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### Talisker on Main, Park City, UT

Posted by SLCFoodie



The private gated communities with second-home winter retreats, concierge services and members-only restaurants of Park City are out of reach to most of us ordinary Salt Lake folks, but recently I discovered a way in.

Talisker on Main is meant for the public, though it offers a high-end, elite-like experience. The evening started with a perfect peach bellini and only went up from there.



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TWITTER UPDATES

@allysonconklin we had dear friends watch him over the wknd. He chewed a bottle of pet stain remover & broke a trash can while we were gone. [about 13 hours ago](#)

@mrsbecwilson sounds fabulous! Where should we retreat too? [about 14 hours ago](#)

Back in SLC after a brief hiatus in Texas.

Plan on picking up the slack on my blog this week. Loving the cool weather here by the way! [about 14 hours ago](#)

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**Talisker on Main is graciously giving away a \$100 gift certificate to a reader of this post. Leave a comment with your favorite fine dining experience in Utah for a chance to win. The contest will end next Wednesday. So, continue reading and don't leave without sharing your experience.**

Talisker owns [The Canyons Resort](#), [The Park City Waldorf Astoria](#) at the Canyons, [Tuhaye Golf Course](#), Homes at [Empire Pass](#) in Deer Valley and [Red Cloud Properties](#). Their reputation extends well into the black books of Park City's most acclaimed patrons. With several members-only clubs and restaurants, their insider society and luxurious brand seems inaccessible.

However, they have a small, intimate restaurant open to the public. First opened during the 2009-2010 ski season, the establishment is now looking to find a place on locals' 'must eat' list. I was fortunate to experience Talisker on Main recently.

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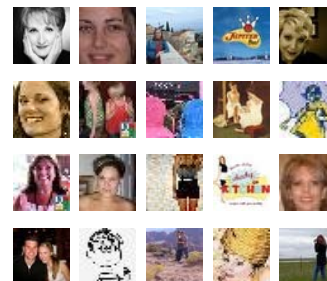


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The photos of club members that line the walls of the dining rooms, the chess tables in the living room, the wall of wines and the open-air kitchen in the main dining area all work together to greet you and make sure your evening is complete. Should that not be enough, keep walking and you'll find a small patio with a cozy fireplace and twinkle lights strung above the candle-lit tables and comfortable outdoor seating. That should do it.



Yes, the atmosphere welcomes you in for the evening. But it's for nothing if the food doesn't match.

The evening started with a bellini and ended with caramel and chocolate with much to daydream about in between. I can't remember a table where I enjoyed my meal more than at Talisker on Main. Complete with wine pairings and small bites from the chef, a new level of satisfaction found me after every bite. Here is our evening's menu:





**Appetizers:**

Roasted Corn Soup  
Roasted Brussels Sprouts  
Red Shrimp  
Carrot and Zucchini Terrine

**Entrees:**

Pan Roasted Lamb Loin  
Buttermilk Fried Chicken Breast with greens and a honey biscuit  
Sous Vide Duck Breast

**Desserts:**

Aguacate Cheese Torte  
Gelato Trio  
Sorbetto Trio  
Provençal Torte  
Warm Chocolate Tart



**My favorite tastes of the evening:**

**Appetizers-** the red shrimp appetizer with all day braised pork shoulder over spring peas; the braised pork was perfectly moist and flavorful and the perfect combination for the spring peas

**Entree-** the pan roasted lamb loin entree with oyster mushrooms, juniper quinoa, and a fennel and tart cherry saute; this quinoa was exceptionally full of taste and the mushrooms were perfectly cooked adding an earthy flavor to the dish

**Dessert-** the Pistachio Sorbet (perfectly creamy and slightly salty)salty ice cream is a relatively new phenomenon that I've fell in love with and this pistachio flavor was incredible.

And I won't soon forget the Warm Chocolate Tart which came with a rich caramel sauce and homemade marshmallows; the caramel, chocolate, and marshmallows were the perfect combination of familiar flavors with an upscale twist to create a decadent and tasty dessert.

I enjoyed enjoying the lavish lifestyle if even for just one evening. On your next trip to Park City from Salt Lake, go there. Please.

[Talisker on Main](#)

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30 COMMENTS:



[amylashelle](#) said...

This place sounds fabulous! my current favorite fine dining, and possible my favorite place in all SLC is Fresco. the outdoor patio, the warm fireplace, the kind & knowledgeable staff, the amazingly decadent dishes. I don't know that i could pick a favorite reason. I just love the romance of it.

