

English in the restaurant

At the restaurant



Menu



OUR MENU

SIDES		DRINKS	
French Fries with Aioli	3.50	Soda Water	1.50
Sweet Potato Fries	4.50	Bottled Mineral Water	2.50
Collard Greens	3.50	Flavoured milk	1.50
Chipotle Mashed Potatoes	4.50	Fresh Juice	3.50
Twice Baked Beans	1.50	Organic Tea	1.50
Pesto Pasta Salad	1.50	Premium Loose-Leaf Tea	1.50
House Baked Roll	2.50		

DESSERT		ENTREES	
Tiramisu	5.50	French Fries with Aioli	3.50
Cheesecake with Berries	5.50	Sweet Potato Fries	4.50
Crème Caramel	5.00	Collard Greens	3.50
Blackberry Pie	4.50	Chipotle Mashed Potatoes	4.50
Red Velvet Cake	4.50	Twice Baked Beans	1.50
		Pesto Pasta Salad	1.50
		House Baked Roll	2.50

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STARTERS

Spring Rolls
French Onion Soup
Tomato Bruschetta
Caesar Salad

SIDE DISHES

Mixed Green Salad
Garden Vegetables
French Fries
Garlic Bread

MAIN COURSE

Grilled Salmon with Dill Sauce
Roast Beef with Vegetables
Chicken and Mushroom Pie
Marrakesh Vegetarian Curry
Eggplant Lasagne

DESSERT

Apple Pie with Cream
Lemon Meringue Pie
Vanilla Ice Cream
Crêpe Suzette
Fruit Salad

Beverages



Appetizers



Starter



Salad



Soup



Main course



Dessert



Vocabulary

- **à la carte (adjective):** ordered as a separate dish; not part of a set menu - **Do you have à la carte dishes as well as set menus?**
- **appetizer (noun):** a dish that's eaten before the main course - **For an appetizer I'll have spring rolls, please.**
- **bill (also US "check") (noun):** the written amount you must pay for a meal and drinks - **Can we have the bill, please?**
- **café (also "coffee shop") (noun):** an informal restaurant serving simple meals plus hot and cold drinks - **Is there an all-night café around here?**
- **cafeteria (also "canteen") (noun):** a place that sells low-cost meals in a school or work-place, usually from a self-service counter - **What's the food in the school cafeteria like?**



cheese platter (noun): a selection of cheeses and crackers served on a large plate - **After dessert, we had a cheese platter and some more wine.**

course (noun): one part of a meal - **French meals usually include three or four courses.**

cuisine (noun): a country or region's style of cooking - **There's more to Indian cuisine than curries, you know.**

dessert (noun): sweet food eaten at the end of a meal - **You love desserts, don't you?**



Vocabulary

- **eat out (phrasal verb):** to go out to a restaurant, esp. at night - We usually eat out three or four nights a week.
- **entrée (noun):** 1. the main course of a meal 2. a course before the main course (Br English) - What are you having for your entrée?
- **fast food (noun):** quickly prepared food like hamburgers and French fries - I'll get some fast food on the way home.
- **high-class (adjective):** of high quality or high social status - We can't afford to go to those high-class restaurants.
- **hors d'oeuvre (noun):** a savoury food served as an appetizer before the main course - Let's order some hors d'oeuvres first.

maitre d' (also "head waiter") (noun): the person who supervises a restaurant's waiting staff - Good maitre d's earn a lot of money these days.

make a booking (also "book a table") (phrase): to contact a restaurant and reserve a table for a meal - It's a popular restaurant so we'd better make a booking.

menu (noun): the list of foods and drinks served in a restaurant, café, hotel, etc. - Let's check the menu before deciding whether to eat here.



Vocabulary

- **pasta (noun):** Italian food made from flour and water, such as spaghetti, ravioli, lasagna, etc. - You can order any of our pasta dishes as an appetizer if you want.
- **pudding (noun):** a soft sweet food eaten as a dessert - My grandma used to make the best chocolate pudding ever!
- **restaurant (noun):** a place with a kitchen and dining area where people pay to eat meals - There are lots of Thai and Japanese restaurants around here.
- **savoury (adjective):** (of food) salty or spicy rather than sweet - Most appetizers are savoury dishes.

service charge (also "service") (noun): an extra amount added to a restaurant bill that's meant to be given to staff for their service - They've already added a 20% service charge.

set menu (noun): a multi-course meal sold for a fixed price - Are the set menus good value?

side dish (also "side order") (noun): an extra dish or serving that's ordered together with a main dish - I'll have the steak with a side dish of potato salad, please.



