

CJ's Diner

74-894 Lennon Place • (760) 837-9650

cjsdiner.com

Comfort meals including burgers, meatloaf, potatoes, salads. Sunday brunch. Breakfast/lunch. \$

Cork Tree California Cuisine

Desert Springs Marketplace

74-950 Country Club Dr.

(760) 779-0123

thecorktree.com

Quality California cuisine, extensive wine list, bar and lounge, patio and private dining. Lunch/dinner. \$S-\$\$\$

Daily Grill

73-061 El Paseo • (760) 779-9911

Unique appetizers, crisp salads, fresh seafood.

Angus beef, desserts. Outdoor seating. Lunch/dinner. \$\$

Desert Willow Lakeview Terrace Restaurant

Desert Willow Golf Resort

38-995 Desert Willow Dr.

(760) 346-0015 • desertwillow.com

Traditional tastes and trends of great American favorites. Enjoy the "Best Views in the Valley."

Breakfast/lunch. \$\$

El Paseo Café

73-770 El Paseo • (760) 779-0209

Pancakes, eggs, sandwiches, salads.

Breakfast/lunch. \$

Elephant Bar Restaurant

73-833 Hwy 111 • (760) 340-0456

elephantbar.com

Hamburgers, pasta, salads, fish, steaks, ribs and desserts. Lunch/dinner. \$-\$\$

Homctown Buffet

Desert Crossing Shopping Center

72-513 Hwy 111 • (760) 341-6653

Home-cooked meals. Buffet style family restaurant. Breakfast/lunch/dinner. \$

JC's Patio Café

73-200 El Paseo • (760) 568-0733

Cappuccinos, eggs, pancakes,

salads, wraps, cocktails. Quick take out.

Breakfast/lunch. \$\$

Keedy's Fountain Grill

73-833 Hwy 111 • (760) 346-6492

Opened in 1957, the diner features old-fashioned

fountain meals, milk shakes and root beer floats.

American fare. Breakfast/lunch. \$

Lakeview Restaurant

Desert Springs JW Marriott Resort

74-855 Country Club Dr.

(760) 341-1725

desertspringsresort.com

Classic American fare, homemade soups, salads,

sandwiches, steaks, delectable desserts.

Breakfast/lunch/dinner. \$\$

Lucky's Cook House

The Village at University Park

36-901 Cook St. • (760) 610-6817

luckyscookhouse.com

New eatery with house-made soups, breads and

desserts and an emphasis on "soft-smoked" specialties

of the day and comfort foods. Lunch/dinner.

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Roc's Firehouse Grille

University Village

36-891 Cook St. • (760) 340-3222

Shrimp scampi, ribs, hamburgers, roast beef

sandwiches. Lunch/dinner. \$

Tony Roma's

73-155 Hwy 111 • (760) 568-9911

tonyromas.com

Appetizers, ribs, chicken, steaks, salads, seafood.

Lunch/dinner. \$\$

SEAFOOD

○ Fisherman's Market & Grill

44-250 Town Center Way, #C2

(760) 776-6533

fishermans.com

Voted first place for seafood dining in Desert

Magazine's 2010 Best of the Valley, the fish here

comes straight from Los Angeles' Port of San

Pedro every day. Choose from the display up front

before placing an order, or you can buy some to

take home. In the restaurant, it comes charbroiled

or grilled with simple sides of coleslaw and rice

pilaf or chips. \$-\$\$

○ Pacifica Seafood Restaurant

The Gardens on El Paseo

73-505 El Paseo • (760) 674-8666

pacificaseafoodrestaurant.com

This finalist for best seafood in Desert Magazine's

2010 Best of the Valley is known for the freshest

seafood in the desert. Rooftop seating on the ter-

race, sunset.

FEATURED RESTAURANT

FRENCH CORNER CAFÉ

72-423 Hwy 111; (760) 568-5362;

frenchcornercafe.com

DETAILS: Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



French Corner Cafe offers a delicious slice of France with authentic pastries and cuisine in an ambience imbued with country French charm. The pastry cases are brimming with luscious pastries, petit fours, crispy croissants and macaroons. The sunny yellow walls are adorned with murals and art posters, all hanging above wicker cafe tables and chairs. Owner and host is French-born Marc Davy. His brother Aimeric is the patissier, and the baker is Antoine Picherit.

This cafe at the main entrance of Desert Crossings shopping center is open for breakfast with croissants, crepes, egg dishes, omelettes and French toast. Lunch choices range from cordon bleu, croissant and French club sandwiches to classic salad nicoise and soups du jour. Come for dinner to savor such entrees as mussels marinieres, shrimp provencal and steak pommes frites. Escargot, frog legs and French onion gratinee are among the starters. Monday to Thursday choose a prix fixe two- or three-course meal from \$20 to \$23.

Enjoy one of Aimeric's exquisite pastries such as the Madagascar with orange crème brulee and dark chocolate, or the L'Exotic with passion fruit, banana and coconut with a cup of tea, espresso, latte or cappuccino during the Happy Tea Room Hour from 2:30 to 5 p.m. for \$8. Or enjoy small bites for \$15 during the same happy hour including a choice of six smaller courses with a glass of house wine, champagne or mimosa. Sautéed sole, mussels with wine sauce, and four small savory, filled crepes are among the small bites choices. —*Pamela Bieri*

