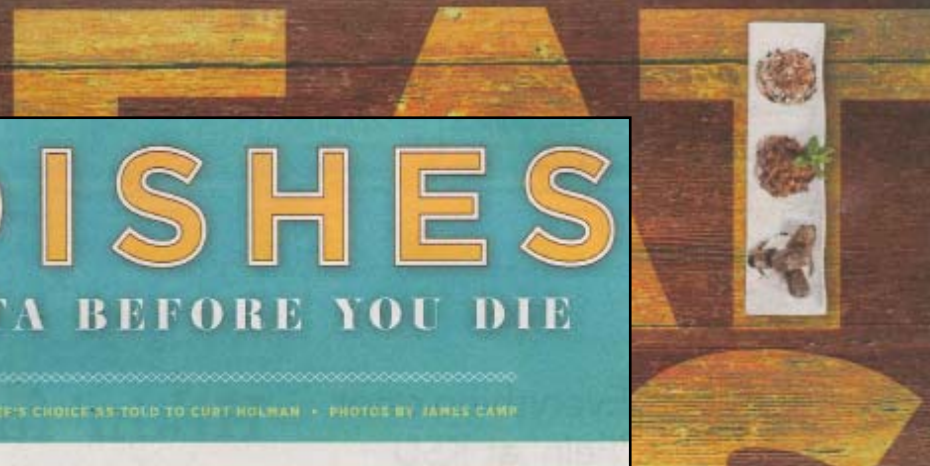


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# 100 DISHES

## TO EAT IN ATLANTA BEFORE YOU DIE

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Here it is: Atlanta's ultimate culinary bucket list. We've picked a mix of classics, favorites and bests for a list that will help you navigate our city in all its gastronomic glory. We also asked a few chefs around town to pick one dish they'd eat before they die — one took the question quite literally — to find out what the professionals hunger for. So dig in. The first reader to complete the list wins a heart attack and boasting rights!

— BESHMA WOODELL

### APPETIZERS

**BLUE CRAB FRITTER** at **BACCHANALIA**  
In many ways this is the OG of Atlanta fine-dining dishes. Bacchanalia's menu is continually changing, and this is one of the few constants. It's light and refreshing while also being rich and decadent — a pile of crab over citrus with hints of vanilla, and Thai pepper that just touches on spicy. Slices of avocado add rich buttery texture. A dish that hits every point and counterpoint on the palate while remaining totally harmonious. \$22. 1198 Howell Road. 404-365-0410. [www.starprovisions.com](http://www.starprovisions.com)

**BONE MARROW** at **RATHBUN'S**  
Many in town attempt marrow, only Rathbun's truly understands it. Three fat marrow bones are accompanied by simple grilled bread and a spoon of high-quality salt. Scoop out the wobbly marrow and slather its warm, musky, meaty, fatty funk onto the bread and into your gullet. Marrow junkies and marrow virgins alike should find sweet solace in this version. \$7.95. 112 Krog St., Suite R. 404-524-8280. [www.rathbunsrestaurant.com](http://www.rathbunsrestaurant.com)

**CHICKEN LIVER PÂTÉ** at **LA FOURCHETTE**  
This lovely quenelle of liver pâté could easily be mistaken upon first look as a scoop of chocolate ice cream; it has all the gloss and appeal of dessert. But it's better than dessert, rich and decadent, especially when paired with the riotous rhubarb and ginger preserve that's swept across the plate like a tropical brushstroke. \$12. 3133 Piedmont Road. 404-748-1229. [www.lafourchetteatlanta.com](http://www.lafourchetteatlanta.com)

**CRAWFISH PIES** at **WATERSHED**  
Swampy decadence. That's what the filling of these empanada-shaped pics feel like; an olera-heavy, creamy jumble of crawfish that gushes out of its buttery shell all piping-hot and rich beyond reason. \$9. 406 W. Peachtree St. 404-378-4900. [www.watershedrestaurant.com](http://www.watershedrestaurant.com)

**DOLMEH** at **SUFI'S**  
It's the pomegranate that makes this dish — a shock of sweet/tart that permeates the piping-hot rice, split peas and grape leaf wrap. The copious tarragon helps the allure, as does the base of cooling yogurt. But the pomegranate will keep you coming back. \$6. 1814 Peachtree St. 404-888-9699. [www.sufisatlanta.com](http://www.sufisatlanta.com)



**FARM EGG IN CELERY CREAM** at **MILLER UNION**  
Who knew we were so nostalgic for that soft egg and toast combination we all ate as kids? This dish evokes childhood, but has a decidedly mature slant. Celery is turned silken by blending it into cream, and then a single egg is baked into the mixture. Spread on grilled bread it whispers subtle decadence. \$9. 999 Brady Ave. 678-733-8550. [www.millerunion.com](http://www.millerunion.com)



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