

Top Five Prom Restaurants

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Prom night is known as the night to remember. What makes this night so memorable? Is it the dance, or dressing up and getting to look like royalty for a night? Even though these parts add to the night, the most important decision you can make is where to eat. Well, I have chosen the top five restaurants in the surrounding areas to make that decision a little easier for you. I have chosen these restaurants based on atmosphere, reputation, quality of the food and service, and the dress requirements. (That way you do not look like an idiot with how you are dressed.)

#5 - Nava
3060 Peachtree Road
Atlanta, GA 30305
404-240-1984

One thing that you will enjoy most about this restaurant is the atmosphere. With its southwestern American iconography, such as Native American spirit figures, southwestern taste and concepts, all done with an artful, contemporary twist, Nava provides an unusual dining experience. Executive chef Jesse Perez will thrill your taste buds with an array of intricate dishes. Everything from the Masa-crusted deep-fried oysters from the chorizo-flecked queso, it is all sure to please. On a more personal note, I had a Bone-in Prime 18 oz. "Cowboy" Rib-eye with toasted spice rub and it was one of the best things that I have ever eaten. In both 2007 and 2008 Nava received the Zagat's Survey Most Popular Top Southwestern. With your total meal costing between \$40-\$50 per person, it is not cheap, but you will leave with a smile on your

face and a stomach full of delicious food.

#4 - Pricci
500 Pharr Road
Atlanta, GA 30305
404-237-2941

If you enjoy eating Italian food, this is the place to be. Said by many to be the best Italian restaurant in the city, Pricci gives you the full effect. With its Art Deco theme of chrome and brass dividers, dark rich woods, comfortable banquettes, and stylish bar, the décor is outstanding. The open kitchen is full of a team of well trained Italian chefs in white toques that display a show of cooking around an oak-fired pizza oven. Pricci offers a variety of hearty regional Italian cuisine: thin-crusted oak-fired pizzas, pastas such as beef short-rib ravioli, osso buco with borlotti beans and gremolata, and so on. With the price being between \$30-40 per person, this is definitely the most bang for your buck.

#3 - Chops/Lobster Bar
70 West Paces Ferry Road
Atlanta, GA 30305
404-262-2675

This one made my top five for one reason, and one reason only, the steak. Even though the décor has gleaming wood, black-and-white marble at the bar, indirect lighting, and palms, it just merely adds to the package. No matter what steak you decide on you can depend on it being one of the best steaks you have ever had. Steaks are what they are known for, but their sides are just as pleasing. With their asparagus, sautéed spinach, mashed potatoes, and awesome pillows of tempura-light thick fried onions, your meal will be topnotch from every angle. Bone-in steaks are the best, and

you can get one all the way up to a hefty 22-ounce bone-in rib-eye. This is all going to cost you somewhere between \$40-50 per person, but if you are a steak lover, it is totally worth it.

#2 - Sun Dial Restaurant Bar & View
210 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-589-7506

The Sun Dial made it to the number two spot because of the perfect ambience that it provides. This restaurant is the only one in Atlanta that features a revolving upscale restaurant, in turn offering a

breathtaking 360 panorama of the magnificent Atlanta skyline to its customers. When you first arrive, you must board the scenic glass elevator to climb the hotel's 73 stories to The Sun Dial for

its unbeatable views, classic cuisine, and live jazz. Chef Christian Messier offers a contemporary American cuisine 723 feet above the city. This is definitely one of the best places to take your lovely date out for a romantic dinner, and with your meal costing between \$40-60 per person, you can not buy a better view anywhere in the city.

#1 - the Dining Room at Ritz-Carlton
3434 Peachtree Road NE
Ritz-Carlton Buckhead, Atlanta, GA 30326
404-237-2700

This nationally renowned Atlanta restaurant is one of only 16 restaurants in the country to receive the prestigious Mobil Five Star Award. With its flavorful fusion of French, Asian, and Mediterranean cuisines in an elegant, luxurious setting, and an impeccable wait staff to top it all off, that is why it made my number one spot. It offers mind-blowing items such as citrus-cured Maine cod and Little Neck clams with fennel broth, Four Story Hill Farm veal loin with wilted spinach, and sweetbread kebob with tomato confit. It not only tops my list for the best atmosphere and food, but it also tops out on price, being \$110 per person.



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