

People all over the world know me as the Banyan tree, while in India, I am also fondly called by another name - the Vata-vriksha.

When the British came to India, they noticed that travelling members of the trading community used to gather under my shade for a bit of rest and plenty of trade. And I am told that it's the British who gave me the name of the Banyan.

Our species are said to be Akshaya (immortal), who will survive Pralaya (the destruction of the whole world). We have also been often mythologized across cultures while our stories have outlived us.

I am 200 years old and as I stand next to this landmark hotel, by the outdoor pool, I can't but marvel at the robust, young flora that grace this address. They give me company and make for a greener world.

I am also flattered, to lend my name to this Eat – Bar that you are sitting in. It endeavours to keep a promise. That of a menu that is as expansive and company that is as genial as our kind.

Yours treely, Ficus Benghalensis (The Banyan)

## SMALL-MET MIGHTY

This is where the petite meets substance. Our **Small Plates** pack in the goodness of wholesome, fresh food and fill you up just right. They are all local legends from where they come from and yet are welcomed with eager palates across regions.

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The tallest tree in the forest was once a little nut that held its ground



• K	Kolkata puchka chat, Jhalmuri	19
• ٨	Mumbai sev puri, three corn bhel	19!
	Kuzhi paniyaram skewers Garlic & coconut chutney, ghee podi	24!
V	Beetroot shaami stacks /egetable upma, kasundi mayo, khichiya crisps	24!
F	Nepalese jhol momo Haricot beans, mushrooms, vater chestnut filling, sichuan sauce	24!

- •	Cafreal chicken skewers Slices of onion, potato, capsicum, tomato	295
) •	Nepalese jhol momo Coriander chicken, tomato & roasted spices sauce	295
•	<b>Anda paratha</b> Dal makhni dip, raita, home pickles	295
) <b>•</b>	Karnataka byadagi chilli prawns Moong dal koshambari, tamarind date chutney	325
•	<b>Gyoza</b> Pan seared Sichuan lamb filled dumplings, soy chili ginger dip	325
•	Crisp fried seafood dumplings Thai flavors, nam prik pla and sweet chili dip	395

## RAISE A TOAST FLAT WORLD

While explorers and travelers make the world a flatter place, seamlessly binding cultures & places together, we are reminded of the mighty bread and possibilities. Our world of **breads & toasts** is flat and yet tall with flavours.

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Learn character from trees, values from roots and change from leaves



## FLATBREADS

•	Aubergine crisps, feta, parmesan, fried garlic crumble, multigrain base	345
•	Moong dal koshambari, mirchi thetcha, kalonji tamatar chutney, mozzarella, sindhi wheat flour 'koki' masala roti base	345
•	Three mushroom melange, madras tamarind jaggery barbeque sauce, sindhi wheat flour 'koki' masala roti base	395
<i>i</i> •	Tangra chilli chicken, mozzarella, scallion greens, multigrain base	395
•	Goan style jeri meri chicken, mozzarella, sindhi wheat flour 'koki' masala roti base	425
•	Mixed seafood balchao, sindhi wheat flour 'koki' masala roti base	425

## TOASTIES

<ul> <li>Coriander, green chilli, fresh jalapen pesto, yellow cheddar on sourdough baguette</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Boiled eggs, celery, onions, bacon che</li> <li>thousand island dressing on laminate</li> <li>brioche</li> </ul>	•
<ul> <li>Shiitake, white cheddar, caramelized onion on sourdough boule</li> </ul>	365
<ul> <li>Chermoula chicken, bacon crisps, gouda on sourdough baguette</li> </ul>	395
<ul> <li>Prosciutto, gruyere, arugula leaves, crispy sautéed onions on multigrain</li> </ul>	<b>425</b> torpedo

All toasties accompanied with kasundi crudités salad and banana chips.

# BOWLS-AROUND THE GLOBE

Our scrumptious **bowls** would make your whole world go round. Here fresh ingredients are artfully combined in terms of colour and balance to yield flavours that get you into the Zen mode.

