



Governor General Dupleix, the greatest Governor & General of the French Indian Army

MENU | with a brief tour of Pondichéry

GOING ORGANIC

Our rice, wheat and all other grains and dals are organic. The spices and oils are organic. We source our fish from the local small fishermen: it's fresh, wild and clean. Our chicken is organic and free range. You will love the freshness and the taste.

Le Dupleix is one of the leading hotels in the movement to go organic.



The restaurant at Le Dupleix features signature dishes based on seasonal availability.

Menu items and prices are subject to change.

PLEASE ALLOW US 20-25 MINUTES FOR YOUR ORDER

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| SOUP

Chilled Gazpacho

traditional Spanish cold soup from the Andalusian region

we suggest Sula Sauvignon Blanc | Rs. 450

275

Soba Noodles Soup (Veg / Chicken)

perfectly flavored Japanese style broth, buckwheat noodles, sprouts, fresh coriander

we suggest Sula Riesling | Rs. 500

325/350

| SALAD

Pondichéry Beach Salad

fresh fruits, creamy organic goat cheese from Auroville and nuts

we suggest Jacobs Creek Shiraz Chardonnay | Rs. 600

350

- Chicken Caesar Salad

romaine lettuce, parmesan, anchovies and pesto bruschetta

we suggest Sula Brut 375 ml | Rs. 1600

450

Fresh Crispy Salad (Veg / Chicken)

