

# BON APPETIT

## ASIAN

\***AOYAMA RESTAURANT**—Rama IV opposite Pasteur Institute: Japanese tradition, with all the trimmings, from Japanese bath to Japanese geishas and Japanese garden. Very expensive are the set meals, but it is an extraordinary experience to note all the protocol which the Japanese go through to dine.

\***AROMA** — Siam Square opp. Siam Bowl Tel. 51828.

Marvellous Burmese food, about the only place in town for it. The Indian food isn't bad either. Very hot, and well worth it for pungent palates.

\***CAFE INDIA** — Oriental Ave.

By far, the most beautiful Indian restaurant in Bangkok, decorated in the best of taste. Although relatively expensive, Cafe India serves up pungent and very tasty curries, and their Chicken Tandoori is the best.

\***DJAWA**—New Petchburi Road:

Bangkok's only Indonesian restaurant, featuring a Rystafel, with ten different dishes which are changed daily. Other specialities include satay beef and chicken, Jakarta-style fried chicken and Gado-Gado.

\***HANAYA RESTAURANT** — Siphya Rd. opp. Pacific Hotel Tel. 33080.

An unusual Japanese restaurant, complete with garden and typical Japanese rooms.

\***KIKUSUI RESTAURANT** — Silom Rd.

Good Japanese food in a charming atmosphere.

\***KOREA HOUSE**—Ploenchit Road, behind Erawan Hotel: A fine selection of Korean food, like Kim Chee, barbecued bulgoki and kujolpan.

\***MAHARAJAH** — Silom Rd. Near Victory Hotel Tel. 34727

The largest menu in town for Indian dishes. The atmosphere is convivial, and the food is quite good.

\***MOKHAMCHAND AND SONS** — 485 Chakrapetch Road, near King's Theatre: Official caterers to the Indian Chamber of Commerce, this restaurant serves Indian food. North Indian food at every

Better known as a nightclub, but the Western and Chinese food served lunchtimes isn't bad at all.

\***MADAME'S RESTAURANT**, 331/3 Silom Road, corner of Soi Pipat (30511).

A very pleasant bar, with lush carpeting and pretty fixtures. For lunch and dinner, they serve a small but tasteful series of Chinese foods, including Spring Rolls, fried Wan Tun, fried noodles with different meats and sandwiches.

\***MIRAMAR** — Rajdamri Rd. Rajprasong Square Tel. 22887.

One of the city's most famous Chinese restaurants, with the best Peking Duck in the city.

\***NEW PENG CHIENG** — South Sathorn Rd. Bangkok Tel. 34176.

The biggest Chinese restaurant in Bangkok with what seems like two-million items on the menu. Go with a large crowd.

\***WHITE ORCHID**, Amarin Hotel, Ploenchit Road—A new and excellent restaurant with one of those infinite menus. The food is superb, and the Peking Duck is one of the best in Bangkok. Very charming atmosphere.

## THAI

\***BAAN THAI** — Sukhumvit Rd. Beside Rex Hotel Tel. 913013.

Set in an old beautiful Thai house, with a long list of indigenous food specialties. Classical dancing at night.

\***CHAMROEN WATTANA** — Opposite Chalermkrung Theatre on Wang Burapha: A strange little noodle shop which serves everything from eels to chicken and peppers, frogs and highly spiced dishes which could never be obtained anywhere else. For the adventurous at heart.

\***CHITR POJANA** — (1) Petchburi Road opposite Coliseum Theatre (2) Soi 20, near Sukhumvit Road: One of Bangkok's oldest Thai restaurants, with the food truly delicious. On Petchburi Road, it's all served cafeteria style, and out in Bangkok, it's dining al fresco. A huge selection.

verandah and watch Bangkok pass by.

\***VILLA FLORA** — Pahonyothin Rd. Near Soi 2 Tel. 72083.

A typical tourist Thai restaurant with classical dancing. Their Western food, too, is very good.

