

Three in one



Can't decide where to go for brunch this weekend? You want fresh Belgian mussels and meatballs, juicy Brazilian steak and fresh seafood, salads and home-cooked favourites from an Italian kitchen? No problem, the InterContinental Abu Dhabi has it covered.

For the first time, when you book brunch at the hotel, you can sample food from all three of its restaurants: the Belgian Café, Bocaccio and Chamas. Plus, you get to sit outside on the terrace, overlooking the marina.

Think St Tropez or Miami and you'll get the general vibe. Waiters flit by as you order a fresh Brazilian mixer and devour a plate of lobster, juicy prawns and freshly shucked oysters. The sun is kept at bay by oversized umbrellas, a cool breeze blows in off the nearby marina and resident DJ Rabih spins another chill out classic.

It's a beautiful afternoon as all around you groups of friends, families and couples chat away. There are several parties of friends that have got together and there's a real buzz as the terrace fills up and the DJ ups the tempo.

It's a bit of a walk from the Belgian mussels to the Brazilian Churrasco, but with the amount of food on offer it's an excuse to stretch your legs and have a little boogie past the DJ, before you tuck into the next plate. With four hours to get through everything the three restaurants have to offer, there's plenty of time to linger over a few glasses of bubbles.

It's well worth taking your time and saving room for dessert – there's two huge dessert buffets to enjoy. We're fit to burst by the time the dessert bell sounds in our head for the final round so we opt for a generous scoop of ice cream instead (in a cone of course!)

What? Friday Marina Brunch

Where: InterContinental Abu Dhabi

Cost: AED 295 including unlimited drinks except bubbles and AED 395 with unlimited bubbles

We say: We can't wait to head back to see the four-piece band from Colombia – Tropimambo

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