

# DINING

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## B.B. KING'S BLUES CLUB

Daily, 6:30 a.m.-2 a.m.  
The Mirage  
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## BLUES AND BBQ

**S**outhern cuisine may not always be good for your heart, but it's definitely good for your soul. At the new B.B. King's Blues Club inside The Mirage, comfort food is served in large portions and the nightly live music, which begins Tue.-Sat. at 7 p.m. and Sun.-Mon. at 9 p.m., is just as big. And no matter where you're sitting while you're enjoying everything from gumbo to fried green tomatoes, you'll get a great view of the stage, B.B. King paintings and memorabilia.

The restaurant's signature items are noted on the menu with a king's crown icon, and we started with one of them—the fried dill pickles. Breaded, deep fried and seasoned, these tangy, salty morsels

were served with a smooth, creamy horseradish that made them all the more irresistible.

A classic wedge salad preceding our entrées was our only detour into healthy eating for the evening, and while it was crisp and satisfying, we couldn't wait for heartier fare to come our way.

For the main course, we ordered the Lip Smacking ribs—hickory smoked loin back ribs, basted with BBQ sauce, although they can also be ordered Memphis-style, meaning dry. The ribs were sweet, tender, filling and, of course, messy—the way the best ribs always are. Served with a cornbread muffin, baked beans and cole slaw, the entrée is perfect for a hungry appetite. We also ordered the chicken and waffles. The breaded chicken tenders, served with a smoky

hot sauce, were a delicious contrast to the fluffy waffles served with clarified butter and sweet maple syrup.

Although we'd had our share of sugary dishes, we couldn't resist dessert, especially B.B. King's signature banana bread pudding topped with a rich caramel sauce.

The bluesy energy of the restaurant is best accompanied by a beer, shooter or specialty drink from B.B. King's menu, which includes a variety of unique libations, from the Memphis Mudslide, made with Absolut Vanilla, Kahlua, Crème de Cocoa and cream, to the Rock Me Baby, a wild, fruity concoction of Bacardi Rum, banana liqueur, Midori Melon and Bacardi 151 mixed with orange, cranberry and pineapple juices. —MR