



October 19-22, 2008

DINING RECOMMENDATIONS

PHOENIX

\$ = under \$10
\$\$ = \$11-\$15
\$\$\$ = \$16-\$25
\$\$\$\$ = \$26 and over

Bistro 24 **French**

Phoenix, Arizona - 2401 E. Camelback Rd. (Ritz-Carlton) – (602) 952-2424 - \$\$\$

Colorful but elegant – that’s the Bistro, where the menu runs to steak au poivre, bistro fries, sole meuniere and Wednesday night’s excellent osso buco. A must for fancy breakfasts and elegant desserts. Breakfast and lunch M-Sa, dinner daily.

Capital Grille **Steak**

Phoenix, Arizona - 2502 E. Camelback Rd. – (602) 952-8900 - \$\$\$\$

It’s power dining at this stylish corporate steakhouse, popular for its dry-aged steaks, award-winning wine list and professional service. Lunch M-F, dinner nightly.

Chelsea’s Kitchen **American**

Phoenix, Arizona - 5040 N. 40th St. – (602) 957-2555 - \$\$\$

Perched on the north bank of the Arizona Canal, Chelsea’s is a comfortable neighborhood restaurant for the comfortably fixed families of Arcadia and Paradise Valley. The Arizona Roadhouse menu features stylish renditions of ceviche, fried chicken, short ribs and duck tacos. Dessert is a must. Dinner nightly.

Daniel’s **Italian**

Phoenix, Arizona - 4225 E. Camelback Rd. – (602) 952-1522 - \$\$\$

Elegant and supremely romantic, this contemporary Italian hideaway offers professional service and yummy food, such as seabass with capers, roasted peppers and olives, or veal with truffle oil. Dinner nightly.

Donovan’s Steak & Chop House **Steak**

Phoenix, Arizona - 3101 E. Camelback Rd. – (602) 955-3666 - \$\$\$\$

Gleaming wood and plush carpet, impeccable service and pricey steaks hearken back to an era of men’s clubs and old money. There are better steaks in town, but for business entertaining and making a good impression, this posh place ranks right at the top. Dinner M-Sa.

Lon’s at the Hermosa Inn **American**

Phoenix, Arizona - 5532 N. Palo Cristi Rd., Paradise Valley – (602) 955-7878 - \$\$\$

Thanks to its territorial décor and fabulous patios, Lon’s is a romantic favorite that oozes Old Arizona charm. Chef de cuisine Michael Rusconi adds Southwestern touches to his Contemporary American menu. Lunch M-F, dinner nightly, brunch Su.

Morton’s, the Steakhouse **Steak**

Phoenix, Arizona - 2501 E. Camelback Rd. – (602) 955-9577 - \$\$\$\$

Bring an appetite to these hyper-masculine, Chicago-based corporate steakhouses, where the beef is prime and the portions are generous. Save room, somehow, for the gooey-centered hot chocolate cake. Dinner nightly.

Ruth's Chris Steak House

Steak

Phoenix, Arizona - 2201 E. Camelback Rd. – (602) 957-9600 - \$\$\$

A steak-lover's paradise with USDA Prime steaks, hand-cut on the premises and served with sizzling butter. The à la carte sides are great, too. Dinner nightly. Other location: Scottsdale (480-991-5988)

Sophie's

French

Phoenix, Arizona - 2320 E. Osborn Rd. – (602) 956-8897 - \$\$\$

This cozy French bistro, featuring Larry Reed on piano weekend nights, makes a romantic spot for lunch or dinner. Don't miss the lobster bisque or the Coquilles St. Jacques. Lunch M-F, dinner M-Sa.

T. Cook's

Phoenix, Arizona - 5200 E. Camelback Rd. – (602) 808-0766 - \$\$\$

Tucked away in the Royal Palms Resort, T. Cook's breathes romance. If the Mediterranean-inspired food doesn't knock you out, the amazingly architectural desserts certainly will. Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, brunch Su.

Tarbell's

Contemporary American

Phoenix, Arizona - 3213 E. Camelback Rd. – (602) 955-8100 - \$\$\$

This comfortable, contemporary New American remains a hotspot for a host of reasons, namely its American comfort food menu, great wine list, clientele of local movers and shakers and of course, its affable host Mark Tarbell. Try the wood oven pizzas, the organic veggie plate or the spaghetti and meatballs, saving room for perfect chocolate mousse. Dinner nightly.

