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Honey embodies the essence of a place—each jar brims with delicious memories. We picked seven superlative nectars from Georgia to Java that make the sweetest of souvenirs. By Shane Mitchell



**1 GEORGIA Raw Tupelo Honey**  
A citrus infusion harvested each April along the Altamaha River. (912/234-0688; [www.savannahbee.com](http://www.savannahbee.com), \$19.99)

**2 AUSTRALIA Natural Blue Mountains Honey** Rich herbaceous flavor from the heart of New South Wales. (61-2/4721-2840; \$7)

**3 TUSCANY Sulla Apicoltura Dottor Pesca** Unfiltered wildflower honey with a crystalline texture and complex taste. (866/716-2433; [www.cheftools.com](http://www.cheftools.com); \$13.30)

**4 NORTH CAROLINA Bee Raw Sourwood Honey** A Southern favorite for its telltale tartness and butterscotch finish. (212/941-1932; [www.beeraw.com](http://www.beeraw.com); \$14)

**5 YUCATÁN Hacienda Katanchel Organic Honey** Organic apiculture helps protect tropical Mexican jungles. The notes of cocoa and coffee are pure Mayan. (617/417-8662; [www.haciendakatanchel.com](http://www.haciendakatanchel.com); \$6.99)

**6 JAVA Big Tree Farms Mango Blossom Honey** A spicy, amber-colored elixir that evokes the exotic flavors of Indonesia. (62-361/461-978; [www.bigtreebali.com](http://www.bigtreebali.com); \$10)

**7 PROVENCE Lo Brusc Forêt des Maures** Artisanally produced in the tiny village of Viens; with hints of bitter caramel. (617/354-4750; [www.formaggio-kitchen.com](http://www.formaggio-kitchen.com); \$15.95)