

RUSSO'S MARKET

Russo's Market on Ocean Avenue in Wildwood, New Jersey has been a mainstay of the Jersey Shore community since 1971. Owned and operated by Mr. Pat McCabe and Ms. Lee Ann Kane, Russo's is known as the best of the best for Italian inspired delicacies and sandwiches. But beyond that, they serve some of the best food in New Jersey.

Having worked with the original owners, Rich and Michele Russo for two decades, it was just recently when Mr. McCabe and Ms. Kane bought the market for themselves. And they have acquitted themselves with aplomb. Take that and the fact that the Russo's are still very much around and help Pat and Lee Ann and you have a Wildwood success story beyond imagination.

Whether one has one of the establishment's amazing burgers – like the Bruschetta Burger topped with bruschetta, fresh mozzarella and romaine or their fabulous Chicken Cheesesteak Hoagie served with thinly sliced chicken, American cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion and oregano – there is something for everyone. A house special is the Mama Russo's Special. It comes with thinly sliced Genoa salami, prosciutto, hot dried capicola, sharp provolone cheese and pepperoni on an eleven or twenty-two inch hoagie bun.

Some guests' favorites include: Buffalo Wings tossed in homemade buffalo sauce and served with homemade bleu cheese and celery; a Chicken Caesar Wrap - grilled or crispy chicken - with romaine lettuce, topped with Caesar dressing and Parmesan cheese. But for most, one of the most decadently delicious items on the menu is the Bleu Onion Burger. This amazing spectacle of heavenly eating is an eight ounce burger topped with onion rings and crumbled bleu cheese.

Though it sounds too good to be true – it isn't. All of Russo's food is this way.

Offbeat choices are some of the best at Russo's Market. Pepper Poppers in a Texas petal sauce is a real treat or have the Giardino. This sandwich has crisp romaine lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, red peppers, avocado slices and red onion topped with a homemade low fat red roasted pepper pesto spread on multigrain bread. This is the closest thing you will find here that is heart healthy! But, in the end it is worth it as you will be hard pressed to find food as Russo's anywhere.

Make Russo's Market a destination of choice and you won't leave disappointed. In fact, what might happen is that you buy too much food – what a perfect excuse to become fast friends with other hotel guests than to invite them to a picnic of Russo's food. Have a cold beer with their food and you'll experience a little piece of heaven.

