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### Don Pedro's Family Mexican Restaurant

Don Pedro's Family Mexican Restaurant is in Heber City, Utah, on Main Street. 120 locations have been opened since the restaurant was founded in 1995. As implied by the name, this restaurant has Mexican cuisine.

When you first get to the front of the restaurant you can smell the fresh tortilla chips that the restaurant serves. As you walk inside the front doors you can tell the interior matches their food theme. The place had colorful Latin art on the walls. It felt like you were walking into the house from Disney's *Encanto* movie.

The restaurant had yellow walls with arches everywhere: on the wall, in the hallways, and above the windows. You can also hear upbeat Spanish music playing in the background. The music was not too loud that you cannot hear others talking but not too quiet that you cannot hear it. It added a nice touch to the restaurant's authenticity.

You first walk into the waiting area. The waiting area is in a small hallway with a large bench. There were many people waiting to be seated, many had to stand, and there was not enough space for everyone. It was uncomfortable to walk through the hallway because it was so crowded.

It took about 5 mins for our party of 6 to be seated. When we got to the table, they had prepared chips, salsa, refried beans, and water for us. Its menu consists of Mexican dishes such as fajitas, enchiladas, quesadillas, and burritos. If you prefer, you can order a burger or chicken

nuggets with fries. Vegetarian options were also available. They had a well-organized menu, explained each dish and what it came with, and showed pictures of most of the dishes.

The staff at the restaurant were super friendly and kind. They smiled and are helpful when answering your questions. I appreciated my server checking in on everyone and refilling water throughout the meal.

The main courses are priced from \$7.75 (kids' menu) to \$17.95. I decided to order the Vegetarian Burrito that came with a side of rice and beans, which cost \$16.95. It took a little under 15 minutes for the food to be ready. As the servers walk out with your food you can see the steam coming off the piping hot dishes.

The serving size for each dish was well worth the price. My burrito was about 15 inches long. I could not eat a little more than half of the whole thing. The other dishes that were ordered at the table had enough for two people to eat and be satisfied.

As my dish was laid out in front of me, I realized that my burrito looked more like an enchilada. The ends were not tucked in and it was covered in a red sauce. The burrito consisted of only broccoli, cauliflower, celery, onions, peppers, mushrooms, and carrots.

The slices of vegetables were long that they were hard to fit in your mouth. The vegetables were soft on the outer layer but still had that crunch on the inside. They were also not seasoned well; I do not even think they added salt. The flour tortilla encasing all the vegetables was soggy. Overall, the burrito was bland, but the sauce on top helped. It added a bit of spice and Mexican flavor.

I would not say it was the worst food but it was not the best. I would not order the Vegetarian Burrito again. Everybody at my table also said they would also order something different. Although the burrito part was not great, the beans and rice, and the chips and salsa were. The black beans had a perfect consistency and just the right amount of seasoning.

Don Pedro's felt clean and sanitary. The tables and floors look like they had just been cleaned. The workers were particularly good at cleaning up after customers finished. Additionally, the bathrooms were pleasant and clean. It is apparent that keeping the restaurant clean is a top priority for the workers.

Overall, the restaurant is friendly, and clean, has reasonable prices, and is just a great environment, so it was a little disappointing that the food was not great. The price of the food is worth the serving size but not worth the taste. I would not recommend this restaurant.

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