

FOOD

A SECOND SERVE FROM KARMA KETTLE

O uaint, colourful with a touch of familiarity. The second outlet of Karma Kettle is nothing like its sibling yet similar. Designed like a French cafe, the Alipore address focuses on healthy food with gluten-free options, and of course, tea with over 60-plus blends available for you to unwind over a cuppa. "Alipore doesn't have a lot of restaurants or cafes so we felt that this will work. We wanted to make this into a comfortable, neighbourhood cafe. The food menu is bigger here, the focus isn't just on tea or coffee. We want to have a few more Karma Kettles. I feel every neighbourhood has the scope of having a small tearoom but each one follows a central theme," said Dhiraj Arora, co-owner, Karma Kettle.

What: Karma Kettle
Where: 17/1D, Near States Bank of India, Alipore
Timings: 9am to 10pm (Monday closed)
Meal for two: Rs 600-plus



There's a small section at the tearoom that houses various kinds of tea and tea accessories, the prices for which start at Rs 250. We loved the use of vintage cameras, radios and other knick-knacks used as decor elements.

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Stuffed with pumpkin, pine nuts, and parmesan, the Pumpkin Tortellini is then tossed in brown butter and sage. Priced at Rs 450, the buttery, slightly bitter and nutty flavours stand out in the dish.



What makes Green Thai Curry Pizza interesting is the fact that it has green curry as its base. Priced at Rs 600, the pizza has a beautiful aroma, thanks to the use of chopped lemongrass in the dough. Rs 475 (6") and Rs 600 (12")



The delicious Chocolate Chia Pudding won't make you feel guilty for those extra calories. Priced at Rs 185, this dessert is made with ingredients like chia seeds, almond milk and hazelnut. Rs 185



The Kanchenjunga High Tea Set is ideal for two if you are in the mood to munch on something and not looking at filling your stomach up. Priced at Rs 500, the set comes with a pot of whole leaf tea from the Asian collection, six pieces of steamed momos, four pieces of spring rolls and green tea cookies. Rs 500



With childhood memories of dunking biscuits into a hot cup of chai as the inspiration, Chai Biscuit Artisanal Ice cream is a blend of masala tea and Parle-G biscuit. Priced at Rs 125 (per scoop), this one is a must-try.



We tried and loved the kombucha by The Kombucha Co. which has lemon and ginger as the dominating flavours, is fizzy and refreshingly good. Started by husband-wife duo of Avantika Jalan and John Grans, the healthy drink is priced at Rs 200.



Blue Lagoon Iced Tea Nitro Brew which comes for Rs 150, is made with lemongrass and kaffir lime. The tangy beverage which gets its colour from the main ingredient — butterfly pea flower tea — is exclusive to this outlet.

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