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Cheap eats: 30+ summer dining deals from Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Naples restaurants



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The roads are clear. The beaches are no longer crammed with umbrellas and lounge chairs. The restaurants have lulled to a quiet hum.

Season is over, and if it seems like your favorite food joint is emptier than usual, it probably is. Summer visitor spending **declined two percent** in summer

2017 from summer 2016. The same year, fall visitor spending increased by almost 8 percent.

When it comes to the battle of seasonal spending and uneven cash flows, restaurants are usually the first casualty. Some ride the wave from profits in the busy season. Others close altogether. But a majority of local restaurants across Southwest Florida have another strategy — introducing deals friendly to the locals' budgets.

Here's a look at who's offering what.

- **The Catch of the Pelican:** The restaurant, located at Naples Grande Beach Resort, has launched a specialty summer dinner menu available all summer for \$39 per person. The three-course menu features your choice of soup or salad and a sweet ending of housemade gelato or chocolate layer cake. For the main course, guests can choose from entrees of blackened salmon, pan-seared chicken, Bok Choy with a passion fruit emulsion or flat iron steak frites. Also, new for 2018, locals who visit any of the Naples Grande Beach Resort restaurant outlets or spa will receive complimentary valet parking at the resort. (475 Seagate Drive, Naples; Reservations can be made by calling 800-577-1124 or by visiting [naplesgrande.com/dining/catch-of-the-pelican](https://www.naplesgrande.com/dining/catch-of-the-pelican))