



1600 Central Avenue Cheyenne, Wyoming

Lunch Menu

Located in The Historic Plains Hotel





Lunch Offerings

Appetizers

Ruby Trout and Crab Cakes

One of each served over Lemon Garlic aioli
9.95

Buffalo Carpaccio

Served with truffle goat cheese cream fraiche and crisp flat head crackers
8.95

Pulled Chipotle Chicken Quesadilla

Served with fresh Pico De Gallo, Sour Cream and Guacamole
7.95

Ice Shrimp Gazpacho

Served with avocado Pablano and fresh ripe tomatoes
8.95

King Crab Macaroni and Cheese

King crab tossed with noodles mascarpone, montaseo, sharp cheddar cheeses, finished with white truffle oil and a montaseo cheese crisp
10.95

Phyllo Wrapped Baked Brie

Stuffed with roasted garlic and caramelized onion, finished with port wine reduction. Served with water crackers.
8.95

Artichoke Dip

Served in bread bowl with fresh veggies for dipping
9.95

Salads

Classic Caesar Salad

6.95
Add Chicken /8.95

Fresh Ice Berg Wedge

With Gorgonzola, Teardrop Tomatoes and red onion finished with Balsamic vinaigrette
Small 1.95 / Large 3.95

Salmon Salad

Bacon Wrapped Salmon pan seared served over fresh baby spinach with dried cranberry, fetta and toasted walnuts, finished with Orange Ginger vinaigrette
12.95

Chopped Salad

Fresh Romaine and crisp iceberg lettuce chopped together with Chicken and tossed with diced carrots, tomatoes, cucumber, red radish, red onion, snap peas and gorgonzola cheese. Finished with honey mustard vinaigrette.
8.95

Additions / steak 4.00 / grilled shrimp 1.50ea





Signature Lunch Offerings

Pan Roasted Chicken

Fresh, free range half chicken boned, pan seared and finished in the oven. Served with crispy fried Yukon gold potatoes with chili lime roasted garlic jus.

7.95

Chicken Pot Pie

Free range chicken meat, diced potato, carrot, celery mushrooms and fresh tarragon topped with a fresh herbed pastry crust and baked to bubbly perfection

8.95

The Plains Hotel Bison Meatloaf

Fresh ground Wyoming Bison seasoned with fresh herbs, bread crumbs and roasted garlic roasted with chipotle roasted red pepper ketchup and served with whipped potatoes

7.95

Chicken Fried Steak

Served with whipped potato and country sausage gravy

7.95

Shrimp Linguini

Large shrimp sautéed with garlic, spinach oven dried tomatoes and artichoke hearts, tossed in linguini and finished with parmesan reggiano and cheffinade of fresh basil.

7.95

Sandwiches & Burgers

All sandwiches are accompanied by coleslaw, and Sweet Potato Fries or Traditional Fries

Buffalo Ruben Sandwich

House roasted Corned Buffalo Brisket served on rye with 1000 island dressing Sauerkraut and Swiss cheese.

10.95

Pork tenderloin

grilled and sliced, served on a seeded roll with fried onion straws and chipotle tomatoes jam

8.95

The Plains Hotel Club

Sliced Turkey, Avocado, Lettuce, Tomato, Bacon and mayonnaise serve between slices of toasted sour dough bread.

7.95

Grilled Chicken

Grilled chicken breast served sliced on toasted pumpernickel with brie cheese, sliced apple and truffle honey mayo.

7.95

Steak Sandwich

Range Flat Iron grilled and served open face over toast points with bourbon mushrooms and caramelized onion

10.95

Buffalo Meatloaf Sliders

Mini buffalo meatloaf sandwiches served on soft rolls with lettuce tomatoes and American cheese, finished with roasted red pepper chili jam

7.95

Fried Trout Po Boy

Fresh Trout Dusted with cornmeal and Deep fried served on French bread with shaved lettuce, tomatoes and gazpacho Aioli

8.95

Buffalo Burger

Grilled to your choice of temperature served lettuce, tomato and pickle

10.95

Plains Burger

Grilled to your choice of temperature served lettuce, tomato and pickle

7.95

Toppings, Additions and Then Some

Swiss, American, cheddar, gorgonzola, pepper jack onion straws, or green chilis.

