

## It's the Best Little Berry Ever

Ah, sweet delight. Summer's on its way, and with it are berries, berries, and more berries. Instead of the BlackBerry, though, today we're celebrating the fragile (yet bold) **raspberry**. — Jenna Schnuer



**FORGET THE MAIN COURSE ...** We say go straight to dessert — especially if it's one of these fruity delights. Plus, thanks to the health benefits of raspberries (they're loaded with vitamin C, folic acid, and fiber), you can even pretend that your sweet treat of choice is good for you.

### CHICAGO

Park yourself at the Angel Food Bakery with an R.V. — a coconut-covered, raspberry-glazed yellow sponge cake with marshmallow buttercream filling. Trust us, you'll need some time to work your way through this one. 1636 West Montrose Avenue, (773) 728-1512, [www.angelfoodltd.com](http://www.angelfoodltd.com)

### LOS ANGELES

You'll be singing pastry chef Jane Lockhart's praises after a visit to her Sweet Lady Jane bakery. She's got no less than four raspberry-licious treats, including a raspberry-chocolate tart all dolled up with chocolate curls. 8360 Melrose Avenue, (323) 653-7145, [www.sweetladyjane.com](http://www.sweetladyjane.com)

### EUGENE, OREGON

Sweet Life Patisserie makes the most of Oregon's raspberry crop. Raspberry crunch bars and raspberry white-chocolate mousse tortes are all in a day's work for the shop. 755 Monroe, (541) 683-5676, [www.sweetlifedesserts.com](http://www.sweetlifedesserts.com)

### NEW YORK CITY

Take an elegant break from shopping on Fifth Avenue and stop in Payard Patisserie & Bistro. Just remember: No matter how beautiful the Fontainebleau looks, the fresh-raspberry-marinade-filled black-chocolate Sacher torte tastes even better. 1032 Lexington Avenue, (212) 717-5252, [www.payard.com](http://www.payard.com)

Whether you want to chow down on them, smell like them, or just — with a nod to Prince — cap off your outfit with them, give the following rasp-berryesque products a go.

Quench your thirst with Sea Dog Brewing Co.'s summer brew, **Raspberry Wheat Ale**. Drink it in the company's hometown of Bangor, Maine, or, to find out where it's available in your state, call (207) 947-8009 or e-mail [seadogbeer@seadogbrewing.com](mailto:seadogbeer@seadogbrewing.com). ✓



Get your morning going with a sweet little treat before you even hit the kitchen: Wash up with **Waters Gulch black raspberry soap**. \$5. [www.watersgulch.com](http://www.watersgulch.com)

Put the berry touch on every meal you serve — all year long — with **Noritake's Colorwave dishes** in a ripe shade of raspberry. Four-piece place setting, \$60. [www.chinaware.noritakechina.com](http://www.chinaware.noritakechina.com) ✓

