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Wining and dining



The 3rd Corner Wine Shop and Bistro hosted its first chef celebration dinner with five local chefs preparing a five-course wine pairing tasting menu. The event raised \$6,500 for the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership Pathways to Success program. Chefs cooking were Brent Pollock of the Lakes Country Club; (left) Matt Smith of 3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro; Emmanuel Janin of La Brasserie; Herve Glin of The Cork Tree; and Stephen Strickland of La Quinta Resort & Club. COURTESY PHOTO

Area restaurants offer twist on holiday dining

By Pamela Bieri

Special to Palm Desert Sun

Hotels and restaurants across the valley are decorated for the holidays and have sumptuous dining options to match.

Here are three options in the Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage and Indian Wells:

Miramonte Resort & Spa

45-000 Indian Wells Lane
(760) 341-2200
www.miramonteresort.com

Celebrate Christmas Day, Sunday from 3 to 10 p.m. when Chef Robert Nyerick prepares a savory holiday meal at \$58 per adult and \$29 per child (ages 4-12).

Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa

41-000 Bob Hope Drive,
Rancho Mirage
(866) 423-1185,
www.rancholaspalmas.com

Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa has several options for holiday dining.

From 5 to 10 p.m. Christmas Eve and from noon to 10 p.m. Christmas Day is a four-course dinner at bluEmber, and from 5 to 10 p.m. Christmas Day at R-bar for \$49 per person.

Starters range from a green pea veloute, warm green bean salad or seared scallop salad. Entrees include a choice of traditional tom turkey with chestnut stuffing, honey glazed ham or roast prime rib of beef. Desserts include apple crumble, pumpkin pie or mixed berry compote with crème fraîche.

Other options from noon to 5 p.m. Christmas Day are premium seating in the Am-

ber Room at \$65 per person and the Wine Room for \$75 per person.

Pacifica Seafood Restaurant

73-505 El Paseo, Palm Desert
(760) 674-8666, www.pacifica-seafoodrestaurant.com

Pacifica Seafood Restaurant is offering Christmas dinner à la carte with such entrees as butter basted Di-estel turkey (\$28) with candied carrots, whipped Yukon potatoes and pan gravy.

Also, Pacifica serves up its barbecued sugar-spiced salmon (\$32) with Chinese beans, garlic mashed potatoes, mustard sauce, and honey soy-glazed Chilean sea bass (\$40), which comes with sticky rice, baby bok choy and green curry-coconut sauce.