

AVILA'S EL RANCHITO

*For over 35 years, Family owned,
Family operated, and Family loved!*

Established in 1977 - Located near Hoag Hospital in Costa Mesa, this restaurant is owned by Maria Elena. She acquired her mother's love the kitchen, preparing new dishes using authentic ingredients prepared in a fresh new way. "Botana Carnitas" and "Pepe's Special" are some of her creations coming from this 'test' kitchen. Handmade tortillas are a favorite with the locals. 2101 Placentia, Costa Mesa, CA. 92627 • 949-642-1142



It all started in the kitchen over 40 years ago. Mama Avila brought the delicious recipes from Guanajuato, Mexico that had been in her family for generations. Over the years, Avila's El Ranchito has grown to 11 locations in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Each restaurant is under the personal care of a family member, guaranteeing the reputation the family has earned for treating our customers like part of the family.

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COSTA MESA • SANTA ANA • LONG BEACH • LAGUNA NIGUEL • SAN CLEMENTE • HUNTINGTON BEACH
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LUNCH

Favoritos of the Avila's

QUESADILLA AVILA...\$6.79

A four tortilla grilled with Monterrey jack and cheddar cheese and your choice of ground beef, shredded beef or chicken.

CHINGOLINGAS...\$6.79

A crisp flour tortilla pastry stuffed with chicken. Cut into finger sized pieces and served with sour cream and guacamole. Your choice of rice or beans.

QUESADILLA CUERNAVACA...\$7.79

A four tortilla grilled with Monterrey jack and cheddar cheese and your choice of ground beef, shredded beef or chicken.

AZTECA BURRITO...\$6.79

Your choice of chile verde, shredded beef or chicken wrapped in a big flour tortilla with beans. Covered with Salsa Ranchera, melted cheese and sour cream.

MAYAN TREASURE...\$6.79

Chicken and rice burrito smothered in our tasty salsa tomatillo, melted cheese and sour cream.

FAJITAS...\$8.99

Thin strips of marinated chicken or beef, grilled onions, bell peppers and tomatoes. Served with rice, beans and hot tortillas.

Combinaciones

Create your own combo of Mexico's favorite dishes. Served with beans and cheese and Mexican rice.

UNO ITEM COMBO \$6.49

DOS ITEM COMBO \$7.99

CRISPY TACO

Traditional crispy taco filled with shredded beef or chicken and stuffed with shredded lettuce, chopped tomato salsa and cheese.

TAQUITO WITH GUACAMOLE

Crisp corn tortilla rolled and stuffed with shredded beef or chicken and topped with guacamole. (one taquito)

ENCHILADA RANCHERA

Enchilada Ranchera! Your choice of chicken, cheese or beef. Topped with melted cheese and sour cream.

CHEESE ENCHILADA

Melt-in-your-mouth cheese enchilada covered in traditional Salsa Roja.

ENCHILADA TOMATILLO

Chicken Enchilada covered with the tasty green Tomatillo Salsa and melted cheese. Topped with sour cream.

CHILE RELLENO

Fresh fire-roasted chile Ortega stuffed with Monterrey jack cheese, dipped in egg batter and covered with Salsa Ranchera.

BEEF OR CHICKEN TAMALES

Succulent chunks of beef or chicken stuffed in corn meal masa. Traditionally wrapped and cooked in dried corn husks.

BEEF OR CHICKEN FLAUTA

Tender shredded beef or chicken rolled into crisp flour tortilla flute. Topped with sour cream. (one flauta)

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Soft Taco Combinaciones

We specialize in authentic soft tacos
made with handmade tortillas.

Served with Rice and Beans with Cheese,
Frijoles Negros, or Frijoles Frescos.

UNO TACO COMBO \$6.79

DOS TACO COMBO \$8.99

HANDMADE TORTILLAS OUR SPECIALTY!

First serving of tortillas is complimentary.
Additional tortillas \$1.75 per order.

GRILLED MAHI MAHI FISH TACO

Spicy lime cabbage salad, frijoles negros and rice.

CARNE ASADA TACO

Charbroiled strips of rib eye steak. Served with Guacamole.

CHARBROILED CHICKEN BREAST TACO

Skinless chicken breast prepared to perfection.

CARNITAS TACO

Carnitas Taco Chunks of lean marinated pork.
Served with Guacamole.

CHICKEN FAJITAS TACO

Spicy grilled chicken, bell peppers, onion, & tomatoes.
Served with guacamole.

