

RESTAURANT PROFILE

TRIO RESTAURANT IN PALM SPRINGS IS #1

Ultra-chic dining in Palm Springs Uptown Design District

PALM SPRINGS, CA -- Vaulted in the concrete and steel history of TRIO's front entrance is a wall safe, a time capsule dating back to the landmark building that was once an Old Las Palmas bank. Together, operating partner Tony Marchese and Executive Chef/co-owner Mark Van Laanen, have invested in their dream restaurant, banking on simple comfort food with a very contemporary flare. In less than a year, their first venture together has paid off substantially.

From opening day, TRIO Restaurant is Where Palm Springs Eats and Drinks. With a mid-century multi-room space, complimented by progressive furnishings (including a 5 ft. rubber chandelier in one of the formal rooms) TRIO's American



modern flare and Midwestern fare have critics and diners buzzing. (Palm Springs Life's Top 12 New Restaurants 2010)



"When you walk in the door its all about comfort, the surroundings and the food," says Marchese. "Our goal has always been to create a restaurant with a unique energy, where anyone can come dine two to three times a week. We are a proud part of the community in which we love, work, eat and play."

Tony and Mark engage the community with charitable events like sold out dinners to support music in education and The Art Institute of Palm Springs High School, Dine Out for Life, the Palm Springs International and Short Film Festivals and Hollywood's Biggest Night Oscar Party supporting AIDS Assistance Program. The extensive menu features a variety of fish, steak, organic salads plus seasonal items from local growers and farmers. From starters like his signature Wisconsin cheese plate, to Lamb Shank, braised in Burgundy, rosemary and garlic, served with lentils, Mark changes up the menu often. TRIO Restaurant is open nightly at 4 pm with generous cocktail hour specials from 4 pm to 7 pm; dinner at 5 pm. Trio food-to-go available at www.triotogo.com An energetic, desert-casual atmosphere and great American modern food at reasonable prices, a place where anyone can come in, sit down and feel at home. Where the local's hangout eats, drink and have fun. Cocktail Hour 4pm-7pm, \$3 Well, Dinner at 4pm, Open 7 nights a week. \$19 3-course Prix Fixe dinner, offered 4 to 6pm, daily! (707 N. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262, ph: 760.864.TRIO (8746), fax: 760.864.3211)

-- MUSEUM OF THE WEEK -- THE LIVING DESERT, PALM SPRINGS, CA

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~In the fall of 2010, we opened an exhibit for the fastest and one of the most endangered animals in North America, the Peninsular pronghorn.

~We also opened an interactive discovery center where visitors of all ages can discover, understand, and learn about the Coachella Valley region.

~Camel rides were recently added to our daily programming and a new jaguar exhibit is scheduled for completion in spring of 2011.

~Fundraising continues for a # of dynamic exhibits.

(Continued from page 1) -- modern comforts and amenities. The Willows features eight bedrooms, each with its own unique character. Outside, a colorful terraced garden and fruit trees border the heated swimming pool and Jacuzzi. Inspiration Point, a place where Einstein liked to watch the sunrise, lies just a short hike up the stone footpath. While staying at the Inn, you'll enjoy a full gourmet breakfast each morning with fresh-squeezed orange juice, homemade granola, freshly baked breads and muffins, peppered bacon and apple sausage. Main courses may include baked eggs with black truffle sauce and parmesan, banana-stuffed French toast or puffed German pancakes with berry coulis.

Choose to dine in the formal dining room, on the verandah by the waterfall or in your own private garden patio. We also serve afternoon refreshments and an evening reception of fine boutique wines and hors d'oeuvres. Room service is provided by Le Vallauris, the four-star French restaurant across the street.

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