

**They laughed  
when I pulled  
into a strip  
mall for dinner...**

**...BUT THEY WERE  
SPEECHLESS AFTER  
THEIR FIRST BITE**

**What does Cypress Grill  
offer that others don't?  
Don't listen to me, just see  
what our guests have said ...**

Super-friendly staff and awesome specials.  
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You're my favorite choice for a healthy,  
reasonably priced dinner.  
— *Carri Augenstein*

The waitstaff was  
great. The food was  
wonderful —  
it was our first visit  
and we were very  
pleasantly surprised —  
great choice, good wine!  
— *Ken Langston*

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Best  
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Favorites.**  
*Austin Chronicle  
Readers Poll*

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Superb service. — *Marla Bedola*

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**PICK UP LOCATIONS:** (Call to Order)

- 6416 North Lamar: 451-5440
- 301 West Riverside: 472-9304

All orders must be picked up before  
Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day.

**- FEAST INCLUDES:**

- 8-10 lb. Roasted Turkey  
or 6-8 lb. Spiral-Cut Ham
- 2 Qts. Cornbread Dressing
- 2 Qts. Mashed Potatoes
- 2 Qts. Candied Yams
- 2 Qts. Green Bean Casserole
- 1 Qt. Turkey Gravy
- 1 Pt. Cranberry Sauce or Jezebel Sauce
- 2 Dozen Rolls
- Choice of 12" Pumpkin or Pecan Pie  
(Serves 8 people, No substitutions please.)

**- ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

(PACKAGED HOT)

- Gallon of Any Vegetable \$31.95  
(Serves 17-20)
- Quart of Any Vegetable \$8.95 (Serves 4-5)

(PACKAGED COLD/ READY TO RE-HEAT)

- Pound of sliced Turkey or Ham \$10.95  
(Serves 2-3 per pound)
- Whole Pumpkin or Pecan Pie \$19.95

**\$129.95+** tax

# restaurant roulette

## LET'S GO OUT!

If dirty dishes and turkey tetrazzini aren't your style, check out some of our local favorites for the big day

### HOTELS

**DRISKILL HOTEL** The famous mezzanine brunch tradition continues with seatings every half-hour from 11:30am to 2:30pm. This is a popular event, so make sure to reserve early. If you don't make it upstairs, the 1886 Cafe will be offering plenty of your favorites as well as a seasonal menu for lunch and dinner. Reservations are a must later for the six-course prix fixe main event in the Driskill Grill with service from 4:30 to 9:30pm. **Grill: \$85 per person, \$62 for wine pairings. Brunch: \$75 per person, \$38 for children under 12. Sixth & Brazos, 391-7121 for reservations. www.driskillgrill.com.**

**TRIO AT THE FOUR SEASONS** offers a groaning holiday brunch in the ballroom from 11am to 4pm. Reserve early; the seafood stations alone are worth your decisiveness. **Adults, \$68; children ages 1-6, \$20; children age 5 and under, free. 98 San Jacinto, 685-8300. www.fourseasons.com/austin/dining.**

**INTERCONTINENTAL STEPHEN F AUSTIN** Drink mimosas while listening to Margaret Wright on piano, and enjoy an array of Thanksgiving favorites, as well as the unexpected for brunch in the Capital Ballroom. **10:30am-2:30pm. Adults, \$57.95; children under 12, \$29. 701 Congress, 721-2008 for reservations. www.austin.intercontinental.com.**

**RENAISSANCE HOTEL** Banderas restaurant invites you to a special Thanksgiving spread for brunch from 10:30am to 2:30pm. Expect a full breakfast buffet with waffle stations and all the goodies. Reservations suggested. Later, enjoy a prix fixe holiday menu from 5:30 to 9:30pm. **Brunch: adults, \$45; children ages 5-12, \$18; children under age 5, free. Dinner: adults, \$25. 9721 Arboretum Blvd., 343-2626 for reservations. www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/aushs-renaissance-austin-hotel.**

