

SPRING
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GUIDE

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TRAFFICKING

HOUSTON vs.
DALLAS...HAIR

THE BEST LITTLE TOWN
YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF

Houstonia.

Comfort Food

 **WHERE TO
FIND THE
TOWN'S BEST**

**MAC 'N CHEESE
CHICKEN-FRIED STEAK
SHRIMP 'N GRITS
GRILLED CHEESE
CHILI
AND LOTS
MORE!**

Fried chicken
to die for...
SEE INSIDE!

Do you like your mac 'n' cheese plain or fancy?

39% → plain
35% → doesn't matter as long as there's mac 'n' cheese involved
26% → fancy

Houston's 5 Best FANCY MAC 'N' CHEESE

For those days (and nights) when that little blue box in your pantry just isn't enough

BRC Gastropub

519 Shepherd Dr.,
brcgastropub.com

You'd expect a cozy Rice Military pub to have an excellent rotating draft list, but a rotating mac? It's true. BRC's Mac of the Day ranges from buffalo chicken and queso fresco to breakfast mac 'n' cheese topped with bacon and two fried eggs—and sometimes even foie gras.

Jonathan's the Rub

9061 Gaylord St.,
jonathanstherub.com

There are hunks of applewood-smoked bacon in the mac at this Spring Branch favorite, but its true decadence lies in chef Jonathan Levine's insistence on adding five kinds of cheese to his cavatappi pasta: smoked Gouda, gruyère, 18-month aged Parmigiano Reggiano, Pecorino Romano, and mozzarella. Oh, and a lot of cream.

Jus' Mac

Multiple locations. jusmac.com

Good luck settling on one iteration at this mac-tastic Houston chain, which divides its menu into Radical and Conservative varieties. On any given day there are two dozen to choose from, including chicken-and-waffles mac, a Sunday favorite. We prefer the spicy Hangover mac with hash browns, fried eggs, and habanero sauce, but you can always build your own.



Liberty Kitchen

Max's Wine Dive

Multiple locations,
maxswinedive.com

Whether served up at the original location on Washington Ave. or the new Montrose spot on Fairview, the Max 'n Cheese doesn't mess around: corkscrew pasta is enveloped in a rich, creamy truffle sauce and topped with smoky Provolone, nutty gruyère, and salty Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses.

Liberty Kitchen & Oyster Bar

1050 Studewood St.,
libertykitchenoysterbar.com

The sister restaurant to BRC Gastropub features a fantastic mac 'n' cheese menu of its own, from a Gulf-Hill Country version filled with shrimp, sausage, and bacon to a decadent dish topped with lobster claw and knuckle meat.