

COVER STORY

Recipe For Love

Surprise your date by showing that you can actually turn on a stove.

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Instead of scrambling for that dinner reservation on Feb. 14, why not make an effort and wow your date with a home-cooked meal? The sweat that went into the dinner (not literally, we hope) says much more than your ability to splash the cash and will definitely improve your chances of getting something sweet for dessert. Just pick one of these classes to transform yourself from a cooking cretin into a culinary maestro.

Serves 4 people

1 1/2 cup



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You're Cooking For: Your farang lover.

The Course: The "royal Thai cuisine" restaurant also houses a school, which holds daily morning and afternoon sessions. For early birds, the class begins at 8:45am with a trip to Bang Rak market and a lesson in the art of buying produce. If you don't do early, then the afternoon session starts at 1pm. Both classes last around four hours, with an hour of theory and the rest of the time dedicated to actually cooking a four-course meal. After slaving over a hot stove, you get to relax with a meal in the restaurant. (On Sundays, only the morning session is offered.)

The Cost: B2,800 for one class. If you want to cook for a vegetarian then shell out B6,000 for the specialist full-day class. They also have longer package options if one session just isn't enough.

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