TWO TACOS A LA CARTE \$6.29

Antojitos

GUACAMOLE PICADO \$5.49

A chunky blend of ripe avocados, tomatoes and onions
with a touch of cilantro, garlic and fresh lime.

COCTEL DE CAMARONES \$8.99

Succulent shrimp, fresh squeezed lime juice, spicy
cilantro and ripe avocado tossed in a tasty
Mexican Cocteló.

Poquito a la Carte

(2) Taquitos

Served with Rice or Beans.

CHICKEN \$6.29

SHREDDED BEEF \$6.29

Burritos

Served with Rice or Beans.

CHILE VERDE & BEANS \$6.29

BEEF & BEANS \$6.29

CHICKEN & RICE \$6.29

(2) Flautas

Served with Rice or Beans.

CHICKEN \$6.29

SHREDDED BEEF \$6.29

Buen Provecho

To Your Health! Avila's El Ranchito has carefully created dishes and can use methods of preparation that are lean on calories but not on flavor.

♥ Indicates these items may be prepared **Buen Provecho** style.

- **Frijoles Frescos** – Fresh whole beans, flavorfully seasoned, but not refried.
- **Frijoles Negros** – Healthy black beans.
- **Enchiladas Especiales** – Just let us know and we'll prepare your enchilada **Buen Provecho** style.
- **Lite Cilantro~Lime dressing.**

AVILA SOUP ~ OUR HOUSE SPECIALTY!

Fresh chicken and rice soup garnished with cilantro, avocado, and fresh lime. The large size is a meal in itself.

CUP \$3.95 MEDIUM \$ 6.49 LARGE \$8.49

AVILA SOUP COMBO - CUP \$6.49

Our famous Avila Chicken Soup, and your choice of: ¥ Soft Taco ¥ Crispy Taco ¥ Enchilada ¥ Mini Quesadilla ¥ Green Salad

MEDIUM COMBO \$8.49

♥ Light Cuisine

♥ LITE ENCHILADA

Chicken enchilada specially prepared lean on calories but not on flavor! **Salsa Tomatillo** or **Salsa Roja**. Choice of two: Frijoles Frescos, Frijoles Negros, Rice, or salad with Lite Cilantro~Lime dressing.

UNA ENCHILADA COMBO \$6.49

DOS ENCHILADAS COMBO \$7.79

♥ LITE CHARBROILED CHICKEN TACO

Handmade tortilla stuffed with charbroiled chicken, shredded lettuce and pico de gallo. Cheese on request. Served with Rice and Frijoles Frescos.

UNO TACO COMBO \$6.79

DOS TACOS COMBO \$8.49

♥ BURRITO FRESCO \$7.79

Filled with charbroiled chicken, frijoles frescos, rice, shredded lettuce, tomatoes and cheese. Garnished with guacamole.

♥ AZTECA CHICKEN SALAD \$7.99

Strips of charbroiled chicken marinated in Lite Cilantro~Lime dressing. Colorful medley of black beans, corn, and strips of red and green peppers. Topped with crispy tortilla croutons.

♥ GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD \$7.99

Spicy Cajun flavored chicken over a green salad, sliced avocados, tomatoes and cheese. Our homemade ranch dressing compliments this deliciously.

♥ LOW CARB FAJITAS \$8.99

Choice of Chicken or Steak, grilled with zucchini, mushrooms, bell peppers, onions and tomatoes. Served with a fresh green salad. Lite Cilantro~Lime dressing on request.

♥ TACO SALAD \$7.79

Crisp flour tortilla shell filled with fresh green salad,

CHICKEN \$6.99

CARNITAS \$7.49

DINNER

Appetizers

GUACAMOLE PICADO (MADE TO ORDER) 6.49
A chunky blend of ripe avocados, tomatoes and onions with a touch of cilantro, garlic and fresh lime.

QUESADILLA DE HARINA 6.79
Large flour tortilla grilled with a blend of Monterey Jack & Cheddar cheese. (add 1/2 order of guacamole 3.99)

APPETIZER SPECIAL 11.49
A combination of bite sized taquitos, chingolingas and nachos. Served with sour cream and guacamole.

QUESADILLA & GUACAMOLE 7.79
Handmade corn tortilla quesadillas. Served with guacamole picado.

