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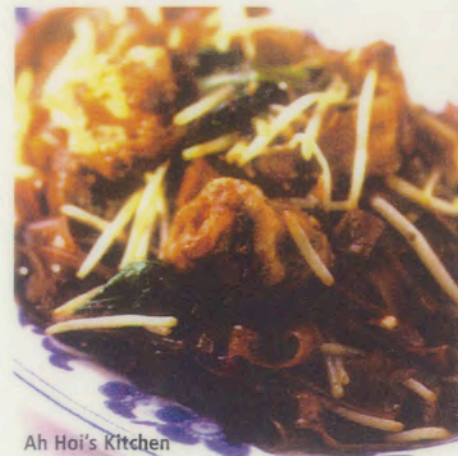
Singapore



downtown Orchard



Orchard Road



Ah Hoi's Kitchen



Les Amis

ORCHARD

AH HOI'S KITCHEN

Local. Not all the best Chinese seafood is dished up stallside in Serangoon—Ah Hoi's Kitchen is one of our favorite hotel eateries for Sri Lankan crabs and black pepper kway teow. With refurbished tables, porcelain chopstick holders, plates, bowls and spoons, everything reeks of nostalgia—except the prices. Location, quality ingredients and the poolside view more than mitigates, though. 4/F, Traders Hotel, 1A Cuscaden Rd., 6831-4373. Open daily noon-2:30pm, 6:30-10:30pm (last order). ♣ smart casual. ♣ in hotel. ☎. AE,DC,MC,V. \$\$.



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LES AMIS ★

French. Arguably the best known and most revered TFF (traditional French food) restaurant in Singapore, Les Amis is where you feel exclusive, special and in-the-know. It's vital to book in advance for a taste of Maine lobster linguine and wild mushroom cappuccino, done to perfection in this tiny, designer space. Related to Au Jardin (EJH Corner House, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 6466-8812)

and Amuse Bouche (#01-03, 1 Raffles Link, 6338-6881). #02-16 Shaw Centre, 1 Scotts Rd., 6733-2225. Open Mon-Sat noon-2pm (last order), 7-10pm (last order). ♣ smart elegant. ♣ in building. ☎. AE,DC,MC,V. \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$.

AOKI RESTAURANT NEW

Japanese. Tiny yet sophisticated Aoki serves up impeccable, premium Japanese cuisine under a modern banner. Look forward to kaiseki, sushi, sashimi, sukiyaki, sabu sabu and tempura. Premium sake and French wines are available for pairing with the exquisite food. #02-17 Shaw Centre, 1 Scotts Rd., 6333-8015. Open Mon-Sat noon-3pm (last seating 2:30pm), 6:30-11pm (last seating 10:30pm); Sun 6:30-11pm (last seating 10:30pm). Closed last Sun every month. ♣ smart elegant. ♣ in building. ☎. AE,DC,MC,V. \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$.

BAKER'S INN

International. The house special otak bruschetta is excellent, but portions tend to be petite. The sweets here are famous, in particular the cream puff, apple strudel, macaroons, chocolate Amer cake, warm soufflé—just about everything, in fact. #01-17 The Atrium @ Orchard, 60B Orchard Rd., 6336-6006. Also at #01-03/10 Merchant Square, 51 Merchant Rd., 6455-8885; and #01-07/60 United Square, 101 Thomson Rd., 6251-5550. Open daily Sun-Thu 10:30am-11pm (last order 10:30pm); Fri-Sat 10:30am-midnight (last order 11:30pm). ♣ ♣ in building. ☎ for weekends. ☎. MC,V. \$\$.

BIG O NEW

International. You can hear Big O even before you see it—located opposite N.Y.D.C, this sister restaurant of the perennial favorite cheesecake joint is similarly packed, and boisterous. Everything here is big, from the menu to the sleeping teapots. Comforting food in the form of spit roast items, such as bacon wrapped chicken leg and anise and coriander spiced duck, provide good value for money. The desserts, of course, are faultless. #02-04/05 Wheelock Place, 501 Orchard Rd., 6737-8472. Open Sun-Thu 11:30am-10:30pm; Fri-Sat 11:30am-11pm. ♣ ♣ in building. ☎. AE,MC,V. \$\$.



Get a \$10 Big O gift voucher (redeemable on next visit) with minimum bill of \$50 in a single receipt.

BLOODCAFE ★

International. Put fashion and cafe together, and blend well—what you get is this cool cafe in the back of clothing boutique ProjectShopBloodBros, with food that's rather more substantial than the store's pared-down designs. Body conscious customers drop by for a menu best described as modern with inspired Asian touches. The Blood Caesar and house salad are spectacular. An all-time star is the laksa pesto fettuccine, which we hope