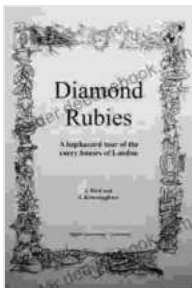


A Haphazard Tour of the Curry Houses of London

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London, a melting pot of cultures from around the world, is renowned for its diverse culinary scene. Among the many culinary treasures that the city has to offer, its curry houses stand out as a testament to the rich heritage and flavors of South Asia. From humble street food stalls to elegant fine dining establishments, London's curry houses cater to every palate and budget, offering an unparalleled opportunity to explore the vibrant world of Indian, Pakistani, and Bangladeshi cuisine.



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Inspired by a desire to delve into the heart of London's curry culture, I embarked on a haphazard culinary adventure, venturing into the city's many neighborhoods in search of hidden gems and delectable experiences. My journey took me from the bustling streets of Brick Lane to

the hidden corners of Southall, from the traditional flavors of Whitechapel to the modern interpretations of Mayfair.

My first stop was Brick Lane, the epicenter of London's curry scene. Here, amidst the vibrant street art and lively atmosphere, I stumbled upon Tayyabs, a legendary restaurant known for its authentic Pakistani dishes. The air was thick with the tantalizing aroma of spices as I stepped inside, and I was immediately greeted with a warm welcome by the friendly staff. I ordered the lamb chops, which arrived sizzling on a hot plate, accompanied by a generous portion of fluffy naan bread. The meat was tender and succulent, infused with a complex blend of spices that danced on my palate. The naan, freshly made and piping hot, was the perfect companion to mop up every last drop of the flavorful sauce.

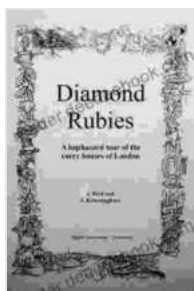
Next, I ventured into the heart of Southall, a vibrant neighborhood known for its large South Asian population. Here, I discovered the delights of Ravi Shankar, a family-run restaurant serving traditional Punjabi cuisine. The menu was extensive, featuring a wide range of dishes from classic curries to tandoori specialties. I opted for the chicken tikka masala, a beloved dish that has become synonymous with Indian cuisine. The chicken was tender and juicy, marinated in a creamy tomato-based sauce that was both flavorful and comforting. The dish was served with a side of fluffy rice, which I eagerly soaked up every last bit of the sauce.

From Southall, I made my way to Whitechapel, a historic neighborhood with a rich culinary heritage. Here, I visited the legendary Aladin, a restaurant that has been serving authentic Bangladeshi cuisine for over 30 years. The atmosphere was warm and inviting, with traditional Bangladeshi music playing in the background. I ordered the hilsa fish curry, a specialty of the

region. The fish was cooked to perfection, flaky and tender, and the curry sauce was rich and flavorful, with a subtle hint of mustard oil. The dish was accompanied by a generous portion of plain rice, which I used to savor every last bit of the delicious sauce.

My final stop was Mayfair, an affluent neighborhood known for its high-end restaurants and luxury boutiques. Here, I visited the award-winning Tamarind, a modern Indian restaurant that has earned a reputation for its innovative and sophisticated cuisine. The menu was a work of art, featuring dishes that showcased the finest ingredients and techniques. I decided to indulge in the chef's tasting menu, a culinary journey that took me through a series of exquisite dishes. Each course was a masterpiece, showcasing the chef's creativity and mastery of Indian flavors. The standout dish was the black truffle naan, a decadent interpretation of the classic Indian bread that was both visually stunning and incredibly delicious.

My haphazard tour of London's curry houses was a culinary adventure that left me with a deep appreciation for the diversity and richness of South Asian cuisine. From the humble street food stalls to



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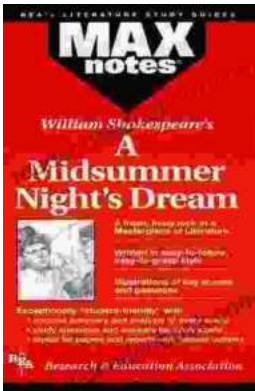
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