

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

wine & food festival

2009 Banff Grand Tasting Hall

Participating Restaurants and Samples

Updated April 15, 2009, Please note: Samples and restaurants are subject to change without notification.

The Bison Restaurant and Lounge

On one floor, a newly opened lounge is featured, offering the finest selection of cheese, house made charcuterie and an extensive wine and bar selection. On the floor above, a bistro sits, where visitors can 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) Artisan Cheese
- 2) Coronation Grape Braised Bison on Mini Brioche

Buffalo Mountain Lodge

Sheltered on the slopes of Tunnel Mountain, Buffalo Mountain Lodge offers visitors a truly relaxing mountain getaway with all the amenities and two restaurants. Sleeping Buffalo Restaurant and Lounge offers breakfast, lunch and dinner; Cilantro is open in the evenings, and has the atmosphere of a secluded mountain cabin – while being only minutes away from Banff Avenue.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Chocolate Pear Napoleon
- 2) Game Terrine

Evergreen at Delta Banff Royal Canadian Lodge

With a grand Rundle Rock fireplace in the main lobby, a luxurious Grotto Spa and a restaurant called Evergreen that offers everything from a café latté to Alberta AAA Beef Tenderloin; the Delta Banff Royal Canadian Lodge is the quintessential mountain getaway. Its guest rooms are spacious, equipped with all the modern amenities and have great views of the town.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Smoked Pork Tenderloin
- 2) Cheese Spatzle

Eddie Burger & Bar

Burgers don't get more gourmet than this! This new, contemporary and cozy little spot is sure to be a new staple for those that appreciate a well made burger. Choose from a unique selection of patties, cheeses, sauces and accompaniments and then nosh you burger down with a glass of wine, beer or cocktail from the quality bar selections.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Chicken Sliders (mini burgers)
- 2) Beef Sliders
- 3) Bison Sliders

The Fairmont Banff Springs

Banff's famous hotel offers a vast range of dining experiences in traditional, regional and contemporary restaurants all located within the hotel. Samurai Sushi Bar offers fresh and authentic sushi, while Costello's offers exquisite Italian and an excellent wine list. Whether you favour a steak, mountain fare or authentic ethnic cuisine, you will find it here amongst beautiful surroundings of The Fairmont Banff Springs.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Samurai Sushi Bar and Restaurant- Fresh Sushi Station
- 2) Bow Valley Grill- Organic Chinook Salmon with a Chipotle Glaze
- 3) Castello Ristorante – Seared Scallop and Lemon Orzo Pasta Risotto
- 4) Waldhaus Restaurant – Maple Braised Pork Belly
- 5) Banffshire Club – Beef Striploin, Potato Gratin and Wild Mushrooms

Fuze Finer Dining

Contemporary décor, an international menu and a fantastic wine list await visitors. The gorgeous restaurant is the perfect spot for a romantic dinner, a special meal or a group gathering. Delight in carefully prepared dishes with flavours, spices and ingredients from around the world. It's fine dining with a casual dress code – perfect for your mountain getaway.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Indian Chili Prawns
- 2) Sticky Toffee Pudding

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. From an intimate dinner for two to a corporate function for 200, enjoy the famous Roseline in pomodoro sauce, or indulge

in parmesan crusted halibut. Pair your meal with just the right wine selection, and sip a glass of port with your dessert.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Chicken Parmesan
- 2) Osso Bucco (braised veal shanks) on Risotto

Maple Leaf Grill and Lounge

Indulge in a martini, enjoy the Wild Game Platter 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 selections for wine. The decant menu features fresh seafood from both Canadian coasts, along with select cuts of elk, beef and bison.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Pistachio stuffed Chicken Roulade
- 2) Salmon with a Smoked Maple Crème Fraiche & Sweet Chili Jam

St. James's Gate Olde Irish Pub / Elk and Oarsman Pub & Grill

Two of the finest pubs in town. St James Gate is an authentic Irish pub with friendly bartenders and servers to mix with the large crowd of residents and tourists. The Elk & Oarsman features timber and river rock décor, a stone fireplace and a rooftop patio with gorgeous mountain views. Both pubs serve up substantial and tasty pub fare, and a great selection of draft beer.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Smoked Salmon Boxty
- 2) Mini Yorkshire
- 3) Ribs

The Sunshine Mountain Lodge

Banff's only ski-in, ski-out hotel is 7082 feet up in the Rocky Mountains. With 17 new Premium Guest Rooms and 13 new Loft Suites, all the amenities of a luxury resort and the convenience of a ski hill right outside the door, how can you resist? The Eagle's Nest restaurant provides an added touch of luxury with a fine dining menu consisting of regional and traditional favorites.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Dungeness Crab Cakes with a Melon Salad

Wild Flour: Banff's Artisan Bakery Café

Wild Flour is Banff's original locally owned, organic café. From sweet treats to hearty soups, indulgent coffees to freshly baked artisan breads, Wild Flour offers something for every palate. The perfect spot for a meal, a snack, or a visit with friends.

Festival Samples:

- 1) Coffee and Iced Tea
- 2) Various Salads, Wraps and Salsas
- 3) Variety of baked goods including Granola Bars, Brownies, Cookies and Crostinis