

VIRGINIA WINE ★ THE KENTUCKY BOURBON TRAIL ★ SOUTHERN SODA ★ RYE WHISKEY

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LIQUID CULTURE



THE 100 BEST PLACES TO DRINK IN THE SOUTH



PLUS Homemade Pickled Okra ★ Iced Tea Cocktails ★
The 5 Best Mint Juleps ★ Southern Brews We Love ★
John T. Edge on Eating and Drinking in the South ★



LEFT: Latte goodness at Dose in Nashville.
BELOW: Hope and Union owner John Vergel de Dios.



BEST PLACES TO ★ GET CAFFEINATED

CAFFE DRIADE

The easy-going vibe at Caffe Driade belies what's going on behind the bar, where baristas carefully brew award-winning coffees from the café's sister roastery, Carrboro Coffee Roasters. It also offers easily the best outdoor café seating in the Carolinas.

1215 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, NC; 919-942-2333; caffedriade.com

CATALINA COFFEE

For a taste of great coffee in East Texas, head to Catalina, where baristas expertly mix crema-kissed espresso with locally sourced milk for top-notch cappuccinos and lattes, along with pour-over coffees brewed to order.

2201 Washington Ave., Houston, TX; 713-861-8448; catalinacoffeeshop.com

COFFEE & CREMA

A mall in upstate South Carolina might not come to mind when you think of America's top coffee destinations, but Coffee & Crema has become a go-to spot for Greenville's best brews. Counter Culture beans are brewed to perfection, and free weekly cuppings at the Forest Park location offer a chance to taste new coffees.

Haywood Mall, 700 Haywood Rd., Greenville, SC, 864-678-9173; Forest Park Shopping Center, 27 S. Pleasantburg Dr., Greenville, SC, 864-235-0051; coffeeandcrema.com

DANCING GOATS ESPRESSO BAR

Batdorf & Bronson sources and roasts some of the country's best coffees, and this coffeehouse is a perfect place for sampling their wares. Various brewing methods yield consistently great-tasting brews, and weekly cuppings offer the chance to try some of Batdorf's latest offerings.

419 W. Ponce De Leon, Decatur, GA; 404-687-1100; dancinggoats.com



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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:
 Fresh brews at Morning Times
 in Raleigh; Chemex in action
 at Dose; housemade syrups
 and the tea selection at Dose.

PRIMAVERA COFFEE

Birmingham gets a dose of the good stuff with this Cahaba Heights shop churning out topnotch, fresh-roasted beans daily. Sip French-pressed single-origin coffees, or go for a creamy cappuccino with perfectly textured organic milk—you can't go wrong.
 4133 White Oak Dr.,
 Birmingham, AL; 205-969-1177; primaveracoffee.com

QUILLS COFFEE

Coffee geeks found their way to bourbon country at this quality-driven café, where baristas constantly find new ways to make their coffee more delicious. Try a Café Miele, which blends espresso with milk, honey and cinnamon, or pair an Americano with a locally made chocolate from Cellar Door Chocolates.
 930 Baxter Ave., Louisville, KY; 502-742-6129; quillscoffee.com

REMEDY COFFEE

With 100 percent of net proceeds going to local charities, the Intelligentsia brews from this cozy coffeehouse in Knoxville's "Old City" neighborhood taste especially good.
 125 W. Jackson Ave., Knoxville, TN; 865-335-0967; remedycoffee.com

VOLTA COFFEE, TEA & CHOCOLATE

Volta combines the best of coffee, tea and chocolate under one roof. Intelligentsia coffee and teas rotate seasonally and are Clover-brewed with consistent care and precision, and when your sweet tooth gets the best of you, their rotating single-origin drinking chocolates will give you a taste of bliss.
 48 S.W. 2nd St., Gainesville, FL; 352-271-4361; voltacoffee.com ■

DOSE

Most of the beans served in this world-class café come from Nashville's own Humphreys Street Roasting, but Dose also features a rotating selection of specialty roasters from around the country. Owners Keith Steunebrink and Heath Henley take their coffee seriously (Henley is a U.S. Barista Championship Certified Judge), but they keep things inviting and approachable and, best of all, consistently delicious.
 3431 Murphy Rd., Nashville, TN; 615-457-1300; dosecoffeeandtea.com

GRAPE + BEAN

Wine and coffee go hand and hand at this café in Alexandria's Old Town neighborhood. Whole-bean coffees rotate weekly from roasters around the country, including Blue Bottle, Novo, Stumptown and Counter Culture, all brewed via the Clover.
 118 S. Royal St., Alexandria, VA; 703-664-0214; grapeandbean.com

HOPE AND UNION

Single-origin beans from Intelligentsia are brewed to order via Chemex at this inviting house turned coffee shop in

downtown Charleston—you'll feel like you never left home.
 199 Saint Philip St., Charleston, SC; 843-922-1023; hopeandunioncoffee.com

MORNING TIMES

This friendly coffeehouse in downtown Raleigh serves locally roasted beans from Counter Culture. Enjoy a velvety art-adorned latte in the morning and then swing back by in the evening for a craft brew or a coffee cocktail.
 10 E. Hargett St., Raleigh, NC; 919-836-1204; morningtimes-raleigh.com

OCTANE

If you're looking for a stellar cup of coffee in Atlanta, you can't miss Octane, which has been raising the bar for coffee in the Southeast since 2003. Award-winning baristas brew Counter Culture beans via Chemex and French press, expertly pull espresso shots and make their own syrups.
 1009-B Marietta St., Atlanta, GA; 404-815-9886; octanecoffee.com