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Great for a special dinner BOMRAS (BURMESE)

There's no better word to describe a dinner at this atmospheric restaurant than 'unusual', in the best sense of the word. Low lighting and intriguing cane chairs set the tone for what promises to be a meal that will introduce you to flavour combinations that you wouldn't have thought of. Right from the house's signature Tamarind Margarita (₹ 400) to the stunning Pickled Tea-leaf Salad (₹ 350), all the way to a delicate Tender Coconut Panacotta, which comes with a passionfruit coulis (₹ 270), we had a meal that set our tastebuds tingling without overloading them with excessive spice or seasoning. The menu throws up plenty of surprises - imagine going to a Burmese restaurant without the standard, khao suey - though if all the offerings are as good as what we tried, you won't miss it! MAKE IT HAPPEN: 00-91-9822106236; bomras.com; 247, Fort Aguada Rd, Candolim; 6.30pm onwards

Great for a taste of the Orient REPUBLIC OF NOODLES (SOUTHEAST ASIAN)

A hankering for more familiar Asian flavours will probably be best sated at the Republic of Noodles, the restaurant housed in the Lemon Tree Amarante Beach Resort. You'll find a selection of Thai, Vietnamese and Burmese food here – we particularly like the yummy Pot Stickers (from ₹ 225) and the Northern Thai take on that Burmese favourite, khao suey (vegetarian khao suey: ₹ 350).

MAKE IT HAPPEN: 00-91-832-3988188; lemontreehote

Great for a lazy lunch MICHÈLE'S GARDEN CAFÉ (FRENCH)

com; Vadi, Candolim; 11.30am - 3pm, 7pm - 10.45pm

Tucked away in a cosy corner not too far from the Anjuna flea market, Michèle's Garden Café invites you to settle down for a leisurely meal. While it's open all day, we suggest heading here for lunch, and then sticking around for a while so you can dig into the delightfully-named and sublime Fish Mich, which combines the tartness of capers with a pastis-cream base to provide a flavour explosion (₹ 420). There is a range of sweet and savoury creato pick from (from ₹ 90), quiches to nibble on (₹ 250), and fresh juices to sip idly at too (free grape gra

MAKE IT HAPPEN: 00-91-9822388283; michelesgarder cafe.wordpress.com; House No 995, Pequen, Peddem Anjuna; 9am – 10pm Mon – Sat



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