

Rio Special Event Guide

# RIO GRANDE

*Mexican Restaurant*



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At the Rio, good things come in threes ~ seriously good Mexican food, fun and margaritas. Enjoy our tex-mex cuisine made fresh, from scratch, daily. Whether it be a business luncheon, rehearsal dinner or a birthday party, we bring a unique flavor and a lot of fun to any occasion. Make your celebration special when you book a private event at the Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant.

Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant  
**The Cantina**  
Denver, Co



## *Memorably good times*

start at the Rio, especially with close family & friends; where good things come in threes ~ seriously good Mexican food, fun and margaritas. Our private party space is a place where you can refresh your spirit ~ an ideal setting for special occasions, corporate events, and holiday parties. The Rio has a variety of options to host your next event.

## planning your event **How It Works**

### **1** secure at date

contact our event coordinator to check availability and to set a date

### **2** pick a buffet

We are proud to offer a variety of buffets to suit all of your party needs

### **3** sign contract

fill out and return the attached event contract to our event coordinator

### **4** have fun

sit back and relax. Let the Rio do all the work

## room **Charge**

The Cantina has a room charge of \$100 for any event. The room charge is required at the time of reservation and is non-refundable. The room charge includes servers, bartenders, set-up and clean-up, table linens & a cash bar.



## event **Availability**

The Cantina is available for parties Sunday-Thursday but unfortunately, is unavailable Friday or Saturday evenings. For smaller parties up-to 30 people, our upstairs Catwalk is open seven days a week. Contact the event coordinator for more information.

## number of **Guests**

The minimum number of guests for any event is 30 people. At the time of booking we will ask for an estimated number of guests. We will need a final count seven days prior to the event. We will take 90% of your final count if all guests do not attend and additional guests will be added at the same per person rate. We welcome kids at all events and charge \$6.95 for kids under the age of twelve. Kids under the age of five are free.

## event **Gratuity**

A 20% gratuity will be added to the final bill, including all food, liquor and special requests.

## food & beverage **Minimums**

You will only be charged for the per person rate, beverage consumption and any additional items that were agreed upon in the contract such as enhancements, decorations, flowers etc. If a buffet option is not chosen, minimums will apply.

## necessary **Cancellations**

In order to avoid a fee, cancellation of the function must be made one month prior to the agreed date of event or the deposit will not be refunded. For holiday events during the months of November, December or January, cancellation of the function must be made two months prior to the agreed date of the event or the deposit will not be refunded. A guaranteed total number of guests is required seven days in advance. This will be considered a guaranteed guest count for which you will be charged if the event is cancelled less than two weeks prior. We will take 90% of the final count if all guests do not attend and additional guests will be added at the same per person rate. If no final guarantee is received, 90% of the number indicated on the original function agreement will be considered the correct guaranteed number of guests with a minimum number of 30 guests.



## beverage Services

### Open Bar

Charges are based on consumption. Open bar can be customized to a set dollar amount or a specific drink selection.

### Drink Ticket Service

You can purchase a predetermined number of tickets. Charges are based on ticket redemption with no charge for unused tickets. Drink selection for ticket redemption can be customized.

### Cash Bar

Guests are responsible for their own beverage purchases. We are proud to offer margaritas, tequila, beer and wine.\*

\* Speak to the event coordinator for any special requests such as kegs and champagne service.



# bebidas Beverages

choose from the following beverages to accompany your buffet

## Rio Grande Margarita \$6.50

the perfect mixture of tequila, salt & lime makes  
the world a better place and it's true -  
good things come in threes  
available on the rocks or frozen

*make it*  
strawberry or mango

## mini-margarita \$3.25

the mighty mouse ~ small but feisty



## Agave Martini

call your own tequila · fresh citrus · orange liqueur ·  
Grand Marnier · hand shaken & served up  
w/ a lime & green olive  
[ the Rio's favorite ~ Don Julio Reposado ]