Vocabulary

- **sommelier (also "wine steward") (noun):** a wine expert who advises guests on ordering or pairing wines - Our sommelier also developed our wine list and orders the wines.
- **special (noun):** a dish that's available sometimes, but isn't on the regular menu - Today's specials are grilled Hawaiian salmon and Australian tiger prawns.
- **tip¹ (noun):** extra money given by a guest to a waiter or other staff - If the service is great, leave a big tip.
- **tip² (verb):** to give extra money to a waiter or other staff member for their service - Waiters don't earn much, so I always tip them.
- **vegetarian (adjective):** of dishes or diets that don't include animal products, esp. meat - My doctor says I should switch to a vegetarian diet.
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Conversation at the restaurant

Lisa and Julia sit at a table in an Italian restaurant

Speaking Practices

A: What a lovely restaurant

B: Yes. It is.

A: Where on Earth did you find this place?

B: A friend at work recommended it. They said the food is amazing.

A: Well the location is fantastic

B: Yes. I know. No matter where we are sitting, we can see the waterfall.

A: So what have you been doing with yourself?

B: Not much, working away, what about you?

Speaking Practices

A: Well, my friends and I are planning a trip to South America next summer.

B: Wow. That sounds like adventure.

A: Yes, We're al very excited. There are six of us planning to go.

B: Sounds exciting. What are the plan?

A: We're hoping to go for at least 6 weeks. Tour as many countries as we can.

B: Really big plans! Sounds like the adventure of a life time.

A: Yes, I've never done anything like this before. Right now each of us are researching the places we want to visit. I'm researching Ecuador and Peru.

B: Very interesting. I'm envious. When do you plan to leave?

Speaking Practices

A: Probably next July. So we still have plenty of time to work out the details.

B: Our waiter is coming over. Why don't we order and you can tell me more about this fabulous trip?

Waiter / Waitress



What would you like...



... to order ?

... to eat ?

... to drink?

... for dessert?

Speaking Practices

Waitress: Just the two of you?

Julia: Yes, **Can we have** some ice-water please?

Lisa: And some bread and butter?

Waitress: Of course. And here are your menus.

Julia: Thank you. **What are your specials?**

Waitress: Spaghetti with meatballs.

Lisa: **Can I have** it with sausage instead of meatballs?

Julia: Lisa, don't be so high – maintenance!

Waitress: That's ok. We can substitute in sausage.

Lisa: Great. Julia, **do you want** to share a salad?

Julia: OK, but only if there are no tomatoes.

Waitress: I can leave the tomatoes on the side.

Lisa: That works. **Do you want** to share a beer too?

Julia: I want my own beer.

Waitress: OK, two beers. Any appetizers?

Lisa: Mozzarella sticks, please. **Should we** order dessert now too?

Julia: Let's wait to see if we're still hungry after dinner.

Waitress: OK. I'll bring your drinks and apps right away.

Exercise: Taking restaurant bookings

- **Read the text. Then make questions and response from the prompts.**

My name is Steve. I'm a chef in a busy restaurant in Manchester. It opens from Tuesday to Sunday.

I start work at 10.30 a.m. each day. The restaurant opens at 12.00 for lunch and closes at 4 p.m. it opens again at 7 p.m. for dinner and closes at midnight.

I finish work at 1 o'clock in the morning. The waiters and waitresses start work at 11 a.m. and finish at two in the morning.

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1. Where/ Steve/ work?

Ans:Where does Steve work?.....

2. When / restaurant/ open?

Ans:

3. What time / open/ lunch?

Ans:

4. What time/ Steve / start work?

Ans:

5. When restaurant / close?

Ans:

6. When / waiter / finish work?

Ans:

Exercise: Taking restaurant bookings

- **Match the two ways of talking about the time.**

1. Three fifteen
2. Eight thirty
3. Twelve forty-five
4. Nine ten
5. One thirty-five
6. Six twenty
7. Four fifty-five
8. Two forty

- a. Twenty past six
- b. Five to five
- c. Quarter past three
- d. Twenty to three
- e. Half past eight
- f. Ten past nine
- g. Quarter to one
- h. Twenty-five to two

SEE YOU NEXT TIME

