

fancy a cuban?

A wet and windy Monday evening is not ordinarily associated with being conducive to creating any kind of decent atmosphere. But Cubana is no ordinary restaurant...



As soon as I set foot inside the restaurant a feeling of escape washed over me and it no longer felt like I was in Sheffield on a cold night in September. The vibrant, warm and exciting interior successfully lifted my spirits and I felt instantly at ease in Cubana's homely and inviting heart.

After being shown promptly to my chunky wooden table, before examining the menu, I allowed myself a few minutes to drink in Cubana's truly unique atmosphere. A quick scan of the restaurant revealed a very mixed clientele; all enjoying the fantastic ambience.

And the smiles were not only present on the faces of the customers. The waiting staff were the perfect hosts; knowledgeable, friendly and efficient. There seemed to be a sense of the staff being genuinely happy in their work. This is a feature sadly missing in the modern landscape of chain restaurants, but it is certainly to Cubana's credit that it is present here.

When I was already more than content with the Latin flavours permeating throughout the restaurant, the icing on the cake appeared in the form of live jazz. The talented quartet provided the idyllic backdrop to the food and played smooth, unobtrusive jazz throughout the night.

It would have been almost impossible to choose from the fantastically extensive menu were it not for the saviour of the set option. I would have happily

eaten any of the dishes from the menu and was delighted to be given the opportunity to sample a wide range of the available items.

When the procession of dishes had arrived I was left with a very busy table and an exciting spread of food encompassing olives, meatballs, salad, vegetables, prawn, chicken, duck, breads...the list goes on. The dishes were all lovingly prepared and it was apparent that the chef, who has been at the restaurant since it opened, takes a great pride in his work.

The great thing about tapas is the communal feeling of sharing the food with your companions. As well as being a more than hearty meal, the array of food on the table was a feast for the eyes and managed to dictate conversation for some time. My personal highlights included the black olive and mixed herb pate, which came with toasted ciabatta, the meatballs with red wine sauce and the roasted Mediterranean vegetables.

Without managing to clear my plates, I was already amply satisfied and decided to opt for a cocktail instead of the customary dessert. The bar is incredibly well stocked with a variety of beers, a multitude of very good wines and an astonishing array of spirits. I opted for the Red Sapphire, which contained gin, lemon liquor, apple and cranberry. It served to finish the night off consummately and left me wanting more.

I will return to Cubana.



Cuba... is just around the corner!

At Cubana we can make all the difference to your evening.

Enjoy our authentic Cuban surroundings, unique Cuban ambience and welcoming Latino vibe. Mix this together with our tasty tapas dishes and the best in Latin music - you've found the perfect night out. Live Latin musicians play on Monday and Tuesday evenings.



Call 0114 2760475 to book a table

Opening Hours:

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| Mon-Thurs | 5pm - Midnight |
| Friday | 5pm - 1.00am |
| Saturday | Midday - 1.00am |
| Sunday | Available for private hire from Midday to Midnight |

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Cuban bar / Tapas bar