



## Appetisers

### Aurus's new menu

Chef Vicky Rathani has introduced a special farm-to-table menu at Aurus, based on fresh veggies, poultry and seafood. Items include pan-seared trout with spinach mousse and tomato salsa, and organic vanilla crème brûlée.

*Nichani Kutir, Juhu Tara Road, near Reid and Taylor showroom, Juhu (6710-6666). Daily 7.30pm-1.30am.*

### Baisakhi food festival

Nawab Saheb at the Renaissance Mumbai Hotel and Convention Center rustles up Punjabi fare for a fortnight-long celebration of Baisakhi. The spread includes kebabs, pindi chole with khasta roti, sarson da saag with makkai ki roti, and desserts such as gajar ka halwa and jalebis. There are vegetarian, non-vegetarian and seafood set menus as well as live counters with corn on the cob, lassi, and kulcha.

*Renaissance Mumbai Hotel and Convention Center, near Chinmayananda Ashram, Powai (6692-7558). Daily 7pm-midnight. Set menus, Rs 1,300 for veg, Rs 1,800 for non-veg, Rs 2,400 for seafood. Until Tue Apr 13.*

### Barista Lavazza celebrations

Barista Lavazza hosts online con-

tests in celebration of its tenth anniversary. Log on to [www.barista.com](http://www.barista.com) to post your coffee experiences or connect with friends. Alternatively, bag the title of the coffee chain's biggest fan by posting or uploading videos to prove your loyalty to the café chain.

*Visit [www.facebook.com/BaristaLavazza](http://www.facebook.com/BaristaLavazza) for more contests.*

### The Bombay Store's mangoes

Customers can now get Alphonso mangoes at The Bombay Store. There is a gift pack of a dozen mangoes. The store offers free home delivery anywhere in India.

*At all The Bombay Store outlets such as FM Road, Fort (2288-5048). Also at High Street Phoenix Mall and Inorbit Mall. Mon-Sat 10.30am-7.30pm, Sun 10.30am-6.30pm. Rs 650 for a dozen.*

### Fratelli Fresh's new Sunday brunch

Sunday brunch at Fratelli Fresh is re-named "Pranzo" which is Italian for "lavish lunch". Guests can sample cocktails and finger food at the wine bar before heading to the buffet. Designed by chef Enrico, the spread includes salads, seafood, antipasti, pizza, dessert, and a dessert wine buffet.

*Renaissance Mumbai Hotel and*

*Convention Centre, Powai (6692-7540). Sun 12.30-4pm. Rs 1,800 plus taxes inclusive of alcohol, Rs 750 plus taxes for children.*

### Pillsbury cake and icing kit

A new kit from Pillsbury includes a chocolate cake mix, creamy chocolate icing and edible sprinkles to decorate the cake. A 385-gram pack makes a 500-gram cake.

*Available at major grocery stores. Rs 110.*

### Pizza Hut's king-size meals

Pizza Hut offers king-size pasta meals for in-restaurant diners with Visa debit and credit cards. The sautéed pastas include creamy spinach fettuccine or Arabiatta with smoked chicken and black olives. Diners in groups of two, four or six can choose meal combos like two pastas with garlic bread or tortilla and two beverages for Rs 415, four pastas with two portions of garlic bread or tortilla with four beverages for Rs 779, or six pastas with three portions of garlic bread or tortilla for Rs 1,105. The menu allows for substitutions like a medium pizza instead of two pastas.

*Available at all Pizza Hut outlets including Elphinstone House, 17 Marzban Road, near Sterling Cinema (3988-3988). Daily 11am-11pm.*

### Punjabi food festival

Zest at The Park hosts a festival of Punjabi food, called "Harmeet da dhaba" after their chef, Harmeet Singh Nanda. Guests can sip on lassi and sugarcane juice as they feast on street food like Amritsari machhi, mains like meat saagwala and kadal paneer with phulkas, and desserts such as panjiri (wheat flour fried with sugar) and kufi falooda. The restaurant will be decorated like a dhaba.

*The Park, No 1 Sector 10, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai (2758-9000). Daily 7.30-11.45pm. Rs 599 plus taxes, Rs 945 plus taxes with alcohol. Until Tue Apr 13.*

### Rajasthani food festival

Shagun at Hotel Sea Princess hosts a festival of Rajasthani food this April. Maharaj Mimatlal Joshi has crafted a menu that includes adhari murg, and lal maas (red hot lamb curry). There will also be a ghazal performance.

