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# Macau: Eat Like a Local



From Portuguese egg tarts to pork chop buns, Macau is a foodie's paradise with its unique blend of Chinese and Portuguese cuisines. But don't take our word for it—make the trip over to our sister SAR for a taste of these stellar local eats. **By Leslie Yeh**

## ESCADA RESTAURANTE

Meaning "staircase" in Portuguese, Escada is accessed by a set of stairs leading away from the bustling city square and into an old-timey dining room complete with charming white table linens and wooden floors. Both Macanese and Portuguese dishes are on offer here, along with an affordable wine list that's easy to get lost in.

Try: Sautéed clams, codfish, octopus salad

8 Rua da Se, Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro, Macau, (+853) 2896-6900.



## GELATINA MOK YI KEI

You can't leave Macau without wrapping up a food marathon with a sweet selection of Macanese desserts. Head to Gelatina Mok Yi Kei, an 80-year-old shop that's best known for their Portuguese serradura pudding—a layered dessert made with sweetened vanilla whipped cream and crushed biscuits. They're also infamous for their durian ice cream—if that's your thing.

Try: Ice cream, serradura pudding

9A, Rua da Cunha, Taipa, Macau, (+853) 6669-5194.



## A PETISQUEIRA

Boasting casual red and white checkered tablecloths, wooden chairs and old art hangings on the walls, A Petisqueira is a charming little eatery that feels just like dining at a friend's house—that is, if your friend was an excellent Portuguese cook with a penchant for grilling great steaks and seafood.

Try: Seafood paella, pork belly with clams, salted codfish croquettes

15C-D Rua da S. Joao, Taipa, Macau, (+853) 2882-5354.



## ANTÓNIO

Located in the heart of Taipa Village, chef António Coelho's eponymous restaurant serves up authentic Portuguese cuisine in a restaurant complemented by quaint European-style décor and brightly-colored mosaic tiles. The varied menu spans the gamut from fish and seafood to vegetarian options and a selection of homemade sausages.

Try: Roasted Portuguese sausage, Portuguese duck rice, sautéed clams

7 Rua dos Clerigos, Taipa, Macau, (+853) 2888-8668.



## MIRAMAR

Generous portions and a relaxed, laidback vibe on Hác Sá Beach make Miramar an easy choice for a memorable meal out in Macau. The dining room opens directly to the beach, so you can enjoy the breezy alfresco vibes while dining on Portuguese black pork smoked ham, sardines in tomato sauce, scallops gratine and stuffed crab. The family-friendly destination also encompasses an outdoor BBQ area and a children's playground.

Try: Stuffed crab "Sapateira", codfish stew, wet octopus rice, monkfish skewers

Norte da Praia de Hác Sá, Coloane, Macau, (+853) 2888-2601.

## "O SANTOS" COMIDA PORTUGUESA

This lively Portuguese eatery dishes up authentic versions of Portuguese-style roast meats, duck rice, codfish cakes and African chicken. The Portuguese chef has lived in Macau for more than 20 years, making this little slice of hospitality a true neighborhood gem.

Try: Duck rice, African chicken, curry shrimp rice

20 Rua da Cunha, Taipa, Macau, (+853) 2882-5594.

## COZINHA PINOCCHIO

This old eatery is located off the main thoroughfare of Taipa village, drawing in hungry tourists and locals with affordable prices and a tempting spread of Macanese specialties. Pair the legendary curried crab with a bottle of red Portuguese wine for a true local dinner just off the beaten track.

Try: Curried crab, fried chicken, baked shrimp with garlic

38 Largo dos Bombeiros, Taipa, Macau, (+853) 2882-7128.

## HENRI'S GALLEY

Opened since 1976, Henri's Galley is a Macau mainstay with its generous, flavor-packed portions of fish stew, baked pork chop rice, and curry dishes. Come with a large group so you can polish off the massive African chicken alongside a jug or two of sangria.

Try: African chicken, Macau Sole, salmon salad, Feijoadá pork knuckle stew

4G-H, Avenida da Republica, Macau, (+853) 2855-6251.