**OMNI HOTEL DOWNTOWN** serves a traditional Thanksgiving brunch in the Atrium Lounge from 11am to 3:30pm: \$45 for adults, \$17.95 for children under 12. Later, enjoy the usual à la carte dinner menu at Ancho's, plus a few holiday surprises from 5:30 to 9:30pm. **700 San Jacinto, 476-3700 for reservations. www.omnihotels.com/findahotel/austindowntown.aspx.**

**OMNI HOTEL SOUTHPARK** offers seating in the Onion Creek Grille for a full brunch buffet with carving stations and the traditional Thanksgiving spread. Reservations suggested. **11am-2pm. Adults, \$37; children ages 6-12, \$15.95; children age 6 and under, free. 4140 Governor's Row, 448-2222. www.omnihotels.com/findahotel/austinsouthpark.aspx.**

### ESTIMATED MEAL COST PER PERSON

₩ <\$10 ₩ \$10-25 ₩ \$25-40 ₩ \$40+

**HYATT REGENCY AUSTIN** is slinging what is promised to be "a decadent holiday buffet" in the Southwest Bistro, where you can count on flowing mimosas as well as contemporary cuisine and traditional favorites. **11:30am-5pm. Adults, \$52; children ages 5-12, \$27; children under 5, free. 208 Barton Springs Rd., 480-2035 for reservations. www.austin.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels.**

**HILTON HOTEL DOWNTOWN** Liberty Tavern has lunch and dinner covered with a full-court brunch from noon to 5pm and a prix fixe plated holiday dinner service from 5 to 9:30pm. **Brunch: adults, \$39; children under 12, \$12.95. Dinner: adults, \$34; children under 12, \$12.95. 500 E. Fourth, 482-8000. www1.hilton.com/en\_US/hj/hotel/AUSCVHH-Hilton-Austin-Texas/index.do.**

### RESTAURANTS

**MANSION AT JUDGES' HILL** weighs in with yet another elegant Thanksgiving with a three-course prix fixe, served in both the ballroom and mansion dining areas. **10:30am and 2:30pm seatings. Adults, \$49.50; children, \$17.50. 1900 Rio Grande, 495-1800. www.mansionatjudgeshill.com.**

**DOÑA EMILIA'S SOUTH AMERICAN BAR & GRILL** will be hosting an extensive holiday buffet this year, complete with your favorite South American dishes, as well as fried turkey and all the trimmings. **10:30am-4pm. Adults, \$22.95; children under 12, \$10.95. 101 San Jacinto, 478-2520. www.donaemilias.com.**

**HUDSON'S ON THE BEND** will be offering a special à la carte menu including some signature dishes from its fall menu, as well as special holiday options. Children's menu available. Seatings are limited, so reserve early. **11am-4pm & 6-9pm. 3509 RR 620 N., 266-1369. www.hudsonsonthebend.com.**

**GREEN PASTURES** This annual Thanksgiving brunch buffet has so many fans, it's sold out again this year. **11am-2pm. \$55 per person. 811 Live Oak, 444-4747. www.greenpasturesrestaurant.com.**

**THE CARILLON** Feeling conflicted between turkey day and game day? No sweat. Enjoy Thanksgiving brunch in this lovely room before strolling over to Darrell K. Royal Stadium for the UT vs. A&M game. Dinner includes roasted butternut squash bisque, roasted maple turkey, and veal blanquette. **11am-4pm. Adults, \$36.95; children under 12, \$16.95. 1900 University, 404-3689 for reservations. www.meetat-texas.com/restaurants.html#carillon.**

**SHORELINE GRILL** Located at the Four Seasons Hotel, this place invites those who are tired of buffets and prix fixe menus to join it for a limited menu with a nice variety of choices. The herb-infused portobella mushroom with goat cheese will please vegetarians. **98 San Jacinto, 477-3300. www.shorelinegrill.com.**

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**\$5 OFF**  
A LARGE PIZZA  
OR DINNER ENTREE  
Not valid with other offers

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TUESDAY WINE NIGHT  
10 GREAT BOTTLES \$10

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**Downtown**  
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477-7006

**South**  
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292-3939

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"I've received samples of bread crumbs, chicken stock, various condiments, several flavors of instant mashed potatoes (yuk), imported chocolates (alas, all melted), plus wines and liqueurs (always shared with other writers)."

— Virginia B. Wood

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