

West Valley Restaurants Plan Father's Day, Summer Menus

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The Desert Sun says:

Coachella Valley diners who are considering ways to celebrate dad's day will find plenty of options at restaurants and resorts. During June, many venues also offer summer dining, spa, golf and staycation specials. Here are some options in the west valley.

Go on, make his day at Fleming's

On Father's Day, treat dad to Fleming's three-course prix fixe brunch featuring a choice of appetizer and entrée served with sides and dessert starting at \$39.95 per person. Additionally, Fleming's will gift each father in attendance with a \$25 dining card for the next visit.

All weekend long, June 17-19, a three-course dinner featuring a roasted king crab starter followed by Fleming's 28-ounce prime Tomahawk steak, and chocolate soufflé cake for \$85 per person.

Starting June 21, enjoy a three-course summer menu for \$55.95 that begins with warm spinach salad followed by filet mignon paired with a choice of herb butter baked shrimp, king crab or lobster and a crispy Hasselback potato. For dessert, try a salted caramel gelato sandwich.

Fleming's Steakhouse

71800 Highway 111, The River, Rancho Mirage
(760) 776-6685; www.flemingssteakhouse.com

Summertime at Omni Rancho Las Palmas

Caesar Salad at bluEmber.

Caesar Salad at bluEmber. (Photo: Submitted)
Dads looking to perfect their golf game and spend quality time with family on the greens may find the solution at Omni Rancho Las Palmas, offering complimentary golf for Father's Day by booking a stay at the resort now through Sept. 30. Children 12 and younger receive free rental clubs, and adult clubs are \$20.

Sharpen your appetite along with your game with a new three-course summer menu for \$32 at bluEmber, the resort's award-winning restaurant. An inventive spin on California new American cuisine includes wild salmon Nicoise, Shelton Farms roasted half chicken, and prime flat iron steak.



The resort's Chill Out package, now to Sept. 8, includes luxury accommodations from \$269 per night, plus \$250 resort credit, four hours of Kids Club Care and a summer chill pass worth \$500 of savings at the resort.

bluEmber, Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort
49000 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage
(866) 423-1195; www.omnihotels.com/RanchoLasPalmas

Dad's Day and more at The Westin

A Father's Day brunch at Pinzimini Restaurant features an opulent buffet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 19, for \$35 adults; \$18 for kids 6 to 12, and free for 5 and younger.

Breakfast pastries, cold platters, an omelet station, eggs Benedict, scrambled eggs with Applewood smoked bacon, specialty salads, a carving station with marinated grilled Brandt beef, strip loin, roasted achiotte turkey, and dozens of desserts from panna cotta and tiramisu to fruit tarts, mousse, éclairs, chocolate-covered strawberries and more.

The final wine dinner in the resort's Le Serate di Vino series will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 18, in the Polo Room featuring down under varietals from Oyster Bay, New Zealand, and Barossa Valley Estate, Australia. The \$89 per person, plus tax and gratuity, dinner features a four-course pairing menu.

The resort's "Chillabration," inspired by freezing temperatures, is discounting services by 32 percent now through Sept. 1, and offers a "Chillabration" party on weekends at its new adult chill pool, Las Hadas, cooled during warm desert days. Happy hour is every Friday and Saturday night from 4 to 7 p.m., and poolside spa treatments are available Saturdays, from noon to 3 p.m.

Pinzimini, at Westin Mission Hills Resort
71333 Dinah Shore Drive, Rancho Mirage
(760) 328-5955; www.westinmissionhills.com

Saturday Dad's menu at Bonta

Although Bonta is closed Sunday and Monday, they are offering a pre-Father's Day special menu on Saturday, June 18. The choices include a whole rack of lamb, Argentinian chimichurri glazed, with rosemary garlic roasted potatoes; the Gaucho flat iron steak with asada salt and herb-roasted onions; and German stuffed beef roll with sweet and sour red cabbage. Price range is from \$21.95 to \$28.95 and includes soup or salad.

Starting now through September, Bonta offers a three-course dinner for \$18.95 from 5 p.m. to closing, along with \$5 sangrias and margaritas, and all night long happy hour in the lounge.

Bonta Restaurant & Bar
68510 E. Palm Canyon Drive, Cathedral City
(760) 832-6100; www.bontarestaurant.com

Tuesday night specials at Cello's Bistro

Sample three glasses of La Crema pinot noir and bites to pair with the wine for \$19.95, every Tuesday in June. Reservations suggested.

Cello's Bistro
35943 Date Palm Drive at Gerald Ford, Cathedral City
(760) 328-5353; www.cellosbistro.com

Stretch and Brunch at Colony Palms

Enjoy brunch 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays at The Purple Palm and a complimentary yoga and stretch class at 8 a.m. by Power Yoga of Palm Springs. In addition, they'll give away samples from Juice Served Here, a new juicery in Palm Springs.

