

LIKE A CAFETERIA IN PARIS



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This is the season to hurtle from one mandatory meal to another with friends and family. So, a food review was a bit like gifting an Eskimo a bucketful of ice. So much to eat, so little time... till one tiny voice suggested that perhaps they could come along for the food review instead of cancelling their lunch altogether. And that's how we ended up at Le Cristaal, a quaint little restaurant on Vittal Mallya Road, that offers you the luxury of stepping off a rapidly racing treadmill that is life and enjoying an unhurried meal—they cater from breakfast to dinner. Though there's an option to sit outside, we chose indoors. The interiors were simple and classy and we especially loved the chandelier motif. Though painted on the walls, they managed to give the illusion of hanging from the ceiling. Nice.

Appetisers: Two of the group who were nursing the sniffles decided to begin the meal with some Thyme-flavoured Chicken Consommé with Spaghetti of Vegetables. The clear soup was an infusion of rich chicken stock and herb flavours and a good idea to beat the nip in the air. Two of us decided to try out Crab Cakes



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of course, sauce that the menu described as Provençal. It was so good that, well, read on...

Entrée: The kids wanted another pizza, a dark hint that we had dug into their treat. This time, it was

Next came the Homemade Lasagna and whether or not you like it, depends on your love for sauces. Here, the lasagna was almost swimming in the thick, tomato-based sauce. We had no complaints with the spicy sauce, all we wanted was more of the

Le Cristaal

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Cuisine	European
Owner(s)	Ritika Sadhwani, Rajesh Sadhwani and Payal Shah
Chef	Subroto
Alcohol	Yes
Wine List	Yes. Fine wines and spirits and cocktails
Price range	₹1,500 for starter, mains and dessert for two.
Parking	Valet
Wheelchair access	On the ground floor. Need to negotiate a step or two only
Service	Friendly and efficient
Sound level	Can hear each other speak
USP	Great place for an unhurried Italian meal
Outdoors	Yes
Smoking	Yes
Ambience	Quaint and classy.
Kid-friendly	Yes
Hours	9am to 11.30pm
Home delivery	No
Reservations	Preferred on weekends since it's not a huge place