

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

wine & food festival

2010 Banff Grand Tasting Hall

Participating Restaurants and Samples

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The Baker Creek Bistro

The Baker Creek Bistro, located on the scenic Bow Valley parkway, has been an authentic Canadian Bistro since 1949. Chef/owner Shelly Robinson uses local, seasonal, natural and organic products to create truly memorable dining experiences. Open year round, the bistro offers a variety of dining experiences, ranging from hearty mountain style breakfast, casual tapas and lunch, après ski, dinner, legendary take-out pizza and ice cream cones.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Elk Carpaccio
- 2) Yellow Beet and Fairwinds Farm Goat Cheese Terrine
- 3) Cassoulet
- 4) Trout Cakes

Banff Ski Hub

Banff Ski Hub is nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. The Banff Ski Hub offers exciting summer adventures from hiking at Sunshine Meadows to viewing Glaciers and Grizzly spotting at the Lake Louise Sightseeing Gondola. After all the exciting activities enjoy Mackay's ice cream served daily throughout the summer.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Canadian Maple Ice Cream
- 2) Limencello Ice Cream
- 3) Saskatoon Berry Ice Cream

The Bison

On one floor, a lounge is featured, offering the finest selection of cheese, house made charcuterie and an extensive wine and bar selection. On the floor above, an elegant dining room sits, where you can watch the brigade of chefs, led by executive chef Michael Wrinch, prepare delicious meals. Enjoy a classic wood fired pizza and other fine cuisine inside or out on the sun-drenched patio that is quickly becoming a local favourite.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Pastry Puff with Venison
- 2) Cheese Fondue

Coyotes Southwestern Grill

Since 1993, Coyotes has been serving fresh, healthy, creative cuisine using flavours from the Southwest and Mediterranean. In a friendly casual atmosphere, Coyotes offers many vegetarian dishes, homemade soups, salads, sandwiches, grilled meats and seafood, pastas and pizzas.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Southwest Sushi Roll
- 2) Black Bean Chili
- 3) Goat Cheese Crostini

The Eddie Burger & Bar

Burgers don't get any more gourmet than this! This contemporary and cozy little spot is a new staple for those that appreciate a well made burger. Choose from a unique selection of patties, cheeses, sauces and accompaniments. With a fine selection of wine, beer, spirits or milkshakes, Eddie Burger will not disappoint.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Bison, Beef and Chicken Sliders

Elk & Oarsman / St. James's Gate

Banff's premier sports pub and restaurant, The Elk & Oarsman offers top quality ingredients, live entertainment, twelve draft selections and true hospitality. Whether cozied up to the fire in the dining room, watching sports teams in the pub, or basking in the sun on the roof top patio, it's sure to be a favourite for locals and tourists from around the world.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Baby Back Ribs with Sweet Potato Chips
- 2) Stuffed Baby Yorkies

The Fairmont Banff Springs

Three of The Fairmont Banff Springs restaurant's – Samurai, Waldhaus, Bow Valley Grill & The Banffshire Club – will be featured in the Grand Tasting Hall. The variety of traditional and contemporary dining experiences available at The Fairmont Banff Springs will surely satisfy any appetite from health conscious cuisine to magnificent steaks to classic Canadian fare.

Festival Samples:

Waldhaus

- 1) Pheasant & Chicken Bouchee

Bow Valley Grill

- 1) Spring Creek Beef Tenderloin and Blue Cheese Potato Gratin

Castello

- 1) Seared Sea Scallops with Pancetta Risotto

The Fudgery

Specializes in hand-made chocolates and treats. Made daily on-site, enjoy delicious treats such as Bears paws, chocolate truffles, brittles and much more. Fill that chocolate craving at The Fudgery!

Festival Samples:

- 1) Assorted Candy Dish
- 2) Variety of Chocolate

Giorgio's Trattoria

Giorgio's Trattoria, in the heart of Banff, offers succulent Italian fare in an atmosphere of warm colours and rich wooden furnishings. Giorgio's serves the best of Italy. Savor wood fired pizza, house made pasta and Alberta beef. Pair your meal with just the right wine selection as Giorgio's wine list features the best of Italy and the new world with an extensive by the glass selection.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Veal Scaloppini
- 2) Gnocchi with Marinara Sauce

The Maple Leaf Grill & Lounge

Located on Banff Ave, The Maple Leaf has a wonderful view of downtown and the mountains beyond, and features Canadian cuisine in a warm lodge style atmosphere. Indulge in a martini, or relax with a few friends over fine wine, import beer and good conversation. The Lounge at the Maple Leaf offers a relaxed atmosphere and over 600 wine selections. The decant menu features fresh seafood from both Canadian coasts, along with select cuts of elk, beef and bison.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Duck Wings in a Maple and Jalapeno Glaze with Parsnip and Watercress Puree
- 2) Butternut Maple and Feta Cheese Phyllo Parcels with Mustard & Garlic Crème Fraiche

The Meatball Pizza & Pasta

This open kitchen style restaurant prepares Italian inspired flavourful dishes such as pastas, stone-hearth oven thin crust pizzas, tantalizing meat and vegetarian entrees and a variety of house made appetizers and delicious desserts. The meatballs are so good that the restaurant was named after them!

Festival Samples:

- 1) The Meatball and Spaghetti – Lamb and beef meatballs served over spaghetti with roasted vegetables in a marinara sauce
- 2) Chicken Meatball Carbonara – House made chicken and double smoked bacon meatballs with sautéed mushrooms and fresh grapes in a carbonara cream sauce, infused with an egg
- 3) Tiramisu – Double dunked cappuccino and brandy lady fingers and creamy mascarpone cheese, finished with chocolate shavings and a sprinkle of cinnamon

Saltlik a rare Steakhouse

A beautiful timber-frame building, located in the heart of Banff. Enjoy a classy, yet casual lounge which is famous for unique martinis created by Saltlik bartenders. Have a relaxing dining experience in a truly

elegant dining room. Offering Banff's largest selection of high quality 'AAA' and 'Canadian Angus Beef', complimented by our diverse wine selection.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Duck Taco's – Velvety braised duck, Asian BBQ sauce, basil and cilantro cream served in crispy wonton tacos topped with micro greens
- 2) French Onion Soup – Rich broth, glazed onions, melted gruyère

The Sunshine Mountain Lodge

Nestled high in the Canadian Rockies in Canada's oldest and most famous national park, this eco-boutique hotel delivers extraordinary luxury surrounded by breathtaking scenery. The Sunshine Mountain Lodge is the ONLY ski-in, ski-out hotel in the Mountain National Parks. It offers casual and fine dining, the area's largest hot tub, spa services and family friendly activities. The new West Wing offers rooms with in-floor heating, jetted tubs, large-screen LCD TVs, all in a rustic mountain theme.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Seared Scallop in the Shell with Truffle Mashed Potato, Water Cress and Pomegranate Buerre Blanc
- 2) Chai Mini Crème Brulé in a Pastry Shell with Blackberries and Strawberries