

Backwater Café





Served 24 hrs

### Continental breakfast v / 750

Freshly squeezed juice, freshly sliced fruits, assorted breakfast pastries, white or brown toast, coffee or tea

#### American breakfast nv / 850

Freshly squeezed juice, freshly sliced fruits, white or wheat toast, two eggs (any style), bacon, chicken sausage, coffee or tea

### Kerala breakfast v / 850

Choice of fresh fruit juice, freshly sliced fruits, choice of vegetable stew with appam or idiyappam or Puttu with kadala curry and elachi banana, tea or coffee

### Indian breakfast v / 850

Freshly squeezed juice, freshly sliced fruits choice of Bharwan parantha, poori bhaji or poha, lassi, coffee or tea

### Healthy breakfast nv / 850

Carrot & beet juice, freshly sliced fruits, egg white, spinach and feta omelette, green tea, mint or herbal infusions with honey

### Baker's basket / 400

Freshly baked croissants, muffins, Danish pastry or toasted bread - white/brown/multigrain with butter, honey and preserves

#### Choice of cereals / 400

Full cream milk/skimmed milk/yoghurt Corn flakes, wheat flakes, all bran, fruit loops, Choco flakes, muesli

#### Sliced seasonal fresh fruits / 425

**Steel cut oatmeal porridge / 425** "Masala Inspired" or with Whole/skimmed milk

#### Three Eggs Any Style / 500

Fried: sunny side up, over easy, scrambled, boiled, poached or omelette With in-house hash brown, grilled garden tomatoes and sauteed mushroom

### Light and healthy omelette / 500

Spinach and feta egg white omelette, grilled tomatoes

### Cinnamon French toast / 450

Fruit compote, forest honey, melted butter, whipped cream

### Classic Pancakes and waffles / 450

Maple syrup, forest honey, melted butter, whipped cream

### **Inspired Pancakes**

Caramelized coconut, jaggery and raisins, with "elachi" banana and forest honey

#### Bharwan parantha / 450

Griddled north Indian, flat whole wheat bread with a choice of filling of potatoes, cauliflower or cottage cheese

### Idlis / 450

Steamed lentil and rice cakes accompanied by lentil stew, coconut, tomato and coriander chutney

### Poori bhaji / 450

Deep-fried, whole wheat flour bread, mildly-spiced potato curry

# Dosa or Uttappam

Griddle cooked rice and split "urad" lentil crepes with mustard tempered potatoes Or rice and split "urad" lentil pancake accompanied with lentil stew, coconut, tomato and coriander chutney

#### Upma

Semolina porridge tempered with curry leaves and mustard seeds, served with coconut, tomato and coriander chutney

#### Medhu wada / 450

Deep-fried lentil dumplings accompanied with lentil stew, coconut, tomato and coriander chutney



**SPECIALITIES** 

# BEVERAGES



**Coffee** Freshly-brewed coffee - regular or decaffeinated Espresso/cafe latte/ cappuccino cold coffee with or without ice cream Hot chocolate

**Tea** Taj house blend, Darjeeling breakfast, Assam, Earl grey, Green tea, Chamomile and Indian masala chai

Selection of freshly squeezed fruit juices Pineapple, Orange, Watermelon or Sweet Lime

Selection of freshly squeezed vegetable juices Carrot, Tomato or Cucumber

**Choice of chaas** Buttermilk - Plain, Sweet, Salted or Masala

Choice of milkshakes Vanilla, Strawberry, Chocolate, Banana or Mango

Flavoured iced tea Orange, Lemon, Pineapple or Peach

Fresh lime soda/water

### ROUND-THE-CLOCK MENU Soups, Appetizers and Salads

Minestrone Genovese *v/nv* Choice of Vegetable or Chicken

Cream soups v/nvChoice of Tomato or Chicken

**Bruschetta** Tomato, Kalamata Olives and Basil

### Chef's Caesar salad

Iceberg lettuce, Parmesan shavings and Garlic croutons tossed with chef's dressing with choice of:

