

IN 1949, the 'Bombay Prohibition Act' was passed and has never been repealed. In the early days, there were Aunty Bars, secret back rooms where modest Goan ladies sold Feni liquor, occasionally paying a hefty *hafta* to the police. Over time, official establishments would set aside a special place where permit-holders could get a drink. These special places came to be known as Permit Rooms.

HIGHBALLS

'THE SUNLIT SET'

Glinting bottles, endlessly rising tiny bubbles. Pour like light on ice.

BLUSHING DAWN PALOMA **£12.50**
Kumquat super-juice, chilli-infused Altos Plata tequila, spice, pink salt, lime-oil sugar and a hint of Del Maguey mezcal. Smoky but no coughing.

BEYOND THE PALE DAYLIGHT . . . **£12.50**
Worth getting out of bed at any time for this tropical custard-apple sherry and Indian tonic. Low alcohol (3.8%), if you care.

GOLDEN GLOAMING FIZZER **£12.50**
Soda of orange bitters with cordial from pressed mandarin juice and a fresh segment to eat. Not to mention the lingering Redbreast 12 Year Old Irish whiskey.

TWISTED CLASSICS

IN A PONY GLASS

ORANGE WINE MARGARITA **£11.50**
A risky drink, as it's obscenely good for your health. Orange wine and its syrup, almond bitters for nutty depth, a touch of citrus and Altos Reposado tequila. The classic margarita can retire.

MANGOSTEEN DAIQUIRI **£11.50**
White rum, mangosteen, fruit syrup and chamomile get mixed up. Let the nice person spray your pony with lime oil.

PERMIT ROOM CLOVER CLUB **£11.50**
Don't be fooled by the pretty pink, or the coconut-cardamom foam – there's strength inside this velvet glove. House raspberry-and-lychee liqueur, Beefeater dry gin and a dash of lemon oil. You will feel historical.

CHAI CAFFÈ MARTINI **£12.00**
No sleeping on this pillow. Sip rich coffee, chai spices and banana-infused La Hechicera rum through a silky cushion of crema. Nibble on the bit of banana.

ON THE ROCKS

MANGO LASSI PUNCH **£11.00**
Old Monk rum (a Bombay favourite) with yoghurt and spicy mango syrup. In some legend there's a handsome monk in the forest...

SUMMERHOUSE NEGRONI **£12.00**
A boozy break to Northern India's hilltop apples. London Dry Gin, Campari, sweet vermouth with dashes of Manzanilla dry sherry, apricot liqueur and Calvados.

NEW PERMIT ROOM OLD-FASHIONED **£12.50**
A newly-fashioned old hat. Coconut-washed Woodford Reserve bourbon, Pedro Ximénez sherry and medjool-date liqueur. "High-class Bombay in a glass" – so they say.

SHORT & BOOZY

PONY GLASS / TWO SIPS

FENI MARTINI **£13.00 / £5.00**
A nod to old, dangerous Indian moonshine. A green olive rests in a cloudy-cold mix of Monkey 47 dry gin, Axia Extra Dry Mastiha Spirit and cashew eau de vie. Is it love? It is strong, balanced, pure.

THUMS UP SAZERAC **£13.00 / £5.00**
Ice-cold, old-school classic of Sazerac rye whiskey, Seignette VS cognac, Peychaud's bitters and absinthe, sweetened with a reduction of Thums Up (Indian big-name cola rebel).

AUNTY'S ANJEER MANHATTAN . . . **£13.00 / £5.00**
Fig liqueur, bourbon, sweet vermouth and bitters. Medicinal aroma (for your health).

FROZEN LIPSTERS

SPICY GUAVA FROSÉ **£9.50**
A tumbler of rosé ice-crush with guava fruit, and candied red chilli to play hot-and-cold.

KIWI COLADA SHIMMY **£9.50**
Let this icy pineapple-coconut classic – laced with rum, kiwi, lemongrass and ginger – shimmy down your drainpipe.

MORNING GLORIES

CRYSTAL MARY **£9.50**
Pale clear concoction of tomato and jalapeño-infused vodka with aromas of green. Close your eyes: it tastes red. Candied chilli and sundried tomato give you something to chew on.

MARMALADE MIMOSA **£9.50**
Home-made marmalade liqueur, fresh red grapefruit juice and Integrale organic sparkling wine. Calm, cloudy, comforting, possibly the cure.

WINE & BEER

Make eyes at the other menu. Good-time, good-will, natural, organic, biodynamic, local, and the like.

A MEAL FOR A MEAL – For every meal you eat with us, we donate a meal to a child. We work with two charities – Magic Breakfast in the UK and The Akshaya Patra Foundation in India – who provide nourishing free meals to schools.