.75ea

Brief History Of The Historic Plains Hotel

The Plains opened in 1911 as Cheyenne, Wyoming's premier full service hotel. Distinctive features such as the Range Room Banquet Facility, Wigwam Lounge and two-story lobby mezzanine with stained glass skylight, and finely appointed guest rooms, made The Plains Hotel unequalled in the Intermountain West. Before the era of the "West" with its cowboys and cowgirls, this land gave hospitality to man and beast. In those days, the nearby creek was wide and shallow with fertile banks and clear water. Game was plentiful and buffalos wallowed in their chosen spot. Native Americans passed through here as they followed a trail south to the chalk bluffs in quest of materials to make arrowheads. This land may have provided lodging for migrating tribes who camped on this site. It was always a haven for the trader.

The "West" came with white men from the East. In the fall of 1867, they chugged west in iron horses on iron rails and erased the pastoral landscape. The newcomers needed a place to rest that winter. A tent town, then a village, quickly sprouted up where only buffalo grass once grew. The crossing at Crow Creek was loud and rowdy, a real "Hell on Wheels." Many of the buildings came from towns to the east on the rails, and they would be moved on again as more track was laid in a continuous ribbon to the Pacific Ocean. However, at this place named Cheyenne, people stayed. They quickly formed a government in the fall and winter of 1867-68. They built churches and established newspapers. The Union Pacific Railroad built a hotel and eating-house for sojourners. The city was on the map and from its beginning offered comfort and a touch of elegance. Once it was known how mild the winters were and abundant nutritious short grass made it possible for animals to remain on the range all year, the cattlemen arrived. By 1878, a thriving cattle industry had developed making Laramie County considered the wealthiest county per capita in the United States. The wealthy built homes in the most lavish Victorian manner, and proper social decorum was in order. Many of these elegant mansions exist today.

A young blacksmith, Harry P. Hynds from Morris, Illinois stepped off the train in 1882 and immediately found employment. He was genial, hard working and blessed with a fine physique. Boxing was his hobby and he quickly became champion of the area in the 165-pound class. After two years, he opened his own smithy and in two more years abandoned his trade for the liquor business. By 1886 he was listed as proprietor of a saloon and gambling hall. The Capital Bar and Grill. Always amidst the action, he wisely invested in gold mines and the emerging petroleum industry. Not surprising, when the construction of a new hotel was announced, Hynds would be involved with it. He was never an investor in the building itself, but he was one of the lessees of the separate company that operated the hotel. "Nothing but the best" was his motto and he furnished the hotel in that manner. Both Hynds and his wife, Nellie, took a deep interest in maintaining "their" hotel as one of the finest between the coasts. The Plains Hotel was ready for business by March 9th, 1911. The building was five stories tall with a full basement. The public rooms were enhanced by mahogany in colonial style with plush carpets and finished in time and marble. The newspaper stated that the new hostelry "Impresses one as a Palace." The lobby was the center of the ground floor and received its daylight through a skylight of stained glass. At night, softly shaded electric lights spread brilliance from heavy brass fixtures.



The logo of the Plains Hotel that appears on the letterhead, china, the long outdoor sign and the tile inset on the street features Chief Little Shield, an Arapaho. In 1915, Little Shield brought some of his people to Cheyenne for Frontier Days. He was an Indian guest of the The Plains Hotel, but his friends stayed in tepees at Frontier Park. Chief Little Shield always washed up and dusted off at the horse trough across the street before coming inside The Plains to visit with his friends. So handsome was the young chief that Hynds had noted photographer J.E. Stimson take his photograph and that image has always been associated with The Plains Hotel. Sitting in regal style in the lobby, Chief Little Shield caused quite a stir among the other guests. He has never left his place as the symbol of The Plains Hotel, and the current owners are now the keepers of the tradition. Each year during Cheyenne Frontier Days, The Plains Hotel, is honored by continued visits from Chief Little Shield's descendants.

Some additional celebrities over the years have included President Harry S. Truman, Presidential candidates Tom Dewey, Richard Nixon, Ronald Regan and Ted Kennedy. Movie Stars such as Carroll Baker, Karl Malden, Pat Wayne, Gilbert Roland, Sal Mineo, Ricardo Montalban Jimmy Stewart, Barbara Eden, and Debbie Reynolds to name a few.

Since the 'face lift' in 2002, The Plains Hotel has been brought back to its former glory. And along with that, the traditions of fine Western Hospitality still exist today. The elegance of the Old West awaits you at The Historic and Colorful Plains Hotel!

The Plains Historical Book Is Available and Makes a Wonderful Gift

A brilliant portrayal of the rich history of The Plains Hotel and Cheyenne, Wyoming. One of the authors of this book is the grandson of the original architect of The Plains Hotel. This book is a "must have" for all history buffs! Available in The Trails Gift Shop just off the main lobby.