

9 Charleston Bars or Restaurants With Stunning Views

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View from the Vendue Rooftop Chloe Gilstrap

It's no secret that Holy City sunsets and Charleston waterfronts are some of the most coveted views around (think of the Instagram likes), but where can you relax with a glass of wine or a plate of food while taking in these phenomenons? There's a few rooftop bars or spots nestled on the water worth visiting — many offer seafood, and all offer libations. Anywhere with a view is sure to attract tourists, so judge the menu on the number of fanny packs you see waiting at the hostess stand.

If we left off your favorite spot, let us know. Presented in alphabetical order.

1 Bowens Island Restaurant

The setting at old-school oyster shack Bowens is perfect for grabbing a fresh bushel of bivalves, and watching a Lowcountry sunset. The interiors at Bowen's are rustic, but you're there for views of the marshland and water.

1870 Bowens Island Rd
Charleston, SC 29412
(843) 795-2757

2 Coda Del Pesce

Contemporary Italian eatery Coda del Pesce sits right on the beach at Isle of Palms. You can watch the ocean as you order from chef Ken Vedrinski's seafood-filled menu.

130 Ocean Blvd

Isle of Palms, SC 29451
(843) 242-8570

3 Fleet Landing

Fleet Landing is your only option for waterfront views on the Ravenel bridge side of downtown Charleston. The harbor views are best enjoyed at happy hour with a discounted drink and friends on the wraparound porch. The restaurant is popular with visitors looking for \$18.99 fried shrimp platters.

186 Concord St
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 722-8100

4 Market Pavilion Rooftop Bar

You can easily drop some serious money at Market Pavilion if you're looking to impress friends or celebrate a recent promotion. However, those \$15 mojitos come with a spectacular skyline view of the Holy City and a bar-side pool. Visit for a splurge and take in the sights.

225 E Bay St
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 723-0500

5 Salty Mikes

With some of the cheapest drinks and best views downtown, Salty Mike's is a gathering for sailors, locals, and in-the-know tourists. The no-frills watering hole sits on the Marina, so guests can watch boats go by with beer in hand. If you're lucky, sometimes a local corgi named Charlie Brown makes the rounds looking for tater tot scraps.

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6 Stars Rooftop

Visit the Stars Rooftop on Sundays for low-priced mimosas and Bloody Marys. If it's a nice day, sit in the sun and peer over King Street. The roof is a nice place to settle for an outdoor Sunday Funday.

495 King St
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 577-0100

7 Tavern & Table

Watch the dolphins play from the deck at Shem Creek restaurant Tavern & Table. The patio is quickly becoming a favorite with locals for an after-work cocktail and views of the sunset.

100 Church St
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

8 The Boathouse at Breach Inlet

The Boathouse is a Charleston institution. The menu reads like a throwback Southern seafood house — fried scallop platters next to crab cake appetizers and butter-poached lobster tails. Ask for a seat on the top deck for a cocktail (or two) while you ponder the views of Breach Inlet.

101 Palm Blvd
Isle of Palms, SC 29451
(843) 886-8000

9 The Vendue Rooftop

The Vendue Rooftop recently got an upgrade. What was once the vodka-soda-stained hangout for bachelorette parties and undergrads is now a nice stop for folks looking for sophisticated cocktails and rosé by the glass. The pre-sunset crowd is a quiet bunch peering at the sight of the Charleston Harbor from above. The post-sunset crew might get a little rowdier.