# Catering Menus Reception

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# Executive Chef, Desi Szonntagh



Prior to joining the Airtel Plaza Hotel, Desi was the Executive Chef of Le Merigot Hotel in Santa Monica, Executive Sous Chef at Hotel Bel-Air, where he created the daily chef's table market menu, earning accolades in the pages of Saveur and Los Angeles Magazine.

Desi has more than 25 years of experience working as a chef for an impressive roster of fine dining restaurants, including Shutters on the Beach, Santa Monica; Ocean Avenue Seafood, Santa Monica, Hotel Bel Air, Tatou in Tokyo, Beverly Hills, Aspen, La Boheme, New York City and Le Cirque, New York City. In addition to his extensive experience in these renowned restaurants, Desi was named as a featured chef at the James Beard House.

Desi constantly strives to create the perfect culinary creation and enjoys researching culinary history from around the world. Desi's cooking signature is similar to his personality: sophisticated, straightforward and well balanced.

Any special desires on your menu? Allow Chef Desi to assist with your customized menu.

#### Hot Hors D'oeuvres

#### \$4.00

Mini Pizzas: Vegetarian, Cheese, Pepperoni, Mushroom Gruyere Cheese Puffs Chicken Lumpia, Soy Ginger Sauce Chicken Pot Stickers, Soy Dipping Sauce Maryland Crab Cake, Mustard Sauce Chicken and Goat Cheese Quesadilla Crispy Polenta Cake, Arrabiata Sauce Shiitake Mushroom Risotto Cake, Light Tomato Sauce Chicken Satay, Peanut Sauce Vegetable Spring Roll Bacon Wrapped Dates

#### \$4.50

Shrimp Scampi, Lemon Garlic Butter Coconut Shrimp, Pineapple Mango Salsa Lemon-Garlic Grilled Shrimp, Lemon Sauce Beef Satay, Peanut Sauce Potato Pancake, Smoked Salmon, Caviar, Sour Cream Filet Mignon Skewers, Dijon Black Peppercorn Sauce Stuffed Mushrooms with Italian Sausage Spanakopita

#### \$5.00

Corn Fritters, Crab Dip Diver Scallop, Smoked Bacon Mediterranean Vegetable Tartlet Moo Shu Duck Pancake, Hoisin Sauce Maryland Crab Cake, Mustard Sauce Pulled Pork Sliders

#### **Cold Hors D'oeuvres**

Hors D'oeuvre

\$4.00

Tomato Basil Bruschetta Roasted Eggplant Crostini Grilled Vegetable and Herb Cheese Roulade Goat Cheese and Tapenade on Crostini

#### \$4.50

Prosciutto Wrapped Asparagus on Foccaccia Smoked Salmon Canapé Chilled Shrimp, Cocktail Sauce Ahi Tuna Tartare on Wonton Crisp California Rolls Proscuitto and Melon on Toast Shrimp Salad and Cucumber Crisp Pepper Beef and Goat Cheese Roll Seared Ahi Tuna, Daikon Slaw on Taro Chip Roasted Baby Artichoke on Parmigiano-Reggiano Crisp

#### \$5.00

New York Sirloin Skewers with Coconut-ancho Chili Dipping Sauce Beef Rolled with Scallions and Soy Prosciutto, Arugula and Goat Cheese Roll Crab Topped Devilled Eggs Artichoke and Horseradish Wrapped-New York Sirloin

Priced per Piece; Minimum of 50 pieces Required

> Display of Seasonal Fruits Selection of Sliced Fruits and Berries \$5.00 per Guest

#### **Display of Fresh Raw Vegetables**

With Ranch Dip and Hummus \$4.00 per Guests

#### Display of Domestic and International Cheeses

Garnished with Nuts, Fresh and Dried Fruits Specialty Breads and Crackers \$6.00 per Guest

#### **Display of Artisanal Cheeses**

Garnished with Nuts, Fresh and Dried Fruits Specialty Breads and Crackers \$8.00 per Guest

#### **Display of Italian Antipasto**

Minimum of 20 Guests Prosciutto, Pepperoni, Genoa Salami, Buffalo Mozzarella, Kalamata Olives, Artichoke Hearts, Pepperoncini, Roasted Peppers, Caponata & White Bean Dip Crusty Italian Bread Sticks and Herb Crostini **\$12.00 per Guest** 

#### Mediterranean Antipasto

**Displayed Hors** 

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Minimum of 20 Guests

Dolmas, Hummus, Baba Ghanoush, Olive Tapenade, Roasted Red & Yellow Peppers Assorted Marinated Olives, Oil & Lemon Marinated Feta Cheese Whole Wheat & White Pita Bread \$15.00 per Guest

