

EL CORTEZ

MEXICAN RESTAURANT



Where tradition, authentic food, friends & family meet
Since 1975

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BOTAÑAS APPETIZERS

Botana Suprema

Chicken or steak pounded out round, between two flour tortillas, cut in pieces. Served with lettuce, tomato, sour cream and guacamole
CHICKEN 16.26 **STEAK** 18.47

Nachos

Beans, melted cheese, guacamole and jalapeños loaded onto flat fried tortillas 7.71
BEEF, CHICKEN, PORK OR CHORIZO 9.91
STEAK 11.01

Chicken Fingers

Always a popular choice. Tender battered chicken strips served golden brown with a hot BBQ sauce and French fries 9.14

Quesadilla Pacifico

Flour tortillas filled with Mexican cheese, chiles poblanos and grilled shrimp, served with sour cream and avocado slices 11.01

Guacamole

We make our guacamole fresh, creamy and delicious. This one's a must-try item at El Cortez! *Market Price*

Alas

Hot and spicy BBQ chicken wings served with celery and blue cheese 9.91

Queso Fundido

Melted cheese topped with fried Mexican sausage, served with your choice of flour or corn tortillas 11.01

Tostada de Ceviche

Shrimp finely chopped on a hard shell tortilla topped with pico de gallo, sour cream and diced avocados 6.60

Chips 3.62 **Salsa** 3.08



nachos



combo cortez

Combo Cortez

A big combo platter of popular appetizers: chicken fingers, two pork tamales, two pico de gallo quesadillas and two chicken flautas with sour cream, guacamole, pico de gallo, lettuce and cheese sprinkled on top. Great for sharing or as a meal 16.31



grilled chicken salad

ENSALADAS SALAD

Grilled Chicken Salad

Crisp lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, limes and oranges with tender chunks of chicken grilled with green peppers and onions, served over Mexican rice, sprinkled with cheese 10.90

Taco Salad

A flour tortilla fried and filled with your choice of seasoned beef or chicken or pork, lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, guacamole and cheddar cheese 10.46 **STEAK** +1

Garden Salad 4.50



molletes

CALDO SOUP

Caldo de Res

Hearty beef soup with chunks of tender beef and fresh vegetables in a savory beef broth. Served with Mexican rice and choice of tortillas 7.93

Caldo Xochitl

Chicken soup in a spicy green sauce with Mexican rice. Served with choice of tortillas 7.71

Menudo

Our slow-simmered tripe soup is a true Mexican tradition. Served with choice of tortillas 8.37
(We'll add hominy to the soup upon request)



caldo de res

VEGETARIANAS VEGETARIAN

Veggie Fajitas

A sizzling mix of carrots, bell peppers, tomatoes, onions and cauliflower, mushrooms served with Mexican rice, pico de gallo, lettuce, sour cream, guacamole and choice of tortillas 16.53

Veggie Burrito Supremo

Nine-inch burrito stuffed with grilled bell pepper, tomatoes, onions and mushrooms with guacamole, sour cream, cilantro, pico de gallo, lettuce and cheese. Served with Mexican rice and bola beans 12.13

SUIZO SAUCE & MELTED CHEESE +2

Chiles Rellenos

Two cheese-stuffed peppers topped with ranchero sauce served with Mexican rice and refried beans choice of tortillas 16.85

Guacamole

Tostada Dinner

Three flat tortillas topped with guacamole, lettuce, tomatoes and cheese. Includes Mexican rice and refried beans 11.01

Veggie Quesadillas

Three tortillas filled with cheese, cilantro, grilled tomato, onion, bell pepper and mushrooms. Served with Mexican rice and bola beans 12.78

Molletes

Two pieces of bread topped with grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes, refried beans and melted cheese 9.03

ADDITIONAL
BASKET
 OF **CHIPS**
 PER TABLE 1.77

*all of our rice is made with chicken stock

CANTINA

Wine

Merlot • Cabernet • Moscato • Chardonnay
Pinot Grigio • White Zinfandel

Draft Beer

16 OZ. • 22 OZ. • PITCHER

XX Lager • Blue Moon • Miller Lite
Modelo Especial • Negra Modelo • Corona

Bottled Beer

Corona	Modelo ESP
Corona Light	(can or bottle)
Corona Familiar	Negra Modelo
Corona Premier	Sol
Miller Lite	Bohemia
Budweiser	Tecate (can)
Bud Light	XX Amber
Coors Light	XX Lager
Victoria	Heineken
Pacifico	Stella Artois
	Non Alcoholic
	Heineken

