

# PORK PILGRIMAGE

YES, YOU CAN GRILL MEAT NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE, BUT THAT'S NOT REALLY BARBECUE. CELEBRATE THIS REGIONAL RELIGION BY TAKING A LONG JOURNEY THROUGH THE SOUTH TO HIT THE 10 BEST TEMPLES OF 'CUE IN THE WORLD.

**1 AYDEN, NC**  
East of Raleigh, pit masters like Samuel Jones at **The Skylight Inn** use "everything but the squeal." Jones serves classic eastern Carolina BBQ, a mound of meat made from the entire pig.



**2 LEXINGTON, NC** (197 miles)  
Like all joints west of Raleigh, **Lexington Barbecue** makes its 'cue solely from the shoulders and butts of hogs, served with a vinegar-and-tomato sauce called dip.

**3 BARBECUE BREAK!**  
Hit the thrills of **Dollywood** (Pigeon Forge, TN, 229 miles), which, sadly, don't include Boob Mountain; then drive **US-129** (Robbinsville, NC, 96 miles), with 318 curves in 11 miles. After head for the **Unclaimed Baggage Center** (Scottsboro, AL, 206 miles), a graveyard of lost luggage.

**4 DORA, AL** (94 miles)  
Hit **Leo & Susie's Famous Green Top Bar-B-Que** for Alabama-style 'cue: pork shoulder smoked 12 to 14 hours, then doused in spicy, tomato-based sauce.

**5 MEMPHIS, TN** (215 miles)  
If Memphis is rib mecca, **A&R Bar-B-Q** is its Masjid al-Haram. Get a whole slab of baby-back ribs: After 14 hours over an open pit, it'll fall off the bone and into your mouth.

**6 LITTLE ROCK, AR** (139 miles)  
At the **Capitol Smokehouse & Grill**, the pulled pork's a nod to the East; the beef brisket, a nod to Texas.

**7 TYLER, TX** (260 miles)  
**Stanley's Famous Pit Bar-B-Q** boasts a sandwich called the **Brother-in-Law**: a butterflied hot link sausage, a slice of cheese, a vinegar-and-molasses sauce, and chopped brisket. Perfect.



**8 HUNTSVILLE, TX** (140 miles)  
**The Church of Holy Smoke**, a shack next to the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, serves the best brisket in the state. Worship!



**9 DRIFTWOOD, TX** (184 miles)  
When brisket goes to heaven, it ends up at **The Salt Lick**, where it's bathed in a sweet, smoky sauce, roasted over live oak, and surrounded by 50 virgin sausages.

**10 LOCKHART, TX** (38 miles)  
End your trip where BBQ began: Lockhart. **Smitty's Market** is the heir to the famous Kreuz Market, a legendary smokehouse where slowly smoking brisket and sausage was elevated to a fine art in 1900.



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