



GupShup & SHIKAR July 2026: Prices, Dates & Guide

Description

Two Chef Jolly-led Indian food events offer very different July 2026 experiences: **GupShup’s S\$15 Pani Puri Face-Off on 25 July**, and **SHIKAR’s S\$178++ six-course fifth-anniversary menu from 17 July to 15 August**. One is a short speed-eating challenge in Little India; the other is a full tasting menu at Maxwell Reserve.

Last checked: 15 July 2026. Prices, programmes, menus and opening details can change; confirm the linked official page before travelling, ordering or paying.

The **GupShup** challenge details come from an organiser media notice supplied to Little Big Red Dot. It states 25 July 2026. As of this check, that contest is not listed on **GupShup’s** live event page, so entrants should confirm the heat and payment directly before travelling. **SHIKAR’s** official offer runs through 15 August 2026, with its dates and pricing shown on **Marriott’s** site.

GupShup and SHIKAR events compared

Detail	GupShup Pani Puri Face-Off	SHIKAR Anniversary Menu
Date	Saturday, 25 Jul 2026	17 Jul to 15 Aug 2026
Format	Two-minute pani puri eating challenge; hourly heats stated from noon to 6pm	Six-course tasting menu
Published price	S\$15 entry in organiser notice	S\$178++ per person
Optional pairing	None stated	Signature cocktail pairing at S\$85++
Location	301 Serangoon Road, The Serangoon House	2 Cook Street, Maxwell Reserve
Best fit	People specifically comfortable with a timed food contest	Diners wanting a paced celebratory meal

Detail	GupShup Pani Poori Face-Off	SHIKAR Anniversary Menu
Verification status	Confirm directly; absent from live event page at check time	Offer listed on Marriott's official site

What the GupShup challenge involves

The supplied event notice says participants pay S\$15, choose an hourly heat between noon and 6pm, and have two minutes to eat as many pani pooris as possible. It also advertises a hotel stay as the top prize. These are organiser claims, not results independently witnessed by Little Big Red Dot.

A speed-eating format is not appropriate for everyone. Do not enter if you cannot eat the food safely or have relevant swallowing, digestive, allergy or dietary concerns. Ask the organiser about ingredient and allergen handling, contest rules, disqualification conditions, age restrictions, tie-breaking, prize terms and whether water is permitted. Stop if you feel unwell; a prize is not worth rushing past your limits.

GupShup's current official site lists the restaurant at 301 Serangoon Road and gives +65 6978 5177 and reservations@gupshup.sg. It currently shows daily service from noon to 2.30pm and 5pm to 10pm. Contest heats extending through the normal afternoon break are another reason to confirm the dedicated event arrangement.

What SHIKAR's fifth-anniversary menu includes

Marriott's official offer describes a six-course anniversary menu led by Chef Jolly. Published highlights include Maine lobster tail, charcoal-cooked New Zealand Maimoa lamb chops, Queensland Wagyu short-rib biryani with foie gras sauce, and an Alphonso mango and poached-curd-cheese dessert. Ingredient availability and final presentation can change with the restaurant's menu.

The offer runs through 15 August, not 14 August. The S\$178++ menu is listed per person, with a S\$85++ cocktail pairing as an add-on and a complimentary Pink Tigress drink included in the stated promotion. Diners who do not drink alcohol should ask whether a non-alcoholic alternative is available rather than assuming the included drink or pairing can be substituted.

SHIKAR's official restaurant page lists 2 Cook Street and +65 6978 5175, with lunch from noon to 2.30pm and dinner from 6pm to 10pm daily. The anniversary offer may have its own available seatings; use the offer's booking route and name the menu when reserving.

How much should you budget?

- **GupShup:** S\$15 is the stated contest entry, but ask whether it includes any food or drink beyond the challenge and whether prepayment is refundable.
- **SHIKAR menu only:** S\$178++ is before service charge and GST. The final billed amount will be higher.
- **SHIKAR with pairing:** add S\$85++ to the menu price before service charge and GST.

- **Extras:** water, additional beverages, transport and post-event dining may sit outside the headline price.

Because calculations and restaurant rounding can differ, treat any mental total as a budget estimate and ask for the current nett amount if price certainty matters.

Which event should you choose?

Choose the Face-Off only if the contest itself is the appeal. It is not a substitute for a relaxed meal, and a two-minute result says little about the quality of GupShup's broader menu. Choose SHIKAR when you want a seated multi-course progression and are comfortable with the higher spend and more formal time commitment.

For other current dining ideas, browse Little Big Red Dot's [Food & Drinks coverage](#) or compare the publication's [halal claypot fish-head curry guide](#). Check each live offer rather than assuming dates or inclusions carry over.

Booking and safety checklist

1. Contact the correct restaurant and name the event, date, seating and party size.
2. For GupShup, confirm the S\$15 price, heat time, age rule, contest terms and prize conditions in writing.
3. For SHIKAR, confirm the six-course menu, last available date and whether applies to the pairing.
4. Disclose allergies and dietary restrictions before paying; do not assume every course can be changed.
5. Read deposit, cancellation, late-arrival and no-show terms.
6. Save the confirmation and recheck on the day.

Primary sources and reporting note

GupShup's address, contact details and current service hours were checked against the restaurant's [official website](#) and its [Marriott directory page](#). Face-Off mechanics are attributed to the organiser's supplied media notice because the live site did not show a public contest listing at check time. SHIKAR's price, 17 July-15 August dates and pairing come from Marriott's [official anniversary offer](#), with location and hours checked on the [official restaurant page](#). Little Big Red Dot did not enter the contest or taste the anniversary menu and received no compensation. The featured photograph is restaurant-supplied and not AI-generated.

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