

# DAJIO RESTAURANT

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*about dajio*

We are Doug and Judy Eifert, owners of Dajio Restaurant. Dajio is the culmination of a dream that formulated after our first lovestruck visit to the island: Doug and Judy In Ocracoke. Doug and I met in the restaurant business. If you are meant for it, a life in food absorbs you, even if you have to start from scratch, as we did. After giving up our day jobs, Doug worked his way up from bartender to chef and I from server to manager. After 12 years managing a nationally recognized, award-winning restaurant in Lexington, Kentucky, we decided to pursue our dream of opening Dajio on Ocracoke Island.

In conceiving Dajio, we wanted to create a focused, personal restaurant that would showcase the best of Ocracoke's local ingredients, local artisans and local musicians. We revived an old, tired building in the heart of the village to feature a comfortable dining space with nightly entertainment, allowing both locals and tourists to enjoy an original, eclectic meal one night, or just cocktails and music the next. Our menu changes with the seasons to bring our guests the finest ingredients from sea, farm or backyard garden, at the peak of freshness. At Dajio, we believe that the most memorable meals and evenings start from scratch.