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Perfect Taste
of South India

DINNER m e n u

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SOUTH INDIAN REFRESHING COOLERS

Nannari Sherbet £4²⁰

Made with Indian Sarasaparilla root syrup and lime

Fresh Lime & Soda £4⁴⁰

Made with freshly squeezed limes and soda water
(Sweet or Salted)

Mango Lassi £4⁹⁵ D

Mango flavoured yoghurt drink

Coconut Lassi £4⁹⁵ D

Coconut flavoured yoghurt drink

NIBBLES TO SHARE

Papadum &

Vadiyam Basket £4⁹⁵ D G*

Assortment of Plain Papadum pieces and Vadiyams (rice crackers) served with mango chutney, mint sauce and chilli sauce

Masala Papad £4⁵⁰ G*

2 large papadums topped with chopped onion, tomato, coriander & spices

Crispy Dosa £8⁹⁵ G VE

Savoury crepe made with rice and lentil batter, served with chutneys and sambar

Cut Mirchi £7⁹⁵ G*

Batter fried chunks of long green chillies sprinkled with masala

Masala Cashew Nuts £10⁵⁰ N G*

Golden fried cashews topped with fresh onions, tomatoes, coriander and spices

INDIAN STREET FAVOURITES

Dahi Poori £6⁹⁵ D G

Poori shells stuffed with potato, chickpeas and drizzled with sweet yogurt, chutney and sev

Gol Gappa Shooters £7⁵⁰ G VE

Hollow puri, filled with potato, chickpeas and served with water flavoured with tamarind and mint

Samosa Chat £7⁹⁵ D G N

Crushed vegetable samosa topped with chickpeas, sweet yogurt, mint and tamarind chutney

Mixed Bhel £6⁹⁵ G D

Puffed rice and sev quick tossed with homemade mint and tamarind chutney

Papdi Chat £7⁵⁰ D G

Deep fried flour crackers topped with semi mashed potato and chickpeas filling and finished with sweet, sour and spicy chutneys

Onion Pakora £7⁹⁵ G* VE

Crunchy snack made with fillers of finely sliced onions and herbs

Mirapakaya Bajji £8⁵⁰ G* VE

Batter fried long green chillies stuffed with chopped onions and spices

HOUSE SPECIAL TEMPTING STARTERS

South Special 65 G E D

CHICKEN 65 £9⁹⁵ GOBI 65 £8⁹⁵

Famous Hyderabad style starter, tossed with yogurt, lemon and curry leaves. Choice of chicken or cauliflower florets

Indo-Chinese Favourites G E S

CHILLI CHICKEN £9⁹⁵

CHILLI PANEER £9⁹⁵ D

Wok tossed in home-made chilli and soya sauce along with ginger, garlic and spring onions

Chicken Lollipop £9⁵⁰ G E S

Popular Indo-Chinese street food

Mangalorean Chicken Ghee

Roast £10⁹⁵ D N

Succulent pieces of chicken marinated with Mangalorean masala cooked in rich ghee

Iddichi Varuthu

Eraichi £12⁵⁰ D N

Lamb cooked soft and tender with cracked black pepper and fresh curry leaves

Royyala Vepudu £12⁹⁵ C G D N

Black tiger prawns tossed in a thick masala flavoured with ginger and spices

Andhra Tawa Fish Fry

£10⁹⁵ F D G*

Pan-fried fillet of fish marinated with South Indian herbs and spices

Apollo Fish £11⁵⁰ D F G*

Hyderabad style battered fried fish tossed in chef's secret recipe

Soft Shell

Ginger Crab £10⁵⁰ C G* S

Golden fried whole soft-shell crab marinated with spices and herbs served with ginger sauce

Crisped Fried Calamari

£10⁵⁰ C G*

Calamari marinated with spices and deep fried

Kalan Milagu Fry £9⁵⁰ G* D S

Mushroom tossed with spices and finished with black pepper

Veg Manchurian Dry £8⁹⁵ G S VE

Golden fried vegetable dumplings tossed with a spicy Manchurian sauce

Paneer Mongolian Dry

£10⁵⁰ D N G*

Golden fried cubes of paneer wok tossed dry with crushed cashew nuts, herbs and spices

SURPRISE 5 COURSE TASTING MENU

D N G S E C F

£45.50 Per Person

(minimum 2 diners)

Surprise your taste buds and explore the magic of spices in a culinary tour of India.
Create a memorable dining experience with your friends or family.