Full Bar

ENJOY YOUR FAVORITE SPECIALTY DRINKS

Piña Colada • Micheladas
Daiquiris • Homemade Sangria
Long Island Iced Tea

& MORE! ASK FOR YOUR FAVORITE

Traditional Margarita

12 OZ. • JUMBO 26 OZ. PITCHER

That tangy lime taste perfectly complements your authentic Mexican meal. Enjoy a smooth blend of our house tequila, Triple Sec and sweet and sour mix.

Top Shelf Margarita

12 OZ. • JUMBO 26 OZ. • PITCHER

The Cadillac of margaritas! Made with the premium tequila of your choice, Gran Gala and sweet and sour mix

Flavored Margarita

12 OZ. • JUMBO 26 OZ. • PITCHER

Add some flavor to your 'rita!
Strawberry, mango or blue curacao

Tequilas

Cuervo Especial	Herradura Reposado
1800	Don Julio Silver
Patrón Silver	Don Julio Reposado
Patrón Reposado	Don Julio Añejo
Patrón Añejo	
Cazadores	
Centenario Reposado	
Casa Amigos Silver	
Casa Amigos Repo	
Tres Generaciones	
Hornitos	



PLATILLOS DE POLLO CHICKEN ENTREES

Pollo Carbon

Strips of chicken breast marinated in red sauce, grilled and served over Mexican rice with green sauce, sour cream, guacamole and a small dinner salad. Choice of tortillas 15.75

Pollo Estrella

Chicken breast pounded out and topped with melted cheese, covered with molcajete sauce, served with Mexican rice. Choice of tortillas 16.97

Milanesa de Pollo

Breaded chicken breast served with Mexican rice, refried beans and fries. Choice of tortillas 13.88 **MELTED CHEESE** +2

Whiskey Chicken

Tender pieces of chicken grilled with bacon, chiles poblano, onions, tomatoes, served with Mexican rice, refried beans, slices of avocado and cheese sprinkled on top. Choice of tortillas 16.85

Pollo en Mole

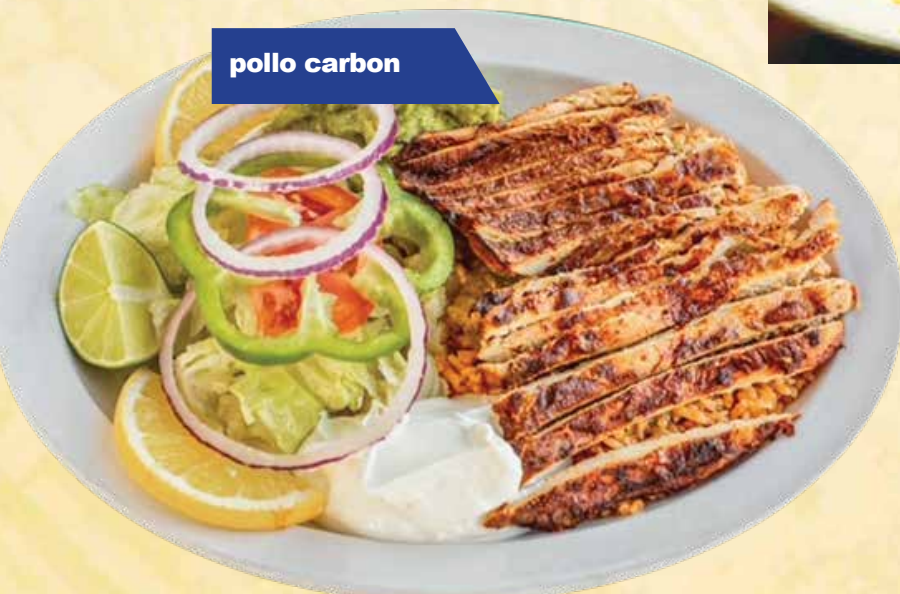
Bone-in chicken breast served in mole sauce with Mexican rice and refried beans. Choice of tortillas 13.22

