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# Taste of the Town

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## CELEBRATE MOM

Local lunches, brunches, and dinners to treat her in style.

**THIS IS A GOOD YEAR TO BE A MOM**, in terms of celebratory dining, anyway. If you have family members who want to wine and dine you on Sunday, May 11, your options are better than ever. There are fancy buffet brunches in hotels, delicious dinners in elegant restaurants, and great meals in small spots serving up live jazz or pouring unlimited champagne. But since Mother's Day comes but once a year, reservations are recommended.

Let's start with the fancy hotel dining venues. **Hampton's** at the Four Seasons Hotel Westlake Village (2 Dole Drive, Westlake Village, 818-575-3000, [www.fourseasons.com/westlakevillage/dining.html](http://www.fourseasons.com/westlakevillage/dining.html)) is laying out a beautiful buffet in and around the chef's table in the kitchen. It will feature a lamb-carving station, a whole salmon, breakfast entrées, and an elaborate dessert station. Served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., it costs \$85 for adults, \$35 for children 6 to 12, and is free for children 5 and under. **Coast** in the Canary Hotel (31 W. Carillo St., Santa Barbara, 805-879-9100, [www.canarysantabarbara.com](http://www.canarysantabarbara.com)) will serve a three-course brunch menu from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with choices of appetizer, entrée, and dessert for \$45 for adults, \$28 for children under 12. The meal includes a mimosa (well, not for the kids). **Mediterraneo** in the Westlake Village Inn (32037 Agoura Road, Westlake Village, 818-889-9105, [www.med-rest.com](http://www.med-rest.com)) will also offer a huge buffet for the occasion from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; call for exact pricing.

Plenty of other upscale experiences beckon. **Saddle Peak Lodge** (419 Cold Canyon Road, Calabasas, 818-222-3888, [www.saddlepeaklodge.com](http://www.saddlepeaklodge.com))

makes a nice setting for brunch (open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.). On Mother's Day, a special three-course menu will cost \$50 for adults, \$25 for kids 12 and under. **Wine Cask** (813 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara, 805-966-9463, [www.winecask.com](http://www.winecask.com)) is not usually open for brunch, but new chef John Pettitt has created a special menu for the day (available from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; à la carte pricing). He's offering a foie gras torchon appetizer, house-made yogurt with granola and strawberry compote, duck confit scramble, shrimp and grits, and more. John's wife Allie (who's not usually in the kitchen with him) will make a southwestern quiche with avocado and salsa. **Roy's** (6363 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills, 818-888-4801, [www.roysrestaurant.com](http://www.roysrestaurant.com)) has a special three-course brunch menu on offer from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$30. Some of the choices may include a lobster, clam, and corn chowder; meatloaf with two eggs and mushroom gravy; and warm banana cake with vanilla ice cream and Foster sauce. A special children's menu will be available for the "keikis," or little ones. Roy's is also open for dinner with its usual menu beginning at 4 p.m. **P6 Restaurant & Lounge** (2809 Agoura Road, Westlake Village, 805-778-0123, [www.678dine.com](http://www.678dine.com)) will be open for brunch just for mom from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chef Robert Lia is preparing a \$35 prix-fixe menu for the occasion with decadent choices such as smoked salmon blini, chorizo-stuffed dates, crab Benedict, cinnamon French toast, and grilled rib eye, among other items. Kids 12 and under will be charged one dollar for every birthday

Treat mom like royalty with a trip to Brooks in Ventura for dinner (opposite page, left), the newly revamped Coast in Santa Barbara for brunch (opposite page, right), or Santa Barbara's Wine Cask, which will be open for brunch in honor of Mother's Day (this page).

they've celebrated (i.e., 10-year-olds cost \$10). **Café Firenze** (563 W. Los Angeles Ave., Moorpark, 805-532-0048, [www.cafefirenze.net](http://www.cafefirenze.net)) gets into the holiday with a special brunch buffet with a carving station (prime rib, lamb), pasta station, seafood station, salads, and desserts. It will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and costs \$40 for adults, \$13 for kids.

If you want a more casual experience (but still with great food), there's an abundance of brunches and dinners to choose from. **Terra** (21337 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, 310-456-1221, [www.terrarestaurantla.com](http://www.terrarestaurantla.com)) has booked a jazz duo to complement their three-course brunch menu with choices like an heirloom tomato and ricotta tart, pan-roasted Alaskan halibut, and a farmers' market berry shortcake. Open 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; \$50 per adult and \$20 for kids under 12. **Amuse Bouche** (5754 E. Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley, 805-583-5959, [www.myamusebouche.com](http://www.myamusebouche.com)) will lay out a buffet brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. which includes hot and cold appetizers, a carving station, a cheese station, several side dishes, and desserts with a chocolate fountain. Champagne, sangria, juices, coffee, and sodas are free-flowing. The price is \$37 for adults, \$14 for children 5 to 12, and free for children under 5. **The Sidecar Restaurant** (3029 E. Main St., Ventura, 805-653-7433, [www.thesidecarrestaurant.com](http://www.thesidecarrestaurant.com)) will serve a special holiday brunch menu from chef Tim Kilcoyne, who's promised that his fantastic lemon curd will be on the tables. It will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with à la carte pricing. After 5 p.m., the regular dinner menu will be served. **Brooks** (545 E. Thompson Blvd., Ventura, 805-652-7070, [www.restaurantbrooks.com](http://www.restaurantbrooks.com)) is offering a three-course Mother's Day dinner menu in addition to its regular menu from 5 to 9 p.m. It consists of a pan-roasted diver scallop starter, a grilled pork chop with rhubarb chutney and asparagus, and a root beer float with vanilla-bean ice cream for \$45. **Bistro Ella** (1714 Newbury Road, Newbury Park, 805-498-2500) will be serving its regular dinner menu plus some specials for moms starting at 5 p.m.; à la carte pricing. ■

*Editor's note: Please call ahead to confirm menus and prices, which may have changed since press date.*



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