

Palm Springs Restaurant Week 2010 in high gear now through the weekend

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Cool deals served up in Palm Springs: Restaurant Week 2010 in high gear now through the weekend.

If you appreciate great food and don't want to bust your budget, head to the desert this week. But get it while it's hot. It ends Sunday.

Palm Springs is a favorite San Francisco gay getaway and it is also a foodie's paradise, with some of the finest restaurants you will find anywhere in the country.

The third annual Palm Springs Desert Resorts Restaurant Week is underway right now. Restaurant Week offers tourists and locals alike 10 days to pick from 75 unique menu pairings designed by the Coachella Valley's most well-known chefs and top-rated dining.

Restaurant Week means that you can eat like The Donald without mortgaging your home.

What kind of deals can you expect?

A three-course prix fixe menu for \$24 or \$36, depending on the restaurant. Each of the participating eateries creates its own unique menu for Restaurant Week, including choice of appetizer, entrée and dessert.

Menus will offer flavors to appeal to every craving from exotic dishes like Hawaiian tuna mojito ceviche to traditional American food, to east coast thin style pizza.

"This year, Restaurant Week will sample signature dishes and offer unique pairings to enjoy while lounging outdoors and soaking up the mountain views and the sunshine," said Juliana Copley, owner of [Copley's on Palm Canyon](#) and the President of the Palm Springs Desert Resorts Restaurant Association, organizers of Restaurant Week. "The entire hospitality community is behind our efforts and we believe 2010 is going to be the most delicious Restaurant Week yet!"

Palm Springs is an easy one-hour flight from the San Francisco Bay Area and it is the perfect escape from the cool damp weather we've been having lately. Hotels will offer discounted rates during Restaurant Week. Also, starting June 1, and throughout the summer, gay and gay-friendly businesses will be offering special discounts all summer long as part of the Summer Splash promotion.

For a complete list of participating restaurants and menus as well as special hotel packages and other offers, visit www.palmspringsrestaurantweek.com.