



## **SOME OF THE DINING OPTIONS NEAR HAMPTON INN DOWNTOWN MOBILE**

These are some of the restaurants of interest near the Hampton Inn downtown, most within walking distance, a few are a short drive. There are the more familiar options like Jimmy Johns, Starbucks, Chick Filet, etc., but the list below includes mostly one-of-a-kind places that might interest visitors. I bet that Visit Mobile has plenty of materials on downtown local restaurants and attractions that can be given to registrants on arrival. Note: This list does not include the seafood restaurants located on the Causeway, and is not exhaustive of downtown good eats.

Most of these restaurants are small and are located in historic buildings, some have both indoor and outdoor dining. Almost every eatery in downtown Mobile, even those focusing on solely on breakfast and lunch, serve alcohol. For those staying over on Sunday, know that Sunday brunch is very popular, some, but not all these restaurants have brunch.

**The Royal Scam** - Fine dining steaks, seafood, burgers, with indoor and outdoor dining, just down Royal St. from the Hampton. Open for dinner only.

**Trellis Room** - Fine dining room of the Battle House Hotel, across street from Hampton. It is open daily from 6:30 a.m. until 10 p.m., dinner reflects Italian influences.

**Royal Street Tavern** - Battle House piano bar with specialty cocktails and chef inspired food. Hours 4:30 to 10 p.m.

**Joe Cain Café** – Battle House informal dining with pizza, sandwiches, gumbo and jambalaya.

**Serda Coffee Shop** – Coffee, sandwiches, gelato.

**Slurp Society** – Ramen noodles like you've never had them before with all kinds of toppings. This place is new and very popular, open for lunch, closes for a few hours, opens back up for dinner. On St. Michael just down from Battle House and Hampton.

**Dauphin's Casual Fine Dining** – located on the 34<sup>th</sup> floor of the RSA Trustmark Building downtown, view included. French creole food and piano bar. Check website for the dress code.

**Las Floriditas** – A Cuban style “speakeasy” meant to reflect the original La Floridita in Cuba, where Hemingway could be spotted and the daiquiri was invented. Part of the fun is the speakeasy entry. Located in the basement of the RSA Trustmark Building (where you can dine in the former bank vault), you wind down the hallway until you reach a dead end where you will meet a large, imposing, and very friendly man who will inform you that you must tell him the daily secret password to get entry. (Don't worry the password is in bold on their Facebook page). Then he will grant you entry by electronically opening disguised secret passage, and you're in! The delicious food is Cuban inspired, as are the cocktails. Opens at 4:00 p.m. “Classy casual” dress code.

**Squid Ink** – Unique for its specialty cocktails containing squid ink! Don't worry, they make plenty of other delicious cocktails, and of course, good beer and wine choices, if you aren't quite ready for squid ink. Po-boys, salads, burgers and seafood. Lunch and dinner.

**Haberdasher** – Known for its craft cocktails and beer selection, but also good food. Opens at 4:00 p.m., go to bar and food counter, order and take it back to your booth or table where you seated yourself.

**Rooster's Latin American** – Delicious variety of Latin American food, lunch and dinner.

**Debris Po-Boys and Drinks** – Po-boys, craft cocktails, large beer selection. Lunch and dinner, closes 9 p.m.

**Loda Bier Garten** – Bills itself as having 100+ beers, specialty cocktails, and German and American food. Very popular locally. Opens at 11:00 a.m.

**Noja** – Fine Mediterranean dining, menu changes weekly, opens at 5 p.m.

**Noble South** – Farm to table, dinner menu inspired by seasonal availability, lunch available Monday – Friday.

**Grace on Dauphin** – Gourmet eats, casual atmosphere, rooftop bar.

**Greer's St. Louis Street Market** – A grocery store, but an unusual one, with daily deli deals, ready-to-go meals, sip from their large selection of wines or beer while you shop, or take it up to the rooftop. Also has coffee shop, cookies, and Cammie's Old Dutch ice cream (from an awesome local creamery).

**Three Georges** – A fine chocolates and sweets confectionary established in 1917, also offers lunch, ice cream and other goodies. Old fashioned soda fountain.

**A&M Peanut Shop** – Fresh roasted peanuts and other nuts, prepared on-site, you can't walk by without going in and buying something.

**Spot of Tea** – Not just tea, but also breakfast and lunch. Very popular with locals.

**Ruby Slipper** – A New Orleans franchise, breakfast and brunch until 2:00 p.m.

**Bob's Diner** – Hearty breakfast and lunch served in an old school diner with additional sidewalk seating.

**Moe's Bar-B-Que** – There are other locations of this business in Alabama, but you are more likely to want to linger in this one with its spacious dining (indoor and out) and inviting bar specials.

**Cheese Cottage** – Specialty cheeses, charcuterie, sandwiches, outdoor covered and open seating.

**Chuck's Fish** – Fresh local seafood, as well as sushi, pizza, full bar. Opens at 4:00 p.m.

**El Papi** – House made Mexican food and drinks with fresh ingredients, indoor and outdoor dining.

Local Breweries (all downtown Mobile) – **Iron Hand** (also has a good food menu); **Oyster City Brewing**; and **Braided River**.

And finally, not technically downtown, but only a short drive:

**Callaghan's Irish Pub** – Southern Living raves about this place. It's a fun and funky atmosphere, people love their burgers, indoor and outdoor dining.

**Guncles Gluten Free Bakery** – Delicious cookies, cakes, breads, and coffee. Outdoor seating area.

**Hummingbird Way** – Regional cuisine, fresh take on Southern classics. Dinner only.