Sun-dried tomatoes <sup>v</sup> Chicken <sup>nv</sup> Shrimps <sup>nv</sup>

Aloo Channa Papdi Chaat Thin flour crisp, Potatoes and Chickpeas, tossed with Indian herbs and spices

# SANDWICHES AND BURGERS

**Backwater Green Club** Our vegetarian version comes with Lettuce, Yellow Cheddar and Tomato

**Backwater Club Non-Vegetarian** Toasted loaf slices layered with lettuce, Roasted Chicken, Tomato, Ham and Fried Egg

### Waterslide burger

Chicken or Vegetable with lettuce, coleslaw and cheddar cheese on Sesame bun

**Sandwich board** *v/nv* Select from plain, toasted or grilled white, multi-grain or whole wheat bread

Add a variety of fillings: Cucumber, tomato and cheese masala omelette, chicken, cheese and ham All sandwiches are served with French fries

# MAINS INTERNATIONAL SELECTION

Slow-roasted chicken crusted courgette, mascarpone polenta, prune puree and shallot veloute / Mushroom duxelle crepe rolls with pumpkin and almond butter / Penne arabiata with a hint of oregano and chilli flakes

Spaghetti aglio olio e pepperoncino with garlic, chilli flakes and olive oil

**Fish and chips** White fish fillet fried in beer batter with chips mushy peas, tartar sauce and fresh lemon.

Make your own pizza With selection of toppings tomato, mushrooms, red onions, peppers, jalapeno, sundried tomato, roast chicken, spiced lamb mince, tandoori chicken

# DESSERTS

Bekal creme bruleè Cardamom Scented Slow Baked Custard

Baked cheesecake Berries and cookie crumble

### Tiramisu

**Traditional Indian dessert platter** Selection of popular Indian desserts gajar ka halwa, badam ki rabdi, mini gulab jamun, kulfi

### Seasonal fresh fruit platter

Selection of homemade ice cream Vanilla bean/ honeynut crunch/ strawberry/ chocolate





# LUNCH AND DINNER / SALADS & SOUPS

Mezze sampler / 750 Hummus, babaganoush, fattoush, marinated feta, crispy pita

Caprese salad / 750 Vine ripen tomatoes and baby bocconcini

Goat Cheese, Lettuce, Organic Vegetables Salad / 750 Citrus fruit, lemon vinaigrette, pine kernels

Caesar salad Vegetarian / 700 Chicken / 800 Prawn / 900

Minestrone soup / 425 Pinenut pesto

Mushroom cappuccino / 425 Rich, earthy soup of button mushrooms

Gaajar aur naariyal ka shorba / 425 Spicy baby carrot and Fresh coconut-Flavoured Soup

Drumstick rasam v/ 425 South Indian style spiced drumstick broth

Your choice of oriental soup  $\nu/n\nu/475$ Hot and sour, manchow, sweet corn

# WOOD FIRED PIZZAS

With choice of Italian hand tossed or thin crust with Plain or multigrain base

### Make your own pizza

With selection of toppings Tomato, bocconcini, tender leeks, mushrooms, red onions, peppers, Jalapeno, sundried tomato, grilled zucchini, pesto, American corn, Broccoli, olives, feta, roast chicken, pancetta, chorizo, Spiced lamb mince, tandoori chicken, sausage, bacon

**Primavera - Backwater Café Signature / 850** tomato, mozzarella, peppers, onions, mushrooms, asparagus and olives

**Capricciosa - Backwater Café Signature / 900** tomato, mozzarella, cooked ham, Kalamata olives, artichoke and mushrooms

# PASTA AND RISOTTO

**Spaghetti, fusilli, fettuccini, gluten free pasta** With choice of sauces, seasonal vegetables and meats napolitano / alfredo / arabiata / carbonara / meat ragout

Spinach and goat cheese ravioli with cilantro pesto- Backwater Café Signature

**Classical risotto** With selection of truffled mushroom, seafood and chicken

Asparagus risotto with basil tomato pesto- Backwater Café Signature

Risotto with confit chicken and gorgonzola- Backwater Café Signature

# ENTREE

Pan-fried tiger prawn with a light bouillabaisse sauce buttered savoy cabbage and ratatouille / 1150

