



THE LUXURY OF LUNCH

It's noon: Where are you? (Please don't say, "At my desk with a Cup-a-Soup.") From SPQR to Waterbar, the newest restaurants in town are scrapping the dinner-only concept, providing every incentive for you to take your full, rightfully earned hour and do something dignified with it. So, sit down to a gourmet sandwich and a glass of wine, or brown-bag it and soak up the sun. (Maybe those ladies who lunch have had the right idea all along.)

Edited by Jessica Battilana

BANG FOR YOUR BUCK:

Looking for value? Five SF restaurants offer an identical dish at lunch and dinner, with substantially different price tags—and wait times.



THE DISH	Petit (8-oz.) Beef Tenderloin <i>Epic Roasthouse</i> 369 The Embarcadero 415-369-9955
LUNCH	\$29 à la carte, sides \$8 each
DINNER	\$34 à la carte, sides \$9 each
LUNCH WAIT (noon, Friday, walk-in party of two)	None for seating at the bar, one hour for a table.
DINNER WAIT (7 p.m., Friday, walk-in party of two)	One hour. "Lunch tends to be a little less ... frenzied," the host says.