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Brunches with pool access to try this weekend

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Brunch is back in the building – or in this case just outside it next to a refreshingly chilled body of H2O.

The surrounding tiles may have sole-burning qualities right now, but there's still no reason not to hot-foot it to one of these brilliant **brunches** with pool access this weekend.

Just don't end up looking like a Drumstick Lolly because you forgot to pack the sun cream...

Bab Al Shams Desert Resort & Spa

Call it a family affair at Bab Al Shams, where weekend family-friendly picnics are good enough to have Yogi Bear himself snooping around. The all-day package comes with lunch and as long in the wet stuff as you and the gang like.

Dhs250 (including soft drinks), Dhs450 (all day pool access and lunch), half price (kids aged six-12), free (kids below five). Fri & Sat 1pm-4pm. Bab Al Shams Desert Resort & Spa, Al Qudra Road, www.babalshams.com (04 809 6202).



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Café Nikki

Café Nikki at Nikki Beach needs no introduction, and neither does its poolside Friday brunch offering. Experience the Med – albeit with a bit of a temperature hike at the minute – and laid-back vibes so horizontal you'll be dreaming of floating on the lilo in no time flat.

Dhs325 (soft drinks), Dhs435 (house beverages), Dhs655 (bubbly). Fri 1pm-4pm. Nikki Beach Resort & Spa Dubai, Pearl Jumeira (04 376 6000).

Gastro Kitchen

Sip and swim at Gastro Kitchen this weekend, where private beach and luxe infinity pool provide the perfect post-brunch dozing spot. There's plenty on the menu to keep hunger at bay without leaving brunchers feeling bloated in their cossies, plus kids are welcome (and have their own pool for afterwards).

Dhs299 (soft drinks), Dhs399 (house beverages), Dhs449 (grape). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. DoubleTree by Hilton Dubai – Jumeirah Beach, JBR (04 453 3333).

Missippi's

They say good things come in threes, but at Missippi's they also come in fives. This spot's Pool Lunch deal can last for a full five hours from 1pm, with unlimited drinks pairing with a couple of chilled pools to keep the heat at bay.

Dhs299 (1pm-4pm) Dhs399 (1pm-6pm) Avani Ibn Battuta (55 269 7351).



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Soul Street

This three-hour brunch out of FIVE JVC comes fully equipped with live cooking stations and more street food. Grub too hot off the grill? Dump yourself in the pool to correct any temperature imbalances.

Dhs299 (house beverages). Fri 1pm-4pm. FIVE Jumeirah Village Dubai (04 248 9999).



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Solo

Raffles Dubai will welcome back Solo's brunch from this weekend, but it's far from something to attend alone. The family-friendly feast is designed to include all members of the crew, and returns on Friday May 21.

Dhs300 (soft drinks), Dhs400 (house beverages) with pool access. Fri 1pm-4pm. Raffles Dubai, Oud Metha www.raffles.com/dubai (04 324 8888).

Zero Gravity

There's hardly a dull moment at Zero Gravity, and whether brunchers are pitched up on the sand or by the glass-walled pool, four hours of unlimited food and drink makes for a killer combo in our books.

Dhs249 (ladies), Dhs299 (gents). Fri 1pm-5pm. Skydive Dubai Drop Zone, Dubai Marina (04 399 0009).



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