TEETOTAL

(NO HAFTA)

SOBER NEGRONI **£8.50**
Sweet spice, no-alcohol gin, no-alcohol vermouth, no-alcohol bitter. Dishoom handmade them all, singing no, no, no.

PINK PEPPER PINEAPPLE SODA **£8.50**
Foam-capped sparkling green Darjeeling with gentle pineapple cordial and pink peppercorn tincture. Tingles on your tongue. Abstemious and glorious.

NO-HAFTA KIWI COLADA **£8.50**
Frozen pineapple-coconut classic – with kiwi, lemongrass and ginger. Plenty of shimmy, but no rummy.

LYCHEE FRENCH '75 **£8.50**
Juices of lemon and cabernet grape, with no-alcohol gin and lychee sparkling wine – all 100% prohibition-friendly. (No permit required.)

LASSIS

MANGO LASSI **£4.90**
First-class yoghurt drink with the sweetness of mango.

SALTED LASSI **£4.90**
Crushed cumin and salt gently flavour this creamy yoghurt drink.

CBD BHANG LASSI **£5.20**
The Holi drink. Ours is with ginger, shredded mint, hints of spice and happy dashes of CBD botanical bitters instead of the traditional half oz. from a good dealer.

SOFTS

THUMS UP / LIMCA **£4.20**

PALLONJI'S RASPBERRY SODA . . . **£4.20**

L.A. BREWERY KOMBUCHA **£4.70**

FRESH ORANGE JUICE **£4.70**

FRESH GRAPEFRUIT JUICE **£4.90**

STILL / SPARKLING WATER **£3.70**

HOT DRINKS

All coffee in this Permit Room is ethically sourced and roasted by Wood Street Coffee Roasters – an independent specialty coffee roastery in nearby Saffron Walden.

ESPRESSO **£2.20 / £3.20**

FLAT WHITE / LATTE / CAPPUCINO . . **£3.70**

GUEST BREW **£3.20**

HOUSE CHAI (+Ve option) **£3.70**

BREAKFAST ASSAM TEA (POT) **£3.20**

DARJEELING GREEN TEA (POT) **£3.20**

FRESH MINT TEA (POT) **£3.20**

GINGER, LEMON & HONEY TEA (POT) **£3.20**

NOT POPPADOMS

- CHAKLI (Ve)** **£3.70**
Crunchy fried snacks (spiced flours of rice and gram) to dip into tangy chilli tomato chutney. A permit room regular.
- PEANUT MASALA (Ve)** **£3.90**
The first wet thing you order in a permit room: lightly-roasted fresh peanuts tossed with chopped tomato, onion, coriander, chilli and lime juice.
- CARROT & CHILLI SHARP BITES (Ve)** **£3.70**
Nibbling sticks of sharp pickled carrot and whole green chilli peppers, sometimes fiery, for instant face-lifting.
- KERI & GUAVA (Ve)** **£4.20**
Firm green slices of mango and guava with chilli salt to dip. Aids digestion.

CHAATS & PATTIES

- CRISPY SPINACH CHAAT (+Ve option)** **£9.50**
Hard work to make this chaat, but a holiday to eat. Crispy-fried babyleaf spinach with yoghurt, chutneys, spices, sev and fresh pomegranate. So light, so zesty, you'd eat twenty.
- DAHI BHALLA CHAAT (+Ve option)** **£8.50**
Like a kaleidoscope, it tumbles together a motley mix: lentil dumplings, sweet yoghurt, roasted cumin, fresh green and tamarind chutneys, papdi crackers, chilli salt and sprinkles of sev. Wakes up all the senses.
- RAGDA PATTICE (Ve)** **£8.90**
Hot tangy curry of dried white pea, fresh tamarind and tomato, piled on two fried potato-and-lentil patties. Nice with chutney.
- FISH CHAPALI** **£9.90**
Succulent grilled fish patty with coriander and carom seeds, cumin, onion and tomato. Fresh green chutney and kachumber salad bring zing to your tongue.

