

dining guide

A LIST OF OUR FAVORITE CHANDLER RESTAURANTS

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TOP SPOTS: INTERNATIONAL CUISINE



Pita Jungle's Greek salad

PITA JUNGLE

1949 W. Ray Road. (480) 855-3232.

Lunch and dinner daily

Cuisine: Mediterranean

Average price for two: \$22 for lunch, \$35 for dinner

Menu standouts: This Jungle teems with fantastic fish tacos, presenting a pita shell stuffed with wood-fired mahi mahi alongside shredded cabbage and garlic potatoes. The restaurant has dazzling pizzas, wood-fired with crisp crusts. Also, the menu boasts the not-too-often-seen honey pasta, a salad of sautéed vegetables seasoned with basil, ginger and garlic, pan-tossed with rotini pasta and drizzled with honey vinaigrette.

Why go? This oasis of Mediterranean cuisine offers food so delicious that it often makes us forget how healthful it is. Ingredients are completely natural, recipes are vegetarian and portions are so huge that it's not hard to make two meals out of a single order. No lie. We've been there with two teenage boys, usually capable of stripping our kitchen down to wall studs, and walked out with a doggy bag.

And are these prices for real? The massive menu tops out at \$14.95 for a hearty dish of roasted lamb shank served with lentils and rice; shrimp scampi comprises seven jumbo tiger shrimp pan-tossed with what must be a pound of linguine in fresh tomato garlic sauce for just \$13.95; and the many huge salads, sandwiches, burgers, burritos and wraps can be enjoyed for less than \$10.

—Carey Sweet