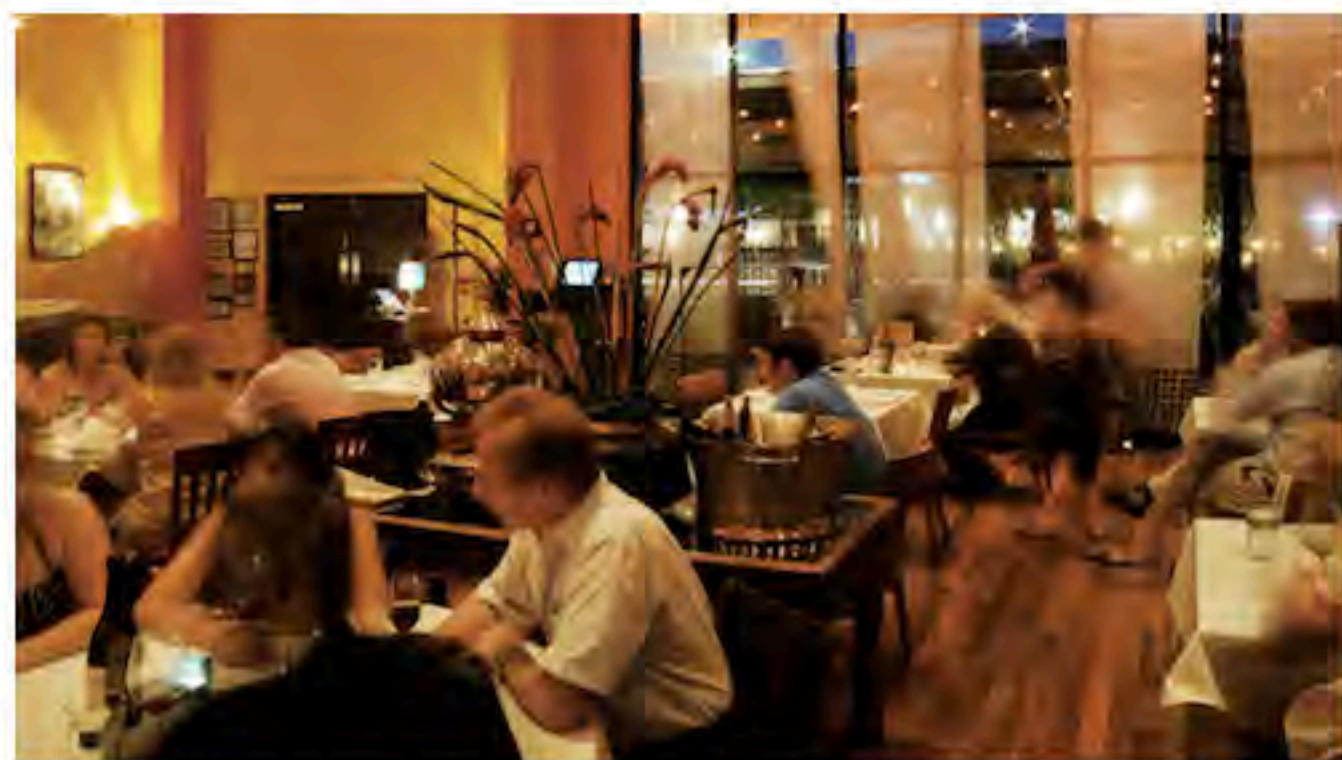


11 Soups to Warm You Up in Houston, Mapped

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Indika offers a great soup [Debora Smail/Official Site]

There are only a few days a year that are truly bone-chillingly cold in Houston. These last few weeks it seems like we've suffered all of those days back to back to back. Which isn't such a bad deal considering that plenty of restaurants are countering the dropping temps with hot bowls of soup that somehow seem to taste better on uncharacteristically chilly days. Here, we've lined up 11 of the best bowls of comfort around. It was originally ten, but we couldn't bring ourselves to eliminate even one bowl of soup. Take a look at the map and, as always, [let us know](#) if we missed a spot.

