

Sweet Endings

Katy's Decadent Desserts Dazzle Diners



Craving a carrot cake cupcake? Dreaming of bananas foster? Pining for peppermint ice cream? Katy's dessert shops and restaurants dish up delicious treats sure to score points with sweet teeth across the area. Check out a few of Katy's favorite sweets around town.

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Family owned Spalato Gelateria at the Villagio has much to offer to those with a sweet tooth. Their menu includes gelato, crepes, and spalato coppes (Croatian sundaes). The gelato comes in several nut and fruit flavors, such as hazelnut, malaga (rum raisin), and fruits of the forest. Customers create their own crepes with berries, Nutella, and homemade whipped cream. They can also create spalato coppes or choose from the selections. Tiziana is vanilla and strawberry gelato with whipped cream, strawberries, and sauces, while Da Vinci focuses on blackberries. The gelateria plans to offer a wider variety of desserts in the future, owner Mirjana Vladovic says. "All of the gelato flavors are popular, but we are about to extend our menu to include homemade Mediterranean food with no preservatives." Specialties: Tiziana and Da Vinci spalato coppes, create your own crepes, and gelato

Ooh La La Dessert Boutique

23920 Westheimer Pkwy. 281-391-2253

Offering a wide assortment of desserts, Ooh La La in Cinco Ranch keeps sugar fiends coming back for their decadent cupcakes and cheesecakes extraordinaire. Vanessa O'donnell opened the shop in Katy two years ago and says another is on the way. They showcase seasonal items as well as unique cupcake flavors covered in butter cream icing, such as pretty in pink, a strawberry cake with pink icing and sprinkles, and candyland, a vanilla cake with chocolate icing and wrapped

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candy on top. Margaritaville once contained actual tequila baked inside the vanilla cake topped with icing and rimmed with sugar, but it was deemed unnecessary because of the key lime zest. "I think their desserts are out of this world, and I love the atmosphere, it's relaxing," says Lori Baldazo. Her friend and fellow diner Nicole McCulloch agrees. "The tiramisu is delicious, and I like to hang out here and talk to my friends," she says. Specialties: Cupcakes, cheesecake, and tiramisu.

Perry's Steak House

23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. 281-347-3600

Perry's Steakhouse sticks to an old-fashioned appeal with fancy desserts followed by wine suggestions. Their signature flaming desserts, cooked over a raging fire - table side - present a party for the taste buds and the senses. The bananas foster, bananas with brown sugar, rum, cinnamon, and nutmeg, served over vanilla ice cream, reigns from Louisiana. The mont blanc a la frisc involves vanilla ice cream on sponge cake with strawberries, topped with Belgium white chocolate sauce and Bailey's Irish Cream. The nutty d'Angelo contains pecans with brown sugar, brandy, and cinnamon over vanilla ice cream with white chocolate and almonds. Proper dress attire required, Assistant General Manager Brandon Quinn describes the atmosphere as traditional dining. Specialties: Bananas foster, mont blanc a la frisc, and nutty d'Angelo.

Dozens Cupcakes

471 South Fry Rd. 713-885-4257

Brand new, Dozens is the first full-fledged cupcakery in Katy. Original flavors such as ram-a-lama, which holds a marshmallow filling, and PB&J for the kids, provide customers with plenty to choose from. Twelve flavors fill the display case, with an added two on Saturdays, and a round of cake balls. Owned by Samantha Crosby, Dozens has gained popularity in the area quickly with special orders rolling in, such as gluten-free cupcakes. Her mother, Brenda Keen, can already point out the cream of the crop. "People love the Boston cream cupcakes," she says. "They sell quickly. Another big seller is the nutty carrot." Specialties: Ram-a-lama, PB&J, nutty carrot, and Boston cream pie cupcakes, plus cake balls.

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La Madeline

23322 Mercantile Pkwy. 281-395-2888

La Madeline's signature desserts are popular because they are a one-of-a-kind creation. Some examples are the linzer cookie, made of raspberry filling between two heart-shaped sugar cookies and the sacher torte, made of devil's chocolate food cake with raspberry. La Madeline also carries holiday items and miniature versions for health or price conscious customers. Specialties: Linzer cookies, sacher torte, and strawberry madeline.

Mango Tango

3030 N. Fry Rd. 281-398-5887

Inspired by popular yogurt establishments in California, New York, and Las Vegas, Kimh Le and her husband, Michael Pho, decided to open their own here in Katy. The innovative idea began in Korea and features self-serve yogurt in eight flavors with several different toppings of choice, ranging from fruit and candy to syrups and cereal. Most original is the gel and mochi (rice cake), similar to what is offered in bubble tea. Popular yogurt flavors at Mango Tango are taro, kiwi, strawberry, and tart, but they rotate the flavors to create variety. Frequent customer Leanna Palmarz seeks out Mango Tango as a healthy alternative to other sweets. "I get everything," she says. "I can't eat regular ice cream, but this I can eat every day." Specialties: Unusual frozen yogurt with wild topping options

Cheddars

21150 Katy Fwy. 281-578-0593

Fresh baked when ordered, Cheddars sells about 400 cookies a week, making it the sole item that represents Cheddars restaurants nationwide. This colossal finish to a meal consists of a giant chocolate chip cookie in a skillet, with ice cream, hot fudge, whipped cream, nuts, and a cherry. Manager Stephen Kayne tells the story of one district manager, who after eating his first cookie monster, felt so enthralled that he decided to work at Cheddars. The dessert inspired his journey up the ladder. Specialty: The cookie monster

Sweet Things Ice Cream Shoppe

1251 Pin Oak Rd. 281-391-5423

Suzanne Lankford opened Sweet Things on her birthday, Aug. 1, and operates it with her son and daughter. "This has been a dream of ours for years and it's finally come true," Lankford says. Their ice cream, made on site with almost no extracts, is sold by weight. It comes in varying flavors each week, some of which customers suggested. The most popular are chocolate brownie caramel swirl, cookie monster, and toffee caramel swirl. They carry sprinkles in KISD school colors, cheesecake on a stick, and various other sweets, with specials Monday through Friday. Specialties: Chocolate brownie caramel swirl, cookie monster, and toffee caramel swirl ice creams and cheesecake on a stick

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