

Start your weekend with a hearty brunch at the Water Garden Brasserie, Raddison Blu Water Garden Hotel. The "Friday Family Brunch" lets you relax and offers exciting games and entertainment facilities for your children. You can relish a buffet brunch of assorted croissants, Danish pastries, cheese platter, roasted beef, lamb shanks, steak and eggs, and of course chocolate, blueberry and buttermilk pancakes.

You can also opt for healthy salads, soups and gourmet breads. Your children can feast upon fish fingers, mini burgers, spaghetti, hot dogs, waffles, chocolate sauce with marshmallows and candy apples. The brunch buffet is available only on Fridays from 11.30am-3.30pm and is priced at Tk.3100 for adults and Tk.1800 for children. On Saturdays you can order breakfast a la carte or set breakfast menus that range from continental, Bengali to healthy fit.

Hungry Naki, and indulge in breakfast in bed. The restaurant is open for brunch until 2.30pm on weekends and there are two set menus you can choose from.

Set menu 1 is priced at Tk450 and has a platter of chicken sausages, smoked turkey with eggs on bread, baked beans and potatoes, sautéed mushrooms, toasted bread, and tea or seasonal juice. Set menu 2 is priced at Tk400 and consists of chicken sausages, cheesy Spanish omelette, baked beans, hash browns, sautéed mushrooms, toasted bread, and tea or seasonal juice. In addition, you can have buttermilk pancakes with maple syrup at Tk140. Tastebud is also known for its assortment of baked delicacies such as cheesecakes, cupcakes and apple pies, and you can treat yourself a luscious dessert.

#### Pitha Ghor

How can you celebrate winter in Dhaka without revelling in tradi-

takeaways, although you can eat while standing on the sidewalk. Prices range from Tk15-35 for finger licking puli, patishapta, pakan and kheer puli pithas. You can also try out spicy samosas, shingaras and momos if you are craving a spicy meal. Pitha Ghor branches are open from 10am to 10pm.

#### Crepe-au-Lait

Crepe-au-Lait is a French inspired crepe café located in Gulshan. It is cosy and playful, a place



multitude of crepes: Oscar Chicken, Roast Beef, Veggie Delight, Banana Nutella, Strawberry, and Jamaican to name a handful. Prices range from Tk400-1100 and the café is open 7am until midnight on weekends.

#### Star Kabab

Nothing beats having buttery parathas and naan with spicy dal fry, beef bhuna and nehari. You have accomplished the difficult task of leaving your warm bed, and now you must devour a guilt-free brunch. You deserve the break after a busy week, and Star Kabab, arguably the best place to offer deshi meals, will live up to your expectations. You can choose from a rich array of naan and parathas with eggs, halwa, beef nehari, beef and mutton bhuna. These are available throughout the day, along with Star's well known malai-cha. Prices range from Tk. 8-150.

Dhaka city has a lot to offer for taking some time out, relaxing, and truly pamper-



#### Tastebud

Tastebud, located in the heart of Banani, is offering 'lazy weekend brunches' for those who have had a hectic weekend and would like to be pampered. You can order online through websites such as Foodpanda and

tional Bengali pithas? Having pithas is a unique way to cherish winter. Pitha Ghor branches have opened up in various locations in Dhaka, namely in Uttara, Bailey Road, Bashundhara and Gulshan 1. These bustling joints are very popular and offer

where people come to unwind and revive their creative juices. Crepes are thin pancakes served with all sorts of yummy fillings. There are sweet and creamy crepes as well savoury and mouth warming vegetarian and meat-based ones. You can choose from a

ing yourself. It is very important to not get lost in the busyness of urban life. Explore, try something new and rejuvenate for a new week!

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## Being Mrs.Dallaway

**B**RUNCHES are almost always more of an occasion than a simple meal. While we love meeting up with friends around the city, what better way to really enjoy each other's company than to host occasional parties at home?

To start things up, you need to learn to set the mood of the party. If you're unsure where to turn for ideas, search for a few good blogs that you can relate to and go from there.

Comfort is a big issue. There is not much you can do about the layout of your house but you can bring in big cushions to a room where you think folks will most likely hang out and mingle. If you are blessed with a garden, bring out some chairs and also don't forget to set a table.

To cater to all tastes, be prepared to serve tea, coffee and a variety of fruit juices. Or you can have a punch prepared for the guests. Food is obviously something you want to think about for a brunch. Instead of going all out with many involved dishes, choose one bigger dish and a few little bites and nibbles that people can snack on while chatting.

And lastly, the most important thing – participation. Request guests, who are closer to you, to help out on preparing the dishes, serving them and laying out the table spread. Rather than being showy and pompous, make it warm and cosy – the secret recipe for every, wonderful brunch.

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