

Field Assignment #2

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I found field assignment #2 was to be as pleasurable as my first field assignment. I chose to visit the Thai Restaurant named Surin of Thailand. Surin of Thailand is located in the Virginia Highlands Atlanta area and has been open for 1990. Surin serves authentic Thai dishes that are family and country recipes. The staff is from Thailand as well as the chef. The décor is very Asian quiet and intimate setting with soft Asian music.

As I entered the restaurant it was around 6pm, the crowd was mild, as they had just opened for evening service at 5pm. I was greeted by an older Thailand descendent and taken to my table with a menu. As I got ready to look over the menu my server informed of the daily special, which was Red Snapper fish, steamed and served over rice, he also offered me a native Thailand appetizer of sticky rice with beef that you eat with your hands. After looking of the menu I decided on the beef and sticky rice and the Thai fried Rice with Shrimp and water with lemon to drink.

Once my server brought my appetizer and water he also ask me if I preferred regular silverware or chopsticks, I told him chopsticks as since I was in this ethnic restaurant I wanted to experience it's total ethnicity. The appetizer was absolutely delicious and very intimate in my opinion it served about two people and each person would use their hands to eat. Once my main dish came out I was even more impressed as the rice was steaming fresh with lots of vegetables

including sweet tomatoes and cucumbers as a garnish. I noticed that most of the dishes on their menu included lots of fresh vegetables and rice, as this is their native culture.

My visit to Surin of Thailand was exceptional this restaurant is a great place to get authentic Thai food. Its atmosphere was equivalent to that of the culture and it was not Americanized at all. I could tell that their main objective is to give their customers the full experience of their hometown. I highly recommend this restaurant to anyone that wishes to have an authentic Asian experience. I also have to say that their communication was awesome as I could tell that they hired servers that knew the culture but were also young enough to be able to be bilingual with their communications with Americans. This assignment also prepared me for a visit to Thailand that I hope to take in the near future.