[JULY 16, 2010 8:16 AM](#)



[QNC](#) said...

Nothing beats the patio at Ruth's, beautiful music, great scenery, and a diner drive in and dives atmosphere. Gotta love a classic.

[JULY 16, 2010 8:16 AM](#)



[Annalise](#) said...

Probably the finest meal I've ever had in Utah was at Log Haven. My husband and I were married there and went back for our 1st anniversary. I'll never forget it, the pork loin and sweet potato gnocchi I had were beyond amazing.

[JULY 16, 2010 8:23 AM](#)



[resonate](#) said...

Its hard to pick just one favorite, I have had so many exquisite dining experiences. I would have to say one of my favorite places to visit that I have been to many times would be Cafe Terigo. The scallops or the fettuccine take the cake but everything I have had there was excellent.

[JULY 16, 2010 8:23 AM](#)



[ash b](#) said...

Many of my top dining experiences in Utah have taken place at Tiburon. I've never been disappointed with the food or service, plus I love the cozy, charming feel of a house-turned-restaurant.

Seriously, I cannot wait to try Talisker on Main. I already have the perfect occasion picked out. Thanks for highlighting it!

[JULY 16, 2010 9:24 AM](#)



[ldsfoodcritic](#) said...

fine dining in utah? hmmm...bistro toujours (deer valley resort) back when it first opened. service was top notch, and the food was well balanced. after the original executive chef took off for other opportunities, the food quality went down, and never recovered. sadly.

[JULY 16, 2010 12:41 PM](#)



[jcn0916](#) said...

I also have to agree with amylashelle. I would say my favorite dining experiences are a nice evening sitting at Fresco on their patio have a couple tastings of different dishes. Another favorite is sitting on the patio at the Paris for a cheese plate and wine or at Em's because they have very knowledgeable staff member and suggest something new almost everytime I go in.

[JULY 16, 2010 12:48 PM](#)



[Melanie](#) said...

We are headed there tonight for my bday! I could not be more excited to see your review today. Favorite dining experience would have to be tin angel. it is far from fine dining, but we love it all the same....

[JULY 16, 2010 2:59 PM](#)

[kate](#) said...

Now THAT looks like a place to try. I'm not sure where my favorite place is but fine dining to me doesn't always mean formal. Casa de Visconti is quite fine.

[JULY 17, 2010 7:36 PM](#)

[CD](#) said...

I would say I've had two really great "fine dining" experiences in Utah (although you should ask me at some point what I think about the whole fine dining thing). One would be a more traditional experience at The Mariposa at Deer Valley Ski

Resort - the ambiance, the service, the sablefish, the dessert...all added up to a special meal. The second is what I would call a more modern fine dining experience at Forage. Multiple courses of intricately designed food was a special pleasure.

JULY 18, 2010 9:12 AM 



Milla said...

My favorite fine dining experience was probably in Wahso a few years ago— the atmosphere was perfect, and every bite of the meal was decadent and so, so lovely. I still have dreams of that perfect duck. . .

JULY 19, 2010 12:02 AM 



Sandy said...

I just had a great dining experience at Sapa Grill. We sat outside in the garden area. It was beautiful, and both the food and service were fantastic.

JULY 19, 2010 10:55 AM 

Hope said...

With a husband in grad school, our fine dining experiences have been relatively limited, though we do seek out and enjoy the delicious local fare as often as our checkbook allows.

For our first anniversary, it seemed appropriate to go somewhere decidedly swanky. We chose The New Yorker on 60 West Market Street in downtown SLC. They offer a "value priced" meal

([http://www.gastronomyinc.com/ny/images/val\\_pric\\_din.jpg](http://www.gastronomyinc.com/ny/images/val_pric_din.jpg)) that portioned and priced incredibly well for the delicious three course meal you receive.

We both chose the 6oz filet mignon, which is smothered in delicious crab bearnaise sauce. My favorite restaurant in my hometown in Texas serves a very similar steak, so I was in heaven x3.

JULY 19, 2010 12:03 PM 

Sarah Carlson said...

I had a chance to see Talisker during the Park City Food and Wine Festival. It was beautiful and I wanted a chance to go back! My favorite fine dining experience in Utah probably Bambara followed by the Red Door for drinks or Caffe Molise.

JULY 19, 2010 1:55 PM 

Park City Vegan said...

Ooo. I'd love to win this. I'm not getting in there any other way!



