

# WINGS!

Get Wings on a First Date. Here's Why.

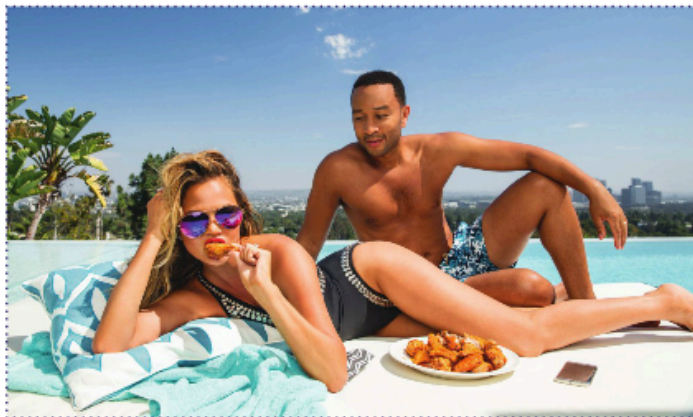
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That's right, I said it. When the next person you match on Bumble asks, "So, where do you want to go?" you tell them you want drinpy, spicy, delicious chicken wings. Yeah, don't get the salad with walnuts and dried fruit. Get the badass effin' wings that you truly want.

Growing up to be a classy Southern lady, it was ingrained in me that you NEVER eat anything messy on a date! Eat your chicken wings in the privacy of your car in a dark parking lot, like a real lady! Some time ago, I was going on a lot of dates and following the "no messy food" rule. I wasn't having fun and I certainly met a

lot of guys who weren't worth the make-up I put on. After putting up with BS for too long, I decided that if I'm still going to go on a lot of dumb dates, I might as well stop ordering cute food. No, if this dude is going to be a turd, I am at least going to get some delicious chicken wings and enjoy some of it.

Sometimes, we women set up dinner or drinks with someone and start creating an image of ourselves; how we wish others would view us. We are just hoping that someone will think better of us than we think of ourselves, so we order the salad and pretend we like



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whatever the hottie is talking about. I got honest with myself, that I was just going to be unapologetically me. Wings and all.

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So, if you are tired of salad dates, here are my favorite places to get wings:

#### Euclid Avenue Yacht Club

Or Yacht Club, as it's known, in Little 5 Points is one of my favorite places. Come here late in the evening before going to a show at Variety Playhouse or on any night you want some exceptionally good bar wings. With neighbors like The Vortex and The Porter, it's easy to get overshadowed but this will give you plenty of cool points with that hot tattooed hipster you're macking on. You're in for traditional wing flavors and the option to get them swimming. Hell yes.

#### Park Bar

I work downtown so there are quite a few times I get a wing hankering. Park Bar, across from Centennial Olympic Park, is a great neighborhood pub with crispy wings that always are tossed well. If your tab totals a certain amount, you can spin the wheel for free booze. This is a great spot after a Tabernacle show or when you're going ice skating in the park.

#### Fox Brothers BBQ

Fox Brothers always has the sickest BBQ in the game. This atmosphere is fun and lively. Ditch the pulled pork for their famous smoked wings. They are juicy, tender, smoky and well-seasoned. I order them with the sauce on the side because the wing is even good without it! I have never met a man who didn't get excited about wings like these.



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