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THE PENINSULA BEVERLY HILLS LAUNCHES HOLLYWOOD BOWL PICNIC MENU

Three-course picnic baskets add elegance to al fresco evening concerts

Balmy summer evenings in Southern California call for concerts under the stars at the Hollywood Bowl. Add a touch of elegance to an evening at the Hollywood Bowl with a gourmet picnic basket prepared by The Peninsula Beverly Hills. Executive Chef James Overbaugh has introduced a new menu that offers diners an opportunity to customize a three-course dinner with a choice of appetizers, main and dessert courses. In addition, picnickers can order signature Peninsula snacks such as Truffle Popcorn, perfect for cocktail time, and Caramel Popcorn, for a post-dessert treat.

Diners may choose from a selection of appetizers: *Baby Arugula, Tomatoes and Cucumbers with Kalamata Olives and Feta Cheese; Heirloom Tomatoes with Fresh Buffalo Mozzarella, Extra-Virgin Olive Oil, Aged Balsamic and Basil; Grilled Asparagus and Shaved Fennel with Lemon Vinaigrette and Parmigiano Reggiano; Poached and Chilled Jumbo Prawns with Creamy Cocktail Sauce; and House-smoked Salmon with Capers, Onions and Sliced Tomato.*

The Peninsula Beverly Hills picnic menu offers six main-course options: *Grilled Marinated Vegetables with Baby Organic Greens and Saffron Aioli; Panini of Sun-dried Tomato Focaccia filled with Eggplant, Portobello, Sweet Red Onion, Basil and Goat Cheese; Grilled and Sliced Beef Tenderloin with Caramelized Onions, Charred Romaine Hearts, Vine-ripe Tomato and Parmesan Dressing; Roasted Breast of Chicken with Asparagus, Green Beans and Poppy Seed Dressing; Citrus-poached Chilled Salmon with Spring Beet and Watercress Salad and Tangerine Vinaigrette; Chilled Shrimp Cobb Salad with Tomato, Avocado, Eggs, Blue Cheese, Bacon and Herb Dressing.*

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Dessert choices include *New York-style Cheesecake*; *Rich Chocolate Mousse Cake*; *Home-made Strawberry Shortcake*; *Assorted Freshly Baked Cookies*; and *Fresh Fruit Tart with Vanilla Sauce*. Three course picnic basket dinners range from US\$ 35 to US\$ 49 per person and come with freshly baked breads and butter. In addition, diners can order snacks including: *Imported and Domestic Cheese with Breads*, US\$ 18 per person; *Vegetable Crudités*, US\$ 14 per person; *Marinated Olives*, US\$ 8 per person; *Pistachios or Mixed Nuts*; US\$ 8 per person; *Truffle Popcorn*, US\$ 8 per person; and *The Peninsula's Caramel Popcorn*, US\$ 8 per person. Bottled wines from The Peninsula Beverly Hills' award-winning cellars, along with beers and soft drinks, are also available.

To place an order for a Hollywood Bowl picnic basket please call (1-310) 788 2333. En route to the Bowl, concertgoers can save time by calling for a drive-by pickup. When they pull into the driveway of The Peninsula Beverly Hills, a member of the staff will whisk their picnic basket, complete with utensils, paper plates, napkins and, on request, a blanket, directly to their car.

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About The Peninsula Beverly Hills

The only AAA Five Diamond and Mobil Five-Star hotel in Southern California for 16 consecutive years, The Peninsula Beverly Hills offers 193 elegantly appointed rooms, including 36 suites and 16 private villas, nestled among lush tropical gardens in the heart of Beverly Hills. This iconic luxury hotel is home to the sumptuous The Belvedere restaurant, The Living Room, where the legendary Peninsula Afternoon Tea is served daily, The Peninsula Spa and The Roof Garden, a refined resort oasis featuring a swimming pool, private cabanas, and outdoor cocktails and dining. The Peninsula Beverly Hills is located at the intersection of Wilshire and South Santa Monica Boulevards, within easy walking distance of Century City and Beverly Hills' legendary Rodeo Drive.

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