NACHOS RANCHITO 7.99
A large platter of nachos. Our Salsa Ranchero makes our nachos very especial. Topped with sour cream & guacamole. Add shredded beef or chicken for 1.49. 1/2 order 3.99

CHINGOLINGAS APPETIZER 8.49
Crisp flour tortilla pastry stuffed with chicken. Served with sour cream and guacamole.

COCTEL DE CAMARONES (SHRIMP CEVICHE) 10.99
Succulent shrimp, fresh squeezed lime juice, spicy cilantro and ripe avocado tossed in tasty mexican "coctel".

♥ Light Cuisine

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♥ LITE ENCHILADAS 10.49
Two chicken enchiladas specially prepared and topped with lowfat cheese. Your choice of salsa tomatillo or salsa roja. Served with Frijoles Frescos and a salad.

♥ AZTECA CHICKEN SALAD 9.99
Crisp green salad topped with strips of charbroiled chicken breast marinated in a lite cilantro-lime dressing, colorful medley of black beans, corn and red peppers. Topped with tortilla croutons on request.

♥ GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD 9.99
Spicy grilled chicken, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, and avocado. Absolutely delicious!

♥ LITE TOSTADA 8.79
Tender seasoned chicken and 1/2 Frijoles Frescos on a mound of shredded lettuce with tomatoes and lowfat cheese. Lite dressing on request.

♥ LITE CHICKEN FAJITAS 13.49
Sizzling fajitas prepared with reduced fat. Marinated chicken grilled onions, bell peppers and tomatoes. Served with 1/2 Frijoles Frescos and a green salad with lite cilantro-lime dresssing.

♥ LOW CARB FAJITAS 13.49
Your choice of chicken or steak. Sizzled with mushrooms, zucchini, bell peppers, tomato & onions. Served with garden salad & choice of dressing. (add \$1.00 for shrimp)

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El Ranchito Creations

OUR FAMOUS! AVILA SOUP

Fresh chicken broth, chunks of chicken breast and rice. Garnished with cilantro, avocado and lime.

CUP 3.99 BOWL 9.49

PEPE'S SPECIAL - ASADA ENCEBOLLADA 13.99
Tender strips of rib eye steak served on a skillet of grilled onions, then accented with Mama Avila's own Chile Negro. Served with Frijoles Frescos and rice. A few handmade corn tortillas and you're ready to build your own tacos!

POLLO CUERNAVACA 13.99
Juicy charbroiled chicken breast served on a skillet with fire roasted rajas de ortega chiles, grilled onion and tasty salsa tomatillo. Served with Frijoles Frescos, rice and handmade corn tortillas.

Authentic Botanas

An El Ranchito Exclusive!

Served Botana style with avocados, tomatoes, fresh limes, and cilantro. Served with hot corn tortillas to make your own tacos!

BOTANA DE CAMARONES AL MOJA DE AJO 13.99
Tempting shrimp sauteed in butter and fresh garlic. A little family secret gives this dish a unique taste!

BOTANA DE CARNITAS 13.99
First we marinate lean pork in lemon and garlic, then cook it until it's tender & juicy inside and slightly crispy outside. For a complete dinner served with rice and beans, add 2.00.

Traditional Mexican Platillos

CARNITAS 13.99
Delicious chunks of lean pork cooked until tender and juicy inside, slightly crispy outside. Perfect with our tasty chile negro and guacamole.

CARNE ASADA 13.99
Tender slices of rib-eye steak cooked in the authentic Mexican manner.

CHILE VERDE 10.99
Tender chunks of pork simmered with mild green chile, bell peppers, tomatoes, and onions.

CARNE ASADA Y CAMARONES AL MOJA DE AJO 13.99
Carne asada and delicious shrimp sauteed in butter and fresh garlic.

Mariscos

CAMARONES AL MOJO DE AJO 13.99
Tempting shrimp sauteed in garlic and fresh butter.

CAMARONES DIABLO 13.99
Succulent shrimp sauteed in a spicy toasted red chile sauce.

COCTEL DE CAMARON 10.99

MOJARRA FRITA 12.99
Whole red snapper deep fried. Escojer papas fritas y ensalad o arroz y frijoles.

CAMARONES RANCHEROS 13.99
We start with succulent shrimp, then sautee them with a freshly made salsa of bell pepper, tomatoes and onions.

FAJITAS DE CAMARONES 13.99
Shrimp grilled with strips of tomatoes, bell peppers and onions. Served sizzling on a skillet.

