ROYAL RESORTS RESTAURANTS

ost all-inclusive resorts have several restaurants to choose from, with one or two fine-dining restaurants, open nightly, and reservations required. The resort will also

have several restaurants offering buffet as well as poolside type food.

You can also have room service with food brought to your villa, including many nighttime dishes, usually excluding dinners from the fine dining restaurants.

The Royal Resorts are no different fitting into this mold. *La Trattoria* (Royal Cancun), *Club Bistro and Hacienda Sisal*, (Royal Sands), *Los Murales* and *Kinoko* (Royal Haciendas), and *Flor de Canela* (Grand Residences) are the fine dining restaurants within The Royal Resorts and require reservations.

La Veranda del Mar

(Royal Sands) is not considered to be a fine ding restaurant but is a la carte. The

dishes are pretty good for a general type of restaurant, and we include it in our drop-down menu box.

There are other general style restaurants at each resort where you can get poolside food and other dishes. They do not require reservations, and some are buffets with a different theme each night.

Royal Cancun

La Palapa – Mexican & International, breakfast buffet, buffet theme nights and a la carte breakfast, lunch and dinner

Poolside Grill – Hamburgers, hotdogs, and poolside foods

Royal Sands

Sand Dollar—Sushi & Poke bowls, **Char Hut** – Hamburgers, Mexican and other dishes, salads

Sidelines Bar – Teenage buffet, hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, other dishes



Club Bistro with curtain closed

Royal Haciendas

La Palapa del Sol – Mexican and International cuisine, breakfast buffet, theme night buffets, a la carte meu as well

Sol Grill – Hamburgers, hot dogs, wraps, sandwiches, salads and seafood tacos

Luna Grill – Hamburgers, shrimp tacos, ceviches, sandwiches pizzas

La Rotonda Bar – paninis, ciabattas, and crepes from 5 p.m., Coffee and pastries served during the day

Grand Residents

El Faro Grill – Seafood, International food and steaks. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Heaven Beach Bar & Grill – Hamburgers, shrimp tacos, salads, poolside foods

Restaurant menus, prices, and

times of operation do change so you may want to check while you're making reservations. We found the restaurant website for The Royal Resorts doesn't work that well. You may want to call the main switchboard and ask for restaurant reservations. 011-52 (998) 881-0100. They will connect you and you can make reservations yourself.

The Royal Resorts now offer you the option of bringing a chef to your villa to cook for you and your guests. You will have to get with your concierge to book a night in your villa as well as pick out the dishes with your chef that you wish to be prepared along with the price.

The Gran Salon is an evening showtime next to Hacienda Sisal with a buffet which

changes depending on the theme of the evening show.

If you're not into buffet style food, we suggest going to the show which ends around 7:45 p.m., then go to Hacienda Sisal to eat (if you're on the all-inclusive package). You can make reservations but by 7:45 p.m., most people are finished eating and there are usually tables available.

The Royal Resort's restaurant scene has changed greatly with the closure of El Conquistador and Captain's Cove, two of the favorites among Royal Resort owners in Cancun. Because they were part of the all-inclusive, it made it even more appealing to take the all-inclusive package at \$89.00 U.S. per day.

Some owners don't eat the daily

breakfast that the resorts offer. And some prefer to prepare dinner in their own villa and go out to eat a few times during the week, paying the a la carte prices at the resort or at a local restaurant.

If you look at the prices of Royal Resorts restaurants without the all-inclusive, as well as the prices of other favorite restaurants in and around Cancun and Riviera Maya, you may want to consider taking the all-inclusive package. We believe you can still take the all-inclusive, go out to eat at one of your favorite restaurants one or two nights and still come out ahead.

The Owner's Manual now has a Restaurant drop-down box on our website where you can access all the Royal Resorts restaurant's menu with current prices as of July 2024. This should help you to decide if

you want to take the all-inclusive package as well as to plan for reservations three days in advance.

If you plan on eating at The Royal Resorts fine dining restaurants, reservations are a must, especially since all-inclusive members and guests are making them as soon as they can.

Your concierge should call you within a week before your trip and you can give him or her your list of where you want to eat; they can make reservations for you. Or you can call the main desk 011 52 (998) 881-0100 and ask to be connected to restaurant reservations where you can make your reservations for the first three days of your trip. This can be done up to thirty days prior to your trip.

LA TRATTORIA

La Trattoria is a fine dining Italian cuisine with Pasta dishes, pizzas, and a collection of seafood dishes along with steaks. Because of the closure of El Conquistador and Captain's Cove, reservations are a must to dine at La Trattoria.

Because guests are utilizing the

Royal Resort bus between resorts, you should put your name on the reservation list 30 minutes before departure. The bus leaves The Royal Sands at 10:20 a.m., 12:20, 2:20, 4:20, 6:20, 8:20, and 10:20 p.m. The bus seats 37 passengers.

The bus leaves the Royal Cancun to The Royal Sands at 9 & 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 p.m. The taxi fare between the resorts for 1- 4 people is 300 pesos, 5-8 people 600 pesos, and 9-14 people 750 pesos. The current exchange rate is approximately 17.5 pesos to the dollar.

dor but come doesn't close in our opinion. Because of the small area, the music can be loud (to the left as you enter), so you may want to ask to be seated further away if you want to talk to each other during dinner.

Reservations are a must. Because the same kitchen is used as La Veranda del Mar (the evening name for the lower part of the restaurant), service can be slow.

LA VERANDA DEL MAR

La Veranda del Mar on Sunday through Friday is an a la carte restaurant, with a desert buffet as well. No

reservations are required. Some of the food items which were all inclusive before, now come with an upcharge.

Saturday evening, both the top and bottom of La Veranda are buffet style and Italian night. You can choose

your ingredients and have the chef prepare them for you with your choice of noodles but only on Saturday night. Breakfast is still the same buffet style as before every day.

Average daily cost for eating and drinking at the Royal Resorts without the all-inclusive package

Breakfast = \$23

Drinks around the pool (7 drinks @ avg. \$9.00 drink) = \$63 Lunch & snacks = \$25

Dinner (drink, appetizer, soup or salad, main course, dessert) = \$75

Total average daily cost for modest food and beverage = \$186

LOS MURALES

The quality of the food is as good as ever at Los Murales. It has seafood with a Mediterranean flair type dishes (open daily from 5 to 10 p.m.). Seafood comes from the Caribbean as well as the Pacific. Los Murales also has a variety of prime steaks and other international dishes. Reservations are a must as everyone wants to eat here once or twice during their stay.

KINOKO

Kinoko has Asian type dishes (Japanese, Chinese, Thai, and Korean). Reservations are required. If you are trying to get a table for Teppanyaki, sittings are at 5, 7, and 9 p.m., open daily.

CLUB BISTRO

La Veranda has been split up in the evening (Saturday not included). The upper part of the restaurant that was accessible by three sets of steps is closed off with a curtain and becomes Club Bistro.

Its ambiance and the food choices are supposed to be like El Conquista-

FLOR DE CANELA

Flor de Canela is the fine dining restaurant located in The Grand Residences in Puerto Morelos. It has a lot of exquisite type Mexican and Mayan dishes, seafood and steaks.

CHEF IN SUITE

Chef in Suite dinners are not included in the all-inclusive package and require reservations and additional charges apply. You will meet or talk with the chef about what dish you would like for him to prepare for you and your guests in your villa.

You or your guests can bring their own wine or food items for the special chef's dinner but is not included in the all-inclusive package. Tequila Tasting, Wine Tasting, Wine Pairing Dinners, and Romantic Dinners on the beach are also available and require reservations.