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I'm planting a tree to teach me to gather strength from my deepest roots

## **Soupy Noodles**

<ul> <li>Curried miso somen noodles</li> <li>Teriyaki tofu, pok choy, nori, carrots, radish</li> </ul>	445
<ul> <li>Tibetian thukpa</li> <li>Pork, fried onions, coriander, scallion greens, bird eye chili</li> </ul>	360
• Burmese khow suey Fresh noodles, chicken, boiled eggs, peanuts, fried onion, crispy garlic bits and peanuts	360
<ul> <li>Japanese style udon noodle broth Tempura prawns, carrots, radish, nori</li> </ul>	445
Salad Bowls	
<ul> <li>Mesclun greens salad, orange carpaccio, red onions, sumac pita crisps, ginger-date dressing</li> </ul>	325
<ul> <li>Apple &amp; Pear salad, mixed greens, roasted walnut bits, goats curd dressing</li> </ul>	325
<ul> <li>Broken wheat, roasted beet &amp; onion salad, mint, walnut, aubergine crisps, Greek yogurt, tahini dressing</li> </ul>	325
<ul> <li>Quinoa, butternut squash, goat cheese salad, pomegranate, zucchini - cucumber ribbons, lemon vinaigrette</li> </ul>	365
• Add ons	
Tandoori chicken tikka Byadagi chilli prawns	85 95

## **Noodle Bowls**

<ul> <li>Stir fried chow mein, assorted vegetables, Thai bird eye chili</li> </ul>	365
<ul> <li>Curried Singapore rice noodles with vegetables</li> </ul>	425
<ul> <li>Bahmi goreng, chicken &amp; prawns</li> </ul>	425
<ul> <li>Pad Thai noodles, prawns, chicken, peanuts, scallion greens, prawn crackers</li> </ul>	475
—— International Flavors	
<ul> <li>Strukli         Croatian baked fresh cheese sour cream,         milanese beurre blanc, brown butter crumbs     </li> </ul>	415
<ul> <li>Vodka penne, cherry tomato ragout, parmesan shavings</li> </ul>	415
<ul> <li>Spaghetti carbonara, bacon crisps</li> </ul>	495

◆ vegetarian
 ◆ non vegetarian
 ✔ Spicy
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# EGGS-DIFFER-BASKET

**Eggs** are versatile and it is never ever a wrong time to cook up an eggscuse. Our persuasive selection here is served with some inspired sides. As they say good investment is all about not putting all eggs into the same basket.

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And though our roots belong to the same tree, our branches have grown in different directions

## EGGS, ALL DAY LONG -

•	<b>Lamb nargisi scotch eggs</b> Chili cheese pav, tomato kalonji chutney	245
•	Bread omelette spicy tomato chili sauce, desi chips	245
•	Poached eggs laminated brioche muffin, cheddar, sautéed spinach hollandaise sauce, banana chips	275
•	Sourdough boule, bacon, guacamole & fried egg brekkie sandwich herb cream cheese, potato wedges	275

 Bull's eye
 Fried egg, prime bacon, hand cut potato wedges, pork sausage & provencal style stuffed tomato

provencal style stuffed tomato

• Huevos Rancheros
Quesadillas of refried beans with
fried egg, piquant rancheros salsa
& guacamole

275

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## INDIA-INCR-EDIBLE

Our **regional Indian boards** are meant to help you discover the much edible, incredible local meals. These wholesome spreads are as much a feast for the eye. Get your meal ticket to Goa, Mumbai, the spicy Deccan or the graceful Kolkata. Getting regional is good for once.

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Trees are where Nature has simply begun



Saraswat cuisine is the cuisine of the Saraswat Brahmins from the Konkan region on the western coast of India. These are recipes zealously guarded and handed down across generations of keepers.

## Saraswat Vegetarian

625

Aamyache god lonche, fodi seasonal, seasonal tonak, vadiyachi kismoor, dangaar, vaingyache bhart, seasonal shaak, saar, sooray seeth, sol kadi, heet, Goan bun, sweet of the day

## • Goan Non - Vegetarian

690

Bombil pickle, pomfret curry, mutton xacutti or pork vindaloo, chicken cafreal, rawa fried king fish, dal varan, sukyaa galmyaachi kismoor, dangaar, sooray sheeth, phulka, sweet of the day

## Deccan

580

Gunpowder cocktail tawa idli, kundapur ghee roast arbi tartlets, pumpkin kuttu croquettes, podi tandoori aloo, Bengaluru baby corn bezule, puliogare risotto on crisps, moong dal, koshambari, coconut chutney

### Mumbai

595

Mirchi bhajji, khaman dhokla, ragda pattice, Mumbai toastie sandwich, batata nu shaak, methi thepla, mirchi thetcha, imli ki chutney, aam ka chunda, desi chips, gadbad ice cream khandvi, cheesy pav bhaaji

### Kolkata

690

Narkel er bora, aloo bhorta, Bengali devilled eggs, chingri malai skewers, kosha mangsho, sorshe maach, steamed rice, sandesh

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## TREAT OFTEN COM-FORT ALWAYS

There is something about **comfort food** and everyone has his or her own reasons for being drawn to them. Sentiments, nostalgia, fulfilment or simply a taste of home. The Banyan brings a range of all time favorites for the glocal travellers. All intended to make you feel at home, whichever part of the world you come from.

