ADVENTURES ALONG THE SILK ROAD

COCKTAIL MEN

This menu whisks you along the ancient textile and spice route between the West & East, tasting exotic flavours along the way. It's our most adventurous tasting menu yet, and is sure to introduce you to new and exciting flavours.

<u>MEDITERRANEAN – BEGINNING THE JOURNEY</u> Kumquat/Vanilla/Citrus/Sorbet

We begin our journey, as countless ancient traders did, in the historic ports of the Mediterranean. This cocktail is a celebration of the Mediterranean's most ubiquitous flavour – citrus! This drink highlights the flavours of kumquat and lemon, served with homemade citrus sorbet.

<u>TURKEY – TRADITIONAL TEA BESIDE THE BOSPHORUS</u> Pear/Jasmine/Green Tea/Fig/Malic Acid

As we move further along our journey, we arrive at the gateway to Asia – Istanbul. Here, ancient tradition meets a modern metropolis. Along the banks of the mighty Bosphorus, locals sit, play card games and drink tea. Our adaption takes inspiration from these flavours to create an unusual but extremely drinkable creation.

<u>PAKISTAN – ANCIENT PAAN RITUAL IN LAHORE</u> Coconut/Paan spices/Honey/Raisin/Citrus

Paan sellers are a common sight around Pakistan. Paan usually contains betel or areca nut, which is a mild stimulant. This is then wrapped in a betel leaf along with sweet flavourings and spices. Our cocktail takes inspiration from these flavours to give a real taste of South Asia where Paan is a popular treat.

<u>SOUTH-EAST ASIA – TASTE OF INDOCHINA</u> Mango/Thai Holy Basil/Root Ginger/Citrus

As we push further into the far East, we arrive at the ancient jungles and settlements of Southeast Asia. Here we discover many fragrant herbs, fruits, and spices all of which conjure images of exotic places and cultures. We use mango infused vodka along with root ginger cordial and fresh Thai holy basil to create this delicious drink.

<u>INDONESIA – THE SPICE ISLANDS</u> Banana/Cinnamon/Guava/Cloves/Citrus

The Maluku islands in Eastern Indonesia, just West of Papua, were known as the spice islands due to their abundance of spices found only there, including mace, cloves and nutmeg. This drink pays homage to the spice trade and the islands that sparked the global use of these household spices.

<u>CHINA – FLAVOURS OF BEIJING</u> Rambutan/Roses/Fresh Cream

We finish our adventure in the historic Chinese capital – Beijing. Here we sample unusual flavour of rambutan, similar to a lychee but with a slightly drier, more floral flavour. We have paired this with white rum, rose and cream to create a deliciously sweet and creamy cocktail to end your Silk Road journey with.

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