CLAY OVEN SPECIALS

Half Tandoori Chicken £13⁵⁰ _D
(on the bone)
Marinated with yogurt and tandoori masala

Chicken Tikka £12⁵⁰ _D
Boneless cubes of chicken marinated with yogurt and tandoori masala

Lamb Sheekh Kabab £13⁵⁰ _D
Minced lamb marinated with fresh herbs and spices

Tandoori Spring Lamb Chops £15⁹⁵ _D
Spring lamb chops marinated with tandoori spices

Lasooni Jhinga £18⁵⁰ _{CD}
3 Jumbo King Prawns marinated with fresh garlic and delicate spices

Tandoori Salmon Tikka £17⁵⁰ _{DF}
Boneless salmon marinated with yogurt and delicate spices

Tandoori Mix Grill £21⁹⁵ _{DF}
rilled assortment of Chicken, Lamb and Fish.

Kesari Paneer Tikka £13⁵⁰ _D
Chunks of cottage cheese marinated with hint of saffron

CHENNAI EXPRESS SPECIAL BIRYANI

Hyderabadi style Biryani served with raita and salan (tangy gravy)

Chicken Biryani £13⁹⁵ _{DNG*}
(on the bone)

Lamb Biryani £15⁹⁵ _{DNG*}

Vegetable Biryani £12⁵⁰ _{DNG*}

Prawn Biryani £17⁵⁰ _{CDNG*}

ALL TIME

SOUTH INDIAN FAVOURITES (VEGETARIANS)

Served with tomato chutney, coconut chutney and sambar (lentil and vegetable broth)

(ANY EXTRA SAMBAR AND CHUTNEY £1.00 EACH)

Plain Dosa £8⁹⁵ _{GVE}
Rice and lentil savoury crepe

Masala Dosa £9⁹⁵ _{GVE}
Rice and lentil savoury crepe stuffed with semi mashed potato mix

Podi Dosa £9⁹⁵ _{DG} /
Sprinkled with homemade spice mix

Podi Masala Dosa £10⁹⁵ _{DG} /
Sprinkled with homemade spice mix, stuffed with semi mashed potato mix

Mysore Masala Dosa 10⁹⁵ _{DG} /
Spicy savoury crepe with semi mashed potato masala

Paneer Dosa 10⁹⁵ _{DG}
Filling made of spiced scrambled Indian cottage cheese

Ghee Roast Masala 10⁵⁰ _{DG}
Slightly roasted until crisp with desi ghee and stuffed with spiced potato masala

Idly (3 pcs.) £7⁵⁰ _{VE}
Steamed rice and lentil cakes

Medu Vada (3 pcs.) £7⁵⁰ _{G*VE}
Golden Fried spiced doughnut made with lentil

Sambar Vada £7⁹⁵ _{VE}
Spiced doughnut dipped in lentil broth

Uttappam _{DG}

PLAIN £8⁹⁵ MASALA £9⁹⁵ / ONION £9⁹⁵
Soft savoury pancake made with rice and lentil batter

* Gluten - free Dosa available upon request

HOUSE SPECIAL NON VEGETARIAN MAINS

South Special Chettinad _{DN} //
CHICKEN £14⁹⁵ **LAMB £16⁹⁵**
PRAWN £17⁵⁰

Classic dish from Chennai; house special preparation with black pepper, curry leaves, red chillis and a touch of coconut milk for the balance

Pallipalayam Masala _{DN} /
CHICKEN £14⁹⁵ **LAMB £16⁹⁵**
PRAWN £17⁵⁰

Flavoured with coconut oil, curry leaves and dry red chilli and finished with grated coconut

Andhra Style Gongura Masala _{DN} /

CHICKEN £14⁹⁵ **LAMB £16⁹⁵**
PRAWN £17⁵⁰

Very popular dish from Andhra Pradesh (state) which is cooked with sorrel leaves for its unique taste

Hyderabadi Style Dalcha _{DN}
CHICKEN £14⁹⁵ **LAMB £16⁹⁵**
PRAWN £17⁵⁰

Popular dish from Hyderabad which is cooked with lentils, bottle-gourd and hint of tamarind; authentic alternative for Dhanshak lovers

Nadan Kozhi Curry £14⁹⁵ _{DN} /
Delicious dish from Kerala made by simmering chicken in coconut milk and green chillies