Chicken Fajita Dinner

Chicken breast chunks seasoned and sizzled up with onions and green peppers, served with refried beans, pico de gallo, lettuce, sour cream and guacamole. Choice of tortillas 16.85

Pollo Rojo

Pieces of tender chicken breast sautéed in a red sauce and mixed with cubed potatoes and onions, topped with sprinkled cheese. Served with a side of Mexican rice, pico de gallo and avocado slices. Choice of tortillas 15.75



pollo carbon



pollo rojo

	TRY OUR HOUSE SPECIALTIES
	SPICY

MARISCOS SEAFOOD

🍷 Camarones Vallarta

Shrimp lightly breaded, seasoned with wine, served on a bed of white rice with your choice of Mexican bread or tortillas 20.94

Tilapia a la Vizcaina

Flaky fillet of tilapia lightly breaded and fried, served with white rice and corn medley with vizcaina sauce on the side. Choice of bread or tortillas 19.28

Camarones Diablos 🌶️

Shrimp simmered in our spicy pico de gallo sauce with bacon, served on a bed of white rice with onions and avocado slices on the side, with your choice of Mexican bread or tortillas 21.04

Shrimp Fajita

Grilled shrimp with onions and bell peppers sizzled on a skillet, served with Mexican rice, lettuce, sour cream, guacamole and pico de gallo on the side. Choice of tortillas 20.50

Huachinango (Prep. time is 60 minutes)

Whole red snapper pan-fried and served your way. Served with garden salad and choice of bread or tortillas *market price*

VIZCAINA-STYLE

With onions, tomatoes and jalapeños simmered in a special sauce

MOJO DE AJO In fresh garlic butter

Camarones Ajillo

Shrimp sautéed in garlic and wine, served with white rice and choice of Mexican bread or tortillas 21.04

Camarones Empanizados

Breaded shrimp served with Mexican rice, lettuce, pico de gallo and barbecue sauce 20.50

Coctel de Camaron

Succulent shrimp in your choice of a cocktail sauce or our pico de gallo sauce 12.12

Chimichangas Marinera

A blend of shrimp and crab meat in a flour tortilla, fried and served with a side order of white rice and avocado slices 13.77



camarones ajillo

EL CORTEZ FAVORITES

Parrillada

Tender skirt steak served with zesty chorizo, grilled jalapeños, onions, avocado, pico de gallo and bola beans topped with sprinkled cheese and choice of tortillas 23.80

Cook's Especial

Chunks of steak with slices of poblano peppers, covered with melted cheese, pico de gallo, guacamole and sour cream on the side. Served with Mexican rice and refried beans. Choice of tortillas 17.63



cook's especial

Enchilada Aguascalientes

A tender bone-in chicken dipped in red sauce, three Mexican cheese enchiladas and red cubed potato sprinkled with cheese 15.20

🍷 Tamal Dinner

Two pork or chicken tamales in the husk, served with Mexican rice and refried beans 9.91

Tamales Cortez

Two pork or chicken tamales without the husk, topped with sour cream and hot sauce, smothered with melted cheese and served with a side of Mexican rice 11.01

🍷 Chimichangas 🌶️

Your choice of seasoned shredded beef or shredded chicken rolled in flour tortillas, fried, covered with tomatoes, lettuce, sour cream and guacamole. Served with a side order of Mexican rice 13.32

Manny

Grilled chicken breast smothered in poblano peppers, onions and ranchero sauce served on a bed of Mexican rice with slices of avocado 17.63

Puntillas 🌶️

Choice of skirt steak or chicken with onions, mushrooms, tomatoes, hot banana peppers, poblano peppers, bell peppers and chorizo. Served with Mexican rice and refried beans. Choice of tortillas 23.14

SHRIMP +2
MELTED CHEESE +2



puntillas



tamal dinner





fajita mix

COMBINACIONES COMBINATIONS

Fajita Mix

Choose your own combination of steak, chicken and/or shrimp. Served with lettuce, pico de gallo, sour cream, guacamole, Mexican rice, refried beans and choice of tortillas

ANY THREE 23.36 • **ANY TWO** 22.14

Plato Cortez

A flour taco, enchilada suiza and tostada suiza, all made with your choice of beef, chicken or pork. Served with Mexican rice and refried beans

