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## Seeda Thai II

309 West 50th Street, midtown Manhattan, (212) 586-4040.

Best dishes: Vietnamese summer rolls, Vietnamese spring rolls, nam, Thai fishcakes, mee krob, chicken in peanut sauce, grilled beef with sesame seasoning, pumpkin custard.

Price range: \$13 to \$20.

Credit cards: American Express, I.T.T., Mastercard, Visa.

Hours: Mondays through Friday, 11:30 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.;

Saturdays and Sundays, 4:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Wheelchair access: Part of the dining room is accessible, but restrooms are narrow.

## \$25 and Under Eric Asimov

All good business know that when you see an opportunity, you take it. Such was the case early last year with Seeda Thai II, a restaurant that has been serving spicy, aromatic Thai food near the theater district for eight years, and for 10 years before that as Seeda Thai in its previous location nearby.

"Miss Saigon" had recently opened on Broadway, and Seeda Thai II, sensing a business opportunity, suddenly added enough dishes to say it specialized in "Thai-Vietnamese" cuisine. "There was 'Miss Saigon' here, but not Vietnamese restaurant," said Janet Jarusuk, the manager and co-owner. "So we just added the food to our menu."

"Miss Saigon" is still playing, and so are the fresh, vibrant Vietnamese dishes at Seeda, for which the restaurant deserves a round of applause.

Seeda, a plain storefront across the street from Worldwide Plaza, looks the part of a theater district fixture. Neighborhood denizens populate the smoky bar in front, and a haze drifts back into the dimly lighted dining room decorated with Thai batik wall hangings and a tropical fish tank.

You can almost make an entire meal of appetizers. For starters, try Vietnamese summer rolls, (\$4.25), two fresh flour pancakes rolled around a bright, slightly sweet blend of shrimp, chicken, cilantro, mint and vermicelli noodles, or the plump fried Vietnamese spring rolls with pork (\$4.95).

From the Thai side of the menu, there is a superb nam (\$5.95), a blend of minced pork and searingly hot chili pepper with crunchy whole peanuts, red onion, lime juice and ginger. In case the nam is not incendiary enough, it comes with a little crock of dried pepper flakes. Delicious circular Thai fishcakes (\$3.95), crisp on the outside, also come with a blistering sauce.

Mee krob (\$7.95), the popular Thai dish of crisp noodles tossed with bits of pork, shrimp and bean sprouts, was a fine version, with the sweet-and-sour sauce amplified by cilantro and garlic. Pad Thai (\$7.95), a noodle standard, was serviceable.

## LUNCH SPECIAL

Monday - Friday: 11:30 am - 4:30 pm

The following served with lemon grass soup or spring roll  
Hot Thai Tea

Your choice of Steamed Rice, Brown Rice or Fried Rice

L 1. Vegetable Delight.....	5.95
L 2. ★ Mixed Vegetables Thai Curry .....	6.95
L 3. ★ Chicken Curry .....	6.95
L 4. ★ Beef Curry .....	6.95
L 5. ★ Pork Curry .....	6.95
L 6. ★ Shrimp Curry .....	7.95
L 7. ★ Chicken Mussaman (Curry w. onion, potatoes & peanut).....	7.95
L 8. Chicken with Cashew Nuts .....	6.95
L 9. Chicken with Broccoli and Mixed Vegetables .....	6.95
L10. Sweet & Sour Chicken .....	6.95
L11. Sweet & Sour Pork .....	6.95
L12. Chicken with Ginger and Mushroom .....	6.95
L13. Sesame Chicken .....	6.95
L14.★ Beef with Chili and Bamboo Shoots.....	6.95
L15. Shrimp with Mixed Vegetables .....	7.95
L16. Pan Fried Chicken with Garlic Sauce .....	6.95

## LUNCH CHEF'S CHOICE

L17. Beef or Chicken Sate (BBQ with peanut sauce) .....	7.95
L18.★ Chicken with Chili and Basil .....	7.95
L19.★ Chicken with Onion, Chili and Garlic Sauce .....	6.95
L20. Lemon Grass Pork Over Vermicelli Noodle (Rice Not Included) .....	6.95
L21. Pad Thai Noodle with Shrimp or Chicken (Rice Not Included) .....	7.95
L22. Vegetable Pad Thai (Rice Not Included).....	6.95
L23. Rad Na (Chicken, Broccoli over Rice Noodle) (Rice Not Included) .....	6.95

## VIETNAMESE SPECIALTIES

V 1. Cha Gio .....	4.95
<i>Vietnamese fried spring rolls</i>	
V 2. Goi Cuon .....	4.95
<i>Summer rolls (shrimp, chicken &amp; vegetable)</i>	
V 3. Bahn Hoi Ga Lui .....	8.95
<i>Grilled chicken with sesame seasoning on vermicelli</i>	
V 4. Com Dia Thit Bo Lui .....	8.95
<i>Grilled beef with sesame on Vietnamese fried rice.</i>	
V 5. Bun Bo Xao Cai .....	8.95
<i>Sesame beef and basil on vermicelli</i>	
V 6. Bum Tom Nuong .....	9.95
<i>Grilled shrimps with sesame seasoning on vermicelli</i>	
V 7. Bun Nem Nuong .....	8.95
<i>Pan fried pork with lemon sauce and garlic</i>	
V 8. Com Ga Nuong Xa .....	8.95
<i>Grilled lemon grass chicken</i>	
V 9. Bahn Hoi Thit Bo Lui .....	8.95
<i>Grilled beef with sesame seasoning on vermicelli</i>	