Pan seared salmon, spring onion and pearl barley risotto with grain mustard and asparagus sauce vichyssoise / 1150

Slow-roasted chicken crumbled courgette, mascarpone polenta, prune puree and shallot veloute / 950

Roast rack of New Zealand lamb with truffle oil flavoured risotto, thyme and chardonnay jus / 1150

Red wine braised beef lemon and rosemary flavoured crushed potatoes sauce béarnaise / 1050

Malfati baked cheese and ricotta dumplings parmesan gratin / 900

Mushroom duxelle crepe rolls with pumpkin and almond butter / 900

SIDES Mashed potatoes

Balsamic grilled vegetables / 325 Roasted garlic baby potatoes / 325

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# PAN ASIAN SELECTION

APPETIZERS Hong Kong style, fried crispy prawns / 900 Crispy fried chicken / 900 Crispy tofu with chef special sauce / 800 Vegetable spring rolls / 800

MAINS Szechwan stir-fried prawns / 1050 Stir-fried beef with oyster sauce and black pepper / 1050 Kung pao chicken / 950 Stir fried Asian greens in butter garlic sauce / 900 Mapo tofu with vegetables / 900 Braised eggplant with garlic sauce / 900

# FRIED RICE WITH

Seafood / 775 Chicken / 750 Vegetable / 650 Egg / 650

Stir-fried Noodle with Seafood / 775 Chicken / 750 Vegetable / 650

# **KEBABS & CURRIES SELECTION**

Murgh tikka makhani *"v /* 900 Chicken cooked in rich tomato sauce, flavoured with fenugreek

Kadhai paneer / 800 Cottage cheese cooked with peppers and tomatoes spiced with coriander and chillies

Bharwan Kofta / 800 Cottage cheese dumplings, cooked in silky smooth tomato sauce

Lahori dum aloo / 800 Potatoes filled with green peas and fenugreek cooked in onion, tomato and cashew nut gravy

Masala tawa subz / 800 Seasonal vegetables cooked with peppers and spiced with cloves, cumin and cardamom

Makkai palak / 800 Tempered spinach and corn, flavoured with garlic and ground red chillies

Yakhani pulao / 800 Basmati rice cooked with lamb, Indian spices and yoghurt.

**Dum Biryani / 850** Vegetable Chicken Lamb Bhatti da kukkad *"" /* 900 Char-grilled chicken marinated in a special mix of mustard oil and "Bhatti masala"

Seekh kebab kandahari *"V /* 900 Minced meat flavoured with local ingredients from Kandahar and grilled on skewers over charcoal fire

**Surkh macchi tikka** *nv* **/ 900** Char-grilled fish spiced with chillies and cloves

**Sunehari jhinga** *"***/ 900** Prawns marinated with yoghurt and saffron, cooked in a tandoor

**Tehdar paneer tikka ν / 850** Layered cottage cheese marinated with mint and garlic

Bhuttiyan de kebab <sup>v</sup> / 800 Patties of sweet corn kernels blended with herbs and spices, shallow-fried

Hariyali kebab <sup>v</sup> / 800 Hariyali kebab is infused with yoghurt, onions and mint

Nalli gosht "" / 950 Braised lamb shanks with an onion, mint and yoghurt gravy

# SIDES

Dal tadka / 550 Yellow lentils tempered with cumin

Dal makhani / 650 Black lentils cooked with tomatoes, butter and cream.

