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FINE DINING

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Vince's North Port Restaurant

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I finally managed to make it out to Vince's North Port Restaurant for lunch. After sampling their food, I can honestly say, "It's worth the trip."

The dining area is brilliantly decorated with old fishing nets and paintings of the sea and its marine life. The creative feel of the place is by no means overwhelming or tacky. The restaurant has a great family atmosphere and is the epitome of a mom and pop establishment. When my guest and I first walked in, we immediately soaked up the flavorful aromas of the kitchen. We had a seat and looked over the menu's many choices. As expected of any southern seafood restaurant, there were catfish, crawfish, shrimp, oysters and scallops. But many items I came across caught me by surprise – specialty fish such as Mahi Mahi, Snapper and Redfish. Probably most interesting were the frog legs (although they apparently taste like chicken, I failed to summon up the courage). The restaurant may be dominated by an oceanic theme, but they also offer other foods, such as their steaks, burgers and chicken.

Daily specials, in addition to the regular lunch specials, made this dining experience not only unique, but affordable. For merely \$15, my guest and I enjoyed Chicken Fried Steak, Fried Catfish, corn, mashed potatoes, bread and German Chocolate Cake. So if it's great old-fashioned food and atmosphere you're looking for, pull into Vince's North Port.

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