Coffee Shop- a long journey by Robert Duce

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The dictionary meaning of coffee shop defines it as a place which primarily serves prepared coffee or other hot beverages. The interiors of a coffee shop can well be compared with the ones of bars and some restaurants with only the difference of serving coffee and some light snack to go along the same. Many believe that opening up of a coffee shop is a very recent idea courtesy the franchise storm which has hit the entire world, but they would be surprised to know that the first ever coffee house was established in 1642-49 in Tahtakale, Ottoman in Istanbul. And it was by the beginning of the 17th century that coffee was served outside the Ottoman Empire in Europe. These coffee houses offered useful forums for exchange of information for writers, businessmen, politicians and others. The same way internet functions now providing all information, however at that time these coffee houses were the informatory houses. With gradual progression these forums or houses made a place for themselves all across the world. Earlier family styled restaurants were termed as coffee shops as they served full meals with only one portion represented coffee but gradually the term coffee shop has come to be used only for a restaurant which serves coffee making it true to its name coffee house.

Many believed and still believe that a coffee shop/house is the best place if one is looking for the latest news on any and everything be it business, the inflation rates, fashion trends, political gossips or even if you want to read a book a coffee shop is the best place to be. Though internet has changed the perception about many by offering all such information at a click of a mouse but still there are many who go to coffee shop to have a good time with friends and family.

Continuous progression from family styled restaurants to actual coffee shops to the latest cafes, these coffee outlets have come a long way but the authenticity or the flavor still remains that of perfect coffee that many enjoy. It was particularly in the 1990s that the term cafes came to fore representing coffee outlets with more open spaces as compared to in-house styles. This concept has struck the cord perfectly with the modern day youth who feel that this newer version represents their style with computers and internet access, less traditional look and more. Some of the famous coffee shops include Barista, Costa Coffee, The Coffee Bean, Tea Leaf , CafÃ© Coffee Day and alike.

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