Restaurants

Vocabulary on Food and Restaurants

1 strawberries  11 limes  20 plantains  30 nectarines
2 cranberries  12 lemon  21 bananas  31 pears
3 blackberries  13 clementines  22 papaya  32 plums
4 rapsberries  14 cantaloup BrE  23 lychee  33 kiwi fruit
5 gooseberries  15 watermelon  24 passion fruit  34 cherries
6 grapes  16 honeydew melon  25 starfruit  35 apricots
7 blueberries  17 pineapple  26 persimmons  36 apples
8 loganberries  18 mango  27 quinces
9 oranges  19 coconuts  28 figs
10 grapefruit
Taking a Reservation

- **Finding out what the client wants:**
  - For what time?
  - For how many?
  - Who’s the reservation for?

- **Giving the client information about restaurant hours:**
  - I’m sorry, we’re not open on (day).
  - We (open, close) at (time).
  - We’re open until (time).

- **Refusing a reservation:**
  - I’m sorry, there aren’t any tables left for (time), but we can give you a table at (time).
  - I’m sorry, the restaurant’s full.

Receiving the Diner

- **Seating the client:**
  - Have you got a reservation?
  - Would you like to (could you) come with me, please?
  - Would you like to (could you) follow me, please?
  - Will this table be all right?
  - Would you like to (prefer, rather) sit (near the window)?
  - Where would you like to sit?
  - You can (may) sit where you like.
  - I’m sorry, that (this) table is already reserved.
  - I’ll bring you (the menu).
  - Your table’s ready now.

- **Telling the client there isn’t a table:**
  - You can (sit, have a drink, wait) in the bar if you like and we’ll call you when we have a table.
  - I’m sorry, the restaurant is full now. We can (might be able to) seat you in (time).

Taking an Order

- **Asking the client if he’s ready to order:**
  - Are you ready to order?
  - Would you like to order now?
  - Have you (decided, chosen) what you’d like?

- **Asking the client what he’d like to have:**
  - What would you like? (to have, to drink)?
  - Would you (like, care for) (a, some) … before (dinner, lunch)?
  - Would you like something to drink?
  - What kind of (food, beverage) would you like?
  - What would you like with that?

- **Telling the client what he can have:**
  - (Today), we’ve got …
  - Today’s special is …
  - (The chef’s, our) specialty(ies) (is, are) …
  - For a continental breakfast which is included in the price of the room, you can have …
  - We’ve got a choice of …
- (Everything’s) à la carte.
- We’ve got (there’s) a set menu.
- You can choose from the …
- We have a buffet. You can have all (you want, you’d like) for (price).
- (It’s, that’s they’re) (served) with …
- I think we can fix (one, some) up for you …
- I’ll ask in the kitchen.
  • Telling the client what he can’t have:
    - I’m sorry, there (aren’t, isn’t) any …, we haven’t got (a, any) …
    - I’m sorry, (there isn’t, we haven’t got) (any left, any more) …
  • Asking the client how he’d like something:
    - How would you like (that, it, them)?
    - How would you like (that, it, them) (prepared, done)?
    - Would you like (that, it, them) …?
    - Would you like (that, it, them) with …?
    - Would you like (a little, a, some, a lot of) … with (that, it, them)?
  • Recommending something to the client:
    - Perhaps (I could recommend, you’d like, you might like) (a, some, a little) …
    - I would (recommend, suggest) (a, some) …
    - Why don’t you try (a, some) …
    - It’s (very good, delicious) …
    - (The) … (is, are) (very good, delicious).
  • Finding out if everything’s all right:
    - Is everything (satisfactory, all right)?
    - How’s the …?
    - Would you like anything else?
    - Will that be all?

Paying the Bill
- to pay in cash
- to pay by traveller’s cheque
- to pay in foreign currency
- to pay by credit card
- Credit cards are not accepted.
- We can take a cheque with a banker’s card.
- Do you want it all on the same bill or do you want to pay separately?
- There is a cover charge.
- Service is included.
- What seems to be the trouble?
- I think you’ll find that is correct.