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Openings around the South ↓

BURGERTECA

San Antonio, Texas

The newest addition to Johnny Hernandez's restaurant empire, Burgerteca combines two American classics—the burger and fries—with ingredients and influence from his Mexican roots. Try the al pastor burger, a beef patty topped with grilled pineapple, mancho, and tomatillo ketchup, and pair it with fries covered in queso fundido.



CALICO

Washington, DC

DC's Blagden Alley has a new spot for al fresco gatherings, with a 3,000-square-foot patio with outdoor bar and communal tables surrounded by a vintage greenhouse. Grab a signature cocktail in a drink pouch and Eastern Shore-inspired cookout fare like steamed shrimp with beef jerky butter and fried clams with spicy tartar sauce.



CITY PHARMACY

Covington, Georgia

This aptly named restaurant that sits in the heart of Covington is housed in a former pharmacy building that dates to the 1920s. The cocktail menu, designed by beverage pros Jerry and Krista Slater, is split into four categories—shaken, stirred, fountain, and parlour—and includes classics alongside new takes like the Re-Animator with gin, lemon-vanilla cordial, bitters, and soda.



FINE & DANDY

Jackson, Mississippi

A burger joint reimagined, Fine & Dandy elevates the humble hamburger with gourmet toppings. But its snack offerings are where this spot shines: Start your meal with pickled shrimp, crab z'herbes dip (made with Herb-saint and served with crab fat toast), or steak tartare topped with collard green salsa verde.