

Caliza Restaurant Poolside Dining and Much More at Alys Beach

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What makes a restaurant special? Perhaps it's the cuisine or the atmosphere...or possibly an exquisite combination of both to create the perfect dining experience. Caliza Restaurant at Alys Beach is a prime example of a restaurant striking the perfect balance between elegant and inviting surroundings and exceptional food to match.

Located in Alys Beach, one of the 15 beautiful beach communities in the Beaches of South Walton, Caliza Restaurant, under the direction of Chef de Cuisine Kevin Korman, offers a menu selection that is anything but ordinary. The restaurant is located poolside and near the gorgeous white sand beach as well, which offers visitors and locals a feeling as if they are on vacation...relaxing near the water and enjoying tasty cuisine.

Chef Kevin Korman began his career at 20 years of age, when he attended the Baltimore International College in Maryland. Korman was chosen as one of the top seven students in his class for an honors internship program at the school's hotel in County Cavan, Ireland. He trained and mentored under Certified Master Chef Rudy Speckhamp CMC (one of only 65 Master Chefs in the United States) for 4 years. During his time with the restaurant (Rudy's 2900), he worked with 15 other Certified Master Chefs. Upon leaving Rudy's, Chef Korman tailored his path to gain maximum experience in a wide variety of culinary fields. Korman worked



in restaurants, hotels, catering companies, retail, and culinary instruction before making his way back to the restaurant world and his true passion with fine dining. He has also worked for numerous celebrities and politicians, including but not limited to former President Bush and Vice President Cheney. Chef Korman joined the Caliza team in March of 2011 as Sous Chef, and was quickly promoted to Chef de Cuisine.

As for Caliza's ever-evolving menu, it reflects the water, local grown produce, and savory southern flavors; and it is based on availability and season. You can start your dining experience with such appetizing creations as Prince Edward Island Mussels, Jumbo Lump Crab Cake in a Maryland Crab Stew, or Fennel Crusted Meatball with Caponata and Gnocchi, just to name a few. For all of you pasta lovers, you might want to consider the Capellini Al Pomodoro or the Southern Orecchiette, served with pasta that is hand-cut and made in house.

Seafood lovers should get ready to feel the love as well when you can dine on such dishes as Sumac Marinated Shrimp, Black Squash, and Red Snapper with a Crab and Green Curry Risotto to die for! Diners can also select from beef and poultry dishes...can you really pass up the Lamb Loin in a Mushroom Crust, or Filet of Beef served with your choice of exceptional sides, such as Haricots Verts, Creamy Grits, or Grilled Asparagus? And if that isn't impressive enough, try one of Chef Korman's amazing desserts, such as the Dark Chocolate and Peanut Butter Pudding Cake or the Crème Brûlée Trio of pumpkin, apple cider, and maple bourbon served with Madeleins...a local favorite! Caliza Restaurant also offers

a great wine selection, along with some exceptional specialty drinks and tasty libations.

Equally as impressive is the amazing architecture and environment at Caliza and Alys Beach. The Caliza dining experience is simply one of a kind and truly offers something for everyone... in a beautiful setting.

For more information about Caliza Restaurant and Alys Beach, visit www.calizarerestaurant.com or call (850) 213-5700 to make reservations. Also, visit www.alysbeach.com and click on Caliza Restaurant or call, toll free, (866) 732-1760. Finally, be sure to arrive early so you can relax and

enjoy Caliza Restaurant's Happy Hour from 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm in the Bar and Lounge.

**** Caliza Restaurant is closed during winter but will re-open March 2014 for dining service. Catering is offered year round. For more information regarding catering services, please call (850) 213-5700.*