freshest garden greens, croutons, cheese, healthy seeds and balsamic reduction

we suggest Jacobs Creek Shiraz Chardonnay | Rs. 600

350/425

| APPETIZERS

- Tiger Prawns Tempura

Japanese style batter fried Pondichéry sea prawns with umami dip

we suggest Sula Brut 375ml | Rs. 1600

650

- Barbequed Smoked Chicken Wings

perfectly glazed with a sprinkle of sweet paprika

we suggest Sula Sauvignon Blanc | Rs. 450

425

- Bacon Wrapped Prawns

Pondichéry sea prawns served with sweet and tangy tamarind dip

we suggest Fratelli Classic Chenin Blanc | Rs. 400

650

Assorted Vegetable Tempura

Japanese style batter fried with zucchini, aubergine, leeks, friggitelli peppers

we suggest Sula Sauvignon Blanc | Rs. 450

325

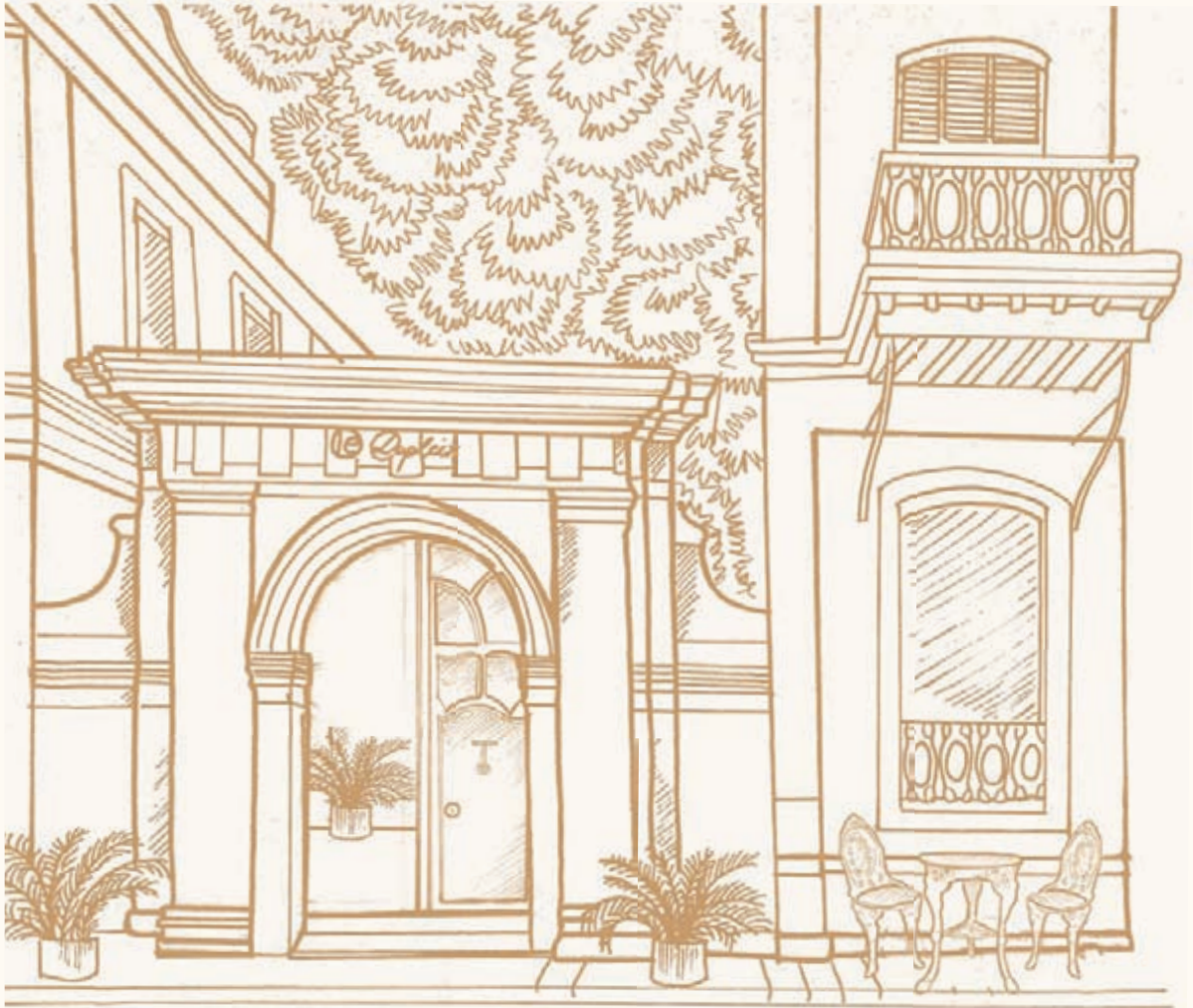
Bruschetta and Crostone

tomato concasse and olive tapenade & molten cheese on homemade toasted bread

we suggest Black Tower Riesling | Rs. 650

325

*Taxes as applicable, We levy 10% service charge



THE LE DUPEIX GATE

One of the earliest and most famous gates of Pondich ry, seen in several old paintings and photographs, was preserved at Le Dupleix through the efforts of a team of Pondich ry lovers, Hidesign and INTACH.

MAINS

Vegetarian

Homemade Ravioli (Butter and Sage / Basil Pesto) <i>Tuscan Ravioli stuffed with homemade ricotta cheese and spinach</i> we suggest Sula Savignon Blanc Rs. 450	550
Quiche with Blue Cheese and Walnuts <i>savory oven flan filled with organic Auroville cheese, spinach and walnuts</i> we suggest Sula Riesling Rs. 500	425
Pasta Arrabiata <i>tomato sauce with chili flakes and herbs</i> we suggest Zonin Chardonnay Italy Rs. 700	425

MAINS

Non-Vegetarian

Confit de Poulet <i>classic French slow cooked organic herb chicken, spring vegetables and pur�e Robuchon</i> we suggest Grover Cabernet Shiraz Rs. 400	645
Lobster Le Dupleix <i>Pondich�ry lobster meat gratinated with Kashmiri saffron b�chamel served with lemon parsley risotto</i> we suggest Jacobs Creek Shiraz Chardonnay Rs. 600	1750
Pan Seared Tenderloin <i>fondant potatoes, spring vegetables, red wine jus</i> we suggest Andes Merlot Rs. 600	695
Le Dupleix Seafood Grill <i>grilled sand lobster, prawns, calamari and grilled red snapper with olives and tomato bruschetta</i> we suggest Sula Sauvignon Blanc Rs. 450	1200
Prawn, Lemon and Dill Risotto / Fettucini <i>lemon and dill flavored risotto cooked with prawns</i> we suggest Fratelli Classic Chenin Blanc Rs. 450	650

