

SPOTLIGHT

TAKE IT OUTSIDE

Celebrate the great outdoors with an al fresco feast. Whatever your style—modern Indian, classic English or organic chic—here's how to pack the perfect picnic. By SONAL VED

MODERN INDIAN BY MANISH MEHROTRA



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"My restaurant and I, both champion the cause of all things Indian," says the head chef of Indian Accent. Mehrotra's picnic basket too reflects that philosophy. "From a hot sauce and jam made out of Indian chillies to an Indian-style toffee, this picnic basket is modern in every way, yet steeped in tradition," he says.



1. Strawberries, **Godrej Nature's Basket**, ₹39/200gms
2. Bhut jolokia hot sauce, **Pico**, ₹99
3. 'Caramel Stick Jaw' toffee, **Kwality Foods**, ₹900
4. Mango-garlic chutney, **Kitchens of India**, ₹140
5. Kesar peda, **Kamdar Sweets**, ₹600/kg
6. Baked makhana pops cheese, **Healthy Alternatives**, ₹125
7. Blueberries, **Godrej Nature's Basket**, ₹429/125gm
8. Raw watermelon seeds, **True Elements**, ₹130
9. Chili jam, **Mamakutti Gourmet**, ₹400
10. Carrot, ginger and sesame salad dressing, **Fabindia**, ₹200
11. Wild hive holy basil honey, **Healthy Alternatives**, ₹336
12. 'Marnie' placemat and napkins, **Ikka Dukka**, ₹800 onwards
13. 'Aguada' dinner plate, **Nicobar**, ₹1,150
14. Cutlery, **Good Earth**, ₹850 onwards
15. Picnic trunk, **Nappa Dori**, price on request



1. 'Monsoon Malabar' and 'Bibi Plantation' coffee, **Blue Tokai Coffee Roasters**, ₹390
2. '30 hour' sourdough bread, **Kitchen Garden**, ₹500
3. 'Camembay', **The Spotted Cow Fromagerie**, ₹500
4. Gluten-free chocolate-walnut cookie, **Kitchen Garden**, ₹160
5. Almonds, **Godrej Nature's Basket** ₹395/100gm
6. Himalayan rose and hand-rolled Oolong teas, **Dharmasala Tea Company**, ₹525
7. Kale chips, **Sequel**, ₹175
8. Organic peanut butter, **Suzette & Co**, ₹200
9. Organic-certified honey, **Under The Mango Tree**, ₹260
10. Organic vegetables, **Organic Garden**, price on request
11. 'Red Chowkad' canvas, **No-Mad 97 % India**, ₹1,250 onwards
12. 'Sampada' almond wood cutlery, **No-Mad 97 % India**, ₹1,250 onwards
13. Large tote, **Urmi**, ₹5,000



ORGANIC CHIC BY PIERRE & JÉRÉMIE

The owners of Suzette and Kitchen Garden say, "As Parisians we look forward to sunny days in May, when we picnic by the river banks and public gardens of Paris. Our organic basket reflects the idea of being close to nature." With their curated basket, the duo reduces food miles, opting for picks that are local yet lavish.



Arjun Sawhney

CLASSIC ENGLISH
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 "Good food is important for a good picnic," says the CEO of The Communication Council. Sawhney grew up in Kolkata, so picnics at the Victoria Memorial Gardens and city clubs were a regular part of his childhood. "That's where the idea of a classic hamper came from," he adds.

1. 'Matured Cheddar and Red Onions' and 'Naked Sea Salt' chips, **Kettle Studio**, ₹99 onwards 2. 'Cambrie', **Kodai Cheese**, ₹1,750 3. Almond croissants, **L'Opéra India** ₹175 4. Pork frankfurter sausages, **Steakhouse**, ₹900 5. Lettuce, **I Say Organic**, ₹250/kg 6. Spanish olives stuffed with almonds, **Fragata**, ₹295 7. 'Detox', 'Valencia Orange' and 'Love' juices, **RAW Pressery**, ₹80 onwards 8. 'Malabar' blend, **No. 3 Clive Road**, ₹1,250 9. Dark chocolate tea cake, **Baked Love by Yatsala**, ₹1,400 10. Prosecco, **Zonin**, ₹2,385 11. Brown wicker picnic basket (with plates, glasses and cutlery), **TheLabellife.com** ₹5,540 12. Handcrafted cashmere blanket, **Janavi**, ₹32,000 onwards

