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Pho 87

A Taste of Northern Vietnam

You hear music coming from all over and see people dancing in the street. Korea Town is definitely the place to be because everyone around you is having fun. You can see the bright lights colors as you notice the classic red all over the city. You can hear people talking in all different languages, and everyone around you is a different ethnicity. Korea Town is also the place to go if you want to find all different kinds of food. I went to find the perfect Vietnamese meal. Phở 87 is one of the best places to go to get real authentic Vietnamese cuisine. At first glance, it may seem to be the place you wouldn't want food service from, with the rusted doors, bars over the windows, and stuck in a corner with other run-down restaurants, but if you give it a chance you'll be in for a great meal.

Vietnamese culture is interesting and different from a lot of others. Northern Vietnamese cuisines are the traditional dishes that everyone thinks of Vietnamese food being, Phở. Northern Vietnam is where the best noodle and noodle soup dishes are found. Central Vietnam is the place to go if you have a taste for spicy food. There, you'll find bold and daring dishes with the classic taste of spice. And the Southern cuisines are sweeter items with vibrant colors, and lots of herbs.

When I think of Vietnamese culture, my mind wanders to the northern culture, Phở. Traditionally, Phở is served with beef broth over rice noodles with meat, onion, and thai basil. To get this perfect dish, I went to Phở 87.

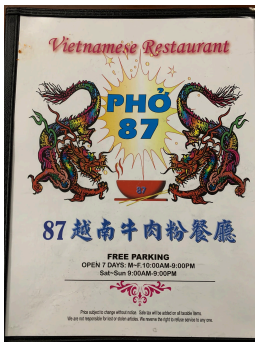
As you walk into the run-down looking restaurant the first thing you'll see, interestingly enough, is their goldfish pond. As you walk further, you almost instantly smell the warm broth cooking in their kitchen. You are greeted by the friendly group of waiters and waitresses who take you to your table. As you sit down at your communal table, you are introduced to the Vietnamese culture. You look at the menu, and you have a quick and easy decision. You order chả giò, egg rolls, and Phở.

The waiter promptly brings you the dishes, and you are free to enjoy all the delicious food. You first pick up the chả giò, and as is the tradition, you wrap it in lettuce. The perfect bite crunches in your mouth and you continue to eat your Phở. The broth warms your whole body as you taste the amazing flavors in the broth. The noodles are perfectly cooked, and as the warm broth cooks the meat you are able to take the first bite. You top the soup with mint and Thai basil, adding just the right flavors.

At Phở 87, you will find the perfect experience of Vietnamese culture. They have put the restaurant together perfectly to give you the best feeling of their culture. The waiters and waitresses are very friendly and help make your time with them even better.

But what you are really there for in the Phở. I think everyone is, so enjoy it. You are ready to eat, with your chopsticks in hand. Ăn ngon miệng nhé - Enjoy your meal.

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chả giò