

# *Five ways to know you're about to get ripped off in a restaurant?*

**Now don't get us wrong** There are plenty of **GREAT** restaurants in East Crete (including [Itanos hotel Sitia](#), [Kostas Taverna in Xerocambos](#) and [Gabbiano in Markigialos](#) to name but a few) where you'll get service with a smile and excellent value for money , but there are also those others where the bill seems to come with 'stupid tourist pigeon' written on it in invisible ink.

Having had that unpleasant experience ourselves a few times, we've put together a list of five signs which suggest you might be about to be ripped off:

- 1) After taking your order, the waiter says casually: 'and did you want a salad with that?'*
- 2) You speak some Greek, but the waiter refuses to understand you, even though his English is worse than your Greek*

3) You order one of a dish and the waiter brings two and swears that's what you ordered.

4) You are told the dish of the day and when you ask to see the menu the waiter (who, up until now has spoken fluent English) stares at you as if you've spoken Martian.

5) You hear anyone serving/cooking/within firing range of your table mutter: 'touristes malakies' (bastard tourists)

And remember: if the bill seems exorbitant you can complain and if that doesn't work, take a copy of the bill with you and contact the Tourist Police\*

*Kali orexi!*

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