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Ridgeland, Mississippi, is known for its breathtaking views of the Natchez Trace Parkway and a sprawling 33,000-acre lake. But what really sets this charming town apart? The food. Whether you're there for a weekend getaway or just passing through, these top five restaurants offer mouthwatering meals that will make you want to plan your next. Here's a taste of Ridgeland's culinary scene!

1. Ely's Restaurant & Bar

Tucked in the heart of the historic Railroad District, Ely's Restaurant & Bar is a shining example of Ridgeland's local charm. Opened by Richard Shapley in 2008, this upscale steakhouse has become a favorite for those craving mouthwatering steaks and fresh seafood. The sleek, contemporary ambiance sets the stage for an unforgettable dining experience, where every bite is cooked to perfection. Whether you're indulging in a juicy ribeye or savoring expertly prepared seafood, Ely's guarantees a meal that's rich in both flavor and atmosphere. Richard's motto, "Our service and friendships go hand in hand," rings true here, making Ely's feel like a special gathering spot for locals and visitors alike. If you're in the mood for an upscale dinner or a celebratory meal, Ely's is a must.

2. Amerigo

For those who want to experience the best of Italy in the heart of Ridgeland, look no further than Amerigo. With over 30 years of culinary tradition, this beloved spot has been serving up rich, flavorful Italian dishes that keep guests

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coming back. The menu features crispy pizzas, savory pasta, and fresh seafood—all prepared with an Italian twist. The warm, inviting atmosphere is perfect for everything from a quiet dinner to a lively weekend brunch with friends. Don't miss their gluten-sensitive options, which let everyone enjoy the flavors of Italy without compromise. A local favorite, Amerigo has earned its reputation as one of Ridgeland's top spots for delicious, Southern-Italian fare.

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3. Local 463 Urban Kitchen

For Southern comfort food with a modern flair, Local 463 is a standout. Helmed by James Beard Award finalist Chef Derek Emerson, this restaurant celebrates the best of Mississippi's local ingredients. Every dish is a nod to Southern classics, but with a twist—think Florida Rock Shrimp Pizza, or a decadent Mississippi Fruit Cobbler to finish the meal. The restaurant also doubles as a vibrant art gallery, with local artists' works adorning the walls, adding to the lively, contemporary vibe. Whether you're enjoying a relaxed lunch or celebrating a special occasion, Local 463 offers a dining experience where Southern comfort meets big-city creativity.

4. Aplos Simple Mediterranean

Next to the serene green space at Renaissance at Colony Park, Aplos offers a fresh take on Mediterranean-inspired cuisine. Drawing influences from Italy, Greece, and the Middle East, Aplos delivers vibrant, flavorful dishes perfect for a casual yet elevated dining experience. Their Neapolitan

pizzas, with perfectly crisp crusts and fresh toppings, are a standout, as are their Mediterranean wraps and salads. Aplos nails the balance between fast-casual dining and fine flavors, all while offering an unbeatable view of the Malco Theater show fountains. Whether you're popping in for a quick bite or a leisurely lunch, Aplos offers a taste of the Mediterranean with a Ridgeland twist.



5. CW Organics Apothecaire & Tea Room

Sometimes, the best meals are found in the simplest things—like a perfectly brewed cup of tea. CW Organics Apothecaire & Tea Room is Ridgeland’s go-to spot for tea lovers. Known for its exceptional loose-leaf tea blends, CW Organics takes tea to a whole new level, blending herbs, fruits, and spices for unique and satisfying flavors. From rich black teas to light, refreshing green teas, each cup is designed to deliver an aromatic experience that calms the mind and soothes the soul. Whether you’re a tea aficionado or just looking for a cozy afternoon escape, this charming tea room is the perfect retreat.

These five spots offer a diverse array of flavors and experiences, each promising to make your visit to Ridgeland an unforgettable one. From upscale steakhouse, authentic Italian comfort food, to relaxing tea breaks, Ridgeland delivers dining experiences that are as memorable as the stunning Mississippi landscapes.

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