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Persian Pleasures

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Shamshiri Restaurant

When I first moved to Los Angeles to attend college in 1984, going out to eat on Sundays with my mom and sister was a special treat. We usually ended up in Westwood, where the Persian restaurants and markets are located.

Dining in fine Persian restaurants is still a treat for me and my family. One of our favorite restaurants is located in the heart of Westwood (lovingly dubbed Tehrangeles by my Persian friends). **Shamshiri** restaurant is a great place to meet, and eat affordable and tasty Persian food.

Since 1982 Shamshiri restaurant has offered a wide range of affordably priced lunch specials on weekdays in a homey atmosphere. The lunch specials (ranging from \$9.95 to \$12.95 during weekdays) include a choice of soup or salad.

You're also served a plate of sabzi (fresh herbs, red onions and radishes) with fresh baked bread from Shamshiri's stone oven upon sitting down.



Freshly Baked Bread and Sabzi



Shamshiri's stone oven

Shamshiri offers a long list of vegetarian and vegan dishes as well as the traditional Persian food faire (meat and kabob dishes).



The chefs can be seen grilling kabobs and tomatoes and other vegetables through the glass enclosed kitchen.



Chicken Kabobs and vegetables



Tomatoes on an open flame



My sister tried Baghali Polo (rice with fava beans) and chicken kabob.

I tried the chicken kabob with rice. I really liked the buttery rice with saffron and the smoky flame broiled tomato and vegetables.

The service was a little slow, but to be fair, the restaurant was packed with customers on that Friday afternoon.

I will definitely visit the restaurant again.



Included with our meals were the Shirazi salad (cucumber, onions, tomatoes and parsley salad with lemon juice and olive oil) and the Garden salad.

Exotic desserts and a full wine bar are also available on the menu.

Shamshiri is located on 1712 Westwood Boulevard in Los Angeles, California.

(310) 474-1410.

Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Walk-ins are fine, but reservations are recommended for groups of 6 or more, especially on weekends. Children welcome. Street parking only. Delivery available within 3 miles. For a full list of dishes and prices check out their website: Shamshiri.com

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