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GOING on a date? Need to impress some business partner? A simple restaurant won't do. No, no, no. Fine dining is the answer - where you can just relax, enjoy the magnificent service and of course, taste the best food in Yangon. Fine dining is still the way to put 'aspiring' in 'aspiring class'. Check our list, call your date and enjoy.

1. The Strand restaurant

The historical dining room, led by the excellent Chef Patrick, shows his culinary experiences in great European and French cuisines. The restaurant seats 40 people but there are more private rooms. The hotel announced there will be a special four course dinner on November 23, at 120US\$ per person. Open only Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6:30pm forward.

No. 92, Strand road, Kyauktada township, Yangon. 01 243 377

2. House of Memories

The colonial villa where General Aung San's once had an office, is a nice place for people who love Myanmar cuisine. The atmosphere is cozy and unique, and you can also check out some memorabilia of the General. Open daily 7am to 9pm.

No. 290, U Wisaya road, Kamaryut township, Yangon. 01 534242

3. Le Planteur Restaurant and Bar

Opened in 1998, this fine dining restaurant was previously on Kabaraye Pagoda road. Excelling with their amazing cuisines and services, they then moved to the bank of Inya Lake which is more beautiful with a lovely sunset view. Inspired by Myanmar handicrafts, it is decorated with taste and wines are well worth checking. Open daily from 11:30am to 11:30pm.

No. 80, University Avenue road, Bahan township, Yangon. 01 514230

4. SEEDS Restaurant and Lounge

The restaurant is situated on Inya lake and holds many favourable reviews with excellent marks. Leaving the rainy days of Yangon, SEEDS celebrates the dry season with a lazy sunset Sunday event every Sunday from November 11. With free flow drinks and finger snacks plus a DJ, it costs only 25US\$ per person for the event from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Open daily from 11am to 11pm.

No. 63 A, U Tun Nyein road, Mayangone township, Yangon. 09 972784841

5. Mandalay Restaurant at Belmond Governor's Residence

The restaurant is in the oasis area of the Belmond Governor's residence, residing next to a small green forest and pool. Myanmar cuisines are the famous theme of the Mandalay restaurant and customers appreciate it. The decoration and atmosphere is highly unique compared to most places. Open daily from 6am to 10:30pm.

No. 35, Taw Win road, Dagon township, Yangon. 01 2302092

6. Kipling's Restaurant

The restaurant is inside the Savoy hotel. For the wine lovers, it is great chance to date at Kipling's where you can try wines from all over the world. Normally, the wine tasting event cost only 40US\$ per person and customers really savour the experience. Open daily from 6pm.

No. 129, Dhammazedhi road, Bahan township, Yangon. 01 526 289

7. E'cucina Italian Restaurant

Another Italian Restaurant which is currently famous for fine dining is E'cucina which is being handled by Chef Nicolino from Italy. Handmade Italian spaghetti, seafood with Brandy and a unique atmosphere with Italian flavours attracts a range of eager customers. Open daily from 12pm to 10:30pm.

No. 65, corner of Sule Pagoda and Merchant road, Kyauktada township, Yangon.

01 382963

8. Orng Kitchen

Chef Orng is always introducing new dishes, doing it creatively and tastefully. It combines international cuisines with organic Myanmar products. The Chef personally invites you for the upcoming seafood night on November 16 at Orng Kitchen. 100 per cent local fresh lobsters and oysters will be served as part of a six courses cuisine. Open daily from 6pm forward.

No. 1, U Sein Mg land, Kong Myint Thar Road, 7 Miles, Mayangone Township, Yangon. 09 771195020

9. Royal Pavilion

It is famous for its colourful, warm, delicious dim sum. With more than 60 types of dim sum on weekends, created by chef Ooi, you will love it. The great chef and team at the Royal kitchen gives their best in crafting, by hand, each dim sum, however, they do not neglect the roast duck in the Hong Kong style, being one of their specialties.

Open daily from 6pm forward.

Ground floor, Novotel Yangon Max, Pyay road, Kamaryut township, Yangon. 01 230 5858

10. Taing Yin Thar Myanmar national restaurant

Totally different from other dining restaurants - but it is great to taste the Myanmar nationalities' cuisines, which can be rare to come by. There are eight ethnic groups represented here and each has meaningful dishes for each season. Different traditional drinks and local wines are available. Open daily from 10am to 9:30pm.

No. 2/A, Kanbae Road, Yankin Township, Yangon. 09 787154799