

2.4 Reading

Unusual restaurants • food adjectives

Glossary

grow (v) = to make plants develop and produce fruit or flowers; uprawiać

district (n) = an area of a town; dzielnica

chat (v) = talk in a friendly, informal way; gawędzić

customer (n) = someone who buys goods or services from a shop, restaurant etc.; klient

pumpkin (n) = a large, orange vegetable that is popular at Halloween; dynia

drum (n) = a musical instrument played by hitting it with your hand or a stick; bęben

Eat out for less

‘How much is it?’ In some restaurants, the answer is: ‘What you want to pay.’ Here are some of the ‘Pay-what-you-want’ restaurants around the world.

A **Der Wiener Deewan,** **Vienna, Austria**

This is a Pakistani restaurant but it is in Vienna. I always go down the stairs to a small, cosy room but the restaurant is on three floors altogether. There are no menus and waiters don't come to ask you what you want - the food is in large, hot, containers on a table and the menu changes every few hours but always with three vegetarian and two meat options. The meal then costs what you want to pay. The traditional, Pakistani food is delicious but, be careful, some of it is very spicy! Try the **Methi Gajar** – spicy but sweet vegetables – and, of course, some Pakistani **rice**. The restaurant isn't only a ‘Pay-what-you-want’ restaurant but also a



‘play what you want’ restaurant. In the evenings, you can take a djembe, an African drum, and play music with others. It's a really cool place to spend some time.

B **Soul Kitchen – Red Bank,** **New Jersey, USA**

Soul Kitchen is a great place to go for lunch. The menu has choices of **starters** – my favourite is the **mixed green salad, main course** – fish, meat or vegetarian, and **dessert**. But, it doesn't have any



prices. That's because you can pay what you want. The restaurant asks for \$10 or more but, people who haven't got \$10 can eat there and work for an hour to pay for their meal. The food is healthy and local. The restaurant even has a garden and grows a lot of the **vegetables** that they use in their meals.

C **Lentil As Anything –** **Melbourne, Australia**



This is a vegetarian restaurant in Australia's second city. In fact, there are four Lentil As Anything restaurants in the city. Nine hundred people eat in the restaurant in the Abbotsford district of the city every day. The restaurants are open all day and you can eat **breakfast, lunch** and **dinner** there. They are friendly places where you can chat to other customers, listen to good music and, when you leave, you put some money in a box. The food is healthy and delicious. They don't serve meat but you can find great food with other ingredients like **pumpkins**. Their **pumpkin curry** is amazing.