



The use of hands is an accepted thing in Indian dining etiquette. However, use of cutlery is advisable. Eventually, a little common sense and practice of simple etiquette techniques ensures a great dining experience

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USEFUL TIPS

- Work your way from outside in; the cutlery farthest away from your plate is for the first course.
- Always take small portions of food at a time and put your cutlery down between each mouthful. When you put your cutlery down, place it on the plate. When you are finished, place your knife and fork together in the centre of the plate vertically.
- Do not pick up any cutlery that you drop on the floor. It will be replaced by the server.
- While eating soup, bring the spoon to your mouth and have it from the edge. Do not put the whole spoon in to your mouth or slurp.
- Your napkin should be unfolded and placed on your lap. Never wipe your mouth with a napkin, you should always dab.
- If you must leave the table before you have finished, place your napkin on your seat.
- When you have finished eating, the napkin should be placed tidily (but not refolded) to the left side of your plate.
- When you are seated at the table your feet should be firmly planted on the floor in front of you. Do not cross your legs, do not lean back on your chair and do not shake your feet. Your elbows should be at your side at all times.
- Sit upright and do not lean over your plate when you are eating; bring your food to your mouth.
- Starters must always touch your plate before being put in the mouth. Do not take the starters from the serving tray and put it straight in your mouth.

DON'TS

- Don't blow on hot food to cool it down. Wait for it to cool itself.
- Don't treat the servers badly.
- Don't eat chicken or chops with your fingers.
- Don't point with your cutlery.
- Don't hold your fork while you drink your wine.