

Simmering pot of goodness

Heritage hotel offers bountiful steamboat meal with seafood theme



The Apricot Cake, Sarkies Corner's Cake of the Month for November.

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COOKING morsels of food in a bubbling hotpot in the joyful company of friends and family can be highly pleasurable.

Even more so when one is relaxing at the 130-year-old Eastern and Oriental Hotel (E&O) in George Town, Penang.

Its Sarkies Corner offers a Steamboat Set which comes with myriad fresh and succulent seafood and meats, alongside crunchy greens, noodles and more.

Portions are tailored to the size of your dining party, from a single person to large groups, and priced accordingly at RM88nett per adult and RM35nett per child.

Diners have the option of the simple yet comforting chicken stock, aromatic Chinese herbal stock, or the fiery red tomyam soup base that is all the rage nowadays.

Into that goes a bountiful helping of morsels, which are predominantly fresh seafood.

These include crabs, prawns, scallops, mussels, clams, razor clams and fish slices.

There are also juicy cuts of beef and chicken, fish balls, crabsticks, several types of mushrooms, eggs,

yellow noodles, vermicelli, pak choy, cabbage and tofu skin.

While the lineup of items are more or less fixed, there may occasionally be slight variations if some items are unavailable at a particular time, and replaced with something similar.

Regardless, dunk them in, add a little fried garlic oil, then sit back and have a chat while they slowly cook.

Once the stock comes to a boil, and the crustacean shells turn a bright red, it is time to dive in.

Condiments come in the form of chili sauce, sweet sauce or soya sauce with cut chillies, which are great for dipping.

Though the Steamboat Set is available for dinner only, those who would like to have it at other times of day can be catered to by making advance bookings. Big groups are also advised to make prior reservations.

Sarkies Corner also serves Express Lunch from noon to 3pm daily, priced at RM64.15nett per person. A Tiffin-style meal, it has rice with several Nyonya dishes and a drink.

There is also an ala carte menu from 11am to 11pm daily offering a good variety of local and international delights, as well as a Cake of



Customers can choose from chicken, tomyam or Chinese herbal stock for the Steamboat Set, all equally great to cook the delightful variety of seafoods, meats and vegetables.



Juicy marine morsels, tender meats and crunchy vegetables all wait to be dunked and cooked in your choice of steamboat stock.

the Month offer from 10am to 8pm daily.

For November, the star is the Apricot Cake, which has salted butter crumbles, apricot and white chocolate bavaroiis, and apricot pate de fruit.

It sells for RM14nett per slice.

Pair this, or other types of cake, with a cup of hot beverage for only RM21nett under the Boulangerie @ The Bakery promotion from 10am to 8pm daily.

Alternatively, go for the Parisian

Cafe Time from 10am to 12noon daily, which offers a mug of coffee or tea with your choice of bakery items instead, also at RM21nett.

For inquiries and reservations, call Sarkies Corner at 04-2222000 ext. 3175.