## Big Tex Margarita \$7.50

Tradicional Silver · fresh citrus · orange liqueur ·  
served on the rocks

## Specialty Drinks

ask the event coordinator about our specialty drink offerings

## Fine Tequilas

ask the event coordinator to see selection

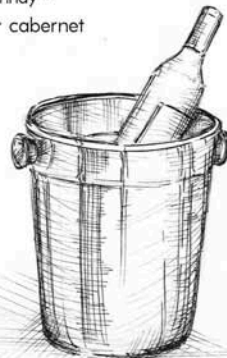
## Virgin Mango Margarita \$4.00

## Beer \$3.50 - \$4.00

bottles & draft · imports ·  
microbrews · domestics  
ask the event coordinator to see selection

## Wine \$6.00

Casa Lapostolle · chardonnay ·  
sauvignon blanc · merlot · cabernet



- included with buffet -

coffee · tea · lemonade · pepsi · diet pepsi ·  
dr. pepper · orange slice · sierra mist ·  
mountain dew · mug root beer

## food SERVICES



### Buffets

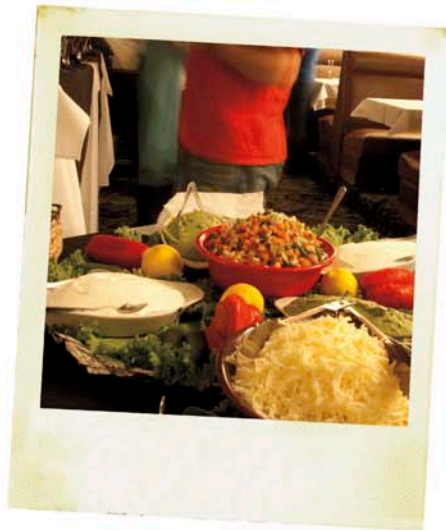
The Rio offers buffet service for lunch, dinner or cocktail parties. Buffets are served for a two-hour period & include chips · salsa · soft drinks · tea · coffee. Prices include tax but do not include alcoholic beverages and a 20% gratuity.

### Recommended Enhancements

Recommended Enhancements are available to accompany your buffet. Enhancements cannot be purchased individually. We suggest that you speak with the event coordinator to discuss minimums and recommended quantities.

### Special Features

We are proud to offer gluten free options for your event. We can also easily accommodate your vegetarian guests. Any other special food requests are gladly welcomed.



## buffet Menu

For your party needs, the Rio offers a variety of buffet options. Buffets are served for a two-hour period & include chips · salsa · soft drinks · tea · coffee. Prices do not include alcoholic beverages or 20% gratuity.

### Signature Fajita Buffet \$19.95 per person

grilled steak · grilled chicken · grilled veggies served w/ black beans · pico · rice · flour tortillas · guac · jack · cheddar · ranchero · green chile · tomatoes · sour cream · lettuce

### Tasty Taco Buffet \$17.95 per person

black beans · rice · guac · jack · cheddar · ranchero · green chile · sour cream · pico · lettuce · tomatoes · flour tortillas

- *choice of two* -

#### Grilled steak

ancho pepper sauce · cilantro · onions · queso fresco

#### Sautéed chicken

marinated with red peppers · green peppers · onions

#### Braised pork

tampico salsa · grilled pineapple

Tequila shrimp *add* \$2.00 per person

rio slaw · avocado crema



### Smothered Breakfast Burrito Buffet \$17.95 per person

scrambled eggs · breakfast potatoes · chorizo · ranchero · green chile · sour cream · guac · jack · cheddar · pico · lettuce · tomatoes · flour tortillas · fresh fruit platter

### Appetizer Buffet \$15.95 per person

- *choice of four* -

chile con queso · guacamole · flautitas · spinach empanadas · cheese quesadillas · chicken quesadillas · steak quesadillas · sautéed shrimp · shrimp diabla · ceviche



## dessert Menu

### Sopapilla Bar \$2.95 per person

tortilla dough · lightly fried & puffy w/ cinnamon & sugar · served w/ honey · chocolate sauce or strawberry sauce

