

Chinese If You Please: Shanghai Terrace

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Shanghai Terrace in Kotte

Shanghai Terrace is one place that brings Chinese food to Kotte's doorstep, and once you've had a taste of what's inside, you may have sealed your fate, as this restaurant's dining experience truly begs to differ.

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Being a fare that speaks to the many palates around the world, Sri Lankans too have an unconditional love affair with Chinese cuisine. The country's capital, Kotte, is defined by its beautiful suburban landscapes and more recently, a secret that everyone wants in on... its restaurants and that too, one in particular.

Set amidst a bustling suburban city, the restaurant captures the hearts of foodies seeking Chinese cuisine that's conveniently located and also of exceptional savour. With its interior set for any mood; romance, family dining, time with friends, Shanghai Terrace treats its guests to some of the most scrumptious lunches and dinners. Diners can choose from a truly outsized menu where choices of fried rice and seafood favourites are just as delightful as the signature dishes.

- - Shanghai Terrace is open daily from 11:30am to 3:00pm for lunch and 6:30pm to 11:00pm for dinner. An even newer menu will be out soon with additional signature dishes, mocktails and desserts
- - The restaurant recommends that guests make reservations prior to arriving
- - Gift vouchers are on offer at Shanghai Terrace and would make gifts extra special for Chinese food lovers
- - While items on the take away menu are an option, a delivery service by the restaurant is soon to begin as well

With three floors, flushed in varied ambiances, the restaurant can accommodate up to 200 guests. Whether it's a private party, a VIP meal in confidentiality or even something as simple as a relaxing repast on the rooftop, as you sip your chilled 'Shanghai mojito' under the sun or a 'chocolate martini' beneath starry skies - the preference is yours at this restaurant.

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Crunchy yet succulent 'golden brown prawns' make for a delectable appetizer, while the 'barbecued prawns in spiced black bean sauce' accompanied with a steaming bowl of white rice creates quite a thrill to your senses. For your entrée, the extra spicy 'Sichuan style garupa with dried chilli and sesame', and even the 'fried roasted chicken' in a special Sichuan sauce are some of the many creations unique to Shanghai Terrace. "Master Chef Sun Bouchao and Sous Chef Li Hongling have been with us since the restaurant's inception," says owner Mithila Perera, adding that Shanghai Terrace has been in business for nearly three years and with the addition of new dishes and beverages, this spot is becoming increasingly popular.

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