

Southern hospitality



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Searching for an American eatery in Abu Dhabi in which to celebrate this 4th of July will not produce many options, save for a few TGI Friday's inspired spots. Cue the trusty Texan global chain Chili's.

Once a humble burger joint in Dallas, Chili's is now a world famous South-western brand – and one that has Abu Dhabi folk flocking to its double doors nightly (even when a big World Cup game is on).

There's plenty of atmosphere at this Ranch style joint, but starters will leave things a little damp

with an uninspiring soup of the day – broccoli with cheese, or a bowl of melted cheese with broccoli bits. Main menu choices lift the bar considerably. The classic 'Oldtimer' burger with quality fries is both mouth-watering and manageable. Don't forget to add cheese and of course, chilli.

If you're looking for something a little less calorie laden (but that wouldn't be very American of you) they do a great, guiltless grilled menu of tender chicken and salmon. To counteract all that meat, pair with a refreshing mini pitcher of seriously refreshing strawberry lemonade. And for dessert? The molten chocolate cake is in everyone's line of sight even before dinner. The warm chocolate cake topped with vanilla ice cream and crunchy chocolate shell produces a warm chocolate fudge eruption upon cutting into it. Dear chocolate lover, it's the Vesuvius of chocolate desserts.

Chili's is an easy option for families when McDonald's takeout gets old, and a fun place worth lassoing up some friends for a casual and well priced evening out.

**What?** Chili's

**Where?** Al Mariah Mall, Najda St (6th St)

**Cost:** Approximately AED 104 per person for three courses

**Why?** For consistently good grub, and a great casual, lively atmosphere

**Why not?** Not if you're looking to impress someone on a first date (unless you're sixteen), but still a fun joint

**We say:** A reliable option for satisfying your stomach. We'll be back

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