Tomaso's

Italian

Phoenix, Arizona - 3225 East Camelback Road – (602) 956-0836 - \$\$\$

Serving fine Italian food, steaks, and wine, Tomaso's bar, dining room, and private room are ideal for any gathering. Lunch M-F, dinner daily.

Vincent on Camelback

French/Southwestern

Phoenix, Arizona - 3930 E. Camelback Rd. – (602) 224-0225 - \$\$\$

Famed for French-inspired Southwestern Cuisine, Vincent keeps classic favorites such as duck tamales and smoked-salmon quesadillas on the menu, while offering a taste of Provence with wild mushroom and asparagus tart and duck confit with green-olive sauce. Desserts are fab. Lunch M-F, dinner M-Sa.

SCOTTSDALE

Bloom

Contemporary American

Scottsdale, Arizona - 8877 N. Scottsdale Rd. – (480) 922-5666 - \$\$\$

Bright blue and invariably busy, Bloom features Contemporary American cooking and lots of great wines by the glass or bottle. Try the signature warm Maine lobster salad or grilled ahi with sesame-seed ponzu. Lunch M-Sa, dinner daily.

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse

Steak

Scottsdale, Arizona - 6333 N. Scottsdale Rd. – (480) 596-8265 - \$\$\$\$

Here's an upscale but comfortable steakhouse, featuring all the Prime beef, chops and seafood your luxury-loving heart desires. Great wine list, too, with 100 wines by the glass. Dinner nightly.

Mastro's City Hall Steakhouse (formerly Drinkwater's)

Steak

Scottsdale, Arizona - 6991 E. Camelback Rd. – (480) 941-4700 - \$\$\$\$

Dedicated to the late Herb Drinkwater (Scottsdale's most colorful mayor), this plush, contemporary steakhouse turns out unbelievably good steaks. The pricey menu is à la carte, but portions are huge and good for sharing. Good wine list, too. Dinner nightly.

Méthode Bistro

Scottsdale, Arizona - 6204 N. Scottsdale Rd. – (480) 998-8220 - \$\$\$

Housed in the former space occupied by Restaurant Hapa, Méthode Bistro features the cuisines of the Mediterranean, focusing on Spain, France and Italy. Chef-owner Matt McLinn uses locally grown produce for his simple yet sophisticated dishes. Don't miss the grilled white peaches with vanilla bean nage, duck confit with Mandarin beignets, and Camembert baked in croissant dough with wild strawberry syrup. Soft lighting and warm earth tones add to the experience and give this place a cozy ambience reminiscent of the Riviera. Dinner nightly.

Rancho Pinot

Contemporary American

Scottsdale, Arizona - 6208 N. Scottsdale Rd. – (480) 367-8030 - \$\$\$

Tom and Chrysa Kaufman pair fresh imaginative Contemporary American food with good wine, serving it all up in a warm, funky, retro-cowboy décor. Everything's good, but don't miss the cold squid salad or Nonni's Chicken. Dinner nightly.

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Cartwright's

Contemporary American

Cave Creek, Arizona - 6710 E. Cave Creek Rd. – (480) 488-8031 - \$\$\$

Eric Flatt's rustically decorated Contemporary American restaurant appeals to the urbane cowboy who likes demi-glâce with his elk, exotic fish preparations, sweetbreads, homemade sausage and the only Monterrey Bay red abalone in town. Dinner nightly.

Eddie V's Edgewater Grille

Seafood/Steak

Scottsdale, Arizona - 20715 N. Pima Rd. – (480) 538-8468 - \$\$\$

Eddie's has the masculine good looks of a steakhouse, but concentrates on seafood, flown in from around the world. Lively bar and many bargains at happy hour. Dinner nightly.

Houston's

American

Phoenix, Arizona - 2524 E. Camelback Rd. – (602) 957-9700 - \$\$

Yupsters drop by this popular and amazingly consistent corporate restaurant after work, but you don't have to sport a Rolex to love the spinach-artichoke dip, the sinful Club Salad or the good steaks and ribs. Lunch and dinner daily.

