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Kopitiam, Sandakan

No other place spoils you with gastronomic delights quite like Sandakan. Be it fresh seafood or delicious 'kopitiam' (coffee shop) fare, Sandakan has it all. This month, we invite you drop in at Kopitiam, one of the city's famous teabreak joints. Located in Bandar Kim Fung, Kopitiam has grown to be a Sandakan favourite ever since it opened its doors four years ago. Open daily from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, Kopitiam is particularly well known for its wide variety of fresh buns and roti (bread). The best time to visit is during tea time. A must-try is the cool butter kaya bun and roti kahwin (two fluffy slices of bread which make up a kaya and butter-filled sandwich). The egg and pineapple tarts are also a hit. Enjoy these tea time snacks with a glass of Teh C (coffee shop lingo for 'tea with milk'. Teh C Ping (ping = served with ice) or kopi O (black coffee). For a classic Sandakan tea time experience, head over to Kopitiam.

Kopitiam is located on the Ground Floor, Lot 10, Block A, Liberty Parade, Bandar Kim Fung, Mile 4, Sandakan. For more information, call 089-211126.



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GRAZIE Ristorante Pizzeria Café

Can't get enough of authentic Italian fare? Head over to GRAZIE Ristorante Pizzeria Café, located at Wawasan Plaza (next to the Celcom office, opposite MAA building). The restaurant is hard to miss with its terrace concept where diners can enjoy their meals al fresco. Chef and owner Salvatore Marcello said he wanted to create a stylish yet relaxed ambience for his patrons. Marcello, who hails from Milan, but with roots in southern Italy, has been in the F&B industry for more than 20 years. He has worked with various establishments, including the exclusive Club Med in Cannes, St. Moritz, Switzerland and other establishments in Europe. For GRAZIE, Marcello's menu features an impressive line-up of Italian specialties, from appetizers to desserts. The Costolette D'Agnello is a must-try: a delicious serving of rosemary lamb with a mouthwatering sauce. Also on the menu are Carpaccio di Tonno, Spaghetti Marinara Combo and Tonno al Cartoccio (yellow fin tuna marinated with balsamic vinegar, extra virgin olive oil, rosemary and baked in aluminum foil, served with grilled eggplant and roast potatoes). They also have a wide variety of pasta, from the traditional Bolognese to assorted seafood and king prawns. Of course, no Italian restaurant meal would be complete without an oven-stone pizza! We recommend the

Diavola, a delicious mix of beef pepperoni, chillies, tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese. For dessert, you cannot go wrong with the Fantasia di Mia Moglie (Fantasy of My Wife) – a fantastic combination of hot chocolate pudding with bananas. The result? A dessert made in heaven! A variety of appetizers start from RM4.80+, pizza from RM13.80+, pasta from RM13.80+, main courses from RM29.80+ and desserts at only RM7.80+. Enjoy a cup of freshly made espresso (with Italian coffee beans) or choose from a variety of traditional Italian wines. GRAZIE is currently offering a 3-course set lunch for only RM16.80+, which includes a choice of soup or garlic bread for starters, pizza or pasta as a main course and tiramisu for dessert. The restaurant also caters for private functions such as birthdays, and can seat up to 36 people. The restaurant lives up to its motto: Comfort, Cleanliness, Simplicity & Deliciousness. Find Italy in the heart of Kota Kinabalu, right here at GRAZIE!

GRAZIE is located at Lot 2-1-30G, Ground Floor, Level 1, Lorong Wawasan Plaza, Wawasan Plaza, Kota Kinabalu. Open for lunch and dinner from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm from Monday to Friday. Open for dinner from 9:00pm to 10:00pm on Saturday and Sunday (No lunch on weekends). To make reservations, please call 019 531 5246.



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