At Citrus Sink Into Slounge & Enjoy Spring Chicken

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Concept: The restaurant's USP is that they allow guests to 'customize their menu'. Guests can customize the menu according to their taste and as per their requirement. The idea is to portray a business approach with a bit of light-hearted humor, from placemats in the restaurant to the idioms on the walls. Even in the washrooms, one can notice stories put up that are an interesting read. One will definitely smile at the bow-wearing waiters with cute pony tails.

Name: Citrus Cafe, Lemon Tree Hotel.

Location: Sector 29, Millennium City centre, Gurgaon.

There is a lounge called 'slounge' that has a pool table, gaming, chess, carom etc with big plasma screen that appeared to be a happening place in happy hours (5:30 pm to 6:30 pm). At Slounge guests are invited to sink into comfort, take a go at that play station, enjoy a game of chess or carom, or shoot pool as they listen to music and sip their drink. Special attention has been given on the decor of the restaurant to make it lively with a glass wall overlooking greens and a lot of natural light in the open expanse.

TURN ONS: The restaurant is very spacious to move around with comfortable seating of wooden chairs and sofas to relax on. The ambience of the restaurant is as fresh as its name with vibrant walls, orange coloured sofas and the bright yellow-green outfit of the waiters. The walls adorn bright paintings that are made by street children and are a part of the hotel chain's social initiative. Dual seating levels offer guests both privacy and a choice of seating arrangements.

THE FOOD: The menu is very colourful and trendy with details on every dish. One can enjoy a romantic evening or a family dinner here. At 'Citrus' you can have a lot of food options available. Pasta lovers get a lot of options with trendy names like 'napolitana' that is tangy basil and oregano tomato sauce with parmesan cheese and 'Pasta Al Pollo Au Peperoni Prezzemolo' with chicken & bell pepper in Cajun style creamy sauce. Also, there is a special kids' menu. You get a variety of options in basmati rice like lemon rice, curd rice, jeera rice, kashmiri pulav, peas pulav, bisibele huliyana. To round off the meal is a 24-hour coffee shop.

OUR ORDERS: For starters we ordered Spanish Vegetable and Cheese Sizzler that was a Bell peppers, broccoli, mushroom, tomatoes, baby corn & onions marinated in walnut pesto and grilled. For main course Achaari Paneer Tikka, Tandoori Till Wale Aloo, Tandoori Murgh Peshawari. The all-time favourite spring chicken with kasuri methi was served char grilled. The sizzlers and appetizers were amazingly good. If you are a chocolate freak you must try the chocolate walnut brownie here.

OUR DRINKS: As name says 'lemon tree' and the restaurant 'citrus cafe' the speciality restaurant is the lemon flavored lassi and nimbu pani. We tried the speciality of the hotel (fresh lime soda) that was astounding.

PRICE POINTS: Rates are quite reasonable as per the standards of a starred hotel. Meal for two with drinks comes for around Rs. 1,000.

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