

The Ancient Raj

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Namaste – A warm welcome to the Ancient Raj

We bring you the best of Indian cuisine, prepared to order by our experienced Chefs. In addition to traditional and established favourites, The Ancient Raj has a splendid selection of house specials. The menu is varied and caters for many different tastes. Our staff will be happy to assist you in choosing something special.

The Ancient Raj was officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Canterbury Cllr Mary Jeffries, in October 2002. The restaurant is set in a partially-restored 15th Century Grade II listed building. The building has tremendous history and was originally a Coaching Inn where travellers would stay the night before moving on from Canterbury. The Cathedral Archives store original documents which are of historical significance.

We have been honoured and humbled by visits from the Indian President and the Belgian Ambassador to India amongst others.



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Staff or Management cannot assure you otherwise.

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Minimum order per person (adults): One main dish or equivalent.

 Hot Dishes  Vegetarian

Appetisers

Vegetarian Appetisers

Poppadum 	1.25
Plain or Spiced	
Onion Bhaji 	4.95
Fresh Onions deep fried, mildly spiced	
Vegetable Samosas 	5.50
Light and crispy pastry triangles filled with vegetables	
Aloo Chana Chat 	6.25
Chick peas and potatoes in a tasty sauce served on a puri and topped with yoghurt	

Non-Vegetarian Appetisers

Meat Samosas	5.50
Light and crispy pastry triangles filled with minced lamb	
Tandoori Chicken	6.50
On the bone, marinated in special spices, cooked in the clay oven	
Chicken Tikka / Lamb Tikka	6.50 / 7.10
Diced chicken or lamb, marinated in mild spices	
Mixed Starter	7.30
Onion Bhaji, Sheek Kebab, Chicken Tikka and Lamb Tikka	
Chicken Chat	6.80
Diced chicken cooked with chat masala & served on puffy bread	
Sheek Kebab	6.50
Lamb minced with onions, special herbs & spices	

Seafood Appetisers

Prawn Puree / King Prawn Puree	7.10 / 8.30
Succulent prawns spiced and fried, served on puffy bread	
King Prawn Butterfly	7.30
King prawn lightly spiced & coated in bread crumbs and fried	
Garlic King Prawns	8.30
King prawns sautéed in garlic butter cooked in medium garlic spice	
Crab Malabar	7.30
White crab meat cooked with spices in white wine, mango, and grated paneer	

Sweet / Mild Dishes

Chicken Tikka Masala	15.95
Cooked in sweet delicately spiced creamy yoghurt sauce with coconut	
Chicken Dhakeshwari	15.95
Cooked with coconut, mango pulp and mild spices. Mild and sweet	
Butter Chicken	15.95
Chicken cooked off the bone in a mild, buttery cream sauce	
Lamb Passanda	15.95
A mild dish cooked in fresh cream, cultured yoghurt and red wine	

Medium Dishes

Rajothi Chicken	15.95
Spiced with tomatoes, green pepper and garam masala, garnished with pan fried mushrooms in garlic and butter	
Capsilla Chicken	15.95
Chicken tikka strips in a medium sauce with slices of green pepper and onions, garnished with pan fried mushrooms and egg	
Chicken Tamasha (with nan)	18.95
Tender whole breast of chicken carefully marinated, then cooked in a freshly made coriander sauce, with tomatoes, ginger root, garlic, mustard paste, served with strips of fried nan bread	
Chicken Tikka Korai	15.95
Korai dish, cooked with fried onions and capsicum	
Lamb Podina Gosht	15.95
Tender pieces of lamb, cooked in coriander seed, basil leaf, mint, lime leaf, lemon grass, ginger and garlic A deep rich flavoured medium dish	
Niligiri Lamb	15.95
Cooked with a delicious medium coriander and mint marinade to complement the lamb, with turmeric and ground cumin.	

Hot Dishes

Hyderabadi Lamb Naga 	15.95
Lamb pan cooked with capsicum and onion in a spicy hot sauce, with Naga chilli	
Garlic Chilli Chicken 	15.95
Chicken cooked with fresh garlic and fresh green chillies, spicy and hot dish	
Chicken Chettinad 	15.95
Chicken in a hot sauce of ginger, garlic, tomatoes, onions and coconut, a delicacy of the Chettinad homes in Madras (Chennai)	
Tikka Jalfrezi (Chicken/Lamb) 	14.95 / 15.95
Chicken or Lamb from the tandoor, cooked in a delicious hot sauce with fresh green chillies	

