



THE BLISS AT THE BRIDGE

It's not a big surprise that X2 River Kwai Resort is on countless people's list, with its unbeatable riverside setting and dazzling design, making a dream destination come true. Actually, the sheer tranquillity is not all it has to offer – delectable dishes are definitely the appeal that make people fall in love even more with this utopian hideaway.

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At groovy X2 River Kwai Resort, there is only one well-rounded outlet, The Bridge Bar & Bistro, which serves Thai and Western dishes in a bistro fashion – casual and rustic – answering to its concept of “unpretentious luxury”, with a good range of cocktails and drinks on the menu. The airy restaurant is surrounded by verdant garden, overseeing the sedative River Kwai. You may dine inside with the handsome industrial interior design for a laid-back atmosphere, or you may spend a fresh morning having a fabulous sparkling wine breakfast outside and feel the crisp, dewy air – just have it the way you like it.

When it comes to food here, it is difficult to pick just one. For an appetiser, I would suggest you never miss trying these: crispy Prawn Fritters (THB 220), deep-fried bouncy

prawns covered with cornflakes and served with rich ranch dip; Salad Nicoise (THB 320), a big bowl of salad with pan-seared tuna, boiled egg, organic greens, and other health-loving veggies, topped with Dijon mustard dressing; and Prawn Bisque Soup (THB 220), which is a gigantic must, as it tastes so heavenly.

The moreish menu of main dishes may sound simple, but, after having tried many of them, my recommendation goes to Spicy Seafood Spaghetti (THB 320), as its zest is uniquely amazing; tender Pork Chop (THB 450) that seamlessly combines different flavours and constitutes a little palatable paradise on a plate; and Lemony Risotto (THB 480), delicately creamy asparagus-packed risotto served with pan-seared salmon steak or grilled river prawns (this one, trust me, will make you crave more). For the tastes of

Thailand, the bistro is doing it right by serving world-favourite Thai dishes like classic Tom Yum Goong or Talay (THB 320), spicy Tom Saap with beef (THB 250); and one-off X2 Pad Thai topped with big river prawns (THB 280).

A pleasing meal is not done without some sweetness. So, even though your stomach is filled, just keep going with some sugary euphoria! Try Mango Sticky Rice (THB 200), which comes in a camera-ready package containing joy that melts in your mouth; Banana Minions (THB 200), crispy and puffy flatbread topped with caramelised banana and vanilla ice cream; and warm and juicy Strawberry Crumble (THB 200).

Apart from the wonderful dishes, The Bridge Bar & Bistro also serves classic and special cocktails with a great choice of booze. However, I find cocktails, as well as mocktails, here somewhat too sweet for me, so I would go for bottles of beer instead. Also, using high-quality coffee beans from a top-notch roaster, sipping an aromatic cup of coffee at this unfussy living room is a good idea for one fine afternoon.

Whether you are spending a night at X2 River Kwai Resort or just visiting Kanchanaburi, less than two hours away from Bangkok, The Bridge Bar & Bistro welcomes you with exceptional delights which it is happy to offer. ☺

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