

Cajun Cravings

From crawfish to gumbo and everything in between, Cajun restaurants bring Louisiana flavor and spice to Katy

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Babin's Seafood House

21851 Katy Fwy.

babinsseafood.com

When you think fresh fish, you just can't miss on the Babin's menu. Updated daily with the chef's "catch of the day," you can have it cooked your way and topped with everything from a traditional seafood stuffing to "Bienville"-style with an array of shrimp and mushrooms in a cheesy wine sauce, capped off with fried oysters. And if that wasn't enough goodness, give their crawfish stuffed avocado a shot for an appetizer. Stuffed with crawfish, corn, bell peppers, and Jack cheese, fried, then topped with even more crawfish in a traditional sauce piquante, it isn't any ordinary avocado! Babin's also puts a Cajun twist on a Southern favorite with the fried green tomatoes Calcasieu: crispy and golden, smothered in savory lemon butter, and topped with sautéed crawfish tails, the appetizer is the best of both worlds! Continue the tradition and finish strong with the sinfully sweet king cake cheesecake.

BB's Cafe

406 W. Grand Pkwy. S.

bbscafe.com

BB's Cajun Cafe burst onto the Houston culinary scene in 2007 and soon found patrons wanted more than authentic offerings of po'boys, gumbo, and grillades. Since then, they have become not just another Cajun restaurant but the home of Tex-Orleans cooking, putting out the best of iconic New Orleans and incorporating some Texas love with a little twist on traditional, authentic New Orleans dishes. Don't miss Maw Maw's chicken and sausage gumbo or their midnight masterpiece, a roast beef debris po'boy, fully dressed with lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, and their special BB house sauce (mayo blended with chipotle) for that Tex-Orleans fusion kick!

Captain Crawfish

979 S. Mason Rd.

captaincrawfishkaty.com

Captain Crawfish is a relatively new addition to the Katy Cajun scene, opening their brick-and-mortar location in October 2016. They take huge pride in being a mom-and-pop restaurant and specialize in ensuring their customers have a fantastic experience every single visit. Owner Jason Galvan fell in love with authentic Cajun seasoning and pours that love into every dish. They offer three different types of fabulous gumbos, a decadent crawfish étouffée, and we dare you to only have one helping of their pasta Mardi Gras! Bonus - drive through pickup is available.

Babin's Seafood House's crawfish stuffed avocado



BB's Cafe's jazzy shrimp trio



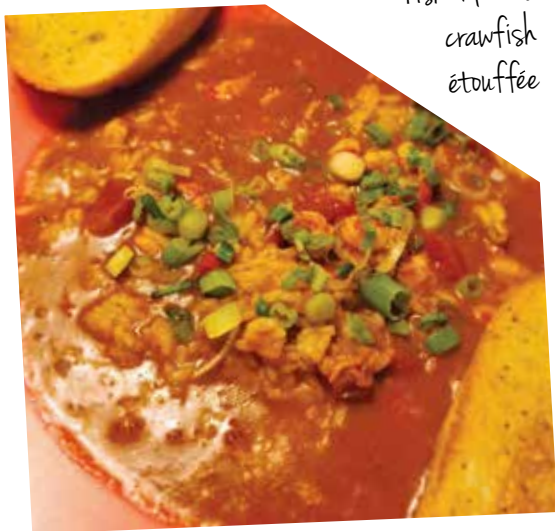
Captain Crawfish's shrimp & chicken salad



BB's Cafe's
pollo bullets



Fish Place's
crawfish
étouffée



Captain Crawfish's
shrimp po'boy



The Cravin' Cajun

2323 N. Fry Rd.

thecravincajun.comcastbiz.net

Talk about a dream combo - Cajun meets Asian for an unforgettable plate. Not light on the spice, Cravin' Cajun takes their signature flavor very seriously. Word on the street is that you can't pass up the Cravin' fries, smothered in delicious crawfish, crabmeat, shrimp, and onion goodness. Ever tasted Cajun fried rice smothered in unbeatable crab sauce? Now's your chance. Finally, take in their steamy crawfish, now in three mouthwatering flavors: classic Cajun, garlic butter, and the house special (lemon pepper, onion, garlic butter, and Cajun seasoning).