Jumbo Prawns Kuzhambu £17⁵⁰ _{CND} /
Jumbo Prawns cooked to perfection in South Indian style

Meen Pollichatu (Seabass) **£19⁹⁵** _{G*F}

Traditional semi-dry preparation; marinated with special masala mix, wrapped in a banana leaf and slow cooked on the griddle, served with lemon rice

Home Style Fish Curry £16⁵⁰ _{FNDG*} /

Boneless fish simmered in authentic home style gravy flavoured with tamarind and coconut milk

Malabar Chemmeen Curry £17⁵⁰ _{CND}

Juicy prawns simmered in vibrant sauce with coconut and fresh curry leaves

Mango Chicken Korma £13⁵⁰ _{DN}
Very mild dish cooked with coconut milk, sweet mango and delicate spices

Chicken Tikka Masala £12⁹⁵ _{DN}
A mild and creamy sauce with a tomato base, flavoured with fenugreek

Chicken/Lamb Korma £12⁹⁵ / £14⁹⁵ _{DN}
Very mild dish cooked with blended cashew nuts, coconut and cream

Home Style Lamb Curry on Bone £15⁹⁵ _{DN} /

Slow cooked lamb as per Chef's secret recipe

Home Style Chicken Curry on Bone £14⁹⁵ _{DN} //

Classic home style preparation, grandma's recipe

Butter Chicken £14⁵⁰ _{DN} /
(on the bone/off the bone)
Cooked in a rich creamy tomato and buttery sauce

VEGETARIAN MAINS

South Special Chettinad ^{DN} ^{VE}
PANEER £12⁵⁰ **MUSHROOM £11⁹⁵**
MIX VEGETABLES £11⁹⁵
Classic dish from Chennai; house special preparation with black pepper, curry leaves, red chillis and a touch of coconut milk for the balance

Andhra Style Gongura Masala ^{DN} ^{VE}

PANEER £12⁵⁰ **MUSHROOM £11⁹⁵**
MIX VEGETABLES £11⁹⁵
Very popular dish from Andhra Pradesh which is cooked with sorrel leaves for its unique taste

Paneer Butter

Masala £12⁵⁰ ^{DN}
Paneer Butter Masala is a traditional Punjabi dish in which Paneer is cooked with spices in rich creamy butter & tomato gravy

Palak Paneer £12⁵⁰ ^{DN}
A north Indian popular dish made with spinach and paneer

Kadai Paneer £12⁵⁰ ^{DN} ^{VE}
Description: Soft paneer and bell peppers cooked in a tomato-onion sauce with freshly ground kadai spices

Malai Kofta £12⁵⁰ ^{DN}
Vegetable Kofta (crisp fried potato, paneer & cashew balls) dunked in a rich creamy sauce

Ennai Kathirikai £12⁵⁰ ^{VE} ^N ^{VE}
Baby egg plant cooked in a homemade paste with nuts, coconut and tamarind

Alleppey Vegetable Curry
£11⁹⁵ ^{DN} ^{VE}
A Colourful melange of vegetables cooked in a masala paste of tomato, fresh coconut and red chillies, tempered with curry leaves and coconut oil

Tofu Butter Masala (Vegan)
£12⁵⁰ ^N ^{VE} ^S
Cooked in onion and tomato gravy with vegan cream, best choice for vegan diners

SIDES

LARGE £10⁹⁵ **SMALL £7⁷⁵**
(Can be prepared as Vegan upon request)

Bendakaya Masala ^{DN}
Tender-semi-dry okra cooked with onions & tomato masala

Aloo Baingan ^{DN}
Aubergine and potatoes cooked with in a thick masala

Jeera Aloo ^{DN}
Potatoes tempered with cumin, mustard seeds and dry red chillis

Tomato Pappu ^(Yellow Dal) ^D
Home style preparation of yellow lentils cooked with tomatoes, mustard seeds and curry leaves

Dal Makhani ^{DN}
Slow cooked black lentils with butter and cream; famous dish from Punjab

Cauliflower and Green Peas Masala ^{DN}
Semi-dry preparation with onions and tomatoes

Kadala Curry ^{DN}
A traditional Kerala dish with black chickpeas in a roasted coconut gravy

Spinach Poriyal ^D
Spinach tempered with fresh garlic and curry leaves, flavoured with grated coconut