Los Dos Molinos

Phoenix, Arizona - 8646 S. Central Ave. – (602) 243-9113 - \$\$

Some like it hot. But for those who like it hellish, there's Los Dos, a New Mexico-style restaurant located in cowboy star Tom Mix's old house. Try the carne adovada. Lunch and dinner Tu-Sa.

Ocean Club Fish House

Seafood

Phoenix, Arizona - 15045 N. Kierland Blvd. (Kierland Commons) – (480) 443-8555 - \$\$\$\$

Mullioned windows and fossilized limestone walls give this sybaritic seafood restaurant an elegant ambience that locals love. The dimly lit lounge offers drinks and live entertainment, while the dining room zeroes in on ultra-fresh (if starkly presented) fish and generously portioned à la carte sides. Dinner nightly.

Olive & Ivy Restaurant & Marketplace **California Cuisine**

Scottsdale, Arizona - 7135 E. Camelback Rd. – (480) 751-2200 - \$\$\$

Brought to you by Fox Restaurant Concepts, this Testani-designed hot spot has universal appeal, thanks to its gourmet bakery, high-end retail market, grab 'n go café, luxurious patio (one of the best in town), great wine program and airy, open restaurant featuring California-Mediterranean Cuisine. Flatbreads and small plates offer plenty of opportunity for snacking. Lunch and dinner daily.

P.F. Changs China Bistro **Chinese**

Scottsdale, Arizona – 7135 E. Camelback Rd. – (480) 949-2610 - \$\$

Fan foods include rice, noodles, grains and dumplings, while vegetables, meat, poultry, and seafood are t'sai foods. P.F. Chang's cuisine is reflective of China's evolving culinary landscape. The menu features traditional Chinese offerings and innovative dishes that illustrate the emerging influence of Southeast Asia on modern Chinese cuisine. Lunch and dinner daily

Phoenix City Grille **Contemporary American**

Phoenix, Arizona - 5816 N. 16th St. – (602) 266-3001 - \$\$

A contemporary setting with black-and-white pix of old-time Phoenix make this neighborhood restaurant and bar a cool hangout for the R&R inclined. Try the griddled corn cakes, cedar-planked salmon and chocolate torte. Lunch and dinner daily.

Pizzeria Bianco **Pizza**

Phoenix, Arizona - 23 E. Adams St. – (602) 258-8300 - \$\$

Located in a beautiful old building in Heritage Square, this tiny place offers exquisitely simple but sophisticated food with an Italian slant. The house-baked bread, focaccia and handmade mozzarella are fabulous, while the wood-fired pizzas are the best in town. Dinner Tu-Sa.

Sierra Bonita Grill **American/Western**

Phoenix, Arizona - 6933 N. Seventh St. – (602) 264-0700 - \$\$\$

Low-slung and cowboy-cool, this comfortable North Phoenix haven adds sophistication to the hearty foods of the American West. Try the smoky red chile pork tamale or red chile pork roast, the flat-iron with herb-pesto prawns, and for dessert, caramelized pineapple crêpes. Lunch M-F, dinner nightly.

The Cheesecake Factory **American/Italian**

Phoenix, Arizona - 2402 East Camelback Rd. – (602) 778-6501 - \$\$

The Cheesecake Factory is a unique, upscale casual dining restaurant offering more than 200 menu selections including Appetizers, Pizza, Pasta, Seafood, Steaks, Salads, Sandwiches, and more. Our menu also features specialty dishes like Chicken Madeira, Miso Salmon, Cajun Jambalaya Pasta, and The Factory Burger. Try one of our 50 delicious cheesecakes and desserts such as our White Chocolate Raspberry Truffle® Cheesecake or our new Godiva Chocolate Cheesecake with a cappuccino or espresso. Lunch and dinner daily.

Z' Tejas Southwestern Grill **Southwestern/Mexican**

Scottsdale, Arizona – 7014 E. Camelback Rd. – (480) 946-4171 - \$\$\$

Phoenix, Arizona – 10625 N. Tatum Blvd. – (480) 948-9010 - \$\$\$

A wide variety of choices, seafood, pork, beef and chicken. In addition to influencing the flavors of our menu items, Mexico influences the ingredients. Lunch and dinner daily.