**Reception Stations** 

#### Salad Station Choice of two

Baby Romaine with Pumpkin Seed-Cesar Dressing, Sourdough Croutons and Aged Jack Cheese Arugula, Red & Yellow Vine Ripe Tomatoes, Lemon, Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Baby Lettuce Salad with Apples, Blue Cheese, Spiced Walnuts and Maple-Walnut Vinaigrette Greek Salad with Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Kalamata Olives, Feta Cheese, Oregano, Lemon and Olive Oil Baby Spinach & Radicchio Salad with Corn, Radishes, Humboldt Fog Goat Cheese and Bacon Vinaigrette \$15.00 per Guest

## **Carving Stations**

Priced per Person Served with Choice of Starch and Seasonal Vegetable

#### Roast Rack of Lamb | \$30

Herb Crust & Natural Stock Reduction

#### Roast Tenderloin of Beef | \$24

Rolled in Cracked Black Peppercorns Mayonnaise, Dijon Mustard, Horseradish and Miniature Rolls

#### Roast Prime Rib | \$20

Au Jus, Horseradish & Miniature Rolls

#### Guava & Miso Barbecued Salmon | \$18 Papaya Relish

Roast Turkey Breast | \$12 Cranberry Sauce, Whole grain Mustard & Mustard Mayonnaise, Miniature Rolls

Required Carving Attendant \$100.00 per Attendant

## **Tenderloin Station**

Sliced Beef Tenderloin, Horseradish, English Mustard and Herbed Mayonnaise Au Gratin Mashed Potatoes Sautéed Asparagus with Lemon Dressing Served at Room Temperature Sautéed Mushrooms, Garlic Herbs and Butter Served at Room Temperature Potato Rolls on Side **\$28.00 per Guest** 

### Shrimp Scampi Station

Sautéed Shrimp with Butter and Garlic Airtel Rolls on the Side **\$22.00 per Guest** 

## **Chilled Seafood and Raw Bar**

Minimum Display of 100 Pieces on Ice Snow Crab Claws Jumbo Shrimp Oysters on a Half Shell Chilled Mussels Served with Cocktail Sauce and Lemon **\$22.00 per Guest** 

\* Inquire for our Alaskan King Crab Legs & Maine Lobster

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Minimum of 30 Guests

\*Stations Must Accompany a Buffet or guest must select a minimum of (2) Stations

All pricing is subject to a service charge and applicable sales tax.

**Reception Station** 

#### **Pasta Station**

Grilled Marinated Vegetable Platter with Feta Cheese

#### **Choice of Three Pastas**

Lobster Ravioli with Lobster Sauce Five Cheese Ravioli with Fresh Tomato Sauce Orecchiette with Wild Mushrooms, Roasted Tomatoes, Olive Oil & Parmesan Penne with Chicken, Fresh Tomatoes, Basil and Roasted Garlic Spinach and Ricotta Tortellini with Pesto Sauce Penne Marinara with Fresh Tomatoes, Basil and Parmesan

Includes Bruschetta and Italian Breadsticks \$18.00 per Guest

\*Executive Chef's famous Lobster & Truffle Macaroni & Cheese Additional \$5.50 per Guest

#### **Slider Station**

Prime Beef Sliders, Tomato Jam, Dijon Mayo Veggie Burger, Caramelized Onion, Secret Sauce Pulled Southern BBQ Pork, Homemade Coleslaw, Chef's Secret Sauce Includes: Sliced Pickles, Tomato, Cheddar Cheese Sauces: Chipotle, Ketchup, Garlic Aioli, Mustard Includes House Made French Fries **\$18.00 per Guest** 

#### **Exotic Station**

Chinese Chicken Salad Vegetable Spring Rolls Chicken Pot Stickers Shrimp Dumplings Steamed Pork Buns Served with Chinese Mustard & Lemon Soy Dip Shrimp Fried Rice Fortune Cookies **\$17.00 per Guest** 

#### **Macaroni and Cheese Station**

Made to Order Creamy Homemade Macaroni and Cheese with a Variety of Toppings to Include Crispy Bacon Bits, Diced Tomatoes, Bread Crumbs, Pepper Jack Cheese, Cheddar Cheese, Truffle Cheese, Diced Ham and Mushrooms \$15.00 per Guest

#### **Mashed Potato Station**

Whipped Yukon Gold Potato Crisp Bacon, Chives, Texas Gold Cheddar, Horseradish Crème Fraiche

> Maple-Whipped Sweet Potato Candied Pecans Miniature Marshmallows Candied Bacon **\$10.00 per Guest**

#### **Corn Station**

Corn off the Cob (3) Choices of Butter on the Side: Garlic Butter/Herb Butter/Plain Butter **\$8.00 per Guest** 

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