# CLEAN NATURE

# **Ayurvedic Retreat Chef**



Ashley Chavez is a culinary nutritionist, personal chef, and yoga teacher based in the Morongo Basin area. She specializes in cooking nourishing, well-balanced meals packed with flavor. Her family-style approach gathers people around the table to cherish community and connection.

Due to her passion for health and wellness, she's found a deep love in cooking for yoga and other related likeminded retreats.

Ashley attended Bastyr University where she studied nutrition and culinary arts. She is trained in Ayurvedic nutrition, therapeutic cuisine, and has worked alongside classically trained chefs.

"Food is the most grounding and connective bridge to another person's heart and soul."

# Sample Menus

Menu should reflect the overall intention of your retreat. Yoga retreats typically enjoy plantbased meals, with cheese, egg or dairy options. Gluten-free can be made upon request. For other related retreats or events, grass-fed and organic animal proteins can be included. By request and if retreating in Morongo Basin, local sourdough bread with grass-fed butter and ghee can be added to any meal. Snacks are light and single-dish. Opt for things like quick breads, bone or veggie broths, mini mezze platter, granola bars, smoothie shooters, Ayurvedic warm lattes or tonics. With my Ayurvedic background, I tend to favor cooked foods over raw, but am happy to customize a menu tailored to the needs of your retreat.



# BREAKFAST

Breakfast is self serve buffet style. Every morning upon request, breakfast includes but is not limited to warm porridge, granola, fresh or cooked fruit, baked breakfast sweet, and either an egg or savory dish. Assorted tea bags can be purchased upon request. For a simpler option, choose a Traditional Ayurvedic Cuisine.

#### Filtered Water (everyday)

Rotating infused water | warm water for digestion

### Coffee & Tea (everyday)

Locally roasted organic coffee | homemade tea | local raw honey | coconut sugar | organic cow's creamer | varied alternative creamers

### Granola Bar

Rotating flavors: Clean Nature's Granola | fresh or warmspiced seasonal fruit | homemade almond milk



# BREAKFAST

#### **Baked Breakfast Sweets**

Rotating: tahini oat breakfast cookies | Ayurvedic cacao bread | cinnamon apple muffins | buckwheat banana bread

### Chia Seed Parfaits (seasonal)

Flavors: strawberry rose milk chia | golden turmeric chia | maple chai chia | coconut cacao chia

# **Porridge Bar**

Rotating porridge: ancient grain porridge | creamy millet | chamomile oatmeal | congee | spiced amaranth chopped medjool dates | chai-soaked goji berries | cinnamon cayenne raisins

# Smoothie & Juice Bar (upon request)

Rotating smoothies and Ayurvedic juices: warm cinnamon date shake | berry basil smoothie | spirulina hemp shooters | ginger mint limeade | goji lemonade

# Egg or Savory Dish

Choice of: sweet potato frittata | traditional shakshuka | balsamic brussels & egg muffins | tortilla de patata | hard boiled eggs | beet-pickled pink eggs | sweet potato kale hash | lentil veggie skillet pie | savory oat crisp | coriander mint chutney | sprouts or microgreens



# LUNCH

Lunch is casual, and can be hands-on, self serve, buildyour-own, or plated.

### **Classic Soup & Salad**

3-bean chili, skillet cornbread, microgreen mix | rosemary beet soup, sweet potato kale salad, creamy ginger miso dressing | turmeric roasted cauliflower and fennel soup, sautéed bitter greens

Ayurvedic Mezze Platter (great if you opted out of the midday snack option)

Baked herbed falafels | beetroot hummus | coconut tzatziki | assorted roasted veggies | fennel sourdough crackers | quick-pickled veg | lemon lentil soup

### Medicinal Pho or Congee Bar

Veggie or bone broth | buckwheat or rice noodles | bok choy | carrots | cilantro, mint, basil, lime Turmeric congee | sautéed greens | soft-boiled egg | cilantro | grilled green onion | various toppings

#### Build-your-own Yogi Bowls

Adzuki bean stew | creamy millet or quinoa | maple roasted squash | steamed greens | quick-pickled radish | microgreens or sprouts | turmeric tahini sauce



Dinner is served at a set table with family style and/or plated. Unless agreed upon otherwise, dinner typically includes a main dish, 1-2 sides (depending on entree and retreat's request), and choice of soup, salad, or additional side. 2nd entree / dessert can be added with additional fee.

#### Pumpkinseed Pesto Zucchini Lasagna

Almond milk ricotta | blistered cherry tomato confit | chimichurri roasted root veg | lemony white bean and chard soup

#### Mung Bean Stuffed Sweet Potato

Garlicky greens and shrooms | lemon tahini drizzle | herby vegetable soup | shaved fennel and citrus salad with tangy vinaigrette

#### Lemon Ginger Dal

Coconut basmati rice | homemade chapati bread | cumin veggie medley | sesame ginger chutney

#### **Vegetable Tagine**

Mujadarra | grain-free tabbouleh | citrus-marinated beets | lemon preserve | spicy date chutney

#### **Taco Night: 3 Ways**

Roasted sweet potato & kale | black lentil & golden Moroccan vinaigrette | asada chili mushroom | homemade masa tortillas | tomatillo verde | seasonal fruit salsa |

wild rice azteca | carrot-cabbage-jicama salad with honey citrus vinaigrette



Dessert is either plated or family style.

