Republic of Noodles Lemon Tree Amarante Beach Resort

Once you get your head around the name, it's relatively easy to see why Republic of Noodles (RON) is touted as the spot to sample some of the best Southeast Asian cuisine in Goa. The restaurant doesn't just stand out for its classy Bali-like decor (splashes of warm colour, subdued lighting and lots of bamboo and plants), it's the relatively untraversed Asian culinary route it chooses that makes it a real gourmet-list keeper. RON has an eclectic menu that meanders through Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Cambodia, Indonesia and Burma, managing to stay true to each cuisine's individual authentic characteristics.

The menu is a large one with a wide variety of appetizers, noodles, wok stir-fries and what's heralded as the restaurant's piece de resistance, the clay pot curry choices. While whatever you order is going to leave you a very happy camper, some of the must tries include Giant Goan Chilli stuffed with Thai Chicken Kraprao, Thai Style Drunken Prawns, Western Sumatran Lamb Curry and Laotian Curry of Long Beans and Shitake. What makes their food even more extraordinary (and delectable) is the signature hot sauces and authentic accompaniments that are created in-house. Its hard to choose the best part about this restaurant (other than the food, of course) but most patrons love the feel of sitting at the bar of the Teppanyaki counter.

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