

## Dining: Your duo will love Trio for Valentine's or any date

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If it's been a while since you ventured up North Palm Canyon, then you're missing out on Trio.

Chef Mark Van Laanen and general manager Tony Marchese feature the latest trends in modern American cuisine and do it all in a fun and beautiful setting. At Trio, everything just seems to fit together, from the artwork on the walls and presentation of the food to the outstanding service. In fact, if you see a picture you like, add it to the bill and take it home with you. Ten percent of all sales go to local charities.

Trio claims to have "the most generous cocktail hour in town," and it's not kidding. Served between 4 and 7 p.m. daily, drinks are priced at \$3 for well and \$6 for premium. The bar menu has just what you need to complement your drink of choice, including hand-cut potato chips with smoked paprika aioli and the fabulous crab cake burger with caper aioli.

What I like about Trio is that the menu has a wonderful variety without being overwhelming. The Australian sea bass with mushrooms and veal demi glaze with just a hint of orange was outstanding.

If you think you've tasted just about every version of mac 'n' cheese on the planet, think again. Trio's version combines fontina, cheddar, blue, romano and goat cheeses and tops all of that hot and gooey yumminess with tomatoes and bread crumbs.

Considering that Trio has been open less than six months, they have managed to create a pot roast that one diner told me was better than his mother's.

Trio serves a sweet and savory array of desserts, including a bourbon pecan bread pudding and a key lime tart with raspberry sauce. But while trying to decide what to have, I practically had an out-of-body experience when three of the most beautiful words in the English language caught my eye: triple chocolate cupcake.

And speaking of chocolate and everything sweet, keep Trio in mind for Valentine's Day. For \$39 per person, enjoy four courses (including the triple chocolate cupcake) and a glass of wine or champagne.

And if you don't currently have a special "sweetie" in your life, treat yourself -- you're worth it.

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Trio Restaurant

Where: 707 N. Palm Canyon, Palm Springs

Phone: (760) 864-8746

Hours: 5 to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 5 to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Happy hour 4 to 7 p.m. daily at the bar

Reservations: Yes (available online)

Credit cards: All major cards accepted

Alcohol: Full bar

Web site: [www.triopalmssprings.com](http://www.triopalmssprings.com)

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