Exotic, Authentic  
Thai Vietnamese Cuisine

"... Vibrant Vietnamese dishes at Seeda for which the Restaurant deserves a round of applause"

--- New York Times

"... Seeda Thai a "Giant" xxxxx pick"

--- Daily News 1999

"... Broadway service, a variety of Thai Signature"

--- Gourmet

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<b>APPETIZER</b>	
91. Thai Spring Roll (Crispy deep fried vegetable rolls.)	2.50
92. Tod Man Pla (Minced King fish patties)	3.50
93. Pinky in the Blanket (Crispy shrimp rolls)	3.25
94. Chicken or Beef Sate (BBQ chicken or beef served w. peanuts & cucumber sauce)	5.95
95. Steamed or Fried Dumpling (Stuffed with pork or vegetable)	4.95
96. Deluxe Appetizers (For 2)	7.95
97. Mee Krob (Thai crispy sweet and sour noodles)	6.95
98. ★ Nam (A delectable blend of minced pork, ginger, onion, chili & lime juice.)	5.50

<b>SALADS</b>	
101. Thai Salad (Lettuce, cucumber, tomato, tofu & peanut sauce dressing)	2.50
102. ★ Pla Koong (Shrimps w. lemon grass and lime juice.)	7.50
103. ★ Yum Neua (Sliced BBQ flank steak tossed w. onion, cucumber, tomato & lime juice)	6.50
104. ★ Larb (Minced chicken or pork country style.)	6.50
105. ★ Yum Pla Muk (Thai squid mixed w. onion, chili paste, minced and lime juice)	5.95

<b>SOUPS</b>	
106. ★ Tom Yum (Hot and sour shrimp or chicken w. lemon grass soup)	3.00
107. Tom Kha Kai (Chicken soup in coconut milk.)	3.00
108. ★ Tom Yum Puk (Vegetable lemon grass soup)	2.75
109. Won Ton Soup	2.75

<b>CHICKEN</b>	
110. ★ Kai Kra Praow (Sauteed w. onion, chili, garlic and basil sauce.)	7.95
111. Kai Pad Puk (Sauteed with mixed vegetables.)	7.95
112. Kai Pad Khing (With ginger, mushroom, and onion)	7.95
113. Kai Ma Muang (With cashew nuts and scallions.)	7.95
114. Kai Kha-Na (With broccoli and oyster sauce)	7.95
115. Kai Kla-Ti Em (Garlic sauce)	7.95
116. ★ Kai Kang Dang (Chicken curry with coconut milk)	7.95
117. ★ Jungle Curry (Chicken curry with mixed vegetables)	7.95
118. Kai Preaw-Wan (Sweet & sour chicken)	7.95
119. Sesame Chicken	7.95

<b>BEEF</b>	
120. ★ Neau Kra Praow (Sauteed w. onion, chili, garlic and basic sauce.)	8.95
121. Neau Pad Puk (Sauteed with mixed vegetables)	8.95
122. Neau Pad Khing (With ginger, mushroom and onion)	8.95
123. Neua Ma Muang (With cashew nuts and scallion)	8.95
124. Neua Kha-Na (With broccoli and oyster sauce)	8.95
125. Neau Kla-Tiem (Garlic sauce)	8.95
126. ★ Neau Kang Dang (Beef curry with coconut milk.)	8.95
127. ★ Jungle Curry (Beef curry with mixed vegetables)	8.95
128. Neau Preaw-Wan (Sweet and sour beef)	8.95
129. Sesame Beef	8.95

<b>PORK</b>	
130. ★ Moo Kra Praow (Sauteed with onion, chili, garlic and basil sauce.)	7.95
131. Moo Pad Puk (Sauteed with mixed vegetables)	7.95
132. Moo Pak Khing (With ginger, mushroom and onion)	7.95
133. Moo Mai Muang (With cashew nuts and scallion)	7.95
134. Moo Kha-Na (With broccoli and oyster sauce)	7.95
135. Moo Kla-Tiem (Garlic sauce)	7.95
136. ★ Moo Kang Dang (Pork curry with coconut milk)	7.95
137. ★ Jungle Curry (Pork curry with mixed vegetable)	7.95
138. Moo Preaw-Wan (Sweet and sour pork)	7.95
139. Sesame Pork	7.95

