

DINING

Metro Detroit restaurants welcome Easter diners with special menus and buffets



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It's a rite of spring: Easter brunch across metro Detroit.

From extravagant buffets and endless mimosas to a visit from the Easter bunny, restaurants across metro Detroit are prepping for one of the busiest Sundays of the year.

Many other restaurants, like Aurora Italiana and Aurora on the Lake, will be open with regular menus. Others will offer standard menus and features, like Prime29 Steakhouse's photo opportunity with a special backdrop and NARA Sushi & Hibachi Steakhouse's photos with "Mr. Hops," the Easter Bunny.

Reservations are highly recommended. Listed below are menus and happenings on Easter Sunday, April 20, unless noted.

Prices do not include tax or gratuity, ranging from 18% to 22%.

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Atheneum

Detroit

Greektown's The Atheneum brunch buffet has traditional breakfast fare, made-to-order omelets, a carving station, and sweet treats.

Seatings: 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Price: \$44.95 includes endless mimosas and valet parking; \$21.95 for 12 and under.

313-962-9366 or atheneumsuites.com

Bavarian Inn Lodge

Frankenmuth

Seatings: 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for a buffet of cold salads, rolls, Frankenmuth cheese haus garlic cheese spreads with crackers, a variety of breakfast items, its famous chicken, ham, roasted leg of lamb, sides, vegetables and dessert table.

Price: \$44.95, ages 8-12: \$21.95, ages 3-7: \$14.95 and 2 and under: free. The Bavarian Inn Restaurant also has special holiday dining and a full Easter take-out dinner option that serves four for \$169.

989-652-9941 or bavarianinn.com

Blake's Backyard

Almont

Brunch is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Highlights include eggs, French toast, biscuits and gravy, pasta salad, farmhouse mostaccioli, ham, Traverse City chicken, Blake's donuts and pies and more. There's also handcrafted hard cider, craft beers, mimosas and hard cider Bloody Mary's.

Price: \$30.95, \$13: ages 3-10, under age 2: free.

810-798-3251 or blakefarms.com

Blake's Tasting Room

Armada

Brunch is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring breakfast dishes, fruit, salads, desserts, chicken marsala, ham and pasta carving stations, salmon, meatballs, charcuterie and a dessert bar. Also offered are hard cider, craft beers, mimosa, hard cider and Bloody Mary's.

Price: \$39.95, \$13: ages 3-10, under age 2: free.

586-784-9463 or blakefarms.com

Crystal Gardens

Southgate

Buffet includes carved beef, country-baked ham, boneless chicken Bella and baked Boston scrod with lemon butter plus a huge assortment of side dishes, pasta, salad, bar, soup, bread and sweets.

Price: \$36.95, seniors: \$32.95, ages 4-10: \$19.95.

Seatings: 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Pre-made heat-and-serve Easter dinner with sides and desserts to-go: \$140 and serves five, and \$240 serves 10. Order by April 18 for curbside pickup on Easter Sunday.

734-285-2210 or crystalgardensonline.com

Dearborn Inn

Dearborn

Clara's Table, the farm-to-table restaurant inside the newly reopened Dearborn Inn after a major renovation, brunch offers a main entrée plus multiple stations offering omelets, carved prime rib, fruit display, pastry and dessert station.

Price: \$90, \$50: ages 4-12, under 3: free.

marriott.com

Daxton Hotel

Birmingham

The hotel's Madam restaurant has seating from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the hotel's elegant brunch offerings. There will also be family-friendly entertainment.

Price: \$75: adults, \$25: ages 4-12.

daxtonhotel.com

Echelon Kitchen + Bar

Ann Arbor

Newly opened in Ann Arbor, Echelon Kitchen + Bar features locally sourced, vegetable-forward and wood-fired fare. A three-course prix fixe menu is offered from noon to 8 p.m. highlighting in-season produce with options like roasted lamb or spring agnolotti.

Price: \$110 per person for prix fixe menu or \$195 per person for the chef's counter tasting menu.

echelonkitchenandbar.com

Eddie Merlot's

Bloomfield Hills

The brunch buffet is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with breakfast items, including eggs Benedict, Belgian waffles, French toast plus shrimp cocktail, oysters, chicken, beef, lamb and ham. There's also an omelet station, salad station, and an array of desserts.

Price \$75, \$19: children (ages 10 and under).

eddiemerlots.com

Eddie V's

Troy

Prix fixe two-course brunch menu served 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with warm apple cinnamon scones for the table, followed by first- and second-course choices of Caesar salad, lobster bisque or smoked salmon, lobster quiche Florentine, steak and frittata, crab and avocado toast. Children's brunch menu is available.

Price: \$55; \$17: children.

eddiev.com

Ernie's Grill

Clinton Township

Buffet is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. of carved roast beef, baked Virginia ham with raisin sauce, stuffed breast of chicken, baked cod, vegetables, imported cheeses, salads,

fruit and other assorted cold foods, breakfast items, breads, muffins and rolls and.

Price: \$49, \$17: 11 and under, free: ages under 5.