Palak Aloo ^{DN}
A North Indian popular dish made with spinach and potato

*** Separate Vegan menu available for Vegan diners**

RICE

Plain Rice £3⁷⁵ ^{VE}

Pilau Rice £4²⁵ ^{VE}

Mushroom Rice £4⁷⁵ ^{VE}

Lemon Rice £4⁷⁵ ^{VE} ^N ^{VE}

Coconut Rice £4⁷⁵ ^D

Egg Fried Rice £5⁹⁵ ^G ^S ^{VE}

Veg Fried Rice £5⁹⁵ ^G ^S ^{VE}

Chicken Fried Rice £6⁹⁵ ^G ^S

BREADS

All breads are brushed with butter.
Please specify if you wish to have your bread without butter.

Plain Naan £3⁶⁰ ^{DEG}

Garlic Naan £4²⁰ ^{DEG}

Chilli Garlic Naan £4²⁵ ^{DEG}

Chilli & Coriander Naan £4¹⁵ ^{DEG} ^{VE}

Thyme Naan £3⁹⁵ ^{DEG}

Cheese Naan £4⁶⁵ ^{DEG}

Cheese & Chilli Naan £4⁷⁵ ^{DEG} ^{VE}

Peshawari Naan £4⁷⁵ ^D ^G ^N

Tandoori Butter Roti £3²⁵ ^D ^G

Keema Naan £4⁷⁵ ^{DEG}
Stuffed with minced lamb

Kadaaki Naan £4⁵⁰ ^{DEG} ^{VE}
Crispy naan topped with chopped onions, chillies & coriander

Kerala Parotta £3⁹⁵ ^G ^{VE} (2 pcs.)
Special South Indian layered/flaky bread from Kerala

ACCOMPANIMENTS

Green Salad £3⁹⁵ ^{VE}
Slices of cucumber, red onions and tomato

Curry Sauce £4⁵⁰ ^N ^D
(Mild/ Medium/Hot)

Raita £3⁹⁵ ^D
Yoghurt with onion, tomato and coriander

Masala Chips £4²⁵ ^{VE} ^G ^{*}

Plain Chips £3⁹⁵ ^{VE} ^G ^{*}

KIDS SPECIALS

Indian Style Chicken Nuggets & Chips £9⁵⁰ ^G ^E

Kids Dry Chicken Lollipop with Chips £9⁵⁰ ^G ^E

Indian Style Fish & Chips £9⁹⁵ ^G

Mini Dosa ^G ^D

Plain Dosa £6⁹⁵ | **Cheese Dosa £7⁵⁰**
Chocolate Dosa with ice-cream £8⁹⁵ ^N ^E

Kids Curry & Rice £10⁵⁰ ^D ^N ^G
Choice of Chicken Korma, Chicken Tikka Masala or Paneer Butter Masala





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Our Culinary Philosophy

Although curry has been an inherent part of the British heritage, Indian cuisine is often perceived unhealthy containing excessive amount of oil, butter, cream and sugar. While authentic Indian cuisine can be so fresh, light and flavoursome; we believe, it is unfortunate to be stereotyped as a 'comfort food' or 'unhealthy food'.

Chennai Express is an attempt to transform the perception and experience of Indian cuisine in the UK. We essentially serve street food style South Indian food containing vital ingredients and nutritional qualities that make it as healthy as an Indian restaurant can be. While Southern Indian food is naturally light and avoids too much oil, ghee, cream and butter, our Chefs go above and beyond to incorporate fresh approach to cooking where every dish is cooked from scratch offering the distinct taste of fresh herbs and home-ground spices. Inspired by the traditional home-style cooking techniques, we endeavour to retain the versatility, freshness and nutritional values of the ingredients.

Chennai Express envisions to become a truly inclusive restaurant for dietary preferences, ethical food choices, cultural tastes and health needs.

If you have any food allergies or special dietary requirements, please speak to a member of our team.

We can prepare menu items without gluten, dairy and nuts upon request.

Whilst a dish may not contain a specific allergen, due to the wide range of ingredients used in our kitchen, foods may be at risk of cross contamination by other ingredients

ALLERGEN GUIDE

G: Gluten Present | G*: May contain traces of Gluten | D: Dairy Present | VE: Vegan
N: Nuts Present | E: Egg Present | F: Fish Present | C: Crustacean Present | S: Soya present

SPICE LEVEL GUIDE

🔥 : Medium | 🔥🔥 : Hot | 🔥🔥🔥 : Very hot