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INDIAN

Mains

● Handpulled Butter Chicken	475
<i>char grilled tandoori chicken hand pulled and cooked in tomato makhni gravy</i>	
● Fish Moilee	600
<i>fish with tandoori crushed potatoes, coconut moilee gravy and crispy okra</i>	
Kadhai Mushroom Mutter Masala	425
<i>mildly spiced curry made with farm fresh mushrooms & green peas</i>	
Paneer Makhani	425
<i>cottage cheese cooked in a rich and creamy gravy of onion, tomatoes, cream and spices</i>	
Dal Makhani	295
<i>black lentils simmered overnight blended with spices, fresh tomato purée, cream and butter</i>	
Dal Tadka	250
<i>yellow lentils tempered with ginger, garlic, cumin and red chili</i>	
● Gosht Biryani	575
<i>fragrant Indian spiced rice preparation, cooked with mutton, served with raita</i>	
● Murgh Biryani	485
<i>fragrant Indian spiced rice preparation, cooked with chicken, served with raita</i>	
Steamed Rice	200
Naan / Roti / Mint Paratha	115

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INDIAN

Clay Oven Kebab

Palak Kaju Tawa Kebab	415
<i>spinach, cheddar and cashew nut kebab served with sundried tomato chutney</i>	
Kashmiri Lal Mirchi Ka Tikka	450
<i>cottage cheese marinated with red chillies and Indian spices, cooked over charcoal</i>	
● Sher-E-Chicken Kebab	450
<i>chunks of chicken marinated in tangy yogurt and cooked over charcoal</i>	
● Bay of Bengal Prawns Cooked Tandoori Style	750
<i>prawns marinated in Indian spices and cooked in clay oven</i>	
● Olive Tapenade Fish Tikka	575
<i>olive, garlic and capers marinated tandoori fish kebabs</i>	

DESSERTS

Tiramisu	325
<i>italian traditional dessert with a kick of espresso and brandy</i>	
Baked New York Cheese Cake	300
<i>cream cheese and eggs come together in this rich smooth dessert</i>	
Crème Caramel	250
<i>classic French custard with a layer of clear caramel sauce</i>	
Homemade Ice Cream	200
<i>belgian chocolate, rum & raisin, vanilla.</i>	
Dark Chocolate Brownies	300
<i>served with homemade vanilla ice cream</i>	

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The making of the hotel



Situated in the heart of the old “Ville Blanche” (white town) of Pondichéry, Le Dupleix occupies the residence of the former town Mayor. Constructed in the 18th century the building stands white and majestic on one of the most important corners of the French town.

| THE ORIGINAL BUILDING : 19TH CENTURY

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The original building, once the house of Mayor of Pondichéry, later the founding atelier of Hidesign and home to its founder, Dilip Kapur.



The original gate of Le Dupleix has been lovingly refinished. One of the most famous gates of French Pondichéry, it is often to be seen in paintings and images of French Pondichéry.

| THE RENOVATION



An innovative team led its renovation: Dimitri Klein, the Parisian marketing wizard, Niels, the Franco-German architect who came from Paris to lead the renovation, Jean François Lesage, whose embroideries give the hotel its charm (and to most of the luxury brands for the last century) and the active advice of INTACH.



Every room is different, with antique furniture collected over a lifetime.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF GOVERNOR AND GENERAL DUPEIX

Marquis Joseph François Dupleix was a complex man. He inspired both praise and scorn. But this man of vaulting ambition was one of France's greatest generals, and changed the course of history in India.



EARLY CAREER

At the age of 18, he embarked on a ship from the Compagnie Des Indes (the French equivalent of British East India company), and for two years he roamed India and the Americas.

A BRILLIANT GENERAL AND NAWAB



Dupleix was nominated governor of French India, with its capital in Pondichéry, by Louis XV because of his brilliant work in extending the rule and trade of French India. He was married the next year to Jeanne Albert, a Hindu Indo-French beauty who spoke Tamil and several other languages.



In 1742, at a very pompous ceremony Dupleix was declared Nawab, the greatest power in South India.



| FALL FROM GRACE



Unfortunately, jealousy drove the French court in Paris to betray Dupleix. He was called back and humiliated in Paris. Both his wife and Dupleix died penniless and dishonoured.



The man who dreamt of giving his country the greatest empire, overcoming all through his courage and genius, was betrayed and thrown to the wolves by the French king. This ended the French ambition in India, leaving Pondicherry to dream of its heyday of glory and power.