BELLAIRE

CHINATOWN

DOWNTOWN

KATY

MONTROSE

RIVER OAKS

SPRING BRANCH

UPPER KIRBY

WASHINGTON CORRIDOR

CONNIE'S SEAFOOD

DANTON'S

COMMENTS

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GIACOMO'S CIBO E VINO

Although they just added new menu items, the traditional Minestrone Toscano here is always the perfect start to your meal, right before the Involtini di Melanzane. For a heartier option try the Tortellini in Brodo or one of the seasonal soups on rotation.

3215 WESTHEIMER RD,
HOUSTON, TX 77098
(713) 522-1934

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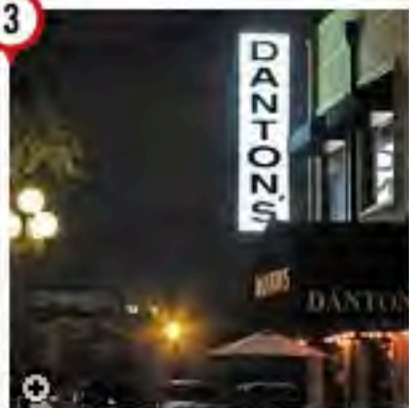
HONG KONG FOOD STREET

Locals love the Fish and Preserved Egg Congee here. It's a rice porridge topped with green onion, ginger, white pepper and sesame oil. Order the fried bread too.

9750 BELLAIRE BLVD,
#100, HOUSTON, TX 77036
(713) 981-9888

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DANTON'S

This gumbo is for fans of a dark, thick roux base and an oyster-rich stew. It's filling and dense, the perfect cold weather meal.

4611 MONTROSE BLVD,
HOUSTON, TX

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TAQUERIA LA MACRO

The caldo de res is always made fresh. A rich broth with chunky vegetables and beef only gets better when you top it with the accompanying rice and squeeze of lime.

9888 BELLAIRE BLVD,
HOUSTON, TX 77036
(713) 270-8545

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INDIKA

The Red Beet Soup is a welcome change of pace from most traditional winter soups. Saffron and ginger are tempered by yogurt and coconut, creating a balanced flavor combination that is filling and satisfying.

516 WESTHEIMER RD,
HOUSTON, TX 77006
(713) 524-2170

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LA BALANCE CUISINE

The Crème de Chou-Fleur soup here is a thick, creamy bowl of puréed cauliflower with just enough truffle oil to enhance the vegetable rather than overpower it. It's the most decadent soup on the list.

20680 WESTHEIMER
PARKWAY, KATY, TX 77450
(281) 206-7974

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SOMA

While ramen's been all the rage lately, there are only a few places that have remained contenders in the battle of the best bowl. Kata Robata and this spot on Washington serve up delicious miso broth ramen. Chef Gabriel Medina is as talented as they come.

4820 WASHINGTON
AVE, HOUSTON, TX 77007
(713) 861-2726

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KENNY & ZIGGY'S DELI

The good thing about the matzah ball soup here is that you can make it the Mishmosh instead and have chicken noodle soup, rice and kreplach added to the mix. It's the ultimate in warm, comforting soup.

2327 POST OAK BLVD,
HOUSTON, TX 77056
(713) 871-8883

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PHO BINH BY NIGHT

This is where the chefs go for their bowl of pho. It's consistently good. The concentrated beef broth and hints of anise are crave worthy.

12148 BELLAIRE BLVD,
#101, HOUSTON, TX 77072
(832) 351-2464

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CONNIE'S SEAFOOD

The Vuelve a la Vida soup will, as its name implies, revive you. Whether it's helping you recover from a nasty hangover, energizing you after a flu or just warming your stomach after a long day out in the cold, this seafood soup is perfect. Shrimp, oysters and filets of fish make it filling, and the broth is

7502 LONG POINT RD,
HOUSTON, TX 77055
(713) 688-3318

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JONATHAN'S THE RUB

This restaurant is serving up New England clam chowder as a seasonal menu item. It's heavy, opaque and creamy, and the Quahog clams shipped from Maine add an authentic taste of the East Coast.

9061 GAYLORD DR,
HOUSTON, TX 77024
(713) 465-8200

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