*69 Juhu Tara Road, Juhu Beach (2646-9500/2661-1111). Daily 8-11.30pm. Vegetarian thali, Rs 550, non-vegetarian thali, Rs 850. From Wed Apr 7 to Tue Apr 13.*

### Tease Café home delivery

Tease Café offers a home delivery menu for those who don't want to

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miss out on IPL matches. There are two meal options: a salad, pasta and either a dessert or jacket potato; or pasta, garlic bread, a dessert, and a soup or jacket potato. Get five per cent off by using the code word "pr4tease".

Tease Café, Sukh Sagar, NS Patkar Marg, Opera House (6610-2345). Daily noon-11pm. Each menu option, Rs 350. Delivery between Churchgate and Haji Ali. A la carte menu on [www.teasemumbai.com](http://www.teasemumbai.com).

### Valhalla's new menus

Valhalla presents a culinary art menu by Cariya Breehan, who describes herself as a foodie and artist. The nine-course meal is paired with wine. Among the preparations designed to please the eye and the taste buds are green tea cappuccino, chicken filet with basil and pesto, blue cheese mousse and melon- and dragonfruit sorbet. The new seasonal menu at Valhalla spotlights executive chef Shantanu Gupte's signature dishes like open ravioli cheese and beetroot. There are low-carb and low-calorie dishes such as curried sweet onion and leeks risotto, and cherry tomato and olive confit in each section of the menu. Preparations include a charcuterie platter of Serrano ham, chorizo, Spanish oak-smoked bacon, Sandanielle ham and chipolata, and baked chicken stuffed with pepper mousse, sautéed forest mushrooms and sweet-potato pavlova.

Eros Theatre Building, First Floor, Churchgate (6735-3535). Daily 6.30pm-1.30am. Culinary art menu. Tue Apr 6 & Wed Apr 7; vegetarian, Rs 3,000 exclusive of wine; non-vegetarian, Rs 3,800 exclusive of wine; by reservation only.

### Volte café

Art gallery Volte has a Wi-Fi enabled café with a curated library and bookshop along with the monthly art exhibitions.

There are a range of coffees, teas, sandwiches and cupcakes. Arrive post-noon for Volte's "Afternoon Tea" combinations. "Volte Tea" offers a slice of coffee cake, three mini gourmet cupcakes and savoury snacks with dips for Rs 460. "LHOOOQ Tea" combines two juices, two cups of tea or coffee, slices of banana and walnut cake, squares of fig and cashew, and snacks with dips for Rs 480. "Tea Readymade" proffers a cup of tea or coffee with a sandwich for Rs 330. Kamal Mansion, Stairway 2, Room 19, First Floor, Arthur Bunder Road, Colaba (6615-6796). Mon-Sat 11am-7pm.

## Booze bazaar

### Good Earth winery

Good Earth winery now packages its super-premium red wines Basso (a 2008 reserve cabernet) and Brio (a 2008 reserve shiraz) in laser-engraved wood boxes. The boxes provide



IPL menu at Tease Café

insulation for the wines during summer, and are available at no extra cost.

Available at select liquor stores such as Nature's Basket, Lokhandwala (2630-0766). Also at Juben Wines, Juhu (2615-2222); Aradhana Wines, Andheri (W) (2633-1828); Santé Tasting Room & Store, Colaba (6450-9779). Visit [www.goodearthwinery.com](http://www.goodearthwinery.com) for full list of retailers. To place orders or for home delivery, call

90112-61234. Basso Rs 1,450, Brio Rs 1,375.

## Cooking classes

### Le 15 Patisserie

New pastry shop Le 15 Patisserie offers a range of cooking classes, including French cooking taught by a French chef. Students will learn how to make croque monsieur, croque madame, niçoise salad, French potato salad with homemade mayo, and savoury crepes in the class on French bistro cooking. The session on cupcakes features vanilla, chocolate and red velvet cupcakes with three types of frostings: chocolate ganache, cream cheese and butter-cream. The Fine Dining session covers amuse bouche (tasting platter), entrée, plat principal (main course), fromage (salad and cheese), dessert and mignardises (mini sweets). There will also be a section on table-setting and etiquette.

Shop 2, B wing, Rajruha Society, Babasaheb Marathe Marg, Elphinstone Road. Call 98209-95543 for more details. French bistro cooking, Sun Apr 4, 3.30-6.30pm, Rs 2,000. Cupcakes, Mon Apr 5, 10.30am-1.30pm & Sat Apr 10, 3.30-6.30pm, Rs 1,500 per session. Fine Dining, Sun Apr 11, 1-6pm, Rs 4,500.