

**FRENCH RIVIERA BAKERY & CAFÉ**

**3100 Chimney Rock Houston 77056 713.783.3264**

One of two comfortable neighborhood restaurants being reviewed today, the French Riviera Bakery has been in the same spot near Richmond and Chimney Rock for about 38 years. A relaxed coffee house atmosphere prevails, with a garden feel. The real draw here for breakfast and lunch are the authentic French pastries. Hot or cold sandwiches, creative salads, and a variety of coffee drinks round out the limited but time-tested menu. **Croissants:** Plain, Pain au chocolat, Pain au raisins, Almonds, Almond & chocolate, Almond & cream, Apple, Apricot, Strawberry, Ham & cheese, Sausage, or Swiss cheese. **Brioches:** Plain, Raisins & orange, Chocolate. **Danish:** Apple or apricot, Strawberry, Cream cheese. **Quiches:** Zucchini, Lorraine, Mushroom, Spinach. **Pastries:** Éclair, Cream puff, Napoleon, Fruit tart, Cream horn, Moka cake, Chocolate cake. **Breakfast:** Pastries; Eggs as you like them, with bacon or sausage. **Sandwiches:** Swiss cheese; Ham & cheese; Roast beef; Turkey breast; Mortadella; Salami; Tuna or chicken or egg salad; Hot dog; Grilled chicken; Pate de campagne. **Salads:** Nicoise, romaine, green beans, potato, olives, egg, tomato, tuna; Chef, same as above but with turkey, corn, & cheese; Grilled chicken; Orzo Pasta with tuna, corn, bell pepper, & celery; Egg salad; Green salad. **Cold drinks:** Perrier, Orangina, Teas, Juices. **Hot drinks:** Espresso, Macchiato, Americano, Cappuccino, Café au lait, Latte, Café moka, Chocolat au lait.

**TABLE 57 (H.E.B. GROCERY STORE)**

**5898 San Felipe at Fountainview Houston 77057 713.978.5800**

I've always wondered why more grocery stores do not serve food, or even just offer tables where one can sit down and eat the food on sale at the store. You can do both at this delightful casual restaurant. Part patio-part inside, part BBQ joint-part full service restaurant, part-craft brew pub...something for everyone is here, and it is kid-friendly as well. Facing across Fountainview from La Vista, Table 57 offers a similar ambiance, and just may have copied La Vista's relaxed style and varied, affordable menu approach. **Appetizers:** Charcuterie and cheese selection; Fried green tomatoes; Deviled eggs; Korean fried chicken wing & waffle; Lobster salad. **Sliders:** Korean BBQ pulled pork; Prime beef & Brie; Chopped brisket. **Tostadas:** Smoked pulled chicken; Crab ceviche; Fried oyster. **Main dishes:** Creole shrimp & grits; Tare Glazed salmon; Mostarda chicken & cabbage; Korean fried chicken. **Burgers:** Classic; Brisket blue burger; Umami burger; Turkey burger. **True Texas BBQ:** By the pound, brisket lean; Brisket fatty; Brisket chopped; St. Louis spare ribs; Half chicken; Turkey breast; Pulled pork; Boneless pork belly ribs; Beef sausage; Pork & beef sausage. (BBQ also comes in "plates"). **Salads:** Chicken cobb; Classic Caesar; Spinach, avocado, & grapefruit; Arugula walnut. **Bistro sandwiches:** Lobster tail roll; Chipotle turkey, bacon, & avocado; Pork belly BLT; El Cubano; Smoke house salmon; The vegan. **Desserts & floats:** Tres leches; Marble fudge Blondie a la mode; New York cheesecake; Dublin Bottling Works floats with your choice of ice creams. **Kids menu:** Cheese burger sliders; Chopped brisket tenders; Chicken tenders; Hebrew National hot dog; Mac 'n' cheese; Grilled cheese.

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Note: By way of qualifications for reviewing restaurants, Hankamer has owned and operated numerous restaurants, coffee shops, hotels, discotheques and banquet halls over the last forty years; he has traveled to over 70 countries and has studied and lived in Europe for over three years; he was co-owner of a home delivery wine of the month club and imported his own wine labels for years. Copyright 2015 Ray Hankamer, Hankamer Commercial/Hankamer & Associates.