

EATING

Food for thought. Yum.

Cubana

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The Place

What can you say about Cubana that hasn't already be written, eh? Fact is, if you're a Sheffielder, the Trippet Lane bar/eatery will probably be on your list of favourite establishments given that it's impossible to have a bad night out there. Famed for their vibrant atmosphere, welcoming staff, live music and salsa, they consistently win award after award... and you can't argue that they're deserved. We're here for their renowned tapas.

The Food

Previously we've plumped for the set menu here. £17.95 gets you eleven little plates of heaven. Can't fault it. On this occasion though, it's decided we'll go for three dishes apiece. After kicking off proceedings with a couple of shots of 1800 Anejo Tequila, we peruse the considerable menu. I plump for

Feijoada (tender diced pork, smoked bacon, spicy chorizo sausage & black beans in a rich tomato & white wine sauce), Albondigas (meatballs) and Chorizo, while my cohort gets involved with the Res y cebolla (thinly sliced tender sirloin steak sautéed with sweet caramelised red onions), Gambas tigras (Tiger prawns wrapped in filo pastry) and Jamón y queso de cabra (oven baked basket of Serrano ham topped with goats cheese), A feast fit for a king.

The Verdict

The food at Cubana echoes the place itself: full of variety and flawless. Whether you're heading out for a bite to eat, a relaxed drink, or simply need to bust loose with a few Latin moves, Cubana doesn't just deliver, it excels. As the adage goes, it's not so much what you do, it's how you do it. Ace.



6 Days A Week
Mon - Thurs 5pm - 12am,
Friday 5pm - 1am,
Saturday 12pm - 1am
Sunday available for hire



Tapas: £2.65 - £5.95
Set Menu: £17.95 pp



Christmas bookings now being taken



Sample Menu:

Tapas:
Pez espada con espinacas
Smoked sword fish and toasted bread served on fresh spinach leaves in a lemon and olive oil dressing £5.25

Cordero en vino tinto
Tender lamb pieces slowly braised in red wine, red onions, balsamic vinegar and fresh thyme £4.75

Platillos

Leopold Square
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The Place

Platillos is arguably THE jewel in Leopold Square's crown; sure there are some great bars and restaurants in this salubrious stretch of Sheffield, but despite being one of the first, it's also one of the finest. The downstairs bar is home to a selection of tapas but we're here for Delicioso; a monthly themed food and drink evening in the upstairs restaurant packed with Spanish flavours.

The Food

It's just £25 a head tonight (although the price has since risen to £30) and when you work out just how much is on offer, it's amazing value. There's course after course of Spanish dishes, including the likes of paella and Gambas a la Sidra, while they also don't hold back on the entertainment, which all adds

to the flavour of the evening. Last month's Portuguese night featured a capoeira demonstration and the chance to make our own cocktails while this month we get stuck in to a Sidra Porrón which you pass amongst yourselves pouring Spanish cider down your throat through an enormous spout. Service, is as we'd expect of Platillos, exemplary.

The Verdict

Not everyone is a fan of tapas - but with their Delicioso nights - Platillos have successfully spread their wings. There is so much food and drink to go around that you easily get your money's worth and the quality and authenticity is unquestionably high. Next month they bring a touch of Greece to the city; and yes, I'm expecting a whole heap of plate smashing.



Mon-Thurs: 11am-midnight
Fri & Sat: 11am - 2am
Food served
Mon-Fri 12 noon to 3pm,
5pm to 10pm
Sat & Sun 12 noon to 10pm



*** Appetizers: £1.95 - £4**
Mezze: £7 - £10.75
Tapas: £2.50 - £6
Big Plates: £7.50 - £11
Desserts: £2.75 - £6.50



Bookings welcome. Next Delicioso takes place on November 10.



*Sample menu:

Vegetarian:
South American sweet corn fritters

Meat:
South American sweet corn fritters
Braised beef and chorizo stew

Main:
Chargrilled butterfly chicken breast with Mexican spices, patatas bravas and Greek salad.

* Taken from the regular menu