

Tucson's Sizzling Summer Specials

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As Arizona's summer continues to heat up, so do the specials at Tucson Originals restaurants. With a vast variety of eateries, ranging from upscale with white tablecloths to sandwich shops and pizza parlors, these local and independently owned restaurants strive to provide a true taste of Tucson. Currently, they are offering that original taste until Labor Day for only \$20.09 with their Summer Dining Specials. Using the freshest ingredients to present the burst of distinctive flavors that are unique to Tucson and the Southwest, it is no wonder that so many locals and visitors alike frequent these restaurants; they're delicious and affordable. Hurry up, because the summer is dwindling and the specials will only be available for few more weeks!



Ric's Café

Ric's Café offers that quintessential Southwest fare: baby back ribs. Not only does the food smolder with rich southwestern accents, but the dining room and outside patio also give off that unique Arizona vibe. With Ric's summer special you get all the ribs that you can eat with two additional side dishes and one draft beer. For that much delicious food, \$20.09 is a bargain! 520.577.7272, www.ricscafeonline.net.



Bluefin Seafood Bistro

An upscale seafood bistro, Bluefin specializes in fish flown in from all over the world, making it one of our favorite restaurants for a dinner from the sea. This summer, Bluefin Seafood Bistro is attracting all of the lobster lovers in Arizona who want to indulge without leaving the state. Bluefin's \$20.09 summer special allows you to savor one pound of fresh Maine lobster with two side dishes and drawn butter. Even better, you can order this "Lobsterfeast" for either lunch or dinner. 520.531.8500, www.bluefintucson.com.



Chad's Steakhouse & Saloon

For a taste of the Old West and some of the best prime rib and steak in Tucson, Chad's Steakhouse & Saloon is a great place to dine for a casual and relaxed evening. It is hard to believe that a gourmet New York Strip would cost only \$20.09, but Chad's Steakhouse & Saloon will even throw in a delicious slice of cheesecake for that fantastic total. And don't worry, all those who lack a sweet tooth can get their steak dinner with a glass of wine instead. 520.881.1802, www.chadssteakhouse.com.



Jax Kitchen

Jax Kitchen, a popular newbie on the Tucson restaurant scene, provides diners with delicious European-fused comfort food and an easy-going atmosphere to go along with it. This summer they offer an ever-evolving three-course salad, entrée, and dessert that will leave you feeling full and satisfied. The best part? Your wallet will feel the same way. 520.219.1235, www.jaxkitchen.com.

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Magpies

Participating at all Five Locations

If you've never been to Magpies, now is the time to go and discover Tucson's best pizza! They make all of their pizzas, salads, and calzones with the freshest ingredients and customize their pies to your personal preference. Their \$20.09 summer special consists of two medium gourmet pizzas with a choice of any two toppings, so don't miss out on these mouth-watering concoctions. www.magpiespizza.com.

With Labor Day quickly approaching, take advantage of these unbelievable summer specials now! And don't despair as autumn nears: Arizona Restaurant Week will kick off Sept. 19 and last until the 26th, giving diners another full week to enjoy their favorite eateries at low prices. For a three-course meal at only \$29 per person (excluding beverages and tax), about a third of Tucson's Originals restaurants will continue to delight their customers with great food at unbeatable prices. www.arizonarestaurantweek.com.