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### **HOUSTON RESTAURANTS FEATURE PARTY ROOMS FOR HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS**

#### **Backstreet Cafe 1103 S. Shepherd 713/521-2239**

Backstreet Cafe's pleasant atmosphere is the perfect place for any special occasion. Executive Chef Hugo Ortega and his staff have many menu options available, from 3- and 4-course meals to wine dinners with wine paired with each course as selected by Sommelier Sean Beck, buffets and cocktail parties with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Or they will work with you to create a menu just for your party! There are also various party room options. Upstairs, the restaurant has two intimate dining rooms, each with its own fireplace and a seating capacity of 46 guests each. (These rooms can reserved separately or together.) The downstairs solarium, located off of the bricked courtyard, seats approximately 45 guests. The bar area is available for happy hour parties from 4 to 6 p.m. The famous New Orleans-style bricked patio is available for seated parties of about 100 or standing cocktail receptions for up to 150 guests. They can arrange for flowers, linens, live music or banners for customers. For information and to make an appointment, contact Dwight Gwinn at 713/521-2239.

#### **Haven, 2502 Algerian Way, 713-581-6101, www.havenhouston.com**

Haven is a seasonal kitchen tucked away in a certified-green building, serving menu of Modern Texas Cuisine made with local ingredients. Haven's spacious private room, which is closed off from the main dining room by sliding doors, can accommodate up to 55 guests for seated brunch, lunch or dinner and up 70 guests for standing cocktail receptions. The comfortable covered patio is perfect for happy hour celebrations and al fresco dining for up to 90 guests in any sort of weather. In winter, the patio is warmed with heaters. Planning a really big event? Rent the entire restaurant! Customize your menu with the help of award-winning Executive Chef Randy Evans and private event coordinator Cameron Eubank. Our creative mixologists can even create a specialty cocktail just for your party! AV capabilities. Food drink minimums apply. For complete information, contact Cameron Eubank.

#### **Hugo's, 1600 Westheimer, 713/524-7744 www.hugosrestaurant.net**

Hugo's is Houston's best and most exciting new restaurant, bringing the flavors of authentic Mexican cuisine over the border. Everything at the restaurant is handmade, from all of the cheeses, tortillas, *mole*s and even the chocolate is roasted and ground in the kitchen. Hugo's can accommodate any size group for a variety of functions. The restaurant host up to 180 seated and 250 standing. Portions of the restaurant can be reserved for smaller parties – The "west wing," a semi-private room that can be closed from the main dining room, can accommodate up to 60 guests for a seated meal; the patio can accommodate 50 guests; and the ample bar area can accommodate a group of 20 persons for happy hour. For larger groups, the entire restaurant can be reserved. (Minimums apply)

The restaurant offers a variety of menu choices, from buffets, hybrid buffets, 3- and 4-course meals with choices, specially designed wine dinners, and cocktails parties with heavy hors d'oeuvres. They can also provide live music and make arrangements for linens, flowers, etc. Contact Ryan Kluge, 713204-8111.

**Kenny & Ziggy's, 2327 Post Oak Blvd. 713-871-8883, [www.kennyandziggys.com](http://www.kennyandziggys.com)**

For a true NYC deli experience, those in-the-know know where to go – Kenny & Ziggy's! For parties, the deli has The Schmooze Room a large private room at the back of the popular restaurant which is available for functions and meetings of all descriptions. Decorated in the same eclectic and amusing style as the rest of the deli, the private room can seat up to 75 people and go even larger for stand-up events. Complete with full audio/visual system: television, DVD player, wireless microphone, Powerpoint, and computer connections. The room is completely private, with a door to eliminate the buzz from the packed main dining room, and seating and tables can be arranged to accommodate the event. There is no room fee, but there is a guest minimum for use of the room. The room is available for breakfast, lunch and dinner. For more information or to reserve The Schmooze Room, call Catering Director Jeanne Magenheim at 713-679-8453.

**Mockingbird Bistro Wine Bar, 1985 Welch 713/533-0200**

Mockingbird Bistro is one of Houston's best restaurants. The intimate, neighborhood feel of the space makes it a wonderful choice for private parties of all descriptions. The recently renovated private wine dining room can accommodate up to 72 guests for a seated event and 125 for receptions, and The Balcony, a semi-private room overlooking the restaurant, comfortably accommodates from 10 to 25 for reception and dinner. For larger events, the full restaurant can be reserved, and can accommodate 150 guests for a seated meal or 250 guests for a reception. The kitchen has a number of menu options available, or Executive Chef John Sheely will custom design a menu for your party. For information on room fees and minimum food & beverage expenditures, contact Keith or Rawad.

