

New to the mix



There are plenty of food and beverage options steadily opening their doors at the Central Market, but The Crêpe Café offers something different from the standard coffee shops and formal dining options.

Not surprisingly, Crêpe Café offers – yes, you guessed it – crêpes. But don't be fooled into thinking that's all they have to offer.

The franchise prides itself on a varied menu including a special section for children, vegetarian options, omelettes, salads and sweet and savoury crêpes, alongside an assortment of hot and cold drinks.

The new opening at the souk marks the Australian brand's first branch in the UAE and with their own crêpe, waffle, and pancake mixes along with their branded coffee beans imported specially from Australia, Crêpe Café is sure to get people talking.



We certainly can't stop talking about the crêpes we sampled. The aromatic sugar crêpe – with a choice of plain or cinnamon sugar – accompanied with butter is a light and relatively guilt-free way to indulge. Perfectly light, slightly crispy and thin, it's a great introduction to the crêpe crew. The pancakes are equally moreish and easy on the appetite too – though a little stodgier after a hefty loading of fruits, whipped cream and ice cream, dusted over with a light coating of icing sugar – with the mixed berry pancake.

Or you could choose to go all out with the calorific, yet delightful banana bender waffle, complete with fresh bananas, chocolate, whipped cream and ice cream. Those who can finish it without a mini coronary deserve a medal.

The Crêpe Café offers a fun concept that on the whole works well. A friendly vibe, casual and comfy setting and a good menu do the chain justice. Our only quibble? In our ongoing plea for the air-conditioning in the souk to be lowered we'd advise sitting inside, where the full force of it won't re-freeze the ice cream on your waffle.

Charlie Kennedy

What? The Crépe Café

Where? The Souk Central Market

Cost: Take along a crisp AED 50 and you'll still receive change: remarkably good value for money

We say: A refreshingly unique offering – and one that comes with great staff and a mammoth menu

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