

Eating out on Arcot Road

Eating out is serious business in Chennai, and no number of hotels and restaurants are enough to keep Chennaiites' appetite for more variety satiated...

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As if to cater to this demand, Arcot Road itself boasts of several big and small restaurants and hotels, new and old. It starts with Liberty Park Hotel, next to Liberty Theatre in Kodambakkam, on the one end to Namma Veedu on the other.

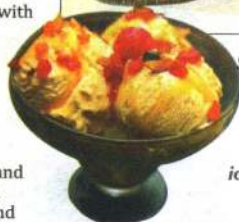
Liberty Park has two restaurants – *Banjara* for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and *Rooftop*, which serves dinner. Both are multi-cuisine, veg and non-veg, and have a big spread. The hotel also has a bar, open from 11 am to 11 pm, and lodge facilities. There are two banquet halls.

Hotel Aditya in Vadapalani has a 24-hour coffee shop, called *The Gourmet Restaurant*. *AllSpice*, their multi-cuisine restaurant, serves lunch and dinner. On The Rocks, their bar, is open from 11 to 11. The hotel has three banquets and conference room.

Hotel Maurya International, a little further down, has a 24 hours, multicuisine restaurant, open 24 hours, serving breakfast,



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lunch, snacks and dinner, and *Marshal's*, its permit room. It has one conference/banquet facility.

Saravana Bhavan, located near the Vadapalani temple, like everywhere else, is multi-cuisine, serving breakfast, lunch, snacks and dinner. The highlight here is the ice cream parlour where *Saravana Bhavan's* own brand of crushed real fruit ice cream prices starting from Rs. 23.



fruit is crushed with ice and no artificial colours or flavours are added to this.

Namma Veedu Vasantha Bhavan near Vadapalani bus stand is forever teeming with people. Strategically located and serving Indian and Chinese fare at reasonable costs, it is a popular stopover for people of this area. The fact that it is part of a chain of restaurants across the city also adds to its credibility.

Arcot Road also boasts of a 4-star restaurant and hotel in *The Green Park*. Sprawling over five acres in the heart of the city, this place boasts of spacious parking at three levels. *Tulips* serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Lunch and dinner are multicuisine and cost about Rs 400 nett. While the former is a la carte, the latter is a buffet spread. For dinner, there are seven types of cuisine served here, one for each day.

Once Upon A Time serves lunch and dinner. Lunch has a good spread and is called *Tycoons*. Dinner is a la carte with a good spread.

There is a new poolside restaurant called *Roast & Grills*, while *Club Mustang* lounge bar is open 11 to 11. The pub, *Escape*, is open from 3 to 11.

Green Park has nine banquet halls that can accommodate from 15 to 2,000 people.

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