

Elite Valley Easter Eateries

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Show off your stylish Easter ensemble at the Valley's hot spots for Sunday Brunch.

Hungry for a savvy place to ring in the spring season and Easter holiday? This Sunday a handful of Valley hot spots are offering the best of the best—from refreshing cocktails, to truffled mac-and-cheese, to sweet treats.

AAA Arizona is sharing the top three places your family can enjoy Easter Brunch, and topping the list is the AAA Four Diamond Intercontinental Montelucia. (www.icmontelucia.com)

Dine at Prado.

Chef de Cuisine Peter DeRubo will deliver traditional favorites plus some creative culinary delicatessens.

Breakfast fans will want to feast on blueberry pancakes or challah French toast...

Or if you're a carnivore, opt for the prime rib.

Toast the holiday after mixing up a scrumptious sipper—the restaurant will feature a hefty Bloody Mary Bar (cheers!).

End things on a sweet note, taste-testing from the six-flavor gelato cart.

Reservations are required; \$79 for adults and \$39 for kids 10 and under.

But here's the real kicker.

Treat yourself to pre-Easter pampering.

Guests who have a previously scheduled spa appointment will receive a little gift plus a discount on their next spa treatment.

Complete Easter weekend escapes start at \$379/night—but you'll get a fourth night free if you stay three nights, plus \$50 towards a spa treatment and a \$50 Prado credit.

Next on the list is the AAA Five Diamond Fairmont Scottsdale Princess. (www.fairmont.com/scottsdale)

Head to La Hacienda Plaza with an empty stomach—the resort's four restaurants and seven chefs are uniting; giving you one heck of an incredible brunch.

Get in the Easter spirit and make your morning all about eggs—enjoy cooked-to-order Southwestern omelets.

Savor seafood like shrimp and oysters, or go for the Kobe flat-iron steak, feta-stuffed leg of lamb, or (OMG!) black truffle macaroni and cheese.

And put that summer diet aside for a day; treat yourself to pastries, smoothies, fruit, tarts, cheesecake, macaroons, and tiramisu shots galore.

Price is \$55 for adults, \$29 for kids 6-12, and an additional \$12 per person for unlimited Bloody Marys and Mimosas. Children under 5 are free, and packages start at \$159.

If option A and B didn't make your mouth water, head to the AAA Four Diamond Sheraton Wild Horse Pass. (www.wildhorsepassresort.com)

Koi' Sun is hosting a champagne brunch prepared by the resorts Five Diamond Executive Chef, Michael O'Dowd.

(He's the chef from Kai, the only Five Diamond Restaurant in the state.)

O'Dowd will wow your taste-buds with his twist on turkey, steak, seafood, decadent sweets, and more.

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Cost is \$65 for adults, \$58 for seniors, \$32 for kids 5-12, and children four and under is free.

Your kids can get up-close and personal with the Easter Bunny while you “cheers” over complimentary champagne. Reservations are required.

Happy Easter!



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