

KEYS TO THE CITY **OF WINSTON-SALEM, NC** BEST OF WINSTON-SALEM

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Best Baseball Affiliated with the Chicago White Sox, the Winston-Salem Dash christened its new downtown stadium, BB&T Ballpark, last spring. Perhaps the team's biggest fan is its lovable red mascot named Bolt (below). Division play-offs start this month. wsdash.com



Best Bakery The biscuits, cookies, coffee cake, and breads are all homemade and delicious, but Dewey's claim to fame is the Moravian cookies (very thin, spiced wafers) and the Moravian sugar cake, its most popular confection. Dewey's has called Winston-Salem home since the 1930s, and the company still uses its original recipes. deweys.com



Wood-fired
salmon at
Noble's Grille



Best Steak/Seafood Start with the Twin City Chop House's beef tenderloin tips with Grand Marnier sauce, and then order the fresh scallops seared and served with lemon butter sauce — simple, but delicious! chophousesofnc.com

Best Grille The “e” in “Grille” is because Noble's Grille serves Southern cooking with a French twist. Go for anything wood-fired on the menu, especially salmon, duck, or the steak burger. noblesgrille.com

Best BBQ Just 30 minutes from the barbecue capital (Lexington, N.C.), Winston is home to some mighty fine 'cue. Little Richard's (eatmopig.com) specializes in Lexington-style (also known as Western-style) barbecue — medium-chopped pork, smoked, with a thin, tomato-based sauce. Pig Pickins (pigpickinsws.com)

serves up mounds of hickory-smoked, Lexington-style barbecue alongside a heap of hushpuppies. And Bib's Downtown shakes things up with Eastern-style (finely chopped with a tangy, vinegar-based sauce). bibsdowntown.com

Best Culture Catch a glimpse of the past along the historic Reynolda Mile. Several founding families' homes have been converted into notable art museums, including the residence of tobacco titan R. J. Reynolds, now the Reynolda House Museum of American Art (reynoldahouse.org), and the former Hanes mansion, home to the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art. secca.org

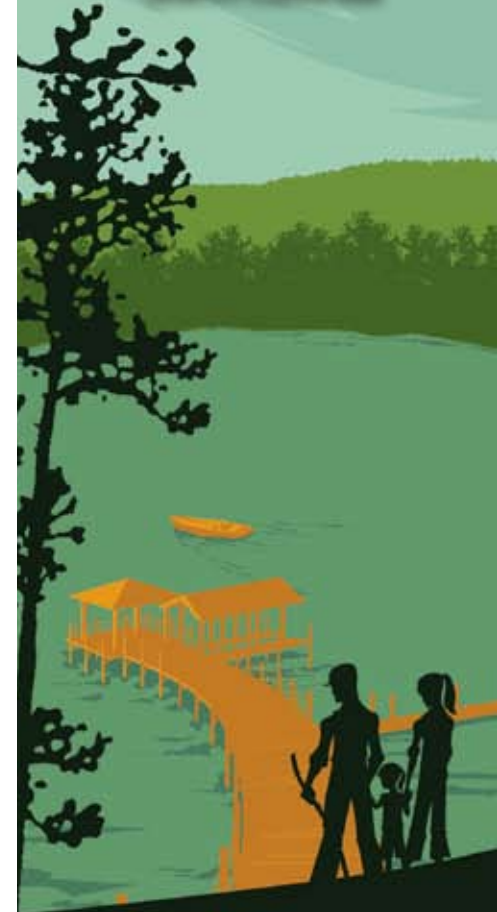


Reynolda House Museum
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Best Breakfast The morning crowd doesn't disperse from Breakfast Of Course, formally known as Mary's Of Course. The new downtown location at 723 Trade St. serves breakfast all day, using only fresh, local ingredients. Go for the Apple Butter Baby – scrambled eggs, smoked sausage, and homemade apple butter piled high on honey-wheat toast (shown). breakfastofcourse.com



Best Gallery The Smithsonian Institution named the Diggs Gallery at Winston-Salem State University one of the nation's best regional, contemporary African-American galleries. Highlights: Two John Biggers murals, *Origins* and *Ascension*, in the atrium of the O'Kelly Library. wssu.edu



Best Day Trip Take a jaunt to the heart of Yadkin Valley wine country, just 20 minutes west of Winston, where you'll find Michael and Amy Helton's Hanover Park Vineyard. After a honeymoon in the south of France in 1996, the two artist/teachers fell in love with Old World wines. So they began planting vineyards, and restored a circa-1897 farmhouse as a tasting room. Sip to savor: Michael's Blend of cabernet franc and merlot. hanoverparkwines.com

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