

THE
CHOCOLATE
Sanctuary
RESTAURANT • LOUNGE



ABOUT

Opened in 2015, The Chocolate Sanctuary celebrates the cocoa bean in its many forms. Brunch, lunch and dinner selections include a variety of beautifully plated main courses, appetizers, drinks and desserts that incorporate the restaurant's namesake ingredient alongside delicious options where chocolate is optional – or non-existent. The food is complimented by a selection of craft cocktails and a carefully curated selection of wine and craft beer. The restaurant also sells artfully packaged house-made craft chocolates, their signature chocolate bread, and artfully packaged gift items. Private event space at The Chocolate Sanctuary can accommodate from 10-150 guests.

SIGNATURE MENU ITEMS

Brunch

- Waffle Pops with bacon in center
- Cocoa-candied bacon
- Cinnamon Roll Pancakes
- Sanctuary Pancakes with Dark Chocolate Chips, Cocoa Mascarpone and Crème Anglaise
- White Chocolate Cream French Toast
- Skillets, Omelettes, Benedicts and Eggs Florentine

Lunch & Dinner

- Sanctuary 5-spice Ribs
- Chicken and Goat Cheese Wrapped in Cocoa-Candied Bacon
- House Ceviches
- Charcuterie and Cheese Plate
- Red Mole Brick Chicken
- Sakura Pork Chop
- Cocoa Nib Pan-Seared Scallops
- Chicken Mascarpone and Savory Cocoa Fettuccine
- Tamarind-Glazed Chilean Sea Bass
- Burgers and perfectly prepared steaks and chops
- A Tableside Chocolate Fountain, made with pure artisanal chocolate accompanied by a variety of treats for dipping

FAST FACTS

- Brunch, Lunch and Dinner
- Seating Capacity: 135
- Outdoor Seating for 35
- Private Event Space Available
- Catering and Carry-Out
- Retail Shop
- Lounge and Chocolate Bar
- Food & Drink Specials Every Weekday
- Afternoon Teas on the Last Saturday of the Month



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Hours of Operation:
Tue-Thurs: 11am-9pm
Fri-Sat: 11am-11pm
Sunday: 4pm-9pm
Sunday Brunch: 10am-2pm
Afternoon Tea: 2-4pm

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BILL & DONNA COLLAZO | Owners

The Chocolate Sanctuary's is the lifelong dream of proprietors Bill and Donna Collazo. The couple, longtime residents of the Lake County area, worked with a carefully selected group of seasoned restaurant consultants to bring their concept to life. The Collazos are firmly committed to strengthening the community by providing a sanctuary from the everyday – a place where people can gather with friends and family over food, drinks and, of course, chocolate. Bill and Donna bring a combination of discipline honed in the service world and a healthy respect for the creativity and passion that drives the restaurant industry.

AHMED G. MORA | Executive Chef

Ahmed G. Mora is an executive Chef with over a decade of experience in varied upscale cuisine, from French and Italian to New American and steak houses. Chef Ahmed mentored under Chef Luc Dimn'et at The Brasserie Restaurant in New York. His haute style reflects his passion for delicate sauces and stylish preparation. Before coming to The Chocolate Sanctuary, Ahmed worked as a chef at New York's AJ Maxwell's and Statler Grill, and Chicago's Grill Room Chop House and Wine Bar. One of Chef Ahmed's favorite dishes at The Chocolate Sanctuary is the Chocolate Stout Braised Short Rib.

HAILEY TURSO | Pastry Chef

Hailey has been creating and executing handcrafted pastries for over five years. Hailey studied at the acclaimed Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Chicago and received her certification in patisserie and baking. While at Le Cordon Bleu, Hailey honed her professional skills at Sweet Ride, a mobile Cupcake Food Truck. She also served as a baker at Sarah's Pastries and Candies, and as Pastry Chef at caterers Food for Thought and Hel's Kitchen. Hailey was also awarded a scholarship from the prestigious *Chaîne des Rôtisseurs* Foundation in 2012.



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