The Purple Palm, Colony Palms Hotel
572 N. Indian Canyon, Palm Springs
(760) 969-1800; www.colonypalmshotel.com

V Social at V Palm Springs

Starting at 6 p.m. every Monday, "V Social" offers a family-style dinner for friends and neighbors at V Palm Springs' Elixir Pool Bar & Grill. For \$20 per person, guests receive four to six chef-designed courses with feedback from patrons. Reservations requested at events@vpalmsprings.com.

V's new Sunset Hour, from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, offers food and drink options. And with temperatures going up, V launches a "Strip Down" summer promotion now through September with a 25 percent discount on guest rooms, food and beverage.

V Palm Springs
333 E. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs
(760) 327-1211; www.vpalmsprings.com

Father's Day brunch at Le Vallauris

The special menu at Le Vallauris includes this tomato

The special menu at Le Vallauris includes this tomato and zucchini flatbread. (Photo: Submitted)
Entertain Dad with an elegant three-course Sunday brunch at Le Vallauris from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$49.50 plus tax and gratuity.

Choose from Spanish octopus salad; goat cheese cigar, roasted tomato terrine with feta, cucumber and olives to begin.

Entrée selections include eggs Benedict with three choices of garnish; pan-seared New York steak béarnaise; seared ahi tuna Nicoise; grilled prime hanger steak; or grilled Scottish salmon with honey lemon. For dessert, vanilla, mango and chocolate baked Alaska, strawberry tart with pistachio, or crepe Suzette.

Le Vallauris
385 W. Tahquitz Way, Palm Springs
(760) 325-5059; www.levallauris.com



Father's Day dining at Spencer's

Take dad out for an award-winning Sunday brunch at Spencer's Restaurant, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., or for dinner featuring their traditional dinner menu, from 5 to 10 p.m.

Spencer's Restaurant
710 W. Baristo Road, Palm Springs
(760) 327-3446; www.spencersrestaurant.com

Dynamite Dad's Day at Lulu

LULU California Bistro in downtown Palm Springs offers
LULU California Bistro in downtown Palm Springs offers a relaxed setting for Father's Day diners. (Photo: Submitted)

Celebrate with Lulu's Dynamite Dad's Day buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. upstairs in the celebrity gallery. The \$24.99 per person, plus tax and gratuity, buffet features a selection of soups and chowders, salads, an omelet station, wild salmon and tilapia, family favorite entrees, and an extensive dessert station. Plus sports "blooper" videos will be screened all day on the 120-inch flat screen.

In addition, breakfast is served from 8 to 11 a.m., Sunday brunch for \$19.99 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the \$19.99 three-course feast after 3 p.m. and 12-hour happy hour at 11 a.m. in the lounge.

Lulu California Bistro
200 S. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs
(760) 327-5858; www.lulupalmsprings.com

Brunch, dinner or to go at Trio

Trio is open for Father's Day with a special brunch from 10 a.m. and prime rib special menu for \$19.95, along with its regular dinner menu. Happy hour in the lounge will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Trio To Go, a new, easy-to-order family-style catering option, offers some of Trio's most popular items like roasted baby beets, curried chicken salad, and entrees like Trio mac and five cheese, St. Louis-style spare ribs, and house-made meatloaf.

Trio Restaurant
707 N. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs
(760) 864-8746; www.triopalmsprings.com

Father's Day specials at casinos

Enjoy a dry, aged, bone-in, 14-ounce New York steak, finished with herb butter, and paired with Sam Adams Boston lager at the Spa Resort Casino's Steakhouse for Father's Day. For dessert, a molten lava cake with vanilla ice cream. Cost is \$62 per person, plus tax and gratuity; reservations recommended.

Spa Resort Casino
401 E. Amado Road, Palm Springs
(888) 999-1995; www.sparesortcasino.com

Start off Father's Day with a champagne brunch at the Grand Palms Buffet from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., featuring pepper-crusted prime rib of beef, barbecue baby back ribs, smoked salmon, Alaskan crab legs, desserts, and more for \$34.99.

Celebrate the great outdoors at the Grand Palms Buffet through the month of June with a Jersey Clam Bake, a Texas barbecue, and the Oregon Campground.

Book a spa treatment for dad such as the Gentleman's Facial, or purchase a 20-minute Moroccan treatment and spa day pass.

Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa
32250 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage
(888) 999-1995;

Cigars & Tequila Dinner at Las Casuelas Terraza

While cigars paired with scotch, whiskey and fine wines are more common, learn the nuances shared between cigars and tequila at the fourth annual Cigar & Tequila Dinner on Wednesday, June 22, 7:30 p.m. at Las Casuelas Terraza.

Held on the restaurant's Terraza patio, this year will feature two anejo tequilas: Sauza Tres Generaciones and Fortaleza. Cost for the dinner is \$35 per person and includes tequila tasting, cigars and dinner from the carnitas bar.

Las Casuelas Terraza
222 S. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs
(760) 325-2794; www.lascasuelas.com