

Savor:

Alfresco All the Time

A morning latte with the foamy heart on a piazza, dinner in a strappy light-as-air dress in a candlelit courtyard, the clink of beers under a wooden bower: This summer, say hello to café tables, porches, and tree-shaded patios. Here are but a few ideas for a day of patio hopping downtown and uptown

11a.m.

Fleet Landing: Arrive before the noon rush at this harborfront fave with a wrap-around outdoor deck. Cool choices for hot days include the big Charleston Cobb salad and peel-and-eat shrimp with plenty of Old Bay. 186 Concord St., (843) 722-8100, fleetlanding.net.



12p.m.

Husk: Tables on the second-floor piazza are like a Southern tree-house hideaway for indulging in plates of shrimp and Edisto grits. 76 Queen St., (843) 577-2500, huskrestaurant.com



1 p.m.

Kitchen 208: Sails and market umbrellas shade the patio dining area of this lower King Street spot for breakfast, lunch, and weekend brunch. 208 King St., (843) 725-7208, kitchen208.com



2 p.m.

Home Team BBQ: Porch tables cooled by fans are just right for a lunch of barbecue, brisket tacos, or the green salad with fennel at Home Team's new downtown digs. 126 Williman St., (843) 225-7427, hometeambbq.com



3 p.m.

Santi's: Maybe it's the margarita effect, but it looks like there are more plants and colors with each visit to the covered patio of this longtime favorite. 1302 Meeting Street Rd., (843) 722-2633, santisrestaurant-mexicano.com



4:30 p.m.

Edmund's Oast: If there's a summer breeze, head for happy hour on the side patio or in The Bower. Both are long on communal tables and beer, and the changing menu gets high marks from just about everyone in the food and drink world. 1081 Morrison Dr., (843) 727-1145, edmundsoast.com



5:30 p.m.

Xiao Bao Biscuit: Crowds hit up this former filling station for the famous cabbage pancakes and spicy tofu. Get there early and snag a seat at the few aqua-painted picnic tables, shielded from busy Spring Street by lush potted plants. 224 Rutledge Ave., xiaobaobiscuit.com



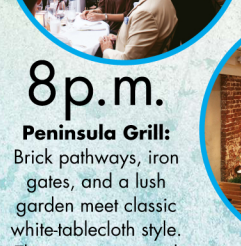
6 p.m.

Four Ninety-Two: The courtyard—think mod patio furniture, crisscrossing strings of lights, and historic brick walls—is the come-on for pre-dinner cocktails, like the Disco Sour, and small plates. 492 King St., (843) 203-6338, 492chs.com



7 p.m.

Zero Restaurant + Bar: Just lovely, like a secret garden. The patio and piazzas of the Zero George Hotel courtyard offer a modern take on an 1800s setting—with wine, cheese, cocktails, and a nine-course tasting menu. 317 East Bay St., (843) 817-7900, zero-george.com



8 p.m.

Peninsula Grill: Brick pathways, iron gates, and a lush garden meet classic white-tablecloth style. This is quintessential Charleston patio dining, with ceviche, lump crab salad, and grilled jumbo shrimp enjoyed by the glow of candlelight. 112 N. Market St., (843) 723-0700, peninsulagrill.com



8a.m.

Park Café: Open by 7 a.m. on weekdays with the singing birds, the all-day café adjacent to Hampton Park begins filling early. Rutledge-facing tables are outside for settling in with lattes, avocado toast, and scrambled eggs with curry. 730 Rutledge Ave., (843) 410-1070, theparkcafechs.com



10 a.m.

Kudu Coffee & Craft Beer: By now, some of the patio crowd has started sipping iced Americanos or maybe even milk stouts, while hanging at this favorite meeting place for creative types. 4 Vanderhorst St., kuducoffeeandcraftbeer.com



9a.m.

WildFlour Pastry: Carry your pick of the delectable quiches, scones, and sticky buns (on Sunday) to the narrow slip of green patio. 73 Spring St., (843) 327-2621, wildflourpastrycharleston.com



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