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When is the best time to plant a tree? Twenty years ago

•	Rajma chawal Red kidney beans curry, steamed rice	295
•	<b>Nizam's paneer aloo roll</b> A legendary classic from Kolkata	325
•	<b>Punjabi pakoda kadhi</b> Sour yoghurt curry, fried gram dumplings, steamed rice	325
•	<b>Dal tadka</b> A north Indian classic, naan,	325
•	<b>Subz biryani</b> Scented with saffron, with raita,	
•	Paneer tikka butter masala Marinated cottage cheese, tandoor cooked, spiced gravy, with steamed rice or Indian bread	365

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<ul> <li>Goan chorizo</li> <li>Filled in poie pockets</li> <li>Dum mutton biryani</li> <li>Scented with saffron, with raita</li> <li>Vegetarian option available</li> </ul>	42
<ul> <li>Nizam's egg chicken rolls</li> <li>A legendary classic from Kolkata</li> <li>Battered fish &amp; chips</li> <li>Side salad, homemade tartar</li> </ul>	54
<ul> <li>Butter chicken</li> <li>Mildly spiced tomato sauce, with</li> <li>steamed rice or Indian bread,</li> <li>Marinated chicken with yoghurt &amp; spiced tandoori masala, peppers, Kashmiri red chicken</li> </ul>	<b>54</b> ! li
Wok fried chilli sambal flavoured rice with chicken, fresh prawns, fried egg; with chicken satay, tempura prawns, pickled vegetables, shrimp crackers,	
<ul> <li>Tandoori chicken tikka</li> <li>An absolute classic</li> </ul>	
Bucatini bolognaise     495	
Lamb seekh kebab Minced meat, tandoor cooked	

## JUSTA SIDE SHOW

In a team two is not twice one; two is two thousand times one - that is the value of a true friend. That is what **sides** are. They are co-actors without which the star simply fails to shine. Meet some of our stellar side cast, that make our star dishes look and feel good.

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Good timber does not grow with ease. The stronger the wind the stronger the trees

Garlic bread	85
Wok fried vegetables with burnt garlic	125
French fries/Potato wedges/Mashed potato	125
Creamy spinach	125
Sautéed mushrooms	125
Buttered asparagus	175

-	Steamed rice	8
	Raita	8
	Indian breads	8
	Goan poie or pav	8
	Khichdi	25
	Curd rice	25

# BAKE SOMEHAPPY

We flipped some rules. Here **desserts** don't conclude a meal. In-fact for the sweet-toothed, they can begin one, intrude upon one, conclude one or just be a meal by itself. And to tone down the level of sweetness, not that most mind, the Banyan offers both full bodied as also light coffees.

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Be still within a forest and you will appreciate what it is like to be a tree



<ul><li>Choice of ice-cream</li></ul>	25
<ul><li>Gadbad ice-cream</li></ul>	25
<ul><li>Seasonal fruit platter</li></ul>	25
<ul> <li>Exotic fruit oreo tart         Vanilla sablé, oreo and pilemon curd, whipped cretropical fruits     </li> </ul>	·
• Chocolate earl grey mare Milk chocolate ganache i with earl grey tea	•
• Indian sweet platter Rasmalai, moong dal hal gulab jamun, jalebi & ral	

<ul> <li>New York style cheesecake         Creamy baked cheesecake with digestive cookie base, hint of lemon     </li> </ul>	27!
<ul> <li>Liquid matcha tart</li> <li>Sencha tea lava baked tart</li> </ul>	27!
Banyan sweet eats sampler	47!
<ul> <li>Goan sweet platter</li> <li>Dodol, serradura, bebinca, alle-belle, tender coconut ice cream</li> </ul>	550

## TREE-TALES AND COCK-TAILS

Our mixologists have named their recipes after the many banyan species and some local legends across the country. They find full expression in our **Banyan beverages**.

