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Earl Abel's offers a special Thanksgiving menu. It's one of many restaurants that will be open on the holiday.

Dine out on Thanksgiving

These restaurants allow you to relax while enjoying a holiday feast.

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Sometimes the best way to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner is to relax and let someone else do the cooking. Local options abound, and restaurants haven't made it easy to pick. Prices do not include tax and gratuity.

ACHIOTE RIVER CAFÉ AND BAR, Grand Hyatt, 600 E. Market St, (210) 224-1234. Noon-9 p.m. \$25 per person. Featuring Latin salads and signature salad bar; carving station; entrées; sides; artisan bread station; and desserts station.

BIGA ON THE BANKS, 203 S. St. Mary's St., (210) 225-0722. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. \$49 for adults; \$25 for children 12 and younger; \$5 extra for sides. Menu includes appetizers and salads, seated entree items, children's options and a variety of desserts. Reservations accepted.

BOUDRO'S, 421 E. Commerce St., (210) 224-8484. Thanksgiving special, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. \$37 for adults; \$15 for children's turkey dinner. Regular dinner menu also available. Special includes appetizer, soup or salad, choice of two entrées with sides and breads and choice of two special desserts or a selection from the

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regular dessert menu.

BRASSERIE PAVIL, 1818 N. Loop 1604 W., (210) 479-5000. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Three-course prix fixe dinner, \$34.95 per person and additional a-la-carte appetizers. Dinner includes appetizer, entree and dessert.

CHAPS RESTAURANT, Hyatt Regency, 123 Losoya St., (210) 222-1234. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thanksgiving buffet, \$40 adults; \$36 seniors; \$20 children; free 3 and younger. Selection includes antipasti and hors d'oeuvres; salad bar; carving stations; entrees and vegetables; bread table; and sweet table.

CRUMPETS, 3920 Harry Wurzbach Road, (210) 821-5600. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. \$27.50-\$34.50 for adult entrees (includes appetizer, bread, house salad and dessert); \$11.50 for children younger than 10 (includes entree and choice of salad or dessert). Reservations highly recommended. No coupons, discounts, barter or trade accepted. Eighteen percent gratuity added to parties of five or more.

EARL ABEL'S, 1201 Austin Hwy., (210) 822-3358. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Special Thanksgiving menu along with several popular regular menu items. Child's menu for ages 10 and younger. Reservations not accepted.

FREDERICK'S, 7701 Broadway, (210) 828-9050 and 14439 N.W. Military Hwy., Suite 100, (210) 888-1500. Open for lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; dinner 5-9:30 p.m. Special menu available for lunch, including soups, appetizers, salads and entrees (price range for entrees \$19-\$32). Child's menu \$13. Dinner offers regular menu plus turkey and dressing.

THE GRILL AT LEON SPRINGS, 24116 I-10 W., (210) 698-8797. Along with regular menu offerings of fish, beef and pasta, the restaurant will offer a traditional



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Achiote River Cafe and Bar at the Grand Hyatt will offer a Thanksgiving buffet that includes salmon and a turkey carving station.

turkey dinner with all the trimmings (\$15.95 for lunch and \$17.95 for dinner).

HYATT REGENCY HILL COUNTRY, 9800 Hyatt Resort Drive, (210) 647-1234. 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. \$42.95 for adults; \$35 for seniors (65-plus); \$21.50 for children 4-12; free for children younger than 4. Reservations required. Many stations to choose from: seascape; salads of the season; seasonal fruit and cheese kiosk; rustic soup station; gnocchi and pasta bar; carved to order; cranberry bar; breakfast; specialties; children's corner; and pastry.

INDIA OVEN, 1031 Patricia Drive, (210) 366-1030. Grand Champagne Buffet, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Includes turkey tikka masala or kebab; chicken or meatball curry; sag paneer; vegetable pakoras or samosas; tomato coconut soup; onion salad; garlic naan; khir; and galub jamun.

JIM'S CAFÉ AND COFFEE BARS, various locations. Normal restaurant hours for Thanksgiving Day. Jim's will start serving the

Thanksgiving meal at 11 a.m., \$7.99. Add a slice of pumpkin pie for \$1. Child's plate, \$4.99.

LAS CANARIAS, La Mansión Del Rio, 112 College St., (210) 518-1017. Thanksgiving buffet, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$64.95 for adults; \$32.95 for ages 5-12; free for children younger than 5. Buffet features unlimited Mumm Champagne, breakfast items such as omelets, a range of entree and appetizers dishes and desserts. Dinner offered 6-10 p.m. and includes an a la carte dinner service with a Thanksgiving special. Make reservations through Leah Morton-Gittens; confirm with a completed credit card authorization form.

LAS RAMBLAS, The Hotel Contessa, 306 W. Market St., (210) 298-8040. Brunch 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. \$32.95 for adults; \$13.95 for ages 7-16; free for children 6 and younger. Choices include carving station; main buffet; waffle station; chilled seafood display; pastry chef's table; and children's buffet. Res-

ervations preferred.

MAGIC TIME MACHINE, 902 E. Loop 1604, (210) 828-1470. Bar opens at 8:30 p.m.

SAZO'S, The Marriott Rivercenter, 101 Bowie St., (210) 554-6180. Buffet, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. \$39 for adults; \$31 for seniors; \$15 for children 7 and older; children 6 and younger free with adult purchase. An 18 percent gratuity and tax will be added to all checks. Reservations accepted.

WESTIN LA CANTERA, 16641 La Cantera Parkway, (210) 558-2443. \$39.95 for adults; \$19.95 for ages 6-12 and free for ages 5 and younger. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Thanksgiving Day brunch features locally grown produce and meats. Menu includes soups; salads; appetizers; turkey, ham or beef carved to order; sides; eggs, omelets and other breakfast items; desserts; chocolate fountain; and a mini-children's buffet. Call for reservations.

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Thanksgiving. Whole roasted turkeys, \$35-\$55; boneless baked ham, \$7.50 per pound; bone-in ham, \$9.50 per pound; smoked turkey breast, \$9.50 per pound. Sides and desserts also available.

EARL ABEL'S, 1201 Austin Hwy., (210) 822-3358. Turkey Family Order, \$125, includes 23-pound turkey

with cornbread dressing, cranberry relish, giblet gravy and two pies. Feeds at least 20. Also offering a new pie — sweet potato pecan with Chantilly Cream.

FRESH HORIZONS, 2020 Broadway, (210) 226-5919. Gourmet Holiday Take Out package orders due Thursday. All orders must be picked up by 2 p.m. Nov. 25. Choices include traditional baked turkeys, Champagne-glazed roast turkey or maple-glazed ham with Creole mustard sauce. Sides and

other options available.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAKHOUSE, 7720 Jones Maltsberger Road, (210) 821-5051, and 1170 E. Commerce St., (210) 227-8847. Holiday sides available in advance at \$25 each, which serves 8-10. Twenty-four hour notice required. Closed Thanksgiving Day.

SOGO MARKET CAFÉ AND TAKEOUT, 19903 Stone Oak Pkwy., (210) 494-8222 or order online at www.sogo-sa.com. \$159.99 buys dinner for six to eight people and

includes turkey with trimmings, rolls and your choice of homemade pie. Orders must be placed and paid for by Thursday. Pick up for orders is Nov. 25. All items available a la carte.

SPICE RACK DELI, 166 N. Loop 1604 E., (210) 491-9010. Orders taken through Nov. 23. Pickup on Nov. 25. Signature dinner includes turkey, ham or pork loin with all the trimmings for 10-12 people for \$135. Smaller dinners, a la carte items and desserts also available.