STEAK +1

Combinacion Norteña

Tender 4-oz. tenderloin served with a cheese-stuffed pepper with ranchero sauce, rice, beans and a touch of guacamole. Choice of tortillas

18.18

Plato Mexicano

One corn beef taco, one cheese Mexican enchilada, one bean tostada, served with Mexican rice and refried beans

12.34

Vallarta Especial

Surf and turf the Mexican way! Garlic beef tenderloin with shrimp served with papas ajillo and white rice. Choice of tortillas

20.50

Steak Tampiqueña

A flavorful tradition! Tender skirt steak, a cheese Mexican enchilada and a cheese quesadilla served with fries and a touch of guacamole. Choice of tortillas

22.81



filete estrella



steak tampiquena

CARNES MEAT ENTREES

Ricky's Especial

Incredibly tender filet cut into delicious chunks and topped with bacon, delivered to your table on a skillet with grilled onions and refried chorizo beans with melted cheese. Choice of tortillas

20.94

Carne Asada

Skirt steak served with Mexican rice, refried beans and French fries. Choice of tortillas

MELTED CHEESE +2

Filete Estrella

Thin pounded tenderloin topped with melted cheese and covered in green salsa, served with refried beans. Choice of tortillas

19.39

Steak Fajita Dinner

Chunks of tender steak seasoned and sizzled up with onions and green peppers. Served with refried beans, pico de gallo, lettuce, sour cream and guacamole. Choice of tortillas

18.18

Milanesa de Res

Breaded steak served with Mexican rice, refried beans and French fries. Choice of tortillas

MELTED CHEESE +2

Bistec a la Mexicana

Succulent chunks of skirt steak simmered in a Mexican sauce, served with Mexican rice and refried beans. Choice of tortillas

20.16

MELTED CHEESE +2

TOSTADAS FLAT TACOS

Tostada Dinner

Three of a kind flat corn tortillas layered with beans, then covered with your choice of beef, chicken or pork. Topped with lettuce, tomatoes and a sprinkle of cheese. Served with Mexican rice and refried beans 11.01 **STEAK** +1

Specialty Tostadas

Three of a kind crispy flat corn tortillas covered with your choice of beef, chicken or pork, topped with your choice of sauce and melted cheese. Served with Mexican rice and refried beans 12.12 **STEAK** +1

SAUCE SELECTION

SUIZA - tomato based sauce

QUERETANA - special cream sauce

POBLANO - a sweet, dark brown and spicy mole sauce

VERDE - green tomatillo sauce



sombrero

FLAUTAS ROLLED TACOS

Flauta Dinner

Three of a kind corn tortillas (hard or soft) rolled up and filled with choice of beef, chicken or pork. Includes guacamole, lettuce, tomato, jalapeno and sour cream on the side. Served with Mexican rice and refried beans 11.46 **STEAK** +1

San Marcos Dinner

Three of a kind corn tortillas rolled up and fried, filled with your choice of beef, chicken, pork or potato and covered with cabbage, cheese, sour cream and red sauce. Served with Mexican rice and refried beans 11.46 **STEAK** +1



tostada dinner

A NOTE ABOUT OUR MEAT FILLINGS:

Our chicken is shredded and cooked with tomatoes and onions

Our ground beef is cooked with potatoes per a traditional family recipe

Our carnitas is made of marinated chunks of pork cooked 'til very tender

All are beans are topped with crumbly cheese otherwise known as anejo

TACOS

Taco Dinner

Three of a kind corn or flour tortillas filled with your choice of beef, chicken or pork, served with Mexican rice and refried beans 10.90

Steak Taco Dinner

Three corn or flour tortillas filled with tender steak and served with lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, Mexican rice and refried beans 12.00

Tilapia Taco Dinner

Two corn or flour tortillas filled with grilled or breaded tilapia, garnished with lettuce, tomatoes and cheese. Served with Mexican rice and refried beans 12.12

