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The Buddha watches over the Royal Buddha

Staff Report

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The first thing you will notice at The Royal Buddha, Holiday Inn Dubai, Al Rasha, is the unusually long and heavy trolley they use.

The staff could not help but ask Gaurish Vernekar, a restaurant's assistant manager, whether we would be served food in tall trolleys as well.

Overview

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knife and spoon on one end, chopsticks on the other — the choice was ours. However, wooden chopsticks are also provided.

The stylish restaurant, decked in dark red and black, promises to serve “authentic Thai fare with a twist, under the watchful gaze of a gleaming giant Buddha”.

Well spaced out tables, dark furniture and soft lighting give diners a sense of privacy and create a cosy, romantic ambience.

While you tip shot glasses of pandan juice, check out the extensive menu that offers traditional appetisers and fiery curries, including specialities such as hor muok pla, or steamed fish with vegetables and herbs wrapped in banana leaves, and pad woon sen talay, or wok-fried glass noodles with seafood.

The dessert menu, too, consists of Thai favourites such as fried banana and sago seeds with melon and coconut milk.

And if you feel the menu is overwhelming, choose one of the healthy Powwer Eat set menus for Dh70 and Dh135 each.

The staff is friendly and the service impeccable — what else does one need? A tasty meal served with a smile, to take away the weariness of a long day or to put you at ease on a weekend evening.

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