## CONTINENTAL

**BACCHUS**, Patpong Road — New Mediterranean-type restaurant, serving food from France, Spain, Italy and Greece, with all the appropriate drinks.

\***BHARNPS** — Sukhumvit Road, near Soi 21: Everything is unique here: the menu, which goes around the wall; the selection, from frog's legs to filet mignon to Israeli and Arabic food; and the homey atmosphere and inexpensive prices.

\***CHEZ SUZANNE**, Corner of Silom and Dejo Road — Bangkok's first French restaurant, with daily specialities which are always fine. The duck with olives, frog legs and escargots are always excellent, and there is a superb selection of wines to go with the meal.

\***CAFE OLE** — Mandarin Hotel Rama 4 Rd. Tel. 38931.

A new and luxurious coffee shop with lots and lots of good snacks.

\***CARLTON** — Silom Road, near Convent: One of Bangkok's oldest and largest restaurants, with a huge selection of Thai, European and continental foods. Dancing to fine live music at night.

\***DAIRY FARMS** — 335 Suriwongse Road and Rajprasong Shopping Centre: Ice cream and light luncheons in clean surroundings. Chicken-in-the-basket is the speciality of the house.

\***DOMINO** — Gaysorn Rd. Rajprasong. Tel. 55370.

Informal the DOMINO is, but always a large and delicious selection of snacks, steaks, sodas, and all kinds of dishes. The music at night is terrific, and the DOMINO is a favourite of Night People.

\***DUKE'S COFFEE SHOP**—Patpong Road in

inexpensive prices. Also, a complete selection of Indian sweets.

\*MUSLIM — New Road Suriwongse corner. Tel. 38010.

Air-conditioned, with quite good North Indian dishes. Their shrimp curry is marvellous.

\*SEOUL — Rajprasong Shopping Centre: Authentic Korean cuisine in a lovely atmosphere. Speciality is Kim Chee, a spicy and exciting dish.

\*THAI DAIMARU — Rajprasong Square Tel. 56463.

In other respects rather plain, but they get Kobe Steak shipped straight from Japan. Also other Japanese and a few Western dishes.

\*VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT — Soi 3 Sukhothai Road: Inside this tiny garage-like restaurant in the middle of the Vietnamese community can be found all the foods of the region at very low prices. Open 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## CHINESE

\*CHICKEN HOUSE—RAMA IV Road near Lumpini Park Lake: In Thai this is known as Chai Talay Jon Pen, but everyone calls it the Chicken House, since it has undeniably the finest barbecued chicken in the country. Also a full selection of Thai and Chinese dishes. Don't miss the chicken though.

\*CHIN HSIANG LAU — 11/2 Soi Vitee, off Silom Road (31876): Thailand's only Yunnanese restaurant, serving delicious mutton and chicken dishes prepared in a unique manner. The incredible cold mutton takes 48 hours to prepare, but it's worth the wait.

\*COCA, 8 Soi Tantanwan, Suriwongse Road near Patpong—Perfectly delightful Cantonese food, the specialities being stuffed duck, stuffed crab and 100 varieties of fowls and meat. Very reasonably priced and a congenial atmosphere.

\*CROWN CLUB — Sukhumvit Rd. Firestone Bldg. Tel. 55349.

High above Bangkok with a marvellous view. A tremendous menu of both Chinese and European foods, all prepared well. Dancing at night.

\*HONEY — Suriwongse Rd. Tel. 31968.

Better known as a nightclub, but they serve excellent Chinese food for lunch and dinner.

\*HAPPY RESTAURANT — Siam Square.

Very good Chinese food. The menu isn't as large as other places, but the quality is superb.

\*LIDO — Rajdamri Rd. Rajprasong Square Tel. 58441.

