

## Less is more: 5 lunches for fine-dining misers

Here are 5 great lunches, at 5 top Singaporean restaurants, that won't make you choke on the coffee mints when the bill arrives

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Great

Poor

Okay

Good

Great

Awesome

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You've got a special occasion but don't want to fork out half your month's grocery budget on a meal. You're in Singapore. Sounds like an impossible situation, doesn't it? Fear not, because we've found five fine-dining lunch deals that mean you can eat like a king while saving like a miser. Less means more at lunchtime in Singapore.



## Iggy's

Ok, so it's lauded as the best restaurant in Singapore and one of the best in Asia. But S\$300 plus (per person) for dinner? Is any food really worth that amount? Instead, be the savvy foodie and book a long Friday lunch at the famous spot. Also note, in September the team will be uprooting from the Regent and moving to The Hilton Hotel. Watch this space for more details.

### The lunch

Iggy's Friday lunch menu is fantastic value at S\$50++ and includes a three-course set. Highlights include the fresh and flavorsome tuna carpaccio starter, and the pork cheek tagliatelle is a winner with tender braised pork speckled over chewy tagliatelle ribbons. For dessert, opt for the pina colada soufflé with coconut ice cream melting in the center. Just don't expect to be productive when you get back to work. In fact, take a day to sleep it off.

*Iggy's, The Regent, Level 3, 1 Cuscaden Road, +65 6732 2234*



## Au Petite Salut

It's a gorgeous French restaurant bordering Harding Road and overlooking the green lawns of Dempsey.

### The lunch

It's S\$98++ for dinner (not including wine) or S\$29.90++ for lunch. And you can skip the taxi charges at lunch too. Both are three-course set menus. Highlights include the French onion soup, the moist and beefy onglet beef steak and crispy frites, and the icing on top is the creamy, vanilla-laden crème brulee accompanying your coffee.

*Au Petite Salut, 40C Harding Road, +65 6475 1976*



## Magma

This gem of a German fine-dining restaurant is sandwiched between the colorful shophouses opposite the New Majestic hotel.

### The lunch

A five-course set lunch with white asparagus. Or a three or four course, depending on your appetite. You can choose your German favorites: tasty pork knuckle served with sauerkraut, crispy roast pork with apple purée or simple bangers and buttery mash. And you can sit back and watch the chef whip it up in the open kitchen.

*Magma, 2-4 Bukit Pasoh Road, +65 6221 0634*



## Garibaldi's

Garibaldi's is an upmarket Italian restaurant with upmarket prices on bustling Purvis street.

### The lunch

With the set lunch at just S\$38++, it's easy to see why Robert Galletti's cost restaurant on Purvis Street is perpetually busy. Another reason is that it is also hailed as one of the best restaurants in Singapore. The set includes a starter, main, dessert and tea or coffee. Highlights are the succulent U.S. scallops with porcini mushroom, angel hair pasta with fresh lobster, and the divine, runny molten lava chocolate fondant.

*Garibaldi's, 36 Purvis Street, +65 6837 1468*



## Tatsuya

This much hailed Japanese joint has the highest grade of fish; at the highest prices. If you're happy to re-mortgage your house for a dinner, this place is for you.

### The lunch

At S\$28.90++, the sashimi bento set is surprisingly priced for this blow-out restaurant based in Goodwood Park Hotel. The fresh salmon and tuna melt in the mouth, and it's tempting to order more and more. The sushi bento box at S\$30.90 is another hit with six plump pieces of sushi centered on pearly white rice.

*Tatsuya, Goodwood Park Hotel, 22 Scott's Road, +65 6887 4598*

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