**Divya Alter's Almond Delights** 

Spiced Baked Apples | Walnut Sesame Dukkah | Coconut Caramel Sauce

Golden Milk Lattes | Salted Rose Chocolates

Oat Apple Crisp | Whipped Cinnamon Butter

Raw Walnut Brownies | Cacao Frosting

Avocado Key Lime Tart | Clean Nature's Granola Crust

**Ayurvedic Mango Lassi** 

**Cacao-dipped Vanilla Coconut Macaroons** 

**Cardamom Rose Stuffed Dates** 

**Caramelized Cinnamon Plantains** 

Ayurvedic Saffron Elixir

# **RETREAT PRICING**

# Under 10 people

\$400 | single meal / day (breakfast, lunch, or dinner)
\$600 | two meals / day (breakfast + lunch, lunch + dinner, breakfast + dinner)
\$800 | three meals / day (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

### 10-15 people

\$450 | single meal / day (breakfast, lunch, or dinner)
\$700 | two meals / day (breakfast + lunch, lunch + dinner, breakfast + dinner)
\$950 | three meals / day (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

### Add On's

\*\$50 | hearty welcome snack and to-go lunches or final snack
 \*\$50 | light snack between meals on full days
 \$50 | drink bar (1x fresh tea, 1x fresh juice, 1x specialty latte)
 \$50 | second entree addition
 \$50 | dessert

Hearty welcome snacks and to-go lunches are highly recommended to ensure your guests arrive and leave with satisfied bellies. Arrival and departure days entail a lot of traveling.

Cost of groceries is separate.



# RETREAT PRICING -Traditional Ayurvedic Cuisine

If you're looking for simpler and lighter meals, with food to accent the retreat, go down a simpler route and choose a Traditional Ayurvedic Cuisine.

Ayurveda emphasizes specific food combinations, preparation techniques, and smaller quantities.

Breakfast includes warm filtered water, full coffee bar, 1x homemade herbal tea, and a single, complete breakfast dish.

# Under 10 people

\$350 | single meal / day (breakfast, lunch, or dinner) \$550 | two meals / day (breakfast + lunch, lunch + dinner, breakfast + dinner) \$750 | three meals / day (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

# 10-15 people

\$400 | single meal / day (breakfast, lunch, or dinner) \$650 | two meals / day (breakfast + lunch, lunch + dinner, breakfast + dinner) \$900 | three meals / day (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

# Sample Menu:

### **Breakfast**

Cinnamon Stewed Apples and Raisins, Creamy Millet, Clean Nature's Granola, Fresh Almond Milk

> Lunch Coconut Beet Curry, Fennel Basmati Rice

**Dinner** Tridoshic Kitchari, Spicy Date Chutney, Herbal Green Chutney



# CLEAN NATURE'S GRANOLA

Clean Nature's Granola is small-batched, handcrafted, and organic.

Granola for breakfast is complimentary. No additional fees.

Please contact me if you'd like to include granola in a pop-up shop or arrange to have small bags as an arrival gift for guests. Fees will apply.

I do my best to bring granola bags to be purchased at the end of the retreat for guests.

> Flavors Vanilla-Almond Coconut Clusters Maple Nut (grain-free) Honey Lavender Cacao Peanut Butter

# PRICE BREAKDOWN

8-10 hours menu design + menu revision and finalization.

Ongoing correspondence. 2-3 full days seasonal recipe testing. 10+ hours kitchen prep for retreat. Travel to Joshua Tree, Orange County, and Palm Springs to ensure freshest, organic, quality and specialty ingredients. Farmer's Markets when possible. 3-4 full workdays to design and prep for retreat. 6-8 hours onsite food prep for single meal days. 8-10 hours onsite food prep for two meals / day. 15-17 hours onsite food prep for all day event.

Please note prices also reflect chef's training, experience and education in holistic and Ayurvedic nutrition.



Menu is seasonal and subject to change based on availability and quality of ingredients (Joshua Tree is a very small desert town). Menus are entirely customizable, plant-forward and whole foods based.

I aim to buy 90% organic, always favoring prana-rich fresh produce.

Filtered water included.

Breakfasts include coffee and homemade teas.

No alcohol provided. Please plan to bring your own.

Additional requests subject to additional fees.

Cost of groceries is always separate. You will be billed after

#### retreat.

My services include travel for up to a 20 mile radius. \$1 / .5 miles if traveling beyond.

Cooking is done on-site and assumes a full service kitchen. If traveling, accommodations are required for chef (and assistant). Depending on the number of guests and the retreat's demands, a kitchen assistant may work alongside me. Subject to additional fees.

Airfare and transportation required for destination retreats. A 50% deposit is due upon booking to reserve your retreat and for groceries. 25% of the booking deposit is non-refundable unless spoken about in advance. Remaining 25% is fully refundable up until 30 days of the event. Remaining costs will be deducted from deposit.