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Cook's Tour Top 10: from dumpling soup to pastelitos

My latest harvest of top Houston dining moments is full of dishes that suit chilly weather. Well, except for those cold noodles with young radish. They come with ice cubes floating in the bowl. All those Bon Ga entries? Well, yeah -- the Korean restaurant on Long Point rocks with its winter-worthy soups and stews, all set off by multiple small dishes of pickled vegetables and kim chi. I feel warmer just thinking about them.



Alison Cook

Korean dumpling soup at Bon Ga Garden Restaurant on Long Point.

1. Beef-dumpling soup at [Bon Ga](#) Korean restaurant. Life-giving food for chilly weather.
2. Soon dubu (spicy tofu stew) at [Bon Ga](#) Korean restaurant. Silky tofu, resonant red-chile broth.
3. Buttermilk fried game hen with chicken liver gravy and collards at [Voice](#) in the Hotel Icon.
4. Seafood pancake at [Bon Ga](#) Korean.
5. Cold noodles with young radish at [Bon Ga](#) Korean. Not that seasonal, but so delicate and exhilarating.
6. Three-meat platter at [Gatlin's BBQ](#): meaty ribs, pebbly fatty-end brisket and red-peppery house-made sausage.
7. Cocoa-and-chipotle salami on the house-made charcuterie platter at [Voice](#). Plus killer pickled okra and mustard sauce.
8. Dolsot (stone bowl) seafood bibimbap at [Bon Ga](#) Korean.

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9. Salt toasted beet and pear salad at **Voice**, with shalloty Banyuls vinaigrette that's one of the best in town.

10. Pastelitos de pollo at **Pupuseria Emanuel** , all innocent masa-dough comfort, like fried mini chicken pot pies complete with peas and carrots.

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