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Trees have no elsewhere

## Alcoholic

<b>Citrifolia</b> Feni, kokum, bhimla, Himalayan pink salt	335
<b>Macrophylla</b> Marigold infused dark rum, honey	335
<b>Aurea</b> Infused rum, cointreau, apple juice, lime & cinnamon syrup	425
<b>TGB</b> the great banyan in Kolkata, more than 250 years old Jager negroni	475
<b>Microcarpa</b> Vodka, coconut, lychee, lemongrass, kaffir lime, red chili	515
<b>Benghalensis</b> Tequila, campari, grapefruit juice, Himalayan pink salt	535
Thimmamma marrimanu More than 550 years old world's biggest tree in Andhra Pradesh Walnut infused bourbon, jaggery	595
<b>Kabirwad</b> One of the most famous banyan trees, in Gujarat, India, more than 300 years old Scotch sour	595
<b>G&amp;T infusions</b> Marigold & pineapple Grapefruit & peppercorn Olive, red pepper & sea salt	475 475 495

## Non - Alcoholic

## Cold pressed juice mélange Orange, carrot, ginger, turmeric

295 Apple, cucumber, lemon, ginger, cayenne pepper 315 Kale, spinach, celery, cucumber, lemon, apple 315

## Dairy & non-dairy blends

Pineapple, orange juice, coconut milk, chia seeds	245
Chikoo, dates, yoghurt	295
Dark chocolate shake	245
Peanut chikki shake	245
Kiwi, avocado, mint, honey, almond milk	325

## Regional coolers

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Sol kadi	195
Pomegranate cinnamon cooler	245
Coconut lemonade	245
Blue pea flower lemonade	245

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# STEAL TIME UITH COFFEE

A coffee and its quality often determines the quality of the morning. This beverage which traces its origins to Ethiopia when a goat-herder Kaldi discovered it, is now a household member with its own flavour and style in almost every part of the world. And rightfully so, at the Banyan, we bring you a world of it.

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The trees that are slow to grow bear the best fruit.

## COFFEE

## Kappi

Our 100% Indian Arabica beans are sourced from Kalledeverapura estate from the Chikmagalur region in Karnataka

## Madras filter kaapi 145 Locally sourced, with a composition of 80% coffee - 20% chicory

## French press

also known as a cafetière or coffee plunger, this is a coffee brewing device invented and patented by Italians. The coffee brewing method consists of immersing coarsely ground coffee in hot water, stirring vigorously, and steep for 2 to 5 minutes. Time being the key here, it tends to be bold and full bodied with rich flavours

For one	245
For two	345
Aged monsoon Malabar	245
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Costa Rica	245
lava astata	245
Java estate	245

245

**Espresso & variants** Espresso Cappuccino Café latte Americano Mocha

**Cold brew** 

The latest java trend being this coffee that's brewed with cold water over 18 hours. Tends to be a bit mellower, tastes more rounded out and is less on acidity compared to a classic iced coffee. Choose from plain, chocolate or citrus

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## YOUR-CUPOF TEA

If coffee isnt your cup of tea, then **tea** it is. The wonder beverage that provoked a revolution, and sealed marriages of empires, foretells fate for some and makes the day happen for others. Our range of teas are complemented by our recommended **Tisanes** or water-based infusions of herbs, flowers, leaves or spices.

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Only a city lost among the trees is a real city



## TEA

Classic cutting

BLACK		cloves and exotic flavours of ginger making this a unique and refreshing aroma flavoured tea	
Assam		J	
Lying on either side of the mighty brahmaputra -valley of assam produces more tea than any othe geographical region in the world and their teas a known for their rich colour and full bodied taste	r	<b>Taj house blend</b> A unique tea blend of Assam and Darjeeling tea offering an elegant flavours and a full bodied taste	245
Choti tingari Hatikuli	245 245	GREEN	
Darjeeling The 'champagne of teas' with a golden colour is reminiscent of a fine vintage wine grown only in	243	Green tea is solely made with the leaves of camellia sinensis that has undergone minimal oxidization during processing	
crisp, pure air of the Himalayas. Its stylish leaf exudes a delicate, flowery fragrance and makes		Gopaldhara	255
t the most prized tea in the world.		Jasmine	255
Spring white, single estate – mim	245		
Makaibari, single estate	245	Oriental Longjing tea with oriental fruits & spices	255
Earl grey Black tea blend with earl grey and rose	245	Oolong	265
English breakfast Deep and dark, a brisk blend of Assam, Nilgiris and Dooars	245		

145 Masala

## - TISANES

245

Delicate infusions of aromatic herbs that help clean the system and restore the natural balance of the body

Chamomile and lemongrass	265
Rooibos with cinnamon and apple	265

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