Not everyone has the time or desire to make a full Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings and if you fall into that camp, Southern California's casinos are still an option. But with the <u>pandemic</u>, things will be different this year.

Gone are the buffet smorgasbords offering all-you-can eat delights (<u>a casualty of the novel coronavirus</u>) and generally there are fewer casino restaurants offering specials this year. However, there are still quite a few ready to seat and serve customers.

Want to stick around the house? You can do that, too. A number of casinos are offering chef-prepared to-go meals that you can eat in the comfort of your home.

Many of the take-home meals require orders at least a couple of days advance and some of the restaurants require reservations so make sure you take that into account when you're making plans.

Here's a list of 26 casino dining options for Thanksgiving this year.

Agua Caliente Casino Palm Springs

401 E. Amado Road, Palm Springs. 888-999-1995, aguacalientecasinos.com.

The Steakhouse (Palm Springs): Roasted turkey dinner with apple sage stuffing. Walnut pumpkin tartelette for dessert. 5-10 p.m. \$52 per person. Reservations recommended. 888-999-1995.

Java Caliente Café: Turkey dinner with mashed potatoes, stuffing, giblet gravy and personal pumpkin pie. All day after 11 a.m. \$15.95.

Thanksgiving to-go: The Palm Springs casino will have chef-prepared meals that serve 6-8 people available for curbside pickup. Meals include a whole roasted turkey, butternut squash bisque, chestnut sage stuffing, whipped potatoes, rolls, yams, green beans and more. Pumpkin pie and New York cheesecake are offered for dessert. \$210. Orders must be placed by 5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 22, and can be made by calling 760-883-1245.

Agua Caliente Resort Casino Spa Rancho Mirage

32-250 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage. 888-999-1995, aguacalientecasinos.com.

The Steakhouse (Rancho Mirage): Prix fixe menu featuring an acorn squash and chestnut creme shooter; wild mushroom terrine; and choice of pan roasted turkey roulade or black truffle crusted filet mignon with jumbo tiger prawns. Fall spice panna cotta for dessert. 5-10 p.m. \$65 per person. Reservations recommended. 888-999-1995.

Waters Café: Three-course dinner featuring turkey breast, garlic mashed potatoes and poultry gravy. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. \$35.

360 Sports: Turkey sandwich on brioche bun, peppers and onions, cranberry mayo, brie cheese and butter lettuce. Served with potato flats. 11 a.m.-midnight. \$13.

Thanksgiving to-go: The Rancho Mirage Resort will have chef-prepared meals that serve 6-8 people available for curbside pickup. Meals include a whole roasted turkey and the same sides and desserts available in Palm Springs. \$210. Orders must be placed by 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 23, and can be made by calling 760-202-2133.

Augustine Casino

84-001 Ave. 54, Coachella. 760-391-9500, augustinecasino.com.

Café 54: Thanksgiving meal consisting of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce and glass of champagne. 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. \$14.95 per person.

Casino Pauma

777 Pauma Reservation Road, Pauma Valley. 877-687-2862, casinopauma.com.

Café: Choice of cream of butternut squash soup or garden salad paired with choice of traditional roasted turkey or 10-ounce prime rib. Noon-9 p.m. \$20.

Fantasy Springs Resort Casino

84-245 Indio Springs Drive, Indio. 760-345-2450, fantasyspringsresort.com.

The Bistro: A la carte menu featuring choice of arugula and baby kale salad or wild mushroom soup (\$8), fresh roasted turkey with cheddar whipped potatoes and country style cornbread stuffing with maple roasted sausage (\$28) and pumpkin spice cheesecake (\$10). 5-10 p.m.

Pom: A la carte menu featuring choice of baby spinach and arugula salad or butternut squash bisque (\$7), fresh roasted turkey with mashed potatoes and natural pan gravy, cornbread stuffing with maple roasted sausage and cinnamon-roasted sweet potatoes (\$26) and homemade pumpkin pie with cinnamon whipped cream (\$7). 5-11 p.m.

Harrah's Resort Southern California

777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center. 760-751-3100, harrahssocal.com.

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The Café: Carved turkey, cornbread stuffing, seasonal vegetables, homemade cranberry sauce and mashed potatoes and gravy. 7 a.m.-midnight. \$18.

Fiore: Honey roasted turkey dinner, blueberry herbed stuffing, green beans amandine, sweet potato cobbler, cranberry sauce, potatoes and gravy. 5:30-9 p.m. \$44. Reservations recommended and can be made by calling 760-751-3100.