Caldos (SOUPS)

CALDO DE CAMARON 13.99
Shrimp soup.

CALDO SIETE MARES 13.99
Seven Seas soup. A delicious combination of shrimp, abalone, three kinds of fish, clams and crab. (20 minutos para preparar.)

Soft Taco

Handmade tortilla tacos. We specialize in authentic soft tacos made with fresh handmade tortillas! Served with rice and beans or ♥ Frijoles Frescos and a salad.

CHARBROILED CHICKEN BREAST TACOS 10.99
Stuffed with lettuce and tomato. Cheese on request.

MAHI MAHI FISH TACO 10.99
Grilled fish flavorfully seasoned! Fresh lime, tartar sauce and cabbage.

CARNITAS TACOS 10.99
Chunks of lean marinated pork-tender and juicy. Served with fresh cilantro, chopped tomato salsa and guacamole.

CARNE ASADA TACOS 10.99
Rib eye steak cooked in the authentic Mexican manner. Served with chopped tomato salsa and guacamole.

Vegetarian

VEGI AZTECA BURRITO 9.99
Vegetarian burrito filled with Vegetable Sautee and Frijoles Frescos. Smothered in salsa ranchera, melted cheese and sour cream.

VEGETARIAN FAJITAS 11.49
Mushrooms, zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes and onions. Served with Frijoles Frescos and rice. Choice of tortillas.

QUESADILLA VEGETARIAN 9.99
Flour tortilla grilled with Jack and cheddar cheese, filled with *Vegetable Sautee, Guacamole and sour cream.

TACOS DE PAPA 9.79
Crispy potato tacos seasoned with ortega chile and Jack cheese. Served with Frijoles Frescos and rice. (Also made soft taco style with handmade corn tortillas.)

*Vegetable Sautee: Used for our vegetarian filling. Mushrooms, zucchini, onions, bell peppers, and tomatoes with a dash of special spices.

~ SPLIT PLATE CHARGE \$2.50 ~

Favoritos

QUESADILLA AVILA ...9.99

A grilled flour tortilla filled with Monterey Jack and cheddar cheese and your choice of ground beef, shredded beef or chicken. Served with guacamole and sour cream.

MAYAN TREASURE 9.99

Chicken and rice burrito smothered in our tasty tomatillo sauce, melted cheese, and sour cream.

QUESADILLA CUERNAVACA 10.49

Large flour tortilla filled with charbroiled chicken breast, Jack cheese and Ortega chiles. Finished with a touch of tomatillo sauce.

CHINGOLINGAS 9.99

Crisp flour tortilla pastry stuffed with chicken. Served with guacamole, sour cream, rice or beans.

AZTECA BURRITO 9.99

Either Chile verde, shredded beef or chicken wrapped in a big flour tortilla with beans, lavished with Salsa Ranchera, melted cheese and sour cream. or guacamole.

BURRITO FRESCO 9.99

Filled with charbroiled chicken, Frijoles Frescos, shredded lettuce, tomatoes, cheese and rice. Fresh guacamole on the side.

Sizzling Fajitas

All Fajitas (except Lite) are served with rice, beans, guacamole, pico de gallo and choice of tortillas.

SHRIMP FAJITAS 13.99

Succulent shrimp, zest of fresh lemon juice, tomatoes, onions and bell peppers.

LITE CHICKEN FAJITAS 13.49

Chicken fajitas prepared with reduced fat. Grilled onions, bell peppers and tomatoes. Served with Frijoles Frescos and a green salad with lite cilantro-lime dressing.

BEEF FAJITAS 13.49

Thin strips of marinated steak, grilled onions, bell peppers and tomatoes.

CHICKEN FAJITAS 13.49

Thin strips of marinated chicken, grilled onions, bell peppers and tomatoes.

VEGETARIAN FAJITAS 11.49

Mushrooms, zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes and onions. Served with Frijoles Frescos and rice.

Tostadas

Crisp corn tortilla piled high with shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes and cheese.

Your choice of guacamole or sour cream.

GUACAMOLE 8.49

CHICKEN OR BEEF 9.49

CARNITAS (PORK) 9.49

Caldos (SOUPS)

OUR FAMOUS! AVILA SOUP

Fresh chicken broth, chunks of chicken breast and rice. Garnished with cilantro, avocado and lime.

CUP 3.99 BOWL 9.49

ALBONDIGAS CUP 3.79 BOWL 8.49

Menudo & Pozole

EVERY WEEKEND!

