

Raja Bojun: Feast Like A King



The entrance of Raja Bojun

Known for its traditional Sri Lankan cuisine, Raja Bojun offers a unique dining experience, infused with the history of its origin.

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The giant statue of an elephant stood tall at the entrance, above which several tapestries, decorated with native markings and bright colours, were hung, both blending to give an ambiance enriched with Sri Lankan culture. A traditional bullock cart was placed in a corner, a testament to the origins of the country. The high ceiling contributed to the open and spacious feel of the place, and the pleasant staff added to the welcoming nature of the restaurant. Numerous tables were seated with customers relishing the meal set before them as the smell of hoppers wavered in the air. Located at Liberty Arcade, Raja Bojun, translating to king's feast, is recognised for serving authentic Sri Lankan cuisine, which was a rather accurate name for the place as the food truly was a feast.

Most famous for its buffet and salad corner, Raja Bojun, open since 1999, offers a wide array of Sri Lankan cuisine, including 15 vegetable dishes and a variety of curries which range from mild to spicy; the signature dish, Crab Curry, is especially popular amongst tourists. The buffet sits below a thatched roof, served with traditional Sri Lankan crockery, adding to the authenticity in the display of Sri Lankan culture. There is a hopper counter and action station as well, serving both hoppers and kottu, both of which are available for lunch and dinner, however, if requested, breakfast can be arranged; à la carte can be used from 9am onwards. There is live entertainment every evening, showcasing either a solo or instrumental act.

Chicken, fish and crab curries are presented at the buffet with the additional dish of prawn curry for dinner. Ten to 15 dessert options are offered, including the customary Sri Lankan Watalappam, in addition to tea and coffee. The restaurant has a bar that serves a large assortment of beverages, primarily fresh juice and nutritious coconut water. A well-intentioned Kids Free special is constantly

running to encourage children to stay away from junk food; for a family of four, two children are entitled to be served for free.

Raja Bojun also caters to seminars and private functions. A private seminar hall with facilities including a PA system is located above the restaurant, and can be rented for eight-hour seminars; lunch at the restaurant downstairs is included in the package along with a morning and evening snack. A separate menu is used for private functions. Ample parking space is provided at the Raja Bojun for free. Overall, the Raja Bojun provided an exquisite traditional experience that instilled in us a deeper sense of the Sri Lankan cuisine.

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