My favorite place to eat is Shabu on Main Street. The food is great and they have a great selection of vegetarian and vegan options.

snowboardgirl at gmail

JULY 20, 2010 8:29 AM 



dianna said...

I would love nothing more than to win this. We are from cache valley and so the fine dining is limited here but we love to travel to SLC and Park City. But we have been to Ruths and Tin Angel.

JULY 21, 2010 6:45 AM 

Dennis said...

There used to be - many years ago - a great little French restaurant in a basement location on Main Street in Park City. I would always take my out of town friends up there. I also loved the Barking Frog (also gone, sadly). I do love the Paris Bistro in SLC on 15th/15th - lovely patio, great food.

JULY 21, 2010 8:03 AM 



Dave said...

I would love to take my wife. It sounds like a great place to go. I would also blog about it on [Dave's Lunchtime](#)

=)

Dave

JULY 21, 2010 8:25 AM 

Anonymous said...

Talisker sounds delightful! I would have to say, Takashi is one of my favorites in SLC. Best sushi, great service. Love Ems too. Great patio, fabulous food. I'm getting hungry just thinking of it!

JULY 21, 2010 9:04 AM 



Lisa said...

My favorite dining experience is the patio at Eva. I love the magical little space, which looks even more lovely with each of their special cocktails. The food there is just so flavorful! It is a wonderful get away and by the end of the night there is still enough money in your pocket to pay the babysitter!

JULY 21, 2010 9:40 AM 

[Justin](#) said...

The best I've had in Utah has probably been at Spark in Provo. During the first six or eight months they were open, my wife and I had quite a few "wow this is good" meals. Sounds like we'll have to make a special trip for Talisker soon.

JULY 21, 2010 10:08 AM 

[R Schiffman \(Brownbag\)](#) said...

There is one consistency in nearly all the top fine dining experiences. The food was just one component. Always a very important one, but the complete experience -- and often special company -- is essential.

This spring I found myself in Park City with my wife and a couple friends on a Sunday afternoon during mud season. Every one of the usual suspects was closed. However, Easy Street was open. There were more cooks in the open kitchen than in the restaurant. Our server was excellent. The wine sang. We spent half of the meal talking about bistros in Paris the mussels, calamari and soups reminded us of. The rest of the time was appreciating how good the dining is in Utah compared to our population. It's easy to find fault, but many times -- life is good.

JULY 21, 2010 1:16 PM 

[Cristie](#) said...

Talisker sounds like a wonderful place. I can't possibly pick my favorite, but I do love Fresco for a nice quiet place. There are so many places I want to go . . . seems like an endless list.

JULY 21, 2010 2:20 PM 



[Becca](#) said...

Chef's Table in Provo has been my favorite. Completely delicious!

JULY 21, 2010 3:30 PM 

[Bonnie](#) said...

I love Fresco and Log Haven, but my very favorite has to be Bambara. It's been consistently good over the years and with every change of their executive chef. I'd love to try the food at Talisker.

JULY 21, 2010 7:35 PM 

[Gourmified](#) said...

This place sounds fantastic! You know, we don't get to go out to nice restaurants often, but one place we are in LOVE with is Benihana's. The food there is AMAZING! I'm a serious scallops fanatic and they cook them to perfection. Plus the fun atmosphere helps. IF you go for your birthday, they provide extra perks too, like dessert, a photo of your evening's guests and if you're a member of their club you can get your entire meal for free!!! The best place!!!

[JULY 21, 2010 9:38 PM](#) 

[Red Couch Recipes](#) said...

Where I live in rural Utah there is no fine dining...LOL. My fine dining has been at my table or my sisters!! Joni

[JULY 22, 2010 7:08 AM](#) 

[SLCFoodie](#) said...

It was a hard decision but my unbiased husband helped to choose a winner for the \$100 gift certificate. Hope, please send your address to beckyros at gmail. Thanks to everyone for participating! This was one of my favorite posts and it was especially fun to read all of your fine dining recommendations! Now I have more places to add to my list to try!

[JULY 22, 2010 2:03 PM](#) 

[ldsfoodcritic](#) said...

congratulations hope!!! post a review of talisker on this blog so we can all see what you had etc. :) or yelp it if you're on yelp. :)

[JULY 22, 2010 2:18 PM](#) 

[jen](#) said...

it looks incredible! too bad i wasn't paying attention ;)

[JULY 22, 2010 4:01 PM](#) 

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