Authentic and Delicious, The Best in Town!

MEDIUM 6.49 LARGE 8.79

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Combinaciones

Served with our seasoned Mexican rice and refried beans (or Frijoles Frescos). Se sirven con arroz y frijoles (o Frijoles de la Olla).

Create Your Own Combinations

ONE ITEM COMBO 8.99

TWO ITEM COMBO 9.99

TACO

Great traditional crispy tacos made with shredded beef or chicken, then filled with shredded lettuce, cheese and chopped tomato salsa.

TAQUITO

Crisp corn tortilla rolled and stuffed with shredded beef. Topped with guacamole.

ENCHILADA

Traditional melt in your mouth cheese, chicken or shredded beef enchiladas. Covered with salsa raja and melted cheese.

FLAUTA

Crisp flour tortilla rolled with stuffed chicken. Topped with guacamole.

— Add .50 to the price for these choices:

ENCHILADA TOMATILLO

Chicken enchilada made with the marvelous flavor of salsa tomatillo, topped with melted cheese and sour cream.

TAMALE

Succulent beef or chicken tomatillo wrapped in corn masa. Freshly handmade by our tortilla maker.

CHILE RELLENO

Our specialty of the CASA. A fresh fire roasted Chile stuffed with Monterey Jack cheese, dipped in egg batter and covered with Salsa Ranchera.

ENCHILADA RANCHERA

Chicken enchilada in our delicious Salsa Ranchera, topped with melted cheese and our sour cream.

SOFT TACO

Made with handmade tortillas. Your choice of carnitas, charbroiled chicken, fish or steak.

Platillos de Huevos

HUEVOS RANCHEROS 8.79

Two large ranch eggs grilled over easy and served on a corn tortilla, topped with Salsa Ranchera and melted cheese.

MACHACA 9.49

Shredded beef or chicken mixed with scrambled eggs, bell peppers, onion and tomatoes.

CHORIZO CON HUEVOS 9.49

Farm fresh eggs, scrambled with authentic mildly spiced Mexican sausage, bell pepper, onions and tomatoes.

A la Carte BURRITOS

BEANS & CHEESE	4.99
CHILE VERDE & BEANS	5.49
BEEF & BEANS	5.49
CHICKEN & RICE	5.49
ASADA	7.99
CARNITAS	7.99

For all meat, add 1.99

For enchilada style, add 2.29

ENCHILADAS

Chicken, beef or cheese.

ROJA - RED SAUCE	4.79
TOMATILLO & SOUR CREAM	4.99
RANCHERA WITH SOUR CREAM	4.99
TACOS	4.99
Choice of shredded beef, ground beef or chicken.	
SOFT TACOS	5.29
Made with fresh handmade tortillas. Your choice of Carnitas, carne asada or fish.	

CHILE RELLENO 5.99

A fresh fire roasted Chile stuffed with Monterey Jack cheese, dipped in egg batter and covered with Salsa Ranchera.

TAQUITOS 5.99

Two chicken or shredded beef taquitos, with guacamole

FLAUTAS 6.29

Two crisp flour tortillas filled with chicken and served with guacamole.

TAMALE 5.99

Succulent beef or chicken tomatillo wrapped in corn masa. Handmade daily.

BURGER & PAPAS 7.49

Traditional hamburger served with french fries

MEXICAN RICE 3.99

REFRIED BEANS 3.99

DINNER SALAD 4.29

SIDE CHEESE 2.49

HANDMADE TORTILLAS 1.99

1/2 ORDER GUACAMOLE 4.29

SOUR CREAM TOPPING 1.50

GUACAMOLE TOPPING 1.50

Desserts

FLAN 4.99

Tia Rosa's recipe. Rich caramel custard freshly baked from scratch.

FRIED ICE CREAM 4.99

Crispy coated ice cream topped with chocolate syrup and whipped cream.

KAHLUA NIEVE 4.29

Vanilla ice cream drizzled with Kahlua, whipped cream and cinnamon.

EMPANADILLAS 5.99

Light Mexican pastry stuffed with cinnamon apple filling. Served with ice cream.

Kids Menu

Under 10 years

COMBINATION 4.99

Choice of quesadilla, taco, enchilada, burrito or taquito served with rice and beans or french fries.

CHICKEN FINGERS 5.79

Served with french fries.

KIDS BURGER 5.99

Served with french fries