**Pindi choley / 650** Chick pea curry, this dish originated from the streets of Rawalpindi in Punjab.

Selection of Indian breads / 400 Tandoori roti/Naan/Paratha/Missi /Kulche

# COMFORT FOOD

### Pav bhaji 🛚 / 700

A fast food meal from Maharashtra made of a spiced vegetable curry served with soft bread called pav smothered with butter

Rajma chawal <sup>v</sup> / 700 Red kidney beans in a spicy gravy, pachranga pickle, kachumber, raita, steamed rice and poppadum

"Mom style" Khichdi v/nv / 700Rice and yellow lentil cooked to perfection with a flavour of homemade desi ghee

Curd rice v / 500 This cooling concoction made with cooked rice and unsweetened yogurt and topped with a sizzling tadka of asafoetida, mustard seeds, curry leaves and dry chilli





Murgh ka Khurchan "" / 900 Chicken cooked with spring onions and peppers

Tandoori paneer tikka  $\nu$ / 700 Popular tandoor-grilled kebab of cottage cheese mixed with Indian spices and tempered with mustard oil

Tandoori chicken tikka ""/ 900 The iconic Indian kebab cooked in traditional clay oven.

# TAJ AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION

### Cobb salad / 850

American garden salad of chicken, bacon, chopped avocado, lettuce, tomato, hard-boiled egg, coriander with spring onion and buttermilk dressing: The Pierre New York, A Taj Hotel

**Fish and chips / 900** White fish fillet fried in beer batter with chips, mushy peas, tartar sauce and fresh lemon: St. James Court London, A Taj Hotel

**Chicken or paneer kathi roll / 800** Grilled chicken tikka or paneer rolled sandwich kachumber and mint chutney: Taj Diplomatic Enclave, New Delhi

Nasi goreng vegetable or shrimp / 900 Indonesian fried rice tossed with vegetables or shrimp, chilli and garlic topped with fried egg: Taj Rebak Resort & Spa, Langkawi

### NO ONION AND NO GARLIC

Paneer makanwala / 800 Jeera aloo / 700 Dal tadka / 550 Palak paneer / 800 Palak corn ki bhaji / 800 Subz pulao / 700

# GOD'S OWN COUNTRY SELECTION

### MAINS

Kariveppilai chemmeen chuttathu ""/ 900 Chilli fennel marinated medium prawn flavoured with fresh curry leaf

Mapilla kozhi roast "" / 900 Chicken roasted with cinnamon, black pepper and fennel

**Meen kudampuli curry** *nv* / 900 Ethnic Malabari fish curry

Kozhi kurumulagu curry "" / 900 Coconut milk and black pepper flavoured chicken curry

Erachi ularthiyathu <sup>nv</sup> / 1050 Cubes of tenderloin cooked dry with coconut chips and pepper Homestyle Stew/Kurma Vegetables <sup>v</sup>/ 800 Chicken <sup>nv</sup>/ 900 Lamb <sup>nv</sup>/ 900

Koonu cholam ularthiyathu  $\frac{v}{800}$ 

mushrooms and baby corn tossed with pepper and shallots

Avial <sup>1</sup>/ 800 Kerala speciality of vegetables in thick coconut gravy

**Thoran of the day** <sup>*v*</sup>**/ 700** Local speciality of dry vegetable preparation

# SIDES

Matta Rice  $\frac{v}{300}$ Lemon Rice  $\frac{v}{400}$ Basmati rice tossed in lime juice, curry leaves, split Bengal gram and pure ghee

Malabar paratha <sup>1</sup>/ 180 Soft refined flour dough beaten to thin sheet and folded to form layered bread, cooked on a skillet with pure ghee

"Cast iron" Appams Hoppers, leavened rice bread cooked in a traditional vessel

# SWEET ENDINGS

Bekal creme brulee / 800 Cardamom scented slow baked custard

Venezuela cocoa and pecan pave / 900 Star anise ganache

Baked cheesecake / 800 Berries and cookie crumble

Tiramisu / 800

**Traditional Indian dessert platter / 850** Selection of popular Indian desserts gajar ka halwa, badam ki rabdi, mini gulab jamun, kulfi

Pistachio Gulab jamun / 700 Deep-fried sweetened khoya dumplings

Seasonal fresh fruit platter / 425

Selection of homemade ice cream / 450 Vanilla bean/ Honeynut crunch/ Strawberry/ Chocolate/Tender coconut/ Chickoo

