

We've heard many great things about the various Chowking outlets dotted around the city, so we were happy to head to Mushrif Mall to check out their newest store



Chowking is nestled in Mushrif Mall's food court, but don't be fooled into thinking this is fast food – it's a great choice for lovers of Chinese and Asian food. There's something to suit almost every palate and a good selection of vegetarian options too.

We start off our meal with the breaded shrimp, which is a simple yet tasty treat for the tastebuds. The crunchy morsels of piping hot shrimp are delicious and come with a lovely dipping sauce to offset the crispiness of the golden breadcrumbs.

Next is soup and we spy a crab and corn variety on the menu. The soup is light but full of crab-tastic flavour, and even comes with some extra spices if you fancy revving it up a bit.

Chow down

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Now that we've warmed up, it's on to round three – Nasi Goreng. The dish is presented beautifully and topped with the customary fried egg. We're a bit of a wimp when it comes to spiciness so the chef tones it down for us. The result is a flavour-packed plate that just about had us busting at the seams we ate so much!

We almost couldn't manage it, but we had dessert anyway, opting for Chowking's signature extravaganza – the Halo Halo Special. This is very special indeed, a bowl of a little bit of everything from the dessert menu, from jellies to ice creams and more interesting ingredients.

The colours are amazing, bright pinks and purples dot the bowl and we almost feel bad messing it up! The mix of dishes that make up this dessert might seem strange at first glance, but together make an unconventional and rather pleasant combination of flavours.

With appetisers starting from just AED 7 and mains from under AED 20, Chow King delivers all the taste but without the hefty price tag.

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What? Chowking Mushrif Mall

Cost: Cheap and more than cheerful!

We say: Nobody beats the King

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