



Palme D'Or Restaurant.

Candle-light dining at the Galadari Meridien's rooftop Palme D'or promises more than a spectacular view of Colombo's shoreline and city lights. You'll savor the finest in French cuisine and wines in a gracious setting with polished attendance.

From an incomparable vantage at the fourteenth floor, what better spot to watch the setting sun dazzle the skyline while sipping cocktails and nibbling on an appetizer of smoked duck, scallops on the shell or ocean fresh marinated raw fish. In the invenerable French dining tradition, an ice sorbet is served between courses to refresh the palate. And next, an aromatic soup, perhaps, of cream parsley or fish broth with star anise.

Palme D'or's newly revised menu features a gourmet galleria of imaginative entrees. A sampling from the fish selections: grilled filet of sole with oysters and chives, poached mullet with tomato and basil butter, king prawns with asparagus mousse and lobster raviolls with truffles. From the meat and poultry side, beef (genuine U.S. stock) or veal medallions, rack of lamb and stuffed chicken breasts.

All are prepared with the flair of a true culinary artist. Chef Emile is indeed that, having trained in France and applied his talents internationally before joining the Colombo Meridien. With the assistance of hotel General Manager Mr. Jean Pierre Kaspar and his wife, Emile has created a menu which entices encore visits.

No French meal would be quite complete without a sample from the dessert tray. A feathery lemon mousse with cherries, hot apple tart or one (or more) from the "chariot of pastries" may catch your eye. As the night comes to life out on Galle Face Green, or downstairs at the Colombo 2000 Disco Night Club, you might cap it off with an espresso, capuccino or a choice liqueur before stepping out on the town.

Palme D'Or - Colombo's only exclusively French restaurant and an outstanding example of the Continent's haute cuisine. Palme D Or is open daily from 7 to 11 p.m. Entree prices range from Rs 160 to 490. For top of the town dining, it's the Hotel Galadari Meridien's Palme D'Or.