

IN 1949, the ‘Bombay Prohibition Act’ was passed and has never been repealed.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. A boiled-egg vendor stationed nearby – a clue for those in the know. Over time, restaurants would set aside a 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 (Ve) £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 (Ve) . . £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 (Ve) . . £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 (Ve) . . . £12.50
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 (Ve) £12.50
White rum, mangosteen, fruit syrup and chamomile get mixed up. Let the nice person spray your pony with lime oil.

PERMIT ROOM CLOVER CLUB (V) . . . £12.50
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 (Ve) £12.50
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 (V) £13.00
Old Monk rum (a Bombay favourite) with yoghurt and spicy mango syrup. In some legend there’s a handsome monk in the forest...

PREMIER PADMINI NEGRONI (V) . . . £13.50
Rich Indian cocoa and sweet pears soak overnight in bitter Campari, vermouth and Beefeater dry gin. An Italian classic in Indian guise, wearing a wafer of dark chocolate like a hat. Eat your hat.

**NEW PERMIT ROOM
OLD-FASHIONED (V) £13.50**
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 (V) £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 (Ve) . . . £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 (V) £13.00 / £5.00**
Fig liqueur, bourbon, sweet vermouth and bitters. Medicinal aroma (for your health).

FROZEN LIPSTERS

SPICY GUAVA FROSÉ (Ve) £11.00
A tumbler of rosé ice-crush with guava fruit, and candied red chilli to play hot-and-cold.

KIWI COLADA SHIMMY (Ve) £11.00
Let this icy pineapple-coconut classic – laced with rum, kiwi, lemongrass and ginger – shimmy down your drainpipe.

MORNING GLORIES

CRYSTAL MARY (V) £11.00
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 (Ve) £11.00
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 (Ve) £9.00
Sweet spice, no-alcohol gin, no-alcohol vermouth, no-alcohol bitter. Dishoom handmade them all, singing no, no, no.

**PINK PEPPER
PINEAPPLE SODA (Ve) £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 (Ve) £8.50
Frozen pineapple-coconut classic – with kiwi, lemongrass and ginger. Plenty of shimmy, but no rummy.

LYCHEE FRENCH ’75 (Ve) £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 (V) £5.90
First-class yoghurt drink with the sweetness of mango.

SALTED LASSI (V) £5.90
Crushed cumin and salt gently flavour this creamy yoghurt drink.

CBD BHANG LASSI (V) £8.90
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 (Ve) £4.90

PALLONJI’S RASPBERRY SODA (Ve) . . £4.90

AGUA DE MADRE WATER KEFIR (Ve) . . £5.90

FRESH ORANGE JUICE (Ve) £4.70

FRESH GRAPEFRUIT JUICE (Ve) £5.70

STILL / SPARKLING WATER (Ve) £3.90

HOT DRINKS

All coffee in this Permit Room is ethically sourced and roasted by friends nearby.

ESPRESSO (Ve) £2.90 / £3.90

FLAT WHITE / LATTE (+Ve option) £4.20

CAPPUCCINO (+Ve option) £4.20

GUEST BREW (Ve) £3.90

HOUSE CHAI (+Ve option) £4.20

CHOCOLATE CHAI (+Ve option) £4.20

BREAKFAST ASSAM TEA (POT) (Ve) . . £3.70

DARJEELING GREEN TEA (POT) (Ve) . . £3.70

FRESH MINT TEA (POT) (Ve) £3.70

**GINGER, LEMON
& HONEY TEA (POT) (V) £3.70**