

FRESH START

Assorted Juices

orange, grapefruit, apple, cranberry, pineapple, tomato or V8 – 4.50

Fruit Smoothies

*fresh berries and yogurt – 5.75
acai, banana and fresh berries – 5.75*

Athenaeum Homemade Granola

*dried banana, oats, coconut, almond, pumpkin seeds, honey, raisins, cranberries – 6.50
with fresh berries – 9.25*

Sliced Seasonal Fresh Fruit and Berries – 6.00

Irish Oatmeal

with cinnamon, raisins, and apples – 7.25

Cereals

*Special K, All Bran, Corn Flakes, Raisin Bran, Rice Krispies,
Frosted Flakes, Frosted Mini Wheats – 4.95
with seasonal berries – 7.70*

Breakfast Parfait

freshly made granola, yogurt, fresh berries and honey – 8.25

ACCOMPANIMENTS

Yogurt

low fat fruit or plain Greek yogurt – 6.00

Bacon or Sausage

applewood smoked bacon or Mediterranean chicken sausage links – 5.50

Athenaeum Potatoes or Hash Browns – 4.50

Two Eggs Any Style – 5.50 One Egg Any Style – 4.25

Freshly Toasted Bagel

with cream cheese – 5.25

Freshly Baked Breakfast Breads

croissant, Danish or muffin – 4.50

Freshly Baked Cranberry Orange Scone

lemon curd, crème fraîche, raspberry jam – 5.50

Toast

wheat, rye or English muffin – 3.50

MORNING SPECIALTIES

Caltech Continental Breakfast – 13.50

*Includes your choice of juice; your choice of coffee, tea or milk; fresh seasonal fruit
and your choice of two of the following:*

homemade granola

Irish oatmeal with cinnamon, apples and raisins

fresh baked pastry with butter and preserves

Belgian Waffle

fresh berries, berry coulis and pure maple syrup – 13.25

Blueberry French Toast

lemon curd, fresh blueberries, pure maple syrup – 14.00

Green Omelet

*spinach, green onion, broccoli, asparagus, cheddar,
tomatillo avocado salsa, served with Athenaeum potatoes or hash browns – 14.50*

Artichoke Toast and Poached Eggs

*grilled olive bread with pureed artichoke heart, poached eggs,
arugula, heirloom tomato – 16.00*

Santa Barbara Smoked Salmon and Bagel

cream cheese, shaved red onion, sliced cucumber, tomato, fresh fruit – 15.25

Salmon Hash and Eggs

*Ora King salmon, creamed leeks, roasted potatoes,
roasted peppers, poached eggs, yogurt dill sauce – 18.00*

Two Eggs Any Style

*with choice of hash browns or red skin potatoes, broiled tomato and a choice of
applewood smoked bacon or Mediterranean chicken sausage links – 13.25*

Build Your Own Omelet

*a three egg omelet with your choice of two ingredients
avocado, bacon, ham, mushroom, peppers, scallions, spinach, sun dried tomato,
cheddar, Gruyere or goat cheese; served with red skin potatoes or hash browns – 13.95
each additional ingredient – .75 each*

ALL EGG DISHES ARE AVAILABLE WITH EGG WHITES OR EGG SUBSTITUTE

BEVERAGES

Tea, Coffee or Decaffeinated Coffee – 3.75

Hot Chocolate – 4.75 Espresso – *single 4.25 | double 5.25*

Café Latte, Cappuccino or Café Mocha – *single 4.75 | double 5.75*

Whole or Nonfat Milk – 3.50

THE ATHENAEUM

In Ancient Greece, the word Athenaeum referred to buildings dedicated to Athena, the goddess of wisdom, and in particular to a temple in Athens where poets, philosophers, and orators gathered to read and discuss their work. Over the centuries the term also has applied to numerous academies and learned societies. Sir Walter Scott and Thomas Moore established the most famous of these, The Athenaeum of London, in 1824. Members included individuals known for their scientific or literary attainments, artists of eminence in all classes of the fine arts, and noblemen and gentlemen distinguished as Liberal patrons of science, literature, or the arts.

As early as 1921, George Ellery Hale, renowned astronomer, Caltech trustee, and director of the Mount Wilson Observatory, envisioned an Athenaeum in Pasadena modeled after the club in London. Hale had already spurred intellectual life in the region by bringing former MIT President Arthur A. Noyes and physicist Robert A. Millikan to Caltech. Together this trio positioned the California Institute of Technology as a world-class center for teaching and research in engineering and science. During the 1920s, cultural life also blossomed around two other centers of scholarship in Southern California—the Mount Wilson Observatory and the Huntington Library and Art Gallery.

The three institutions were legally independent, but a friendly association and spirit of cooperation flourished among their permanent staffs and visiting scholars. Hale believed that the club he envisioned would further stimulate friendship and the exchange of ideas among lovers of science, art, and literature.

In 1929, Mr. and Mrs. Allan C. Balch, who strongly supported Hale's idea, presented the Institute with a gift of stocks to establish the club. Those stocks were converted to \$500,000 in cash just before the stock market crash. Thus, at a time when many institutions were short of money, Caltech was able to house the Athenaeum in a magnificent new building, furnished with antiques, and embellished with lovely Mediterranean-style landscaping and tennis courts. The building was designed by Gordon B. Kaufmann, built by William C. Crowell, and landscaped by Florence Yoch and Lucile Council.

The first formal dinner was held in February 1931, when Albert Einstein arrived for a two-month sojourn at Caltech. Three Nobel Prize winners, Albert Einstein, Robert A. Millikan, and A. A. Michelson, attended that dinner. Portraits of Hale, Noyes, Millikan, the Balches, and Caltech's past presidents hang in various rooms throughout The Athenaeum.



Breakfast at *The Athenaeum*

