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Hot List: 11 great restaurants to visit in Dallas-Fort Worth in August 2024

Pizza. Fajitas. Elotes. Japanese burgers. And so much more.

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Light fish dishes are on the menu at Mar y Sol, a Latin restaurant on Dallas' McKinney Avenue. It opened in place of the longtime Abacus. Mar y Sol is one of 11 restaurants to visit now in North Texas. (Chitose Suzuki / Staff Photographer)

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While we watch the 2024 Olympics, we're paying special attention to the impressive roster of Dallas-Fort Worth athletes. For the August Hot List, our lineup of buzzy restaurants begins with one of Dallas track star Sha'Carri Richardson's favorites.

If it's good enough for one of the fastest women in the world, it's good enough for us. Go Team USA!

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Blackjack Pizza in South Dallas

Richardson said her favorite burger spot is Blackjack Pizza in South Dallas. While this quick-service restaurant is, by name, a pizza joint, it also sells cheeseburgers. The *Dallas Observer* said it sells some of Dallas' most underrated burgers. Sounds like it's time to go get one. And ... a pizza?

Blackjack Pizza is at 2536 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dallas.



Sha'Carri Richardson celebrates after winning the gold medal in the final of the women's 100-meters during the World Athletics Championships in Hungary in 2023. (Petr David Josek / AP)

Dee's Table Burgers & More in Frisco

For the first time in Dee Lincoln's several decades in the restaurant business in D-FW, she finally opened a restaurant that leans on her Louisiana roots. Dee's Table at The Star in Frisco is a family-friendly burger joint with Cajun entrees. Dressed-down dishes like shrimp hushpuppies and a Frito pie show Lincoln's casual side.

Dee's Table Burgers & More is at 3685 The Star Blvd., Frisco.



For those who want a lighter lunch instead of burgers, Dee's Table also sells this Big Easy Salad with chilled shrimp. (Elias Valverde II / Staff Photographer)

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El Tiempo Cantina in Arlington

Ask someone from Houston about El Tiempo Cantina: It's beloved. Part of the reason for that is because the family behind it founded Ninfa's, one of Texas' best-known fajitas restaurants. On July 1, 2024, El Tiempo opened in the Texas Rangers' former ballpark, a venue now called Choctaw Stadium that's across the street from the newer baseball diamond. Fajitas and margaritas are the thing to get here. Put it on your list next time you're in Arlington for a sporting event.



Fajitas at El Tiempo Cantina in Arlington are served in an anafre, or a hot, portable oven. (Elias Valverde II / Staff Photographer)

El Tiempo Cantina is at 1011 Nolan Ryan Expressway, (inside Choctaw Stadium, but accessible from outside of it), Arlington.

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DFW Restaurant Week deal

Starting in early August, DFW Restaurant Week brings \$49 or \$59 dinners to nearly 150 restaurants across the region. The idea here is simple: Dine out in D-FW, during a month that can be slow for the industry, and you get a pre-planned meal that also benefits a local nonprofit.

[Here's the list of DFW Restaurant Week participants.](#) Which restaurants are you eyeing?

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Lucky Dog Saloon in Uptown Dallas

First things first, Lucky Dog Saloon honors the Dallas owner's dog, and I like that. Boss — that's the dog — is so beloved that there's a tall painting of him right inside the door. He's dressed as if he were British royalty, naturally. [The bar is a casual spot](#), great for one drink at happy hour. Or three, if there's a good game on. (Just get a safe ride home.)

Lucky Dog Saloon is at 2701 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas.



Lucky Dog Saloon opened in a nearly 100-year-old building on Dallas' Cedar Springs Road. (Chitose Suzuki / Staff Photographer)

Mar y Sol Cocina Latina in Dallas

We've all been to a beach bar where nobody seems to be wearing shoes. Wipe that idea from your mind and replace it with Mar y Sol, [a sophisticated restaurant](#) that evokes an oceanside resort vacation where mezcal cocktails and whole fish are on the menu. Mar y Sol comes from Alberto

Lombardi, the 50-year restaurant veteran who owns Toulouse, Taverna, Bistro 31 and others. It's my next pick for date night.

Mar y Sol Cocina Latina is at 4511 McKinney Ave., Dallas.

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Alberto Lombardi created Mar Y Sol Cocina Latina. It's located in the place of the longtime Abacus restaurant in Dallas. (Chitose Suzuki / Staff Photographer)

Me Enloteces in Oak Cliff

Look for the pink: [That's Me Enloteces](#), an [elotes stand](#) that our Imelda Garcia said recently opened in Oak Cliff's Bishop Arts District. The menu includes traditional elotes, corn cobs rubbed in Flamin' Hot Cheetos, and ramen topped with hot sauce and "chip dust." The pink party continues with mango dragonfruit agua fresca and a strawberry cheesecake shake.

Me Enloteces is at 111 N. Bishop Ave., Dallas.

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Jesus Perez prepares a "loaded elote tray" at Me Enloteces in Oak Cliff. (Azul Sordo / Special Contributor)

Ookuma in Dallas' Cedars neighborhood

My colleague [Claire Ballor](#) gives us the dish on [Japanese burger joint Ookuma](#), which opened in place of Sandwich Hag in the Cedars in late June 2024. George and YuYee Kaiho, who co-own [Ka-Tip Thai Street Food](#) in the Dallas Farmers Market, serve their burgers on toasted brioche buns with Kewpie mayo.

Ookuma is at 1902 Botham Jean Blvd., Dallas.

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Ookuma's teriyaki burger is served with chicken karaage (back left) and sumo fries (right). (Tom Fox / Staff Photographer)

Radici in Farmers Branch

[Chef Tiffany Derry's Italian restaurant Radici](#) continues to draw crowds to Farmers Branch. Is it her welcoming presence or her heartfelt menu that keeps people coming back? Both, probably. The roasted eggplant involtini, or "rolls," and the risotto croquette with pork sausage, chicken liver, smoked mozzarella and pesto caught my eye.

Radici is at 12990 Bee St., Farmers Branch.

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Prosciutto e melone at Radici is plated beautifully. (Juan Figueroa / Staff Photographer)

Reata in Fort Worth

After [leaving Fort Worth's Sundance Square](#) in late June 2024, Reata made a quick reopening a few blocks away on July 25, 2024. Restaurant president Mike Micallef said the menu of cowboy cooking has stayed the same — good news for fans of the nearly 30-year-old brand. Just set your maps to a slightly different spot in downtown Fort Worth.

Reata is at 530 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth.

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The location for Reata has changed. The recipe for the tenderloin tamales with pecan mash has not. (Courtesy of Reata)

Sanjh Restaurant in Irving/Las Colinas

When we learned that [Michelin would release a Texas Guide later this year](#) and we started dreaming of where its anonymous inspectors might have eaten, [Sanjh kept coming up in conversation](#). The restaurant in Irving/Las Colinas is new, and it's attracting people from near and far who crave Indian food in a fine dining setting. If you go, you'll want a [reservation](#).

Sanjh Restaurant is at 5250 N. O'Connor Blvd., Irving.

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Sanjh is a high-end restaurant. Children under 10 years old are allowed in the dining room on Saturdays and Sundays only. (Samantha Marie Photography)

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