## CHEF'S SPECIAL

<b>SP 1. PEANUTS CHICKEN</b>	<b>10.95</b>
<i>Skinless chicken breast with basil fried rice and a delight peanut sauce.</i>	
<b>SP 2. THREE HAPPINESS</b>	<b>11.95</b>
<i>Combination platter of BBQ shrimp, chicken &amp; beef served w. curry rice &amp; peanuts sauce.</i>	
<b>SP 3. PO-TAG</b>	<b>14.95</b>
<i>Steamed combination of seafood, vermicelli and ginger sauce.</i>	
<b>SP 4. ★ RUBY &amp; EMERALD SHRIMP</b>	<b>12.95</b>
<i>Shrimps sauteed with garlic, chili paste and green broccoli served sizzling.</i>	
<b>SP5. ★ SIAMESE SHRIMP</b>	<b>13.95</b>
<i>Pan fried shrimps with chili and garlic sauce.</i>	
<b>SP6. SCALLOP GRA-TIEM</b>	<b>13.95</b>
<i>Pan fried scallop with garlic.</i>	
<b>SP 7. ★ SCALLOP RAD PRIK</b>	<b>13.95</b>
<i>Pan fried scallop topped with chili and garlic sauce.</i>	
<b>SP 8. ★ KANG SAPPAROD</b>	<b>11.95</b>
<i>Pineapple Curry Shrimp.</i>	
<b>SP 9. ★ PANANG CURRY</b>	<b>10.95</b>
<i>Chicken, beef, or pork in thick curry sauce.</i>	
<b>SP10.★ MUSSAMAN CURRY</b>	<b>10.95</b>
<i>Chicken, beef or pork in mussman curry sauce with potatoes onion and peanuts.</i>	



### ★ HOT & SPICY

We can alter the spicy according your taste.

<b>SHRIMPS</b>	
141. ★ Curry Shrimp	9.95
142. Koong Pad Puk (Shrimps with mixed vegetables)	9.95
143. Koong Kra-Tiem (Crispy shrimp with garlic sauce)	12.95
144. ★ Koong Kra Praow (With onion, chili and garlic sauce)	9.95
145. Sweet & Sour Shrimp	9.95
146. Seeda Delight (Shrimps with minced pork, ginger and vegetable)	10.95
147. Koong Kha Na (Shrimps with Broccoli)	9.95
148. Koong Cashew Nuts (Shrimps with Cashew Nuts and Scallions)	9.95
149. ★ Koong Prik Khing (Shrimp, chili and string beans)	9.95

<b>FISH</b>	
150. ★ Pla Rad Prik (Chili and garlic sauce)	14.95
151. Pla Jian (Minced pork, ginger and vegetable)	14.95
152. ★ Pla Chu Chee (Thick curry sauce)	14.95
153. Sweet & Sour Fish	14.95
154. Lemon Fish (Steamed fish with lemon sauce)	14.95
155. Basil & Lemon Grass Fish	14.95

<b>FROG'S LEG</b>	
156. Pan Fried Frog's Legs with Garlic Sauce	13.95
157. ★ Frog's Legs with Basil	13.95
158. ★ Panang Frog's Legs	13.95

<b>DUCK</b>	
160. ★ Ped Rad Prik (Garlic and chili sauce)	13.95
161. Pek Kra-Tiem (Garlic and lemon grass)	13.95
162. ★ Ped Panang (Panang curry sauce)	13.95
163. Sweet & Sour Duck	13.95
164. ★ Flaming Duck (Chili and basil sauce)	13.95

<b>VEGETABLE</b>	
V31. Pad Puk (Mixed vegetables in brown sauce)	5.95
V32. ★ Kang Puk (Mixed vegetables in curry sauce)	6.95
V33. ★ Pad Ped Tofu (Tofu in chili and garlic sauce)	6.95
V34. ★ Vegetable & Smoked Tofu with Basil	6.95
V35. ★ Vegetable & Smoked Tofu with Chili and Garlic	6.95
V36. ★ Vegetable & Tofu Panang	6.95
V37. ★ Massaman Tofu (Tofu with onion, potato and peanut in thick curry sauce)	6.95
V38. Vegetable Pad Thai	6.95
V39. Vegetable Rad Na	6.95
V40. Steamed Mixed Vegetables	6.95
V41. Peanut Vegetable (Mixed vegetables topped with peanuts sauce.)	6.95
V42. ★ Pad Prik (Mixed vegetables with dry chili and string beans)	6.95

<b>NOODLE</b>	
N 1. ★ Pad Khi Mao (Sauteed chicken with rice noodle, chili and basil sauce)	7.95
N 2. Pad Thai (Thai noodle with shrimps and peanuts)	7.95
N 3. Rad Na (Fresh rice noodle topped with chicken, pork or beef and broccoli)	5.95
N 4. Flank Steak Noodle Soup	5.95
N 5. Chicken Breast with Fresh Noodle in Soup	5.95

<b>FRIED RICE</b>	
R 1. Chicken, Beef or Pork Fried Rice	5.95
R 2. Shrimp Fried Rice	6.95
R 3. Vegetable Fried Rice	5.95
R 4. Mixed Fried Rice	7.95