

The Jewel of Davie Village

INDIA BISTRO

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This is it : your first sunset after flying into massive, fantastical Mumbai. You're refreshed, gussied up, eager for a moon-heavy tropical night in an exotic, scurrying, ancient place. You go, and discover a culture of astonishing hospitality playing an immense symphony everywhere.

There's always unbeatable sidewalk snacks and memorable café lunches. Never forget the local high-tone, though. Look for luscious, imaginative fare served in good-natured splendour, following the spirit of a country that had all but welcomed you with a rank of kneeling elephants decked in gold and scarlet streamers.

Try this : Mumbai has all but landed, streamers and all, here in Vancouver's **West End**, calling itself the **INDIA BISTRO** on **Davie Street**. Our city nearly swims in curry house menus and sidewalk samosas, but this place furnishes the impeccable sort of difference that makes an Indian dinner a new experience all over again. Above all, try one of the

sizzlers - your waiter will sail it out of the kitchen on a platter trailing aromatic curlicues of steam. At your table it arrives, all but singing opera.

The Bistro's top man, **Kamal Mroke**, insures that **Copper Chimney's** renown success at Indian fusion prevails. He hired the famous flair of **Gerry Goguen** to be captain of conviviality. He lends the bright, personable touch, with a timely cackle or two.

What do you expect from an Indian restaurant? Whatever it is, look beyond. Look to salmon like you've never known it. Try their emphatically original recipe for trout, the most pleasing of surprises.

The menu avoids the easy and familiar shores, even when it comes to beef and chicken. As for lamb and seafood, expect journeys to unique terrain.

These are the hills that, once visited, will always call you back.

Open 5 PM to 1 AM - Credit Cards & Interac - fully licensed.

See you there.

- Rowan Springfontaine '05