

CHAR Kitchen + Bar Has Your Non-Traditional Holiday Meal Covered

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In the space that previously held Bink's, Char Kitchen + Bar in Scottsdale is bringing a Mediterranean feel to one of the hottest foodie destinations in the valley, Hilton Village.

Owners Peter Micakaj and son Pal have given foodies flocking to this strip in the heart of Scottsdale offers different dining experience than the traditionally American-style restaurants that they're used to seeing.

The name "Char" aptly describes the food prep for their Mediterranean fare, as they fire up their grill to give all their vegetables and proteins like steak and chicken that crispy texture and smoky flavor.

One of the current offerings they are most excited about at Char is their non-traditional holiday meal. The menu itself for this meal is certainly a change of pace from the norm, but its best feature may just be that the whole meal can be done up in to-go containers to be enjoyed at home with family and friends.

CHAR's Non-Traditional Holiday Meal

- *Roasted Leg of Lamb Pomegranate Molasses and Bing Cherry Chutney*
- *Jeweled Saffron Rice with Slivered Almond and Apricots*
- *Harissa Glazed Baby Root Vegetables with Cucumber Yogurt*
- *Balsamic Beet Salad with Arugula, Goat Cheese and Candied Walnuts*

If your mouth is watering and you can't wait to dig in to this holiday feast, Char's only requests that you call in ahead of time to order them for carry out. Those dining in can just drop in.

Family friendly and affordable

Those who frequent Hilton Village will be the first to tell you that it's usually not a place to visit on a budget, but Char is bucking that trend with their affordable menu options, that still deliver in the taste and quality department.

Once inside, you'll see that Char certainly feels like a neighborhood spot, open and inviting. It's a great place to bring the entire family and feel welcome.

Well-rounded menu includes gluten free options

While satisfying the tastes of those looking forward to this Mediterranean take on classic dishes, Char also offers many gluten free options for those who are so inclined.

The starters, salads and sandwiches & burgers portion of the menu offer quite a few appealing options hovering around the \$10 mark, with a few that are actually less than ten dollars.

The "skewer" dishes and dinner entrees are sure to please with a variety of proteins available, from chicken and beef to lamb, Atlantic Salmon and even a pork chop. Freshness and scratch cooking is a priority at Char and they will tell you that all their dressings and sauces are created in house. They also butcher their meat on site and start with whole fish to make their fish dishes.

If you'd like to get a little taste of what Char has to offer before committing to a full dining experience or even their non-traditional holiday meal, they do have a happy hour offered daily with a nice assortment of appetizers, beer, wine and even well drinks on special. Happy Hour is 3-6 p.m. daily.