**Prego 2520 Amherst. in Rice Village 713/529-2420**

Celebrate Italian-style at Prego, located in the heart of Rice Village. Prego's unique and versatile environment provides the perfect location for any event. The attentive staff, celebrated chef and friendly, casual atmosphere create a dining experience to remember. Prego caters to your needs -- whether in the restaurant, or at your home or office party. The spacious, casual trattoria features warm taupe walls, black crown molding, a bronzed punched-tin ceiling, and antique brass light fixtures that create an understated, Old World setting. The restaurant also features a slate-top bar with an antique wood bar-back, oversized booths, and an open kitchen that affords diners a view of the bustling kitchen. A raised area, part of the main dining room is ideal for parties of thirty to forty guests, and the entire restaurant can be reserved for any number of guests up to 120. Prego also boasts a private wine cellar/boardroom just off the kitchen, making private events very exclusive indeed. The room, which seats up to 12 persons, has the same understated elegance of the main dining room. It features an antique oak table with high-back, tapestry-covered chairs, decorative fixtures, two walls of dark wood wine racks, and special linens, crystal and platters used exclusively in the wine room. The room is available for all intimate, private affairs, from vintner dinners to business lunches and small holiday celebrations. For information, contact Kathy Brophy or John Watt.

### **Quattro at Four Seasons Hotel, 1300 Lamar, 3<sup>rd</sup> fl, 713-276-4700**

Four private dining rooms, Vinoteca and the main dining room are available for exclusive events, accommodating parties of four to 300 guests. The perfect place to enjoy an intimate dinner or celebrate a special occasion, each room is also fully equipped for business meetings including audio/visual assistance from an on-site team. Pre-set à la carte or multi-course breakfast, lunch or dinner menus can be created for any event, and à la carte, buffet or family-style service is also offered in each room. The restaurant is conveniently located in downtown Houston and is connected by sky bridge with Houston Center, Quattro is the ideal spot for business lunches and meetings. Let us know your timeframe, whether it's casual or formal, and we'll do the rest.

To book an event and create a custom menu, contact Astrid Calderon at 713-652-6248.

**Tuscany** is separated from the restaurant's main dining room by large French doors, offering an intimate space for six to 10 guests. Ideal for board meetings or smaller social events, this private space is richly appointed with cherry veneer walls, warm lighting and features a floor-to-ceiling window with views of downtown Houston.

**Il Rosso**, from the Italian word for "red," is named for its unique walls covered in red leather. The room exudes a warm, sophisticated atmosphere, with a custom-made chandelier and artwork adding to the ambience. Suitable for larger dining groups and corporate parties, this private room can accommodate 16 to 28 guests.

**La Cucina**, meaning "the kitchen" in Italian, offers guests a Chef's Table experience. This unique private dining room features a glass wall with views of the kitchen—perfect for interacting with the chef, who will explain the various dishes during the meal. Accommodating 10 to 16 guests, this room provides a perfect setting for interactive team building, as well as Chef's Table events.

**The Cellar**, located in the wine room, is the smallest and most intimate of the four private dining rooms, suitable for private dinner parties of four to eight guests. The dark purple walls, corked floor and display of 1,250 bottles of wine create a romantic room tucked within the main dining room. The Cellar is available for wine tastings for up to 10 people.

**Vinoteca Quattro** is a casual, semi-private space. Great for receptions, networking events and dinners, Vinoteca can accommodate 60 seated guests and 150 for a standing reception. Quattro Main Dining is perfect for rehearsal dinners, holiday parties, corporate events or large receptions as it accommodates 80 seated guests and 300 for a standing reception. Your reservation of the main dining room includes the four private dining rooms, which are ideal for food stations or VIP rooms.

Four Seasons has an on-site SWANK Audio and Visual team ready to enhance your event.

### **Trevisio, 6550 Bertner, 6<sup>th</sup> fl, 714-749-0400, [www.trevisiorestaurant.com](http://www.trevisiorestaurant.com)**

Trevisio, the spectacular restaurant atop the John P. McGovern Texas Medical Center Commons Building in the heart of the Texas Medical Center, is one of Houston's most beautiful restaurants and event spaces. Trevisio private dining rooms and conference center can accommodate functions of all sizes and descriptions, for groups of five to 500. There are seven private dining rooms, including two glass-enclosed areas located in the main dining room. Executive Chef Jon Buchanan has a variety of menus for clients to choose from, or let him create something just for you! The restaurant also offers off-site catering for businesses and home events. Contact Cori Sheinberg, 713-749-0404. Contact Cori Sheinberg, 713-749-0404.

**Edwin Hornberger Conference Center, 2151 W. Holcombe Blvd., 713-749-0404,**  
**www.hornbergerconferencecenter.com**

Trevisio also manages the wonderful Edwin Hornberger Conference Center, also located in the renowned Texas Medical Center. The space is elegantly appointed with Art Deco-inspired carpeting and ambient and task lighting throughout. A large foyer space, which includes an adjacent coatroom, greets guests and leads to the spacious, 13,000 square-foot ballroom which boasts 18-foot ceilings adorned with 16-foot beams and original crystal chandeliers. Ample parking is available in both an adjacent outdoor lot and parking garage. Trevisio's Chef Jon Buchanan will oversee the creation of clients' menus and preparation of each meal. Contact Cori Sheinberg, 713-749-0404.