'Ritas Cantina: Chipotle citrus roasted turkey with chorizo sage stuffing and fresh street corn. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. \$17.99.

Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa

49500 Seminole Drive, Cabazon. 951-849-3080, morongocasinoresort.com.

Cielo: Roasted sweet potato and pistachio soup; organic free range citrus marinated turkey; garlic herb mashed potatoes; caramelized root vegetables; prosciutto; spinach and Parmigiano Reggiano stuffing; and cranberry coulis. Apple pie cheesecake for dessert. 4-9 p.m. \$68 per person. Reservations recommended and can be made by calling 800-252-4499 ext. 6.

Good Times Café: Frisèe Salad with dried cranberry, pistachio, roasted butternut squash and champagne vinaigrette; maple basted turkey breast; sausage cornbread stuffing; sweet potato puree; green been amandine and cranberry sauce. Spiced pumpkin cake. 11 a.m.-2 a.m. \$26.99 per person.

Pink Coffee: Whole pumpkin pie (\$12) and pumpkin cheesecake by the slice (\$6.50). The special runs through November.

Pit Stop Diner (Casino Morongo): Butternut squash soup, slow-roasted turkey breast, stuffing, turkey gravy, sauteed mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce and pumpkin cheesecake. 8 a.m.-10 p.m. \$21.99 per person.

Sideline Bar & Grill: "The Thanksgiving Burger" with ground turkey, garlic-cranberry aioli, arugula, jalapeño bacon, pickled apple and white cheddar. Comes with sweet potato fries. 11 a.m. \$14.99.

Thaksgiving to-go The Cabazon complex will offer a to-go Thanksgiving meal option this year. Prices are \$179 for a 16-18-pound turkey; \$185 for a 10-pound carving ham; \$215 for an eight-pound slow roasted prime rib of beef. Included in the price are mashed potatoes, sage stuffing, turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, baked yams with honey and marshmallows, rolls and butter and more. The meal comes with the choice of a whole apple, pecan or pumpkin pie. Orders are ready Thanksgiving morning. Orders must be placed no later than Monday, Nov. 23, either by visiting Morongo's website or calling 866-234-7006.

Pala Casino, Spa & Resort

11154 Highway 76, Pala. 877-946-7252, palacasino.com.

Bar Meets Grill: Cambozola cheese with roasted garlic and a port wine glaze, black grapes, French-roasted walnuts, apple and a toasted baguette (\$14); roast Cornish rock hen basted in sage butter served with stuffing, mashed potato, roasted roots and cranberry relish (\$28); baked salmon and crab ragout, served with sweet corn risotto, Swiss chard, kabocha squash and candied ginger (\$38). 5-11 p.m.

Pala Café: Roasted turkey served with gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and green beans (\$28.95) and pumpkin pie for dessert (\$7.95 per slice).11 a.m.-close.

Pechanga Resort Casino

45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 877-711-2946, pechanga.com.

Thanksgiving to-go: The Temecula area resort is offering to-go meals that feature 11 items,

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including dessert.

People can either order a 12-16 pound turkey (serves 6) for \$195 or a 20-24 pound turkey (serves 12) for \$310. Sides include spiced sweet potato bisque, red beet salad, duck fat rosemary roasted potatoes, brussels sprouts, carrot puree, pumpkin cheesecake and more. Additional servings of sides can be added to orders.

Orders can be made by calling 951-770-2307 and must be placed no later than Tuesday, November 17, for pick up at the casino valet on Thursday, November 26.

Soboba Casino Resort

22777 Soboba Road, San Jacinto. 951-665-1000, soboba.com.

Canyons: Winter salad with spiced pecans, dried fruit, feta and balsamic vinaigrette; oven roasted Cornish hen with seasonal vegetables, garlic parmesan fingerling potatoes and truffle mac and cheese. Desert trio of pecan tart, pumpkin cheesecake and chocolate creme brulee. 5-10 p.m. \$59. Reservations recommended and can be made by calling 1-866-476-2622.

Fairway Café: Citrus roasted beet salad or cream of pumpkin spice soup; oven roasted turkey breast; and pumpkin spice Swiss roll. 11 a.m.-midnight. \$25.

Noodle Bar: Egg drop soup or salad with ponzu dressing; duck breast with rose wine sauce, baby zucchini, baby yellow squash, carrots, broccoli and rice; pumpkin spice, vanilla and green tea creme brulee trio. Noon-11 p.m. \$32.

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