

Restaurant Review by Peter Wells

La Piscina - Parcent

And now for something completely different.....

Just 1km outside Parcent on the C3318 road to Tarbena lies the old municipal swimming pool and tea rooms. The pool is now disused, murky and full of water lilies, the terraces are now empty of sunbeds but overflowing with potted plants and the tea room is now a restaurant jammed full of quirky memorabilia that Acorn Antiques would have been proud of.

Only opening at lunchtime (12-4), the large restaurant offers only a menu of the day at 15€ for 3 courses and half a bottle of wine per person, bread and alioli.

The menu is recited to each table by the attentive waiters and includes, for the first course a superb “all you can eat” help yourself salad buffet with a huge assortment of fresh salads and meats. Main courses include wild boar, goulash, paella, rabbit stew, lasagne and some fish dishes too. Sweets included ice cream, chocolate cake (low calorie of course), pineapple etc.

The food was just wonderful and the quirky surroundings only added to the great atmosphere. The salad bar alone would be enough for diners with a smaller appetite. Service was very pleasant at all times. There is also an outside terrace for dining “al fresco”! On the day we went the rain was coming down incessantly yet we were warm and dry inside.

Bookings can be made on 966 40 51 26

Conclusion – A super meal out in the most unusual of surroundings

Food quality	9/10
Ambiance	8/10
Value for money	9/10
Service	9/10
Location	7/10