

# *Katie's Best* BEACH BITES



Katie Lee takes us to her favorite seaside restaurants—  
and tells us what to order.

**Given the chance,**

Katie Lee would spend the entire day with her toes in the sand, listening to the waves. She has been obsessed with the beach ever since she was a kid, when her family vacationed on the South Carolina coast. As they drove down I-95, her grandfather would say, "I smell the ocean!" and she would nearly burst with excitement. Now Katie travels the country and beyond in search of the best seaside eats for her Cooking Channel show, *Beach Bites*. We asked her to point us to some of her favorite spots.



*Tricycle Pizza*

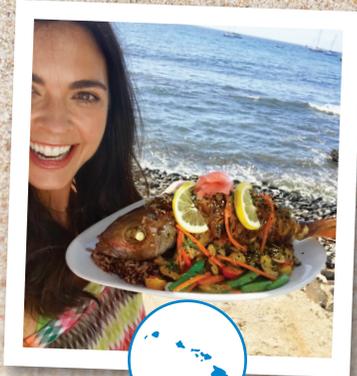
**Monterey, CA**

Katie is passionate about pizza, and she says this casual spot cranks out the best in California. Founder Danica Alvarado makes the personal-size pies with local and organic ingredients, then gets them crisp and bubbling hot in a wood-fired oven. You can ask for your pizza to go and eat it on the beach, or grab a seat on the backyard patio. [tricyclepizza.com](http://tricyclepizza.com)

*The Greenhouse on Porter*

**Ocean Springs, MS**

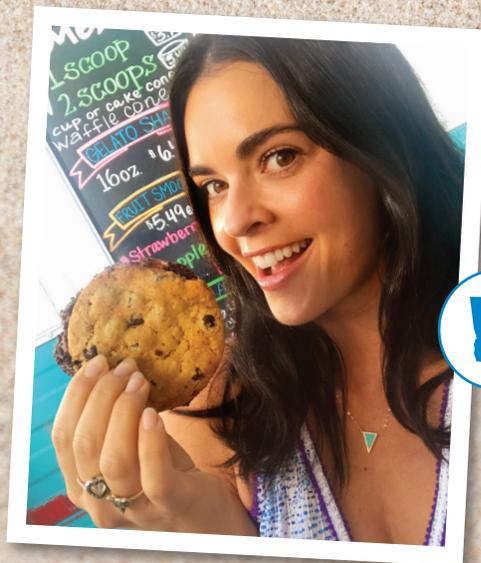
This tiny greenhouse café is truly multifunctional: You can order a pour-over coffee and a flavored biscuit (banana-walnut, say, or peanut butter-Fluff) in the morning or sip on a craft beer in the afternoon, and the space doubles as a community center for art shows, artisan markets, live music and other events. When Katie was in town, she joined some locals for a backyard yoga session. [biscuitsprings.com](http://biscuitsprings.com)



*Mala Ocean Tavern*  
**Lahaina, HI**

Katie raves about the wok-fried whole fish at this bistro, which sits on the water's edge in Lahaina, a historic town on the western end of Maui.

She insists that you snag a dinner reservation in time to catch the sunset. [malaocentavern.com](http://malaocentavern.com)



*Sweetie Pie*

**Tybee Island, GA**

You could easily miss this gelato stand, even though it's a turquoise trailer with a bright yellow-striped awning: It's parked among equally colorful shops along US 80. Katie's a fan of the ice cream sandwiches, made with homemade gelato and chocolate chip cookies. [seasidesisterstybee.com/sweetie-pie](http://seasidesisterstybee.com/sweetie-pie)



### Larsen's Fish Market

#### Chilmark, MA

The lobster roll at this family-owned seafood shop is Katie's favorite of all time. "The meat is drenched in butter and the bun is so soft. My mouth waters just thinking about it!" she says. Your best bet: Order from the take-out window, then chow down at one of the picnic tables by the water.

[larsensfishmarket.com](http://larsensfishmarket.com)



### Sea Captain's House

#### Myrtle Beach, SC

When Katie was little, every Myrtle Beach vacation included a trip to Sea Captain's House, her grandfather's favorite restaurant (he adored the fried oysters). She hadn't been in years, so when she stopped for an episode of *Beach Bites*, she was emotional. "The oysters were as good as I remembered, and I felt like my grandpa was with me. He would've loved that I was filming there."

[seacaptains.com](http://seacaptains.com)

### The Dock House

#### Sag Harbor, NY

Visit this local institution from June through August and there's a good chance you'll catch Katie sitting along the harbor with a cup of the New England clam chowder. She calls The Dock House her staple spot in the summer, and she's crazy about its fried seafood. If you go, don't miss the live lobsters, which swim around in an old claw-foot bathtub. [dockhouseny.com](http://dockhouseny.com)



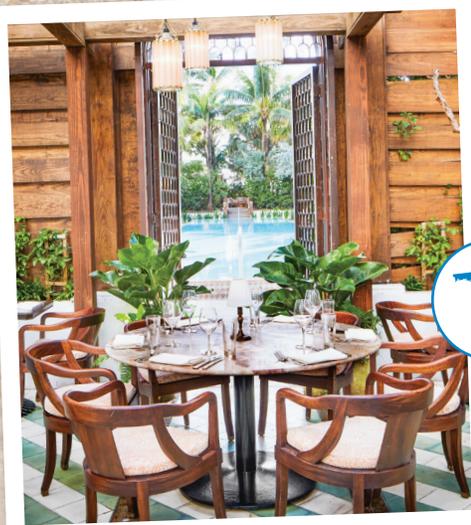
### La Estación

#### Fajardo, Puerto Rico

When the *Beach Bites* crew stopped at this gas station turned barbecue joint on the eastern tip of Puerto Rico, they went to town on the pork ribs and salty-sweet cornbread.

Katie made sure to pick up the recipe for the restaurant's famous guava barbecue sauce.

[laestacionpr.com](http://laestacionpr.com)



### Cecconi's

#### Miami Beach

The decor at this Italian restaurant, inside the Soho Beach House hotel, is almost as impressive as the handmade pasta: The space is outfitted with antique floor tiles, tufted sofas and trees wrapped in twinkling lights. If you're staying at the hotel and chilling at the beach, the restaurant will deliver a pizza to you. [cecconismiamibeach.com](http://cecconismiamibeach.com)