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Dear BA Foodist,

What was the best budget restaurant dish you ate in 2009? Like you, I keep up with the latest hot spots and trends in dining out. But unlike you, I'm not paid to eat, so can you keep it under \$10?

Regina Carbonell, QUEENS, NEW YORK

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DEAR REGINA,

It's tough to pick just one. There's so much delicious restaurant food out there, and—lucky for diners—so much of it is affordable. With that in mind, here are the 10 best value dishes I ate this year—priced at or under \$10.

## The Foodist's Top Restaurant Dishes for \$10 or Less

1/ Tristar strawberry salad with mozzarella, balsamic, mint, and gray salt; \$9; Roberta's, Brooklyn

2/ Cathead (house-made buttermilk biscuit with fried chicken and a slice of cheddar); \$6; Big Bad Breakfast, Oxford, Mississippi

3/ Arista sandwich (roasted suckling pig with broccoli rabe, Italian long hots, sharp provolone, and natural jus); \$8; Paesano's, Philadelphia

4/ Enchilada Salvadoreña with tongue; \$8; Tu Casa, Portland, Maine

5/ Spicy pork rinds; \$5; The Publican, Chicago

6/ Filipino Maharlika pork sausage with caramelized onions; \$6.75; Wurstküche, Los Angeles

7/ Buttermilk fried quail with Tabasco butter; \$10; Holeman and Finch Public House, Atlanta

8/ Blue crab crostino with jalapeño and tomato; \$10; Locanda Verde, New York

9/ Tin roof sundae (vanilla ice cream, hot fudge, frosted peanuts, and Maldon salt); \$6; Humphry Slocombe, San Francisco

10/ Pimiento cheese sliders; \$6; Cochon Butcher, New Orleans



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