

These restaurants have the best fried chicken in America

Whether you're craving something spicy or savory, celebrate National Fried Chicken Day with America's best fried chicken.

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Colonel Sanders may be the face of fried chicken in the U.S. But that doesn't mean KFC is the only place with a secret recipe.

Many of the country's most memorable fried birds are made in small batches at local restaurants. They don't have drive thrus, but they're no strangers to long lines and sold out specials. In honor of National Fried Chicken Day, which is July 6, here are some of the best places in the country to find fried chicken that is so hot, so crispy, so juicy and so finger lickin' good it's worth traveling for.

Soby's New South Cuisine – Greenville, South Carolina



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When the New York Times features your fried chicken in its podcast, "The Special," you know it's probably pretty special. That's exactly what happened to Soby's New South Cuisine, the restaurant credited with birthing Greenville's culinary renaissance. Since 1997, Soby's has been serving up its famous crispy fried North Carolina-style chicken. Yes, you read that right: *North*. In fact, the recipe is probably the most read page in the restaurant's cookbook. Recently, in honor of Soby's 21st anniversary, chef Shaun Garcia added fried pickle-brined chicken sliders to the menu. But only 21 orders are available daily, so you have to get there early if you want one.