

Paris Commune
99 Bank Street
New York, NY 10014

A French Bistro with Mussel

What a great place this is. If you love French food, you will be delighted with this casual West Village bistro. It's pricey, to be sure, but you certainly get your money's worth.

The menu has many classic French dishes, including steak frites, beef bourguignon, and escargot. I started with superb steak tartar topped with a quail egg and parmesan crusted frites. For my main course I had a huge serving of mussels in garlic, white wine, and shallots served with wonderfully crisp frites. You need a lot of mussels to get full, but their dinner size portion is huge. And I guarantee you will sip up every last drop of that sinfully rich white wine and garlic sauce.

On another visit, I ordered the mussels as an appetizer and they were surprisingly not fresh. I summoned the waiter over and he asked if I wanted another appetizer. I told him no, I would just have my main course. A few minutes later, the manager brings me over a lovely little appetizer sampler and apologizes about the mussels. Now that's classy service. And that is why I strongly recommend Paris Commune, a perfect choice for a casual yet elegant brunch, lunch or dinner.

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