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Tarrytown Indian Restaurant Under New Ownership

Swagat's luncheon combo buffet includes nearly 30 items and changes daily to entice customers to return frequently.

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[Swagat](#), an Indian restaurant in Tarrytown, has introduced an "All You Can Eat" buffet luncheon offering nearly 30 different items daily. The cost is \$9.95 per person; the buffet is available seven days a week.

Humayun Khan, who bought the restaurant in late October 2010, says that many of the items available will change daily to encourage return business. "The selections of appetizers, main courses, desserts and even the rice will be different from day to day," he pointed out. Humayun was a practicing physician in India for eight years before coming to America in 1990 and joining the staff of a hospital in Coney Island, NY.

The dishes served at Swagat trace their origins to the Mughal Empire which preceded the British Indian Empire and lasted from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century.

Typical buffet appetizers are Lamb Samosa (seasoned minced lamb in a crispy wrap) and chicken or lamb kababs cooked in a tandoor oven. The salads include a Katchumber salad (cucumber, tomato, red onion and mint) and a garden salad.

Vegetarian appetizers are always available and include:

- Samosa -- seasoned potatoes and peas stuffed in a crispy wrap
- Onion Bhajiya -- crisp light lentils and onion fritters
- Chana Chaat Papri -- chickpeas, potatoes in yogurt and tamarind blend
- Mixed Pakora -- fried vegetable fritters (cauliflower, onion, potato and spinach)

Typical buffet main courses include lamb and fish dishes and chicken specialties such as Chicken Shahi (chicken in Goan sauce with potatoes) and Chicken Karahi (chicken cooked in a wok with tomatoes, fresh ginger, herbs and spices).

Desserts too are rotated from day to day and include Ras Malai (sweet spongy cottage cheese balls in milk syrup), Gulab Jamun (light cheese balls in sugar syrup) and Kheer (rice pudding with pistachios and raisins).

Coffee and tea are included free of charge with the buffet lunch. Other beverages, provided by the restaurant's wait staff, can be ordered and include yogurt drinks priced from \$3.95 to \$4.95, Masaledar spiced ice tea at \$2.95, Tin Ranga (mango, cranberry and selzer) at \$3.95, juice, lemonade and soda. Alcoholic beverages are not served.

The buffet is available from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day. Not all items represent dishes on the regular menu. The name "Swagat" stands for "welcome."

Dinner service begins every night at 5 pm. Bring your own bottle and corkscrew. Ice buckets can be provided.

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