



Family alfresco dining with a French accent at Quayside.

Saint Germain

While Happy Valley may not inspire thoughts of Montmartre or Montparnasse, the neighbourhood takes on a distinctly French flavour at Saint Germain. Starters and mains feature French favourites such as foie gras, snails and hotpot. Standouts include ravioles

de toyans à la crème de truffe, cheese-filled pasta parcels with decadent truffle cream (\$128/\$168). Children's options include minced beef steak with fries (\$96) and linguini pasta in tomato or pesto sauce (\$78). Save room for a dessert of French apple pie with vanilla ice cream (\$78) or classic Ile Flottante,

table for four

soft meringue floating on a lake of French custard. 1A Wong Nai Chung Road, Happy Valley, 2836 6131, www.french-creations.com/saint-germain.

Cococabana

It may be named after a Brazilian beach, but there's a touch of St Tropez about Cococabana, which serves delicious Mediterranean food in a stunning location right on Shek O beach. Sit under the umbrellas on the large terrace or chill in the easy, breezy seaside-themed dining room. Appropriately, given the beach setting, fresh seafood features prominently, including bouillabaisse, scallops St Jacques, sea bass with clams and standout piri-piri king prawns. More hearty meat options include rib-eye steak, roast chicken, Corsican pork-knuckle stew and slow-cooked ox tongue, while veggies can tuck into a substantial ratatouille gratin. There's a crowd-pleasing kids' menu for the smalls with the ham and cheese crêpes (\$98) proving especially popular. G/F, LCSD Building, Shek O Beach, 2812 2226. 📍