

Menger's 1859 Colonial Restaurant

Dining Room Service from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Room Service served from 11:00 am – 8:00 pm Sunday – Thursday

Friday – Saturday 11:00 am – 10:00 pm

Room Service Orders: 20% Service Charge and \$2.00 Delivery Fee Apply

Lunch Menu

Menger Tortilla Soup: fresh tomatoes, onions, spices and shredded chicken, topped with tortilla strips, cheese and avocado. Bowl \$7.50/ Cup \$5.50

Cobb Salad: mixed greens, topped with hard boiled eggs, char-broiled chicken, bacon, avocado, cherry tomatoes, and cheese with choice of dressing \$13

Caesar Salad: \$12, add chicken breast \$14, add Salmon \$17

Classic Turkey Club Sandwich: smoked turkey breast, Applewood bacon, swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo, served with fries. \$14

Traditional Rubeen on Marble Rye: lean corned beef, swiss cheese, sauerkraut, thousand island dressing on marble rye bread served with fries. \$13

Chicken Santa Fe Hoagie: marinated chicken, sautéed bell pepper, onions, pepper jack cheese, lettuce, tomato, garlic aioli, served with fries. \$14

Veggie Wrap: homemade roasted pepper hummus, cucumbers, tomatoes, spinach, avocado, wrapped in a spinach tortilla served with sweet potato fries. \$12

Poblano Chicken: charbroiled chicken breast sautéed with onion, Poblano peppers, topped with pepper jack cheese, served with Rice Pilaf and vegetables de jour \$16

Old Fashion Beef Burger: flame broiled, 1/2 lb. beef patty, lettuce, tomato, onions, and pickle, on toasted bun served with fries. \$12 add cheese/bacon \$13

Flame Broiled 8 oz. NY Strip: served with steak fries and vegetables de jour \$29

For the Kids

Chicken Tenders: three fried chicken tenders served with fries \$6

Junior Beef Burger: flame broiled, 1/4 lb. beef patty, lettuce, tomato, on toasted bun served with fries. \$6

Hot Dog: all beef hot dog served with fries \$5

Mac & Cheese: \$5

Historic Menger Hotel circa 1859 Colonial Room Restaurant History

The Menger Hotel's Colonial Room Restaurant has been in operation since it opened. Many of the restaurant's chefs came from Europe to create dishes reflecting the German, Mexican, French and American blend of cultures found within San Antonio. By the late 1860's, the hotel had firmly established its culinary reputation. Known for its wild game, the menu featured such exotic dishes as wild turkey stuffed with chestnuts, spotted antelope, and dried buffalo tongue. Soup made from soft-shell turtles caught from the nearby San Antonio River was one of the dining room specialties. The homemade mango ice cream has remained on the menu for over 160 years.

Many elaborate balls and cotillions, hosted by San Antonio's social and political elite, were held in this room. Often Spanish moss and other atmospheric flora were hung from the columns to create elaborate themes. Among many celebrities who have dined here are Presidents Grant and McKinley, General Robert E. Lee, and French actress Sara Bernhardt.

In 1912 the original restaurant was remodeled by noted San Antonio architect Atlee B. Ayres to reflect the prevailing neoclassical Greek and Roman style of that era. As part of the remodeling, the original cast iron columns were enclosed with a Greek revival style and carved wooden dentils, arched window openings and other decorative millwork and mirrors. The unusual plaster mantelpiece around the fireplace features two caryatids (a stone carving of a draped female figure, used as a pillar to support the entablature of a Greek or Greek-style building).

Other famous people that have stayed and or visited the Menger Hotel are, Theodore Roosevelt, Sidney Lanier, Gutzon Borglum, Captain Richard King of the infamous King Ranch, Oscar Wilde, William Sidney Porter ("O. Henry"), Mae West, Babe Ruth, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, Evelyn Raper, and Sidney Lanier just to name a few.

A brief building Chronology of the Menger Hotel.

1859 Original two story, 1874 additional property acquired, 1881 a third story added, 1887 a fourth story added, 1897 kitchen remodeled, 1899 fifty room addition was built, 1909 renovation of the exterior and other details added, 1943 hotel purchased by the Moody's, 1949-50 new lobby, and 125 rooms added, the bar was moved piece by piece to its currently location on Crockett Street, 1953 swimming pool added, 1988 restoration and meeting space and ballrooms added along with thirty-three guest rooms and suites.

And, in case you didn't know, in 1898 Teddy Roosevelt recruited his Volunteer Rough Riders in the Menger Bar. The Rough Riders fought in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.