

Eating out: video A

In Lyons, the gastronomic capital of France, there are all types of restaurant. You can have a sumptuous meal or find a simple dish to take away.

Laurent: "Oh I'm hungry!"

Levent: "Me too!"

Fabrice: "What do you want to eat?"

Levent: "A kebab?"

Fabrice: "OK a kebab."

Levent: "With what kind of sauce?"

Laurent: "For sauce I'll have the very spicy tomato sauce."

Fabrice: "Hmm... Me I'll have the white sauce."

Levent: "Spicy tomato sauce for me as well."

Fabrice: "OK. Would you like anything else?"

Laurent: "some chips."

Levent: "Some salad with the kebab."

Fabrice: "OK. Right listen, I'll go and get it."

Fabrice: "Hello!"

Server: "Hello sir!"

Fabrice: Can I have two kebabs please, with spicy tomato sauce, harissa, and a kebab with white sauce and chips please. OK thank you.

For quick eating, fast food, kebabs, as well as pizzas or sandwiches are much appreciated by the French.

Server: "Here you are sir."

Fabrice: "OK thank you, how much do I owe you please?"

Server: "15 euros please."

Fabrice : "15 euros?"

Vendeur: "Yes, please."

Fabrice: "Thanks a lot. Have a good evening."

Server: "Goodnight, goodbye. Enjoy your meal!"

Fabrice: "Have a good evening, goodbye!"

In contrast to this, I dined at a very chic restaurant in the company of a restaurant critic... Guillaume Tania.

Nat: "So there is a set menu at twenty seven... Are there any other menus? Can we see some other ones?"

Guillaume: "There are several menus. Several menus in this restaurant. For example there are numerous menus, a menu for sampling a little bit of everything, the things we offer a la carte."

Nat: "So what is there a la carte? Can you explain a little about a la carte!"

Guillaume: "There are masses of things! That's... That's what is good about this restaurant, about all Lyonnais restaurants. You have ... have amazing things. So you have ... the very classic dishes, for example a foie gras tine, but with figs ... You'll also find within these classics dishes, very very French things like homemade pâté in pastry."

Nat: "What do you prefer as a starter?"

Guillaume: "A bit of everything but my favourite is pate in pastry. It really is... it really is a great French dish, wonderful."

Nat: "And for fish, what type...do you prefer?"

Guillaume: "In actual fact I eat very little fish, and though I don't like chitterling sausages... a chitterling sausage made with lobster however, now that appeals to me because it is quite original, I'd find it a bit strange and interesting."

Nat: "And for meat what do you prefer?"

Guillaume: "My undoubted favourite is fillet of beef. It is a great classic but it's also a very tender kind of meat, a nice big piece of beef... full of flavour, that...that's my favourite."

We did indeed eat very well. And it was the same for Levent, Fabrice and Laurent, who all ordered kebabs to takeaway.

Laurent: "Ah! I love the spicy sauce."

Levent: "Hmm I love this."

Fabrice: "Oh! The chips."

Laurent: "Ah yes! The chips."

Fabrice: "Here you are, help yourself to chips!"