


Mad About **Jack!**



I'd heard from my friends how wonderful a place Mad Jack Café is. And PK Express, which owns Mad Jack Café and five other outlets, has made it a cool place to chill out. What's attractive about it is that it serves the best Aussie-styled fish and chips in town and it's also halal-certified.

What's more, if you can't get enough of Xbox games, the cafe has one.

It doesn't try too hard to be all things Australian. I saw no boomerangs or kangaroo motifs on the walls. Instead, simple abstract art adorned the pastel walls and wooden floors, giving it a bohemian feel. The staff were friendly and warm and there was nary a "g'day mate" to be heard.

I took a seat, and while waiting for a plate of what they dubbed 'Aussie's Best Fish & Chips', I noticed a collage of newspaper and magazine clippings giving the dish a big thumbs up.

So it was with great anticipation that I dug into my generous serving of fish and chips minutes later. The first bite was simply amazing – the taste immediately erupted in my mouth. The crispy batter, with its light taste, combined well with the flaky, juicy fish on the inside. It tasted even better when paired with vinegar.

Mad Jack Café won't reveal where they get their fish from, but suffice to say, it's totally unlike the kind of fish and chips Singaporeans are used to: tooth-thick, tasteless batter, overly greasy and poor quality fish.

Accompanying my MSG-free meal was an equally delicious glass of Weight Watchers – an interesting blend of fruits such as cucumber and tomatoes, all without the calorie-guilt.

To make the experience complete, I tried their delicious banana crumble which was topped with vanilla ice cream. And boy, did I feel like I was in heaven. – SYED ARAFAT

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