Fish Place

6123 N. Fry Rd.

fishplacehou.com

Fish Place has been serving authentic Cajun and Creole dishes since 2005. Start your meal off with stuffed jalapeños, fried pickles, boudin balls, or stuffed crab balls. The deliciousness doesn't stop there. Choose from catfish, redfish, tilapia, shrimp, or chicken hot off the grill. Keep your hands full with a classic po'boy: French bread topped with cheddar jack cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, red onions, pickles, and house-made remoulade sauce, all topped with your choice of fish, oysters, shrimp, or chicken. And while you're there, don't forget some of their house specialties like seafood pasta, the seafood sizzler, or crawfish étouffée.

Good Ole Boys

26403 Katy Fwy.

goodoleboyscatering.com

If you love a down home atmosphere, you don't want to miss this hidden gem located conveniently off of IH-10. Good Ole Boys is all about fun and family with the feel of Louisiana. No frills and fancy here, just great Cajun food and plenty of adult beverages to wash it down. Wind down your week with their Friday night "All U Can Eat" Cajun catfish special, served with their special jalapeño and onion hushpuppies. Besides their extensive menu of all things Louisiana, including crawfish, crabs, boudin, gator bites, and po'boys, try their weekend breakfast selections with authentic beignets, cheesy grits with shrimp Creole, and their twist on chicken and waffles.

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Kajun King Katy

3719 N. Fry Rd.

kajunkingkaty.com

This restaurant is a family's dream with weekly specials and "seafood sizzlers," offering something for everyone. If you are looking for pure, authentic Cajun specialties like seafood gumbo, jambalaya, and every po'boy under the sun, then the King is your place. For lunch on the run, they offer specials chock-full of fried and blackened dishes including catfish, shrimp, boudin balls, and more. Prefer to eat at home? No problem, check out their extensive online order and pick-up system!

Orleans Seafood Kitchen

20940 Katy Fwy.

orleansseafoodkitchen.com

Since opening in 2008, Orleans owners Chance Comstock and Marcus Payavla have definitely made their mark among the Cajun culinary experts. Serving Louisiana delicacies such as expertly boiled crawfish, fried alligator, boudin balls, spicy crawfish étouffée, and bowls of delicious gumbo keep loyal customers clamoring for more. Don't miss unique dishes like their pecan-crusted rainbow trout sautéed in a brown butter sauce and topped with shrimp and crabmeat. Or the salmon Orleans; grilled salmon with crawfish and pico de gallo topped generously with lemon garlic butter sauce.

TaD's of Katy

1425 FM 1463

tadsofkaty.com

TaD's offers a casual inviting environment with down home cooking. Hailing from Eunice, LA they were born and raised to cook Cajun favorites. Try their world famous crawfish étouffée, sausage and chicken gumbo, or their boiled crawfish done the right way! Also on the menu is fresh shrimp and andouille sausage in a garlic cream sauce served over grits, or the Cajun pasta which pours cream sauce over linguini then includes your choice of grilled shrimp, chicken, or crawfish. Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez - Let the good times roll! **KM**

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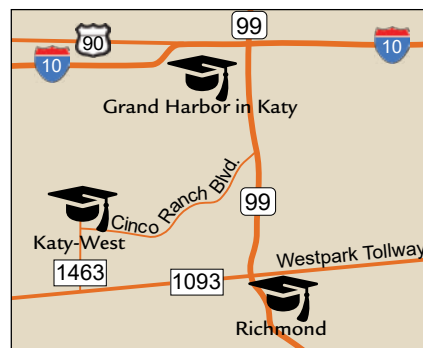
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