



**Tried & Tested**

## Maison Mathis @ Dusit Thani Hotel

Maison Mathis offers you the best Belgian cuisine from the heart of Europe. Belgian cuisine's unique character is mainly influenced by French cuisine, but contains various elements from other regions. Don't expect state of the art exclusive dishes, they want to bring you honest, simple and fresh food. Good food without the drama - and in a town that loves its drama, that's unusual. I'm hooked already!

### What we ate

We went for a tomato and goat cheese salad with cherry tomatoes, basil and croutons, finished with almond crusted warm goat cheese; and the spinach and chicken salad with mushrooms, sesame seeds tossed with balsamic dressing and parmesan flakes. We followed this with a traditional tarte flambé with Veal bacon, crème fraiche, white onions and thyme; the corn fed yellow baby chicken roasted with mustard, herbs, lemon and spices, served with grilled broccoli; and the Scottish wild salmon with sautéed spinach, sea kale and capers Gremolata. Drinks wise we simply couldn't resist the Rosemary & Vanilla lemonade, a homemade rosemary and lemon infusion with vanilla syrup and soda water.

### Verdict

Well my diet went out of the window - the food was fantastic! Fresh, simple and so tasty.

### Price

Breakfast from Dhs 38, starters from Dhs 40 and mains from Dhs 45.

Visit [www.mm-dusit.com](http://www.mm-dusit.com) or call 04-3357769. -L.C



## TR!BECA @ JBR

TR!BECA is the New York inspired lifestyle hotspot located in JA Ocean View at JBR. It is the first restaurant and bar in JBR to serve wholesome, organic food and beverage options in a lounge bar environment and their Big Apple Brunch aims to encompass all that Tribeca stands for with a diverse choice served in a traditional buffet style. In addition there are live cooking stations headed by award winning Chef Giovanni De Ambrosis.

### What we ate

There were the breads, soups and salads, followed by an amazing whole cooked salmon, the grill serving burgers, hotdogs and more, pastas, and a roast plus the desserts. Brunches are generally associated with unhealthy binge eating and drinking, but Tribeca felt like it was a different pace.

### Verdict

The ambience at Tribeca is relaxed, inviting and non-pretentious. The food was lovely, made even better by the fact that I felt rather virtuous eating organic!

### Price

The Big Apple Brunch is every Friday, from 2pm to 6pm, priced at Dhs 349 with selected house beverages and cocktails or Dhs 199 with soft drinks.

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