

RESTAURANT REVIEW

A La Greek

Mediterranean taste at home

All of us have, at least once, come across a beautiful scenery of white houses with little blue roofs and a majestic blue backdrop of the water and the sky merging into one. Santorini is one of the most popular travel destinations today, boasting the exact scenery described, and their special cuisine is one of the most sought after for its mouth-watering taste.

Santorini itself cannot be pulled down to the city, A La Greek attempts to bring the cuisine to Dhaka, with their newly launched Mediterranean restaurant.

The very first thing one will notice while stepping in is the interior, which resembles the serene looks of Santorini itself. Inspired by the Greek architecture of the place, and its colour palettes of cool blues and whites, and even the signature Santorini blue door adorned with a floral arch making it a perfect spot for pictures.

With a sort of Hellenic marvel, the names on the menu make you take a second look



with the Greek names. Such as the Gyros (Greek wraps) which are perfect for those who want a light bite, or the Greek Pide (Greek Pizza) giving you a different taste



than the average pizza, or the Souvlaki, which comes with marinated grilled meat, oozing with flavours, and a combination of sides for a full meal. Other than these, the menu also holds loads of other options to choose from, like the meze, saganaki, moussaka, keftedes, and lots more.

Special mention must be made to the tangy tzatziki sauce, along with all the different Mediterranean sauces and dips. Every dish is freshly made and packs a tonne of flavours in every bite. Infusion of olive oil, the finishing touch to the food, gives the dishes their healthy properties.

Most ingredients here are sourced from different parts of Europe, Australia,



and Asia, and are then incorporated with the seasonal local produce to create an extraordinary gastronomic experience.

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The grilled octopus and orange salad is one of the must-try items from the menu. The salad is prepared with a lot of care, not to mention a large variety of greens, where each provide a different crunch to the other.

The generous proportion of octopus is grilled just right, so as to not come off as chewy, making it a unique and mouth-watering combination. With the greens, blacks, reds, and oranges dancing together in a pool of dressing that is neither too

sweet nor sour, this dish makes you believe that even salad can be flavourful and divine.

It also comes with a side of balsamic dressing and olive oil if you want to further enhance the impact of the flavours (not that it is required).

To finish off with something sweet, the baklava with pistachio ice-cream is a great option if you want to remain within Mediterranean borders, along with their famous orange and walnut cakes. While they do have a wide variety of beverages, for that full-on Mediterranean meal experience, opt for the Aryan, which is a richer take on the laban.

Besides these, the other chef recommended dishes from the menu include, the duo of dips, Horiatiki salad, souvlaki platters, chargrilled lamb chops, Baked Lemon Sea bass, and refreshing herbs infused Iced Lemon Tea.

The entrepreneur behind A La Greek, Mun-E-Mul Huq Chowdhury, is both the owner and head chef, and a person deeply passionate about food. From his time and experience at five-star hotels in the country and abroad, Huq possesses vast knowledge about food and the industry as a whole, and aims to serve authentic Mediterranean cuisine that is flavourful and healthy.

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Essentials — A La Greek is located at Rangs Fortune Square, Level 6A, Plot #32, Road #02, Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

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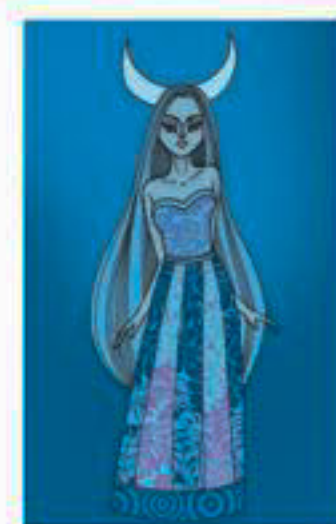
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ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20)

Get involved with sport activities. Upgrade. Get all the information before consulting your boss. Your lucky day this week is Tuesday.



TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21)

Your attitudes at work will open new avenues. Educational pursuits will alleviate stress. Don't hurt feelings. Your lucky day this week is Saturday.



GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21)

Your ability to help others will be rewarding. Sudden trips will be surprising. Catch up on overdue correspondence. Your lucky day this week is Sunday.



CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22)

Problems with colleagues are likely. Time to make a fresh start. Your self-esteem will benefit. Your lucky day this week is Thursday.



LEO (JUL 23-AUG 22)

Turn your present relationship around. Friendly get-togethers are expected. Good news ahead. Your lucky day this week is Sunday.



VIRGO (AUG 23-SEP 23)

Consider all the angles to avoid loss. Suggestions for fund raising events will be welcomed. Friends will be caring. Your lucky day this week is Wednesday.



LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23)

Use your own ideas to further your interests. You will receive recognition for your work. Be careful not to hurt someone. Your lucky day this week is Friday.



SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 21)

Concentrate on getting ahead financially. Offer love. Don't spend more than is necessary on travel. Your lucky day this week is Thursday.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22-DEC 21)

Don't let anyone bully you. Stay calm and focus on work. Think about budgets before booking a trip. Your lucky day this week is Monday.



CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20)

You will do well with clients. Pay attention to your financial status. Hard work will pay off. Your lucky day this week is Saturday.



AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19)

Don't let others bait you into arguments. Be more detail-oriented. Kick back and take it easy. Your lucky day this week is Wednesday.



PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20)

Business will run smoothly. Take care of your needs. Don't let any small misunderstandings cloud your judgement. Your lucky day this week is Thursday.