SAVOURIES

- A SPICY CHICKEN PUFF** **£4.90**
Irani bakery favourite. A pastry puff with hearty filling of Kerala pepper-fry chicken. Warm and spicy.
- CHICKEN PICK-ME-UPS** **£7.90**
An Indo-Chinese choice in permit rooms, this bundle of marinated and battered chicken is deep-fried, and ready to roll in red chilli chutney.
- VEGETABLE SAMOSAS (Ve)** **£6.50**
Three crunchy short-crust (Punjabi style) pastry parcels of potato, onion, green pea, carrot, cinnamon and clove stuffing. God loves a triangle.
- LAMB SAMOSAS** **£7.20**
Golden Gujarati goodness. Lighter, flakier filo stuffed with minced lamb, onions and spices. Squeeze the lime for tang.
- CHILLI CHIPS (Ve)** **£5.90**
A favourite from Leopold's: twice-cooked potato chips steeped in sultry sauce of Indo-Chinese heritage (via Kolkata).
- PATRA (Ve)** **£6.90**
Heart-shaped taro leaves rolled, steamed and pan-finished with sweet-spiced drizzle into tangy tastiness. Topped with fresh herbs and fresh coconut. Gujarati party.
- PRAWN RECHEADO** **£9.70**
A Goan go-to. Pan-tanned prawns in a tangy masala of red chillies, garlic and ginger. Arrives on an a-peeling banana leaf.

SALADS

- CHILLI BROCCOLI SALAD (+Ve option)** **£12.50**
So much greenery! Fresh broccoli, toasted pistachios, seeds of pumpkin and sunflower, shredded mint, chilli, and so on.
- KALI MIRCH CHICKEN SALAD** **£13.50**
Marinated morsels of black pepper chicken (like Murgh Malai) flung about in creamy yoghurt dressing with salad leaves, kale, red chilli and spiced wholesome seeds.

BREAKFAST – Begin the morning after the night before with a Double Bacon Naan Roll and a Marmalade Mimosa or some Bun Maska and Chai. Wakey Wakey. Served until 11.45am every day.

RUBY MURRAY & DAAL

- DISHOOM BLACK DAAL (V)** **£9.50**
Rich, dark, deep, the answer to all questions. Cooked over 24 hours for extra harmony.
- PRAWN MOILEE (+Ve option)** **£16.90**
Very peaceful curry of coconut milk, golden with turmeric, curry leaves, fresh ginger, garlic and spices. A South Indian recipe with juicy prawns (or vegan with cauliflower ... £14.50)
- DISHOOM CHICKEN RUBY** **£15.50**
Tender chicken in a rich-and-silky makhani sauce. A good and proper curry full of spice and flavour.
- CHEF'S LAMB CURRY** **£16.50**
Very tasty lamb inside a rich masala sauce with spicing of garlic, red chilli and bold black peppercorns. Fiddlesticks of ginger on top.
- AUNTY'S ANDA CURRY (V)** **£13.50**
If you see the boiled-egg vendor, there may be an Aunty Bar nearby! We hide three hard-boiled eggs in a rich dark tomato curry. A rare item.
- DISHOOM MATTAR PANEER (V)** **£14.50**
Perky peas, pillowy paneer in a delicious tomato gravy. Simple comfort.

PERMIT ROOM SPECIALS

- JACKFRUIT BERRY PULAO (Ve)** **£14.90**
Riffing on a recipe from Bombay's Britannia & Co. – but we use luscious jackfruit – with onion, tomato, jaggery and whole spices, under a heap of saffron pulao rice studded with barberries and sultanas. Could be a group thing.
- HALF / WHOLE-CHICKEN TANDOORI** **£13.90 / £26.00**
Something special is going on here: marinated spatchcock is not coloured red. It is grilled and served with fresh kachumber, tangy green chutney and charred lemon to squeeze.

DISHES ON THE SIDE

- CHARRED SWEET POTATO (+Ve option)** **£4.90**
Shakarkandi is mellow yellow Indian sweet potato grilled and dashed with tangy chilli-lime masala, just as the street-vendor would make it.
- TENDER STEM BROCCOLI (+Ve option)** **£5.50**
The Hindi name is *hari phool gobhi* (green flower cauli), here steamed and grilled, then tumbled with chilli and lime. Fools, and angels, rush in.

BREAD & RICE

- PLAIN NAAN (+Ve option*)** **£4.20**
- GARLIC NAAN (+Ve option*)** **£4.50**
- CHEESE NAAN (V)** **£4.90**
- STEAMED BASMATI RICE (Ve)** **£4.50**

*vegan naans cooked in the same tandoor as naans made with eggs and dairy

If you have any food allergies or dietary requirements please let us know.

(V) Suitable for vegetarians
(Ve) Suitable for vegans
(+Ve option) Vegan option available

Dishes marked (V) may contain eggs. We make every effort to avoid cross-contamination, but sadly can't guarantee dishes and drinks are allergen-free.

An optional service charge of 12.5% will be added to your bill. Every penny of this goes to the restaurant team. (Service charge is entirely optional. If you feel the service is in any way lacking, you need only ask, and the charge will be removed.)

For allergen and calorie information, simply scan the QR code.

