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Discover Great Grub during Black Restaurant Week

Leading into Black History Month with Long Beach Food and Beverage's [Black Restaurant Week](https://blackrestaurantweeklb.com/) (<https://blackrestaurantweeklb.com/>) just makes sense. And with this year's [inaugural event series](https://blackrestaurantweeklb.com/) (<https://blackrestaurantweeklb.com/>) featuring 13 businesses, there's a lot of great food to discover.

Long Beach Black Restaurant Week



At Long Beach Fresh, we've worked to raise awareness of local BIPOC food businesses year-round, while supporting [policy change](http://lbfresh.org/news/how-supporting-home-kitchens-can-help-communities/), [convening](http://lbfresh.org/news/how-supporting-home-kitchens-can-help-communities/) (<https://www.facebook.com/longbeachfresh/photos/a.2236124629768362/2236126583101500>) and [funding](https://www.kiva.org/funded/2301012?minimal=true) (<https://www.kiva.org/funded/2301012?minimal=true>) – in part because of the tremendous talent that exists, but also because of some stark [economic inequities that have persisted](http://lbfresh.org/news/toward-food-equity/) (<http://lbfresh.org/news/toward-food-equity/>) throughout modern history.

There are a lot of ways to tap in year-round as well. [Shop Black LB](https://www.shopblacklb.com/restaurant) (<https://www.shopblacklb.com/restaurant>) has maintained a list of food businesses in the Greater Long Beach area, [LB Post](https://lbpost.com/hi-lo/long-beach-black-restaurant-week-2022) listed (<https://lbpost.com/hi-lo/long-beach-black-restaurant-week-2022>) their picks, and [Yelp](https://www.yelp.com/search?find_desc=Black+Owned&find_loc=Long+Beach%2C+CA) (https://www.yelp.com/search?find_desc=Black+Owned&find_loc=Long+Beach%2C+CA) has even started to categorize black-owned businesses.

Our [specialty foods list](http://lbfresh.org/eaters/find-local-food/specialty-foods/) showcases micro-businesses, over a dozen of which are black-owned. And, of course, [The Black Restaurant Week](https://blackrestaurantweeklb.com/) website lists participating businesses to support. All that being said, here are some highlights from this week's tastes!

Tuesday, January 25th at Trademark Brewing, [Northtown Bistro](https://www.instagram.com/p/CZAdBDso_hF/) is offering an incredible dinner menu that includes Moroccan kefta rolls, peri peri chicken skewers with jollof rice, and Moroccan spiced shrimp skewers with saffron rice pilaf. A crème brûlée pop-up from A Pinch of Salt includes savory (roasted garlic, blue cheese and leek, or mushroom, onion and parm) and sweet (cardamom vanilla coffee, lavender, or red velvet) flavors. Even more artisan desserts from Kat's Gourmet Cookies, and Filthy Rich Banana Pudding round things out. Walk up, order outside, enjoy the atmosphere at this child and dog friendly venue.

The chefs started off the week [serving meals](https://lbpost.com/news/black-chefs-food-distribution-homeless) at the Long Beach Rescue mission. KTLA did a [round-up / preview](https://ktla.com/morning-news/a-preview-of-long-beach-black-restaurant-week/) as well. Chef Qui of [A Pinch of Salt](https://www.instagram.com/apinchofsaltcatering/?hl=en) offered breakfast pick-ups in the Drake Park neighborhood on Monday via Instagram ordering. Pictured below is her shrimp and grits eggs bennie, the flavors were tremendous!



A Pinch of Salt's shrimp and grits eggs bennie was offered on the first day of Black Restaurant Week.

Another unique and dynamic taste opportunity can be discovered throughout the week with the newly re-launched [Gone Loco Spicy Food Truck](https://www.instagram.com/goneloco21/?hl=en) (<https://www.instagram.com/goneloco21/?hl=en>), created by Vida Virgillito (known across the country for her Localito's hot sauce line, which can be found on our [specialty foods list](http://lbfresh.org/eaters/find-local-food/specialty-foods/)) (<http://lbfresh.org/eaters/find-local-food/specialty-foods/>)



Gone Loco food truck operator Vida Virgillito interviewing with KTLA 5 News for today's broadcast.

Vida typically pops up in a few locations around town, so [follow her Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/goneloco21/?hl=en) (<https://www.instagram.com/goneloco21/?hl=en>) to track her down! Her dishes are laced with ingredients infused with different hot pepper-derived sauces of her making. She's recently added some vegan dishes that feature ingredients like the #prayformercy aoli, and vegan asada fries, alongside "fiyah fish tacos," and of course a hot chicken sandwich.



Vegan wrap from Gone Loco spicy food truck



Devi's Donuts are one example of a [great specials \(https://blackrestaurantweeklb.com/brw-offers/\)](https://blackrestaurantweeklb.com/brw-offers/) this week at their new brick and mortar shop on Anaheim!

We would be amiss not to also mention the range of specials being offered this week from Little Fries Man, Smokin' Crackers, Gone Loco, Kat's Gourmet Cookies, Devi's Donuts, The Bougie Crab and more – you can [preview the specials, \(https://blackrestaurantweeklb.com/brw-offers/\)](https://blackrestaurantweeklb.com/brw-offers/) and link to the makers at [blackrestaurantweeklb.com. \(https://blackrestaurantweeklb.com/\)](https://blackrestaurantweeklb.com/)

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