Old Favourites

Chicken £13.95, Lamb £14.50, Prawn £14.50, King Prawn £16.50	
Madras 	
Cooked in garlic with a blend of spices, hot	
Vindaloo 	
Cooked in garlic with a blend of spices and potatoes, very hot	
Kurma	
A very mild dish cooked in coconut and cream	
Dhansak 	
Prepared with lentils, fresh coriander, lemon and aromatic spices, producing distinctive flavour, hot, sweet and sour	
Rogan Josh	
Spiced with Capsicum, onion and herbs garnished with tomatoes	
Bhuna	
Medium dish cooked with tomatoes and onions	
Saag	
Cooked with spinach, spring onion and lightly flavoured garlic	
Dupiaza	
Medium dish, cooked with tomatoes and extra onions	
Jalfrezi 	
Cooked with fresh green chillies in a hot sauce	

Seafood Specials

King Prawn Rezala	17.95
Tandoori king prawns spiced with ginger & garlic in medium spicy sauce	
Chingri Shatkari 🍲	18.95
King prawns cooked with mixed herbs and spices, with Naga chilli, a hot and deep flavour	
Salmon Macher Bhuna	16.95
Fillet of salmon cooked in our popular bhuna sauce with medium spices	
Macher Jhol	14.95
Delicious chunks of white fish fillet cooked in a medium curry sauce	
Kazana-Ke-Malabar Coast	19.95
A medley of seafood, mild to medium with white crab meat, king prawns, calamari, white fish and coconut milk	

Balti Dishes

Cooked with fresh coriander and fenugreek in a rich aromatic spicy sauce and served in a balti dish

Chicken or Lamb	14.95 / 15.95
Raj Special Balti (Chicken, Lamb & Prawn)	15.95
Chicken Tikka Masala Balti	15.95
Tandoori King Prawn Balti	16.95
Vegetable Balti 🍃	13.95

Vegetarian Dishes

Begun Masala	13.95
Pan fried aubergine cooked with mixed spices, in a medium sauce	
Rajma Maahn	13.95
Mixed vegetables with lentils and red kidney beans stir fried in a medium sauce	
Aloo Begun	13.95
Aubergines and potatoes in medium sauce	
Vegetable Passanda	13.95
Mild with cream, yoghurt and red wine	
Paneer Jalpuri	13.95
Indian cheese with capsicum, julienne of onion and garlic	
Vegetable Korai	12.50
Vegetables cooked with fried onions and green peppers	
Vegetable Jalfrezi 🍲 / Dhansak 🍲 / Kurma	12.50

Tandoori Dishes

From the Tandoor (Clay Oven), served with salad, no sauce

Tandoori Chicken	13.95
Half chicken on the bone, marinated with tandoori spices	
Tikka (Chicken or Lamb)	13.95 / 15.50
Diced chicken or lamb, marinated in herbs and yoghurt	
Chicken Tikka Shashlick	15.50
Diced chicken, green peppers, tomatoes & onions	
Tandoori King Prawn Shashlick	19.95
King Prawns from the tandoor, with green peppers, tomatoes & onions	
Raj Special Shashlick	19.95
Pieces of chicken, lamb and king prawns cooked with roast tomatoes, green peppers & onions	
Tandoori Mixed Grill (with nan)	21.95
Pieces of tandoori chicken, chicken tikka, lamb tikka, sheek kebab	

Biryani Dishes

Lightly spiced and cooked together with basmati rice and served with a vegetable curry

Raj Special Biryani	17.50
(Chicken, Lamb & Prawn)	
Chicken Biryani	15.50
Chicken Tikka Biryani	16.50
Lamb Biryani	16.50
Prawn Biryani	15.50
King Prawn Biryani	17.50
Vegetable Biryani 🍃	14.50

Side Dishes

Mixed Vegetable Curry	4.95
Bombay Aloo (potatoes)	5.50
Mushroom Bhaji	5.50
Brinjal Bhaji (aubergines)	6.10
Bhindi Bhaji (okra)	6.10
Onion Bhaji	5.50
Saag Bhaji (spinach)	5.50
Saag Aloo (spinach & potatoes)	5.95
Aloo Gobi (potato & cauliflower)	5.95
Chana Masala (chick peas)	5.75
Tarka Dall (lentils)	5.75
Cauliflower Bhaji	5.95
Saag Paneer (cheese & spinach)	5.75
Chilli Paneer	5.95

Rice & Sundries

Rice	3.75
Pilau Rice	3.95
Mushroom Pilau	4.95
Special Pilau (egg & peas)	4.95
Keema Rice	4.95
Coconut Rice	4.95
Vegetable Rice	4.95
Raitha	2.15
Chutneys & Pickles	1.00
Salad	3.75
Chips	4.50

Breads

Plain Nan	3.85
Peshwari Nan	4.50
Garlic Nan	4.50
Keema Nan	4.50
Cheese Nan	4.95
Paratha	4.50
Chapathi	3.95

Continental Dishes

Chicken Nuggets & Chips	11.95
Fish and Chips	13.95
Omelette and Chips 🍃	11.95