

# Massaman Curry Thai Menu

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- **Massaman Curry:** A Thai curry that is
- Basmati Rice
- Thai Salad
  - Green Papaya Salad
  - Asian Cucumber Salad
- Starters
  - Fresh Spring Rolls
  - Samossa
  - Dips
- Beverages
  - Thai Beer or SE Asian beer

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**Main Course: Thai Massaman Curry (Chicken or Beef)** **Key Ingredients:** Boneless beef short ribs or chicken thighs, Yukon Gold potatoes, onions, coconut milk, massaman curry paste, tamarind paste, palm sugar, fish sauce, and roasted peanuts. **Prep Time:** ~10 minutes **Cook Time:** ~2.5 hours (for braised beef) or ~45 minutes (for chicken) **Serving Suggestion:** Serve over steamed jasmine rice with a side of lime wedges and fresh cilantro. **Complementary Sides** **Crispy Shallots:** Lightly fried shallots add a crunchy contrast. **Fresh Mango Salad:** A refreshing mix of sliced green mango, red onion, chili, lime juice, and fish sauce—balances the richness of the curry. **Steamed Jasmine Rice with Lime:** Simple but essential; enhances the curry's depth. **Optional Additions** **Vegetarian Option:** Substitute chicken with crispy tofu or hearty vegetables (cauliflower, carrots, zucchini). **Vegan Version:** Use vegan fish sauce and omit fish sauce; ensure palm sugar is vegan-friendly. **Beverage Pairing:** Thai iced tea or a chilled coconut water with a splash of lime. This menu offers a harmonious blend of textures and flavors—creamy, savory, sweet, and slightly tangy—making it ideal for both home dining and entertaining.

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