

KITCHEN IS CLOSED IN KITCHEN NIGHTMARES

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After 10 years of confrontations and self-denial, major changes and revelations, rebirths (and some failures), Gordon Ramsay is turning off the stove in Kitchen Nightmares. “As filming comes to a close on the latest series of Kitchen Nightmares I’ve decided to stop making the show,” he said on his official website.

Ramsay started the “diamond in the rough” show back in 2004 in his stomping grounds, the United Kingdom, and that propelled his TV career. In 2007, he decided to [bring the show stateside](#) to FOX which further sent his stardom into overdrive. During the show’s run, Ramsay visited 123 restaurants, helping struggling restaurateurs who were looking for redemption from spiraling into debt and closure. The owners usually reach out to Ramsey for help, but are quick to dismiss any misgivings Ramsay may have. Often times he’ll be met with major resistance and stone cold denial, and he has to find a way to get them to open their eyes to what they’ve been doing wrong which caused them to end up in unbearable debt and flailing businesses.

Memorable Episodes

You can't have Kitchen Nightmares without denial, horrible food, wretched chefs, dirty kitchens (nasty is more like it, and Ramsay needs to start putting on gloves when he's checking these walk-in freezers. Yuck!!!), and poor customer service, so those qualities don't need mentioning. However, in all 10 years of the show, some restaurants stood out above the rest.

La Frite (Sherman Oaks, California) – This episode was wrought with sibling rivalry and resentment. The brother and sister owners were at odds, which left the sister wondering how to deal with her seemingly oblivious and nonchalant brother. Ramsay gets to the meat of the matter and finds out that big brother felt a bit of jealousy, thinking their father was just going to hand over the restaurant to her. He took it out on her and almost destroyed what was once a close relationship. But they eventually got it together and **the restaurant flourished**.



Ramsay "schooling" the owners of La Frite. (fox50.com)

La Galleria – The dramatic and funny sisters were of course at loggerheads with the chef, but changed their way of thinking when Ramsay helped to turn the place around (firing the ex-husband chef who cooked a piece of chicken that fell on the floor), building staff morale, and changes in ambience, menu and staff. One of the sisters even wanted Ramsay to stay. "I love him."

Luigi's D'Italia – In one of the most explosive episodes ever, the owner's wife actually goes out into the restaurant and yells at and curses out the customers (with expletives in tow) if they complain about the food. But with a family so fragmented and over a million dollars in debt, there's bound to be tempers flaring.

Blackberry – Ramsay had to ask for a **pre-meal prayer** when he had to try some of the food. It didn't work because he had to run to the bathroom to throw up. Add a owner in major denial and a dead rat at the front door, and you have a restaurant in need of fixing. But of course, Ramsay saved the day.

Burger Kitchen – A family is in war riddled with so much anger and pain. But what made this two parter one of the most emotional episodes ever was when son, Daniel, finally confronted his father about taking \$250,000 from his trust fund without his consent (left to him by his grandfather) to open the restaurant. So Daniel felt dragged into the business and felt obligated to help which left him with depression and trust issues. Ramsay not only plays chef, but also family counselor and eventually, savior.



Ramsay trying to get the "lay of the land" from the owner's son, Daniel in Burger Kitchen. (laweekly.com)

Amy's Baking Company – The only restaurant Ramsay had to walk out of because he couldn't help them. But it wasn't the food (because OF COURSE the food is phenomenal) or ambiance the owners, the Bouzaglos wanted Ramsay to fix, they wanted to rectify the problem of the supposed "online bullies and haters", who have been writing bad reviews of their food. Their attitude and the wife's bizarre behavior cemented Ramsay's decision to forsake the business. They even went back to the restaurant for a **special edition** that showed never before seen

footage, the media storm following the airing of the original episode. Nothing had changed when the show went back.

Mama Cherri's Soul Food Shack -The only UK restaurant on this list. The restaurant may have looked like a shack (to Ramsay anyway) but this is the only restaurant Ramsay ever went into and **actually liked the food** when he first tasted it. He even compared it to going home to his mother and tasting her cooking.

Still Sticking Around

This is definitely not the end for television's most fiery chef. He still has his other shows on air. Masterchef is currently in its fifth season, Hell's Kitchen is nearing the end of its 12th season, Masterchef Junior is set to set off its second season, and Hotel Hell returns this month. "I'd like to thank you all for being so supportive. I'm glad I've been able to entertain and hopefully help a few people along the way. It's sad to say goodbye to Kitchen Nightmares but I'll be continuing with my other shows. It's been memorable! Thank you for watching."



Ramsay has his hands full with his other shows. (mirror.co.uk)

Little Facts about the Show

- First ever episode was viewed by 5.7 people.
- Ramsay visited 123 restaurants in 99 cities within two countries.
- The episodes were sold into 150 territories globally
- Watching all episodes back to back would mean you'd have watched 6,868 minutes
- Swear count – 10,197
- The show was the most viewed across networks during the Friday night slot on FOX.
- Meltdowns – 27
- Taking up for the chef and [arguing with a customer](#) – once.



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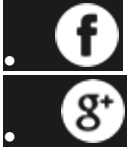
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