## Good food and



## where to find it

\*CHOKECHAI — 73 Issrapharb Road, Thon Buri: Dishes in this unprepossessing out-of-the-way restaurant include bear steak, cobra, python, alligator, mouse deer and even elephant knuckle. All very cheap and most well prepared. Only for the adventurous in heart, especially the live bat-blood whisky.

\*KANOM BUANG SUKOTHAI—Soi 4, Sukhothai Road: Open only for lunch, but the sweets and curries are wellknown to Thai gourmets.

\*LOTUS ROOM — Ploenchit Rd. Near Amarin Hotel Tel. 55282.

Upstairs of the Maneeya Cafe, with Thai classical dancing and a typical Thai meal.

\*PIMAN RESTAURANT — Sukhumvit Soi 49 Bangkok Tel. 912630.

One of the most beautiful restaurants done in Sukhothai style. Deluxe taste in decor. Tourists appreciate the fine Thai food and classical dancing.

\*PREEDA ROOM — Soi 8, Sukhumvit Road (57606): Upper-class Thai foods are the exclusive speciality here: crabs in creamed rolls, chicken wings stuffed with pork, carved fruit etc. Very reasonable, and during lunchtime, a most delightful place to sit in the garden.

SBAI THONG — Rajprasong Shopping Centre Tel 58080.

The most famous Thai restaurant, with a set meal and classical dancing. Exceptionally lovely room, and a must for tourists.

\*SORNDAENG — Rajdamnern Avenue, near Democracy Monument: a favourite for Thai foods. All kinds served here, and all exceptionally delicious. But the main treat is to sit out on the

IBM Building: An immaculately clean little restaurant with delicious mocha coffee, fine steaks and chops, sandwiches and liquors. Open until 3.00 a.m., with very reasonable prices.

\*EMERALD GRILL — Imperial Hotel, Number 6 Ruam Rudi, Ploenchit Road (54011): A reasonably good hotel restaurant, which specialises in Kobe Steak. The meat is delicious, as are most of the other dishes on the menu.

\*EXPRESSO COFFEE HOUSE — Silom Road, near Lumpini Park: Very clean, pleasant surroundings for all three meals of the day. Good for anything from a light snack and a chocolate to a full meal with cocktails. Prices very reasonable.

\*EDELWEISS RESTAURANT, Nai Lert Building, Soi 3 Sukhumvit Road — It's all Austrian food here, served in a luxurious atmosphere and with all the trimmings. The schnitzels, soups, wines and beers are superb, and though Austrian cuisine is a bit heavy for this weather, the flavour more than makes up for it. (Tel. 51448)

\*FIREPLACE GRILL — President Hotel-Gay-sorn Rd. Tel. 54170.

A restaurant to make Bangkok proud, with French and Swiss specialities prepared immaculately and a fine wine list.

\*FOUR SEASONS — Hotel Manhattan Sukhumvit Soi 15 Tel. 54151.

A typical hotel restaurant, with a good menu. Not unique by any means, but the music is good, and the steaks are excellent.

\*GARDEN CAFE — Oriental Ave. Tel. 33641. Though known as a bar at night, the Garden serves up good snacks during the daytime.

\*GARDEN TERRACE — Oriental Hotel. Oriental Ave. Bangkok. Tel 34941.

Pleasant dining for light snacks by the river.

\*GARDEN TERRACE, Erawan — Rajadamri Rd. Rajprasong Tel. 59880.

Light lunches and snacks in an enchanting al fresco atmosphere.

\*GOULASH BAR — Saladaeng 2 Road, off Convent: Intimate and unique, the Goulash Bar features, besides a fine menu of Hungarian foods, chess tournaments, stimulating conversation and light recorded music.

\*HELENA'S—Suriwongse Rd. Tel. 36034.

In this charming place with lovely decor and a classical pianist, Helena herself serves up a Steak Bolognese which must be eaten to be believed. She also mixes some of the best drinks in town.

\*ITALIAN PAVILION — Sukhumvit Soi 4 Tel. 54559.