers.

Graceland area:

Marlowe's

4381 Elvis Presley Boulevard, Memphis, TN 38116 (901) 332-4159

REVIEWS:

TA: 4/5 stars on 39 reviews, Yelp: 4/5 stars on 22 reviews. BBQ and southern cooking, across the street from Graceland. Shown on the Food Network. Says will pick you up from your hotel in a pink limo

HOURS:

Mon-Sun 12 pm - 3 am, open as usual during the holidays

Interstate BBQ

2265 South 3rd Street, Memphis, TN 38109 (901) 775-2304 ([info](#))

REVIEWS:

TA: 2.5/5 stars on 74 reviews, Yelp: 4/5 stars on 95 reviews

Interstate BBQ has the best ribs I've ever had. Bar none. Interstate is run by the Nealy's who have a show, *Cooking with the Nealy's* on Food network. **People Magazine** - rated as the second-best barbecue in the nation. **The Commercial Appeal** - named Interstate Bar-B-Que as the home of the best all-around pork barbecue sandwich in the city. **USA Today** - Best place in America for a pork BBQ sandwich.

HOURS:

Mon-Thu 11am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11am – 12am, Sun 11am-4pm, Jan 1st - Closed