

Best Places for Thanksgiving Dinner in Phoenix, 2011

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Thanksgiving is approaching fast, and many are planning to spend countless hours in the kitchen putting together the perfect holiday feast for their families. This may be a terrifying prospect to some. Fortunately, several restaurants in Phoenix will be open to serve dinner or prepare a meal to be enjoyed at home—without piles of dishes to wash afterward! We've compiled the best options the Valley has to offer.



Dine In

Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa

The iconic hotel is hosting several Thanksgiving events throughout the day. A buffet will be served in the Gold Room from noon to 5 p.m., featuring traditional holiday staples, specialty wines, a children's buffet and more. The new Frank & Albert's restaurant will have à la carte breakfast, lunch and dinner menus starting at 6 a.m. For a more upscale meal, Wright's is offering an à la carte, five-course menu. Reservations for the Gold Room and Wright's are required.

www.arizonabiltmore.com/Holidays

Wrigley Mansion

Celebrate Thanksgiving in style at the historic Wrigley Mansion's popular brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Choose from roasted, deep-fried, smoked or grilled turkey with a variety of sides and desserts for \$75 per person. Secure a spot early, because this meal sells out every year. For reservations, call 602.955.4079.

www.wrigleymansionclub.com

Talavera

Talavera, located at the luxurious Four Seasons Resort in North Scottsdale, is offering a four-course feast for \$85. Guests can choose from entrees such as organic turkey and prime filet medallions. Dessert offerings include pumpkin-white chocolate tart, pumpkin chips, and cinnamon chantilly. For reservations, call 480.515.5700.

www.fourseasons.com/scottsdale/dining.html

Bobby's

Located in Kierland Commons, Bobby's will be open to serve both its regular menu and traditional Thanksgiving fare from 1 to 9 p.m. A turkey and ham dinner includes mashed and sweet potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, cranberry sauce, shrimp scampi and pasta appetizer, salad and dessert. Cost is \$39.99 per person, and \$15 for children. Guests will enjoy live entertainment. Call 480.556.0770 to make a reservation.

www.mancusosrestaurant.com/bobbys

The Buttes Resort

The Buttes Resort in Tempe has three options to celebrate the holiday. A three-course meal at the scenic Top of the Rock restaurant is available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for \$49.95 (\$29.95 for children). Market Café is hosting Champagne Brunch Buffet from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$47.95 (\$27.95 for children) and Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet from 5:30-9 p.m. for \$37.95 (\$24.95 for children). For reservations, call Top of the Rock at 602.431.2370 or Market Café at 602.225.9000, ext. 5075.

www.marriott.com

Take Out

Vincent on Camelback

Chef Vincent Guerithault's French-Italian eatery has served Phoenix-area residents since 1986. This year's Thanksgiving to-go menu includes roast turkey, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, choice of pecan, apple, or pumpkin pie and more. This meal is available for \$37 per person. Discounts are given to parties of 10 and more. Orders must be placed by Nov. 23 at noon. To order, call 602.224.0225.

www.vincentsoncamelback.com

JW Marriott, Desert Ridge

This luxurious North Phoenix resort offers to-go packages that serve two to four and six to eight people. Meals include free-range turkey, honey-glazed ham, Anjou pear salad, corn bread stuffing, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, green bean casserole, maple yams, rolls and choice of pumpkin or pecan pie. Cost is \$89 and \$159, plus tax, respectively. Orders must be placed by Nov. 25 at noon. An order form is available at the JW Marriot, Desert Ridge's Web site.

www.jwdesertridgeresort.com/phoenix-dining-restaurant

AJ's Fine Foods

Six to eight people can enjoy a hearty dinner for \$129.99, which includes roast turkey, mashed potatoes, herbed dressing, green beans amandine, cranberry relish, dinner rolls, sculptured turkey butter, and choice of apple or pumpkin pie. This upscale market has 12 locations in the Valley.

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Sheraton Wild Horse Pass

Why not let a five-star resort prepare your family's Thanksgiving dinner? Wild Horse Pass offers a farm-to-table spread featuring an 18-pound turkey, buttermilk mashed potatoes, creamed sixty-day corn, cornbread stuffing, green beans, cranberry relish, mesquite cooked sweet yams, artisan dinner rolls, and choice of deep dish apple, pumpkin or pecan pie. Orders must be placed and paid in full by Nov. 19, and can be picked up between noon and 4 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Call 602.385.5726 to reserve your meal. Ko'Sin restaurant will also be open to serve dinner. www.wildhorsepassresort.com

Maggiano's

A four-course, family-style dinner comes with a choice of baked ham, roast turkey and lemon-and-herb salmon. Other offerings include bruschetta, salads, pastas and desserts. Dine-in, carryout, or home delivery is available for \$37.95 for adults and \$17.95 for children. To learn more and place an order, call 480.333.4100. www.maggianos.com