

Brighton

Whether it's a morning coffee, brunch with sea views or a night out with friends, this bustling beachside hangout has all your bases covered.

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In Thais Café & Noodle Bar

63 Jetty Rd

Husband and wife team Kevin and Tanny Ponniah opened this outlet after the success of their In Thais Noodle Bar on Belair Road. Tanny describes the food as modern Thai with a traditional twist, made using fresh produce. "Our chefs are all from Thailand and have been in the industry for a long period," she says. Try the green apple fish or signature Moreton Bay bugs. There's a great wine list, too. Now also open for brekkie on weekends - try the French toast with Thai caramel and chocolate sauce.

Brighton Jetty Bakery

83 Jetty Rd

After a 17-year stint at the Port Elliot bakery, the Matkovic family have brought their baked goodies to Brighton. As well as traditional pastries, the bakery features a new pie every month: think butter chicken or veal and shiraz. Vanilla slices and fruit strudel buns and a range of gluten-free sweets and vegan donuts are available. Owner/Manager Dave Matkovic says the bakery aims to provide the freshest possible food. "Our bakers start late and work throughout the day, allowing us to bake on demand." Settle in with a treat and enjoy views of the jetty.

Brighton Jetty Café

85 Jetty Rd

Paula and Filipe Horta turn out Mediterranean food with a strong emphasis on local seafood: think tuna carpaccio, local snapper, seafood bouillabaisse and stuffed crumbed mushrooms. Other popular dishes include the jetty burger and beer batter 'bad boy' chips. You can also try traditional British fish and chips or a flavoursome Spanish tortilla.

Aux Fines Bouches

496 Brighton Rd

This quaint little pâtisserie will have you thinking you've stepped out of Adelaide and into pretty Paris. The simple black and white décor complements the rows of intricate cakes and sweet delicacies on the front counter, made by head chef, pâtissier and owner Richard Le Deunff and his team. You can take a whole cake home with you, or stay for coffee and freshly made tart, chocolate croissant or macaron. Aux Fines Bouches also offers a monthly Saturday lunch (bookings essential), with a main and dessert.

The Edge Delicatessen

47 Jetty Rd

Inspired by the seventies, the eclectic/retro fitout of this café is designed to create a warm welcome, says owner Troy Odgers. "I really liked the idea of a cosy, comfortable place where everybody was welcome and you could feel relaxed," he says. Take home freshly made sandwiches, wraps, bakes and salads, or grab a seat and indulge in a long breakfast or lunch. Troy recommends the gluten-free roast vegetable frittata, topped with light sour cream and sweet chilli sauce. Wash it all down with a dairy-free fruit whip.

A Café Etc

67-71 Jetty Rd

One of the first coffee shops on Jetty Road, this local institution has hearty meals, a relaxed atmosphere and homey décor. Owner and cook Carol Walker opened the café after a seachange, and it's become a showcase of her 35-year-old Marilyn Monroe collection. The breakfast is a must, with traditional bacon and eggs, hash browns, muesli and more until late afternoon. There's a great range of lunch dishes, too, and sweet treats like crêpes.

E'nuf Burger Bar

2/83 Jetty Rd

E'nuf puts a new spin on the traditional burger, with a focus on local produce, homemade sauces and freshly baked rolls. Owner Haidee runs the bar with her mum Carol and friend Brad Reynolds, who also run E'nuf Burger Bar in Glenelg. There are 27 burgers on the menu, from vegetarian to an 'eggs Benny' breakfast burger. Choose your roll (damper, sesame, wholemeal and gluten-free friendly) and away you go!

The Esplanade Hotel

135 Esplanade

The Esplanade Hotel offers both café and bistro but is best known for its breakfasts and brunches. Choose from a peppered avocado open grill, the Espy Benedict or a brekkie pizza. For lunch or dinner, there are classic pub favourites, a great vegetarian selection, pizza, pasta and hearty steaks. The views from their floor-to-ceiling windows are to die for.

Godzilla Pizza

542 Brighton Rd

Run by brothers Rory and Tyler since January last year, Godzilla's menu offers pizzas, American-style ribs, fresh salads, hot food packs, pasta and gelato. Pizzas range from traditional faves to gourmet, plus there's a good range of vegetarian and vegan offerings (Faking Bacon, Cheating Chicken, Cheezly Non-Dairy).



OTHER MUST-VISITS

TAKE AWAY

Precious Pearl (525 Brighton Rd)

RESTAURANT

Veena Tandoori (520 Brighton Rd)

DRINKS

Brighton Metro (466 Brighton Rd)

SWEET TREATS

Twisted Treats (Shop3/430 Brighton Rd)



Clockwise from above: In Thais' signature Moreton Bay bugs are always popular; a breakfast treat at The Edge Delicatessen; the view from Brighton Jetty Café, where local seafood is a focus; Marilyn Monroe memorabilia is a well loved feature of Brighton institution A Café Etc; newcomer Brighton Jetty Bakery offers a new pie each month; E'nuf Burger Bar's burgers are made using premium produce, their own sauces and rolls.

