

# The best pies

Rich, tasty, buttery pies, crammed with delicious fillings ... all you need is a salad of ripe tomatoes, a glass of red and dinner is served!

## Petits Fours

We love these pies! Nicely sized individual home-made pies, with the lamb and feta version getting our vote as the best pie for a winter night! Crammed with tender, juicy lamb in moist, buttery pastry ... completely fab! There are also pies filled with chicken and sherry, tomato and feta, and really good Cornish pasties (R20 each). Magdeline makes up any of these as full size pies should you need to feed a crowd (R20 a portion). Inside the Garden Shop at Bloodaxe and (until end August) in Lifestyle Home Garden. Details: Magdeline 087-434-4986.

## The Tart

Toni and Nadine of **The Tart** make the most brilliant chicken pies ... they get our vote for best picnic pie. Excellent pastry, crammed with chicken and herbs, they're equally enjoyable at room temperature as they are when heated, making them the perfect pie to pack up for a picnic at the polo. They come as generous individual pies and in family size ... which can be made up in your own dish if you like to fool guests! (R35 a serving). Order in advance, or get fresh on Friday mornings. 48 Jan Smuts Ave, Forest Town. Details: 011-646-4781.

## The Pie Works

Head to **The Pie Works** for the best kosher pies in Izzi. Not only do people travel here from far and wide to buy the spicy chicken pies (R15.95 each) but also for the delicious pierogis (beef, chicken or veggie) to have with your winter soups (R6.50 to R15.95). Sandringham Centre, 14 George Ave, Sandringham. Details: 011-485-2447.

## Moema's

Delicious options available here ... think chicken and mushroom, seasonal vegetable, lamb with sultanas and baked almonds and pork with apple and sage. (Individual pies R35 each, large family size pies, made to order, for around R250.) Parktown Quarter, cor 3rd and 7th avenues, Parktown North. Details: 011-788-7725.

## Catering and Associates

Taryn du Plessis's pumpkin and sweetcorn pie, with roast pumpkin, sweetcorn, leeks and Cheddar cheese, is a seriously good winter bet. The large is perfect for eight to 10 people and costs R150, the extra large is R165 (which feeds about a dozen.) Shop L19 Hobart Centre, Bryanston. Details: 011-706-7114.

## Woolies Square Pies

We tried and loved Woolies' new square pies ... particularly the lamb and veggie option; there's also a ham hock and chicken and a steak and stout version, which got rave reviews. The only quibble is the size ... unless you've a really enormous appetite, they're far too big for one, but a little too small for two. We solved that problem by dishing up one for each person, and slicing a piece off the side which we popped into the fridge for a cold midnight snack ... yum! R34.95 and R36.95.



Fresh from the oven chicken pies from The Tart