### Flan \$3.95 per person rich custard dessert w/ caramel

### Chipotle Brownies \$2.95 per person

fudge-like brownies with a tex-mex twist

### Rio-Inspired Cupcakes \$5.00 per person

margarita or chile pepper designs: key lime · chocolate mousse · dulce de leche



CAKEHEADS

## - Recommended Enhancements -

the following items are available to enhance your buffet

### Salads

rio salad *add \$1.95* per person  
mixed greens · tomatoes · carrot · pepitas · pickled onions ·  
avocado · tortilla crisps

bean and corn salad *add \$1.95* per person

### Customer Favorites

guacamole *add \$2.95* per person

chile con queso *add \$2.95* per person

ceviché *add \$5.00* per person

### Small Bites

cheese quesadillas *add \$2.00* per person

chicken quesadillas *add \$3.00* per person

steak quesadillas *add \$3.00* per person

flautitas *add \$3.95* per person

spinach empanadas *add \$3.95* per person



### Seafood Sauté

shrimp diabla *add \$5.00* per person

sautéed shrimp *add \$5.00* per person

tequila lime shrimp *add \$5.00* per person

mahi mahi *add \$5.00* per person

### Enchiladas

grilled steak *add \$3.95* per person

sautéed chicken *add \$2.95* per person

cheese & onion *add \$2.95* per person

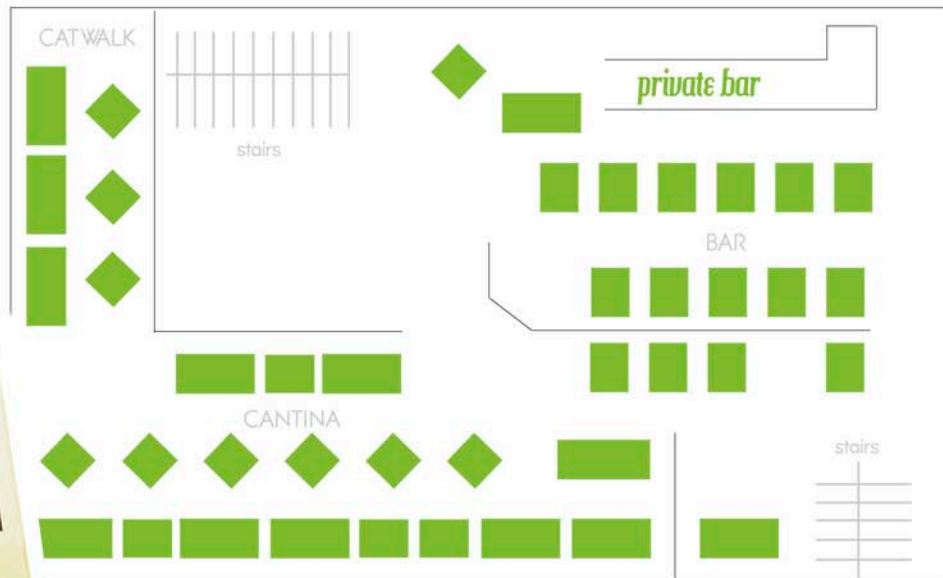
spinach *add \$2.95* per person

crab & shrimp *add \$5.95* per person

## upstairs Mezzanine

With a private bar, the upstairs mezzanine is perfect for groups up-to 200 people.

*Capacity 150 seated / 200 standing*

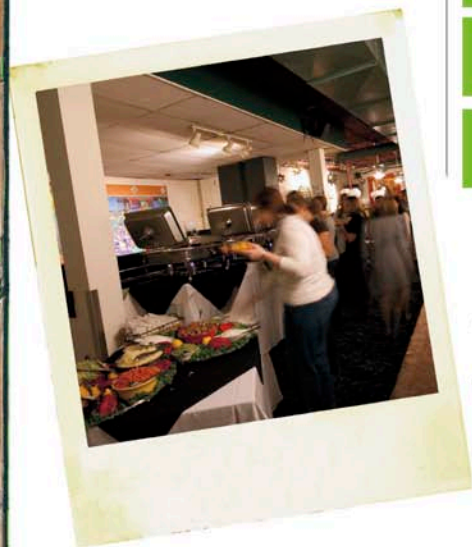


## entire Restaurant

For parties of 200 - 500 guests, consider the entire restaurant for your event ~

we are happy to consider a "buy-out" option for your special occasion.

