

RESTAURANTS

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Funky new bistro in Dubai's Business Bay

A trip to Business Bay's Square worth the price



Dubai: If you have been wondering all this while what came first, the chicken or the egg, then you must stop by for a meal at the Pantry Cafe - the funky new bistro in Business Bay's Bay Square area.

It's a bit tricky getting to the restaurant by car on a Friday if you don't know the place well, but the food they serve is worth a trip. The way they cook up their chicken and egg dishes, you would forget if the question ever existed. Here both chicken and egg top the list in their own way.

Special Robert Welch designed cutlery, colour-coded interiors with stylish wood finished furniture and creatively recycled VOSS water bottle chandeliers only add to the youthfulness of this chic bistro.

To get started the right way, order Truffled Wild Mushrooms on Toast (Dh48) that come with poached organic egg on a sour dough baguette with wild mushrooms sautéed and sprinkled with truffle oil for an absolute delight.

Shakshouka (Dh52), which is also served as a main dish, is another hot seller here. A tangy local favourite, it's all about organic eggs cooked in a spicy tomato sauce with lots of crumbled feta and served with pita bread on the side.

A starter I loved most though is their Waffles (Dh45) that come with lots of creamy mushrooms, feta cheese and semi dried tomatoes. Served with rocket and balsamic reduction, it's soft, fresh, buttery and if you hadn't guessed already, sweetly savoury.

A main dish worth its salt is also the Mexican chicken (Dh42) that comes deliciously garnished with oregano and paprika and is served with spicy avocado salsa and a fabulous homemade humita sauce. You must have this dish for its peppery aftertaste!

Pantry Fish and Chips (Dh52) served with tartare sauce and house salad is worth a try only if can make do without mushy peas!

Pantry also does a Chicken Tikka Masala (Dh75) served with raita, flat bread, popadam, salad and either quinoa or rice. Thick and creamy, it's yet another marvel at this place unlike any other typically greasy Indian curry.

Opening Hours: 8 am to 5 pm, 9 am to 6 pm (weekends)

Our Recommendations: Truffled Wild Mushrooms, Shakshouka, Waffles, Mexican chicken, Chicken Tikka Masala

Ratings:

Ambience: 5

Price: 4

Food: 5

Overall: 5

Meal for Two: Dh200