SIDE ORDERS

Individual Tortillas

4 flour or corn tortillas .76

Papas (French fries) 3.40

Rice 2.19

Refried Beans 2.19

Rice & Beans 3.40

Sour Cream 2.08

Bean & Chorizo 4.06

Frijoles Borrachos

Drunken beans 5.17

Frijoles Bolas 3.86

Pan Ajillo

Garlic bread 2.08

Papas Ajillo 🌶️

Garlic potatoes 5.39

Jalapenos 2.08

Pico de Gallo 3.30

Papas Ags

Cubed potatoes in traditional Mexican red sauce and cheese 3.40

Papas Mexicanas 🌶️

Cubed potatoes in sauce sprinkled with cheese, served with avocado 5.17

Sauce

Suiza, verde, queretana, poblano or ranchero 2.08

Cebollitas 2.50

Toreados 2.50

A LA CARTA

Taco 3.01 **STEAK** 3.30

Tostada 3.01

STEAK 3.83 **SPECIAL** 3.30

SPECIAL STEAK 3.84

Enchilada 3.30 **STEAK** 3.58

Chile Relleno 6.71

Burrito 8.59 **STEAK** 9.69

Mini Burrito 2.74

Flauta 3.01 **STEAK** 3.30

Quesadilla 3.18

PASTOR, SHRIMP OR STEAK 3.62

MEAT OR VEGGIE 3.30

Tamal 3.18

papas ajillo



BEVERAGES

Soft Drinks 2.99

Cafe (coffee) 2.52

Hot Tea 2.52

Brewed Unsweetened

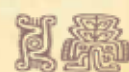
Iced Tea (free refills) 2.99

Leche (milk) 2.52

Horchata (rice water) 2.96

Jarritos (assorted flavors)

mini burrito



TRY OUR
HOUSE
SPECIALTIES



SPICY

ENCHILADAS

Enchiladas Dinner

Three corn tortillas rolled and filled with your choice of one of the following: cheese, ground beef, chicken or pork, topped with your choice of sauce and served with Mexican rice and refried beans 12.12 **STEAK** +1

SAUCE SELECTION

SUIZA - tomato based sauce

QUERETANA - special cream sauce

POBLANO - a sweet, dark brown

and spicy mole sauce

VERDE - green tomatillo sauce

Cortez Enchiladas Dinner

Three red enchiladas filled with cheese, Mexican sausage and potato, sprinkled with more cheese and served with sour cream, Mexican rice and refried beans on the side 12.12

DESSERTS

Fried Ice Cream

Choice of chocolate, strawberry or honey topping sauce 5.72

Flan

Creme caramel custard 5.61

Buñuelos

Golden crispy sweet strips of pastry served with chocolate syrup and strawberry dipping sauce 5.28

Mexi-Chango

Fried tortilla stuffed with cream cheese. Served with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and sprinkled with choice of strawberry or chocolate syrup 6.27

Churros (3) 4.40

Choice of chocolate, strawberry or honey dipping sauce. Churros are plain

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	SPICY



enchiladas verdes dinner

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quesadilla dinner

BURRITOS

Supremo Dinner

Choice of beef, chicken or pork with lettuce, tomatoes, onions, cilantro, cheese, sour cream and guacamole in a large flour tortilla. Served with Mexican rice and refried beans 12.00

STEAK +1.10 • **SUIZO SAUCE** & melted cheese +2

STEAK, SUIZO SAUCE & melted cheese +3.10

Mini-Burrito

Choice of steak or chicken cooked with bacon and rolled up with sour cream, hot sauce and cheese in a flour tortilla 2.74 each

QUESADILLAS

Quesadilla Dinner

Three of a kind tortillas (flour or corn) filled with cheese, lettuce, tomato and sour cream on the side. Served with Mexican rice and refried beans 10.79 **STEAK** +2 • **BEEF, CHICKEN OR PORK** +1



mexi-chango



buñuelos

LUNCH MENU

LUNCH DEALS

Available every day until 2:00 p.m. After Hours +2

#1 Chicken Quesadillas

Two flour tortillas stuffed with chicken and cheese. Includes lettuce, tomato, sour cream, Mexican rice & refried beans 8.25

#2 Beef Burrito Suizo and Beef Taco

Burrito stuffed with beef, lettuce and tomato, topped with red sauce & cheese. Soft flour taco with beef, lettuce, tomato and cheese. Served with Mexican rice & refried beans 9.47

#3 Two Tacos

Both filled with beef, chicken or pork, both made with flour or corn tortillas, served with Mexican rice & refried beans 9.47

