

## Restaurant Review by Peter Wells

### **Puerto Madero – Calpe**

Puerto Madero is a relatively new restaurant right at the most northerly point of the Fosa beach at Calpe, not too far from the Esmeralda Hotel. It is located at the bottom of a tower block opposite the sea with a beautiful terrace and more seating inside. The restaurant specialises in steaks but does also serve chicken kebabs, and even spaghetti bolognaise. No “menu del dia” was on offer.

On the first occasion we were very impressed with the restaurant and everyone of the 4 of us present thoroughly enjoyed our food, the service was good and the ambience excellent.

However, we returned to the restaurant 2 weeks later on 13<sup>th</sup> September with 4 friends. On this occasion we were extremely disappointed.

The restaurant was full and 3 of us chose their signature dish, the long rack of beef ribs which one can see cooking behind glass on the barbeque. Others had steaks and a chicken kebab. The ribs were just appalling, turning out to be 90% fat. When we complained after the meal we were offered an alternative but, by that time, nobody then felt like trying something else. The steaks were excellent but the kebab, although very tender, was missing the sauce it should have come with. Service was very slow indeed and one dessert even arrived 15 minutes after all the others.

I did complain to the English speaking owner and she was totally indifferent, not even offering any gesture, however small, to compensate us or show us she cared.

Cost per person 25€ - 3 courses and house wine etc

Conclusion – Very disappointing food, poor owner attitude and lousy service – we can do so much better!

Food quality	5/10
Ambiance	7