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## Rhode Island Best Restaurants 2011

### BEST POND-TO-PLATE

#### **Matunuck Oyster Bar, East Matunuck**

Dine a stone's skip from where the oysters are cultivated by the bar's owner. Try the "Buck a Shuck" (\$1 oysters and littlenecks) from 4 to 6 p.m. weekdays. No reservations, but it's worth the wait. Entrées: from \$13.95. 629 Succotash Road. 401-783-4202; [rhodyoysters.com](http://rhodyoysters.com)

### BEST EXOTIC MENU

#### **Los Andes, Providence**

Fair prices, family-size portions, and BYOB keep sticker shock low at this Bolivian/Peruvian restaurant. Ask for the off-menu ceviche. Entrées: from \$7.95. 903 Chalkstone Ave. 401-649-4911, 401-369-8025; [losandesri.com](http://losandesri.com)

### BEST CHOWDER

#### **Tallulah on Thames, Newport**

Deconstructed, Tallulah's outstanding clam chowder boils down to littlenecks in the shell, bacon, and cream poured tableside. Entrées: from \$25. 464 Thames St. 401-849-2433; [tallulahonthames.com](http://tallulahonthames.com)

### BEST COMFORT FOOD

#### **Broadway Bistro, Providence**

Feels like eating at home, minus the dirty dishes. A dozen cozy tables and contemporary comfort food from seasonal menus: Try the ribs and grits with orange-soy marinade, turkey meatloaf with pesto, or local haddock with spinach. Enjoy the surprise of a complimentary dessert. Entrées: from \$12. 205 Broadway. 401-331-2450; [broadwaybistrori.com](http://broadwaybistrori.com)

### BEST CHINESE

#### **King's Garden, Cranston**

Insiders ask for the authentic Hong Kong-style menu here. Items from the dim sum menu are made to order all day long and lure many repeat customers. Portions are generous; there's an extensive takeout menu, too. Entrées: from \$6.75. 90 Rolfe Square. 401-461-0646; [kingsgardenrestaurant.com](http://kingsgardenrestaurant.com)

### BEST CASUAL ISLAND DINING

#### **Harry's Cafe, New Shoreham/Block Island**

This is where the natives grab dinner and fill up on pad thai. When it's nice, opt for the outdoor patio or picnic tables. Liberal portions and BYOB make it a budget-conscious choice compared with many other island restaurants. Entrées: from \$16. 30 Water St. 401-466-5400



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**BEST BRUNCH****Nick's on Broadway, Providence**

The soul of a diner, but with stainless-steel chic and an artisanal menu. Try the frittata with wild mushrooms and duck sausage. Brunch entrées: from \$7. 500 Broadway. 401-421-0286; [nicksonbroadway.com](http://nicksonbroadway.com)

**BEST DELI****Sonia's Near East Market & Deli, Cranston**

An Armenian-owned market packed with Mediterranean and Middle Eastern imports at domestic prices. Book clubs congregate here for Sonia's sampler plates of grape leaves, falafel, hummus, and tabouli, served with homemade pita chips. Salads/sandwiches: from \$5.99; wraps: from \$6.49; samplers: from \$6.99. 816 Park Ave. 401-941-9300; [soniasdeli.com](http://soniasdeli.com)

**BEST PASTRIES****Pastiche, Providence**

Even Bostonians have been known to eschew the South End and brave I-95 for Pastiche's seasonal fruit tarts and chocolate hazelnut tortes. Tarts: small from \$25 (4-5 pieces); tortes: small from \$24 (5-6 pieces). 92 Spruce St. 401-861-5190; [pastichefinedesserts.com](http://pastichefinedesserts.com)

**BEST BARBEQUE****LJ's BBQ, Pawtucket**

LJ's takes after the roadside "eat it and beat it" restaurants beloved by the owner's late grandmother, Miss Leola Jean. Her whiskey-brisket sandwiches, pulled pork, and sweet-potato-pie recipes are done proud. Even the pickles are homemade, and food is cooked over apple and hickory wood. Entrées: from \$14. 727 East Ave. 401-305-5255; [ljsbbq.com](http://ljsbbq.com)

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