586-286-8435 or erniesmi.com

Fleming's Steakhouse

Birmingham and Livonia

Special three-course Easter weekend brunch menu features several entrée choices starting at \$52 and dessert. The Easter brunch is available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Easter Sunday. Dinner menu and three-course children's menu available.

flemingssteakhouse.com

Grecian Center

Southgate

Easter brunch noon to 3 p.m. featuring a grazing table with shrimp cocktail and assorted breads. There's a deluxe salad bar, a main buffet of breakfast fare, carved ham, herb-crusted ribeye, blackened chicken with gorgonzola cream, sides and desserts.

Price: \$48 per person, \$45: ages 50 and up, \$20: ages 3-12, ages 2 and under: free.

734-282-5700 or thegreciancenter.com

Hamilton's

Detroit (Corktown)

This Corktown spot inside the Godfrey Hotel pairs brunch buffet starting at 9 a.m. with a Bunny Trail Treasure Hunt. Menu highlights include house-made pastries, raw bar, salad bar, lox/bagel station, breakfast fare, and carving stations. The treasure hunt provides patrons with clues hidden throughout the hotel where they can collect colorful eggs and sweet surprises.

Price: \$65; \$30: children, ages 5 and under: free.

Hazel's

Birmingham

Known for its seasonal, seafood-centric menu, Hazel's brunch menu is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Specials include soft shell crab Benedict (\$22), savory breakfast strudel with sausage and eggs your way, both options are \$16 each. Fruit and pastry boards and a mimosa flight are offered.

248-671-1714 or eatathazels.com

Joe Vicari Restaurant Group

Multiple locations: Andiamo, Andiamo Pasta and Chops, Birmingham Pub, Bronze Door, Joe Muer, the Statler

Brunch buffet or dinner across several Andiamo locations. Andiamo Bloomfield, Fenton, Livonia and Warren, brunch is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Detroit. Buffet menus vary at each location but include classics like chicken piccata, pasta, omelet station, Dearborn ham, salads and more. Plated and buffet dinner menus vary in time, options, and prices at each location.

Prices: Brunch prices vary by location and ranges \$39.95-\$55, ages 5-10: ranges \$22-\$24.95, ages 4 and under: free.

andiamoitalia.com

Andiamo Pasta & Chops, Clinton Township: Buffet 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with chef carving station, Honey Baked Dearborn ham, chicken piccata, specialty pastas, salads, breakfast items and desserts.

Prices: \$44.95, \$22" ages 5-10, under 4: free. Dinner buffet is 3-8 pm. \$59.95, \$22" ages 5-10, 4 and under: free.

andiamopastachops.com

Birmingham Pub, Birmingham: Brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a variety of breakfast items including eggs Benedict, omelet Boursin, and croque madame.

Dinner service with options such as Grey Goose Shrimp and filet mignon is 3-8 p.m.

thebirminghampub.com

Bronze Door, Grosse Pointe Farms: Brunch service offering breakfast dishes from poached eggs and creme brulee French toast is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner is 3-8 p.m. featuring classics like rack of lamb and filet mignon.

bronzedoorgp.com

Joe Muer Seafood, Bloomfield and Detroit: Brunch grand buffet is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Bloomfield and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Detroit.

Prices: \$79, \$40: ages 6-11, (\$39 in Detroit), 5 and under: free. Joe Muer Detroit will be open for dinner service.

joemuer.com.

The Statler, Detroit: Buffet of breakfast and brunch items is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch and dinner buffet is 1-5 p.m. Highlights include crepes, ham, chicken piccata, breakfast items and pastries. Dinner items feature roast beef, salmon and house-made desserts.

Prices: \$49, \$24: ages 6-10, 5 and under: free.

statlerdetroit.com

Le Suprême

Detroit

Inside the Book Tower, Le Suprême will open for regular service, serving its brunch menu 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. followed by dinner 4-9 p.m.

lesupremedetroit.com or resy.com

Lockhart's BBQ

Royal Oak

Brunch buffet served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with brisket carving station, scrambled eggs, potatoes, smoked sausage, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruits and salads. Prices: \$35 per person, \$15: children. Add \$20 for bottomless mimosas. 248-584-4227 or lockhartsbbq.com

MacRay's Harbor

Harrison Township

Brunch buffet of breakfast and lunch items, display of fruits, salads, cheeses, sides, pancake station, build your own omelet, prime rib and ham carving stations, and sweets table.

Seatings: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. You can also buy Easter bunny ears and Easter gift bags.

Prices: 49.95, ages 4-11: \$19.95.

586-468-1900 or macray.com

Maggiano's

Troy

Family-style dining experience features chef signature Caesar and Maggiano's new wagyu beef meatballs plus its classics of rigatoni "D," fettuccine Alfredo, chicken parmesan, and tigatoni Alla Vodka.

maggianos.com

Major Biddle's

Wyandotte

Brunch buffet with an omelet station and carving station, Dearborn ham, and roast beef. Across the buffet is a variety of breakfast items, sides, selections of chicken piccata, meatballs, chicken tenders, fruits fruit, desserts, and pastries. A buffet is served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A limited dinner menu is also being served from 3-6 p.m.