#4 Enchiladas Suiza

Two enchiladas, both beef, chicken or pork, served with Mexican rice & refried beans 9.47

#5 Chicken Fajita Tacos

Two soft tacos (flour tortillas) served with lettuce, pico de gallo, sour cream, guacamole, Mexican rice & refried beans 10.13

#6 Enchilada Suiza & Tostada

Both made with beef, chicken or pork. Tostada also has beans, lettuce, tomato & cheese. Includes Mexican rice & refried beans 9.47

#7 Steak Fajita Tacos

Two soft flour tacos, lettuce, pico de gallo, sour cream, guacamole, Mexican rice & refried beans 11.24

#8 Cheese Chile Relleno Tacos

Two tacos (flour or corn tortillas) served with Mexican rice & refried beans 10.14

DESAYUNOS BREAKFAST

Available daily until 2:00 p.m. After Hours +2

Chilaquiles

Eggs scrambled with corn tortillas, tomatoes, onions and peppers, served with refried beans 7.71
Melted cheese +1

Huevos con Chorizo

Scrambled eggs with Mexican sausage, served with refried beans 7.81

Huevos Rancheros

Eggs over easy, covered with ranchero sauce and served with refried beans 7.15

Huevos Paula

Mexican cheese omelette covered with green sauce, served with refried beans 7.81

CON CHORIZO Mexican sausage +1

Huevos a la Mexicana

Scrambled eggs with onions, tomatoes and peppers, served with refried beans 7.37

One Scrambled Egg 1.64

Chorizo Breakfast Burrito

Stuffed with eggs and chorizo 5.28

Mexican Breakfast Burrito

Stuffed with eggs a la Mexicana 5.28

Breakfast Tacos

Two flour or corn tortillas filled with eggs and chorizo, served with lettuce, tomatoes, cheese and a side order of Mexican rice and refried beans 7.94



Chilaquiles

JUST FOR KIDS

For children 12 years and under. Over 12 +2

Refried beans and Mexican rice may be substituted for French fries.

1. Kid's Tacos

Ground beef, chicken or pork and cheese tacos with rice and beans 5.99

2. Kid's Burrito

Ground beef, chicken or pork and cheese burrito served with rice and beans 5.99

3. Kid's Nachos

Bean and cheese nachos 5.99

4. Chicken Fingers & Fries 5.99

5. Kid's Quesadillas

Two cheese quesadillas (made with corn or flour tortillas) served with rice and beans 5.99

6. Kid's Grilled Steak

Chunks of grilled steak served with salad and Mexican rice 8.81

7. Kid's Grilled Chicken

Chunks of grilled chicken breast with salad and Mexican rice 7.71

TORTAS MEXICAN SANDWICHES

Garnished with beans, lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, guacamole and jalapeños. Δ indicates no garnish.

Molletes con Carne Δ

Grilled onions, tomatoes, peppers, refried beans and melted cheese over bread with choice of steak, beef or chicken 10.68

Chorizo 7.37

Jamon Ham 7.81

Pollo

Grilled, shredded or breaded chicken 7.37

Pastor Seasoned pork 8.25

Carne Asada Steak 7.71

Milanesa Breaded steak 7.71

Carnitas Pork 7.37

Torta Club Δ

Stacked with ham, bacon, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, avocado, cheese and sour cream. Served with fries 8.91

PLEASE NOTE:

Please inform your server of any food-related allergies prior to ordering

No personal checks accepted

Only one check per table — Thank you!

Prices subject to change without notice

For parties of 6 or more people, an 18% service fee will be added to your check

All extras and substitutions will be charged.

HEALTH ADVISORY:

The Illinois Department of Public Health advises that eating raw or undercooked meat, poultry, eggs or seafood poses a health risk to everyone, but especially to the elderly, children under age four, pregnant women and other highly susceptible individuals with compromised immune systems. Thorough cooking of animal food reduces the risk of illness. For further information, contact your physician or public health department

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Enjoy the great taste of El Cortez wherever you are, at home, work or on the road. Carry Out makes it easy.

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Birthdays, Parties, Game Day, Meetings and other special events. Treat your guests to food you know they'll love with El Cortez Catering.

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Add some spice to someone's life!

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