



Great American Bites: 5 best meals of 2018

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After 12 months on the road, crisscrossing the highways, byways and urban avenues of this vast continent in search of delectable dishes, this is the time of year when we recap the greatest of Great American Bites. Our rating scale goes up to OMG!, our highest praise, but even in this rarefied category there is a pantheon, and among the less than one dozen spots that earned this lofty status, these were our favorites – and they span a broad culinary range.

Honorable mention: George's of Galilee, Rhode Island



George's of Galilee: Superlative seafood specialties in Rhode Island

It was so hard to choose just five that we didn't want to overlook this venerable Rhode Island seafood specialist. [George's](#) sits right on the little fishing harbor of Galilee, a small village within the town of Narragansett, a major tourism destination, and hits it out of the park with standout versions of all the quintessential "Little Rhody" signatures the small but gastronomically diverse state is famous for: Rhode Island-style clam chowder (clear broth), stuffies (stuffed quahog clams), Rhode Island-style calamari (fried and tossed with hot peppers) as well as a stunning seafood pot pie – the bestseller here – and a litany of lobster specialties, including the increasingly hard-to-find classic baked stuffed lobster and crustaceans any way you like in sizes that run well above five pounds.

More: [OMG! George's of Galilee excels at Rhode Island seafood specialties](#)