Prices: \$34.95 plus tax and gratuity.

majorbiddles.com

Mario's

Detroit

One of Detroit's oldest Italian dining establishments, brunch is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring prime rib roast, peel-and-eat shrimp, omelet station, assorted salads, and desserts. Dinner is served 4-9 p.m.

Prices: \$40, 12 and under: \$18.

313-832-1616 or mariosdetroit.com

One Nine Event Venue

Riverview

Brunch and dinner buffet at the former Orlando's Familia Banquet Center in Riverview. For brunch, seatings are every hour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a carving station of roast prime rib beef, omelet station, pasta station, crepe station, cold salads, ham, and breakfast items. Bloody Mary and mimosas available for additional purchase. The Easter Bunny visits noon to 3 p.m. and there is kids face painting.

Prices: \$39.95, 65 and up: \$34.95 and \$19.95: ages 4-10.

734-479-4800 or easteratonenine.eventbrite.com

Pop's for Italian

Ferndale

A limited Easter brunch menu is served 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the dinner menu is 4-7 p.m. The holiday brunch menus include a wide array of breakfast items like omelets and classic eggs Benedict, biscuits and gravy, frittata, glazed ham, paninis, sandwiches, pizzas and salads.

popsforitalian.com

Rudy's Prime Steakhouse

Clarkston

The steakhouse's standard menu with special brunch menu items such as herbed goat cheese and asparagus quiche and homemade strawberry rhubarb jam pop-tart are offered noon to 8 p.m.

248-625-3033 or rudysprimesteakhouse.com

Rugby Grille

Birmingham

Inside the Townsend Hotel, the Rugby Grille buffet has an array of pastries, breakfast items, and entrees of lamb chops, chicken piccata, and lasagna. Stations include: waffles, bagels with salmon lox and omelet stations, beef tenderloin, ham and salmon.

Seatings: 11 a.m. or 2 p.m.

Prices: \$135, \$60: ages 4-12, under 4: free.

248-642-7900 or rugbygrille.com

Salute Taverna

Taylor

Brunch buffet is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with omelet and carved beef stations, breakfast items, pasta, cod piccata, rolls and homemade desserts. The restaurant's "almost bottomless" mimosa and Bloody Mary bar is \$20.

Prices: Buffet is \$32, \$15: ages 5-12, 4 and under: free.

734-318-2800 or salutetaylor.com

Table No. 2

Detroit

Served noon to 3 p.m. buffet includes a pasta station with made-to-order toppings of chicken, shrimp, vegetables and a choice of Marinara or Alfredo sauce. There will be fruit and sushi displays, a variety of breakfast items, and desserts. Extra charge add-ons (\$10-\$15) items include ribeye steak, firecracker shrimp, or butter lobster tails.

Price: \$30 per person. Two-hour free validated parking in the Greektown parking structure.

313-340-9550 or tablenumber2.com

The Capital Grille

Troy

Prix fixe two-course chef selections plus classic brunch cocktails and champagne. Each course has several options, including cold-smoked salmon and avocado toast, lobster frittata and an 8-ounce center-cut filet mignon.

Price \$60 per person. Children's two-course brunch (\$17) with a choice of select entrées.

thecapitalgrille.com

The Community House

Birmingham

Easter brunch buffet and egg hunt with 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. seatings. On the menu are French toast bake, buttermilk pancakes, frittata, scrambled eggs, bacon, potatoes, salads and a fruit display. After brunch, there is an egg hunt and visit with the Easter Bunny.

Prices: \$50 per person, \$25: ages 3-12, and under 3: free.

248-644-5832 or communityhouse.com

Truago

Trenton

Four-course limited Easter menu 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and \$45 per person. Each course offers multiple choices from shrimp cocktail to lobster bisque and main option choices of beef Wellington, salmon, ham, lamb and more. An a la carte menu is also available.

734-676-2233 or truago.com

Vintage House

Fraser

Easter brunch buffet of breakfast, lunch, and dinner items, with a carving station of roast sirloin and Dearborn brand glazed ham and a sweets table of assorted cakes, pies, French pastries, cannoli and eclairs.

Seating at 11:30 a.m. features breakfast and the entire menu, second seating is 3:30 p.m. with lunch and dinner items only.

Prices: \$34.95 per person, \$21.95: children 5-10, under 4: free.

586-415-5678 or vintagebanquetsandcatering.com

Zehnder's of Frankenmuth

Frankenmuth

Served at Zehnder's Z Chef's Café 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Easter brunch buffet includes an array of breakfast dishes including a made-to-order omelet station and Belgian waffles, breakfast meats, pastry selections, fruit, salads, ham and its famous fried chicken.

Prices: \$35.95 per person, \$16.95: ages 9-11, \$15.95: ages 6-8, \$8.95: ages 3-5.

989-652-0450 or zehnders.com

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