For information on buy-outs of the entire restaurant, please contact the event coordinator.





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## the Cantina

The Cantina is a semi-private room located in the upstairs mezzanine. The Cantina can accommodate gatherings Sunday- Thursday and is perfect for all of your party needs. [ pictured above ]

*Capacity 75 seated / 90 standing*

## the Catwalk

located in our upstairs mezzanine, this space is ideal for small, intimate gatherings. The catwalk is available 7 days a week.

Catwalk = up-to 25 seated



*Capacity 25 seated / 30 standing*

Cantina = 75 seated





## special Requests

We are happy to work with any special requests. Let us know in advance if you need a projector, DVD player, PA system, etc. and we will provide you with an estimate. We also welcome any décor requests. If you need a cake, balloons, flowers, etc. we will work to create the perfect event. With personalized service, we are sure to meet your party's every need.

## event Parking

There are many options for parking during your event at the Rio. Options range from off-street parking to alternate modes of transportation. The Rio is conveniently located just off the 16th Street Mall and the Market Street RTD and Light Rail stations. Visit [www.riograndemexican.com](http://www.riograndemexican.com) for a complete listing of available parking options and more information.

## outside Food & Drink

Sorry, the Rio does not allow outside food or drink except for dessert. We will work with you on an individual basis for alternate dessert services.

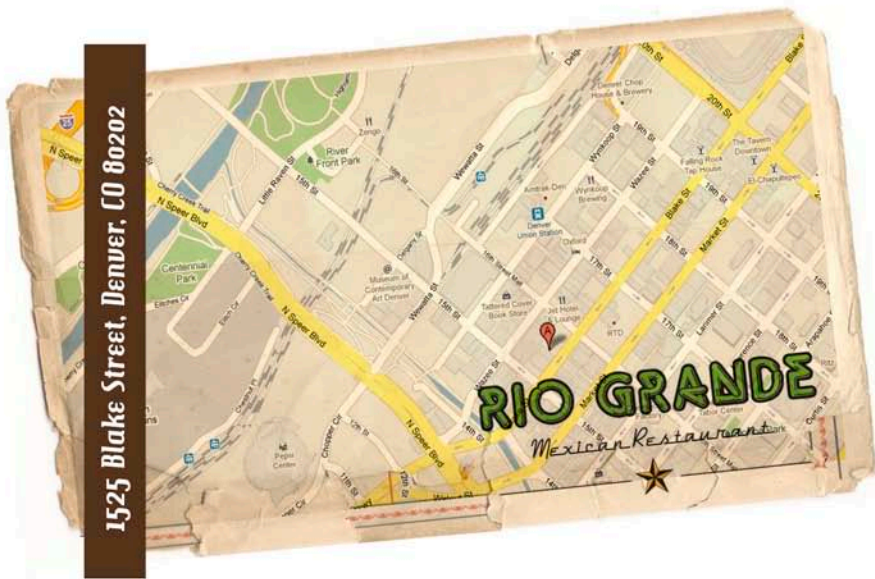
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Denver, CO 80202  
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Midway between the Pepsi  
Center and Coors Field, The Rio  
is the perfect place to kick off  
your evening in LoDo, Denver's  
number one neighborhood for fun!



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## Rio Event Coordinator

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# Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant Event Space & Private Dining



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## *History of the Rio Margarita*

We were three boys from Texas, homesick for the food and drink we grew up with. We discovered that the perfect mixture of tequila, salt and lime made the world a beautiful place! Texans at heart, margaritas were the only drink we knew how to make or wanted to make! Well, not exactly true, Biddle Bird's vodka- sprite- lime was a regular mix back in Texas too. The journey to create a good margarita began as we worked on recipes at night while finishing the restaurant. Our perfect recipe led to dancing all night to James Brown instead of writing the recipe down... Good news though - a few nights later we revisited the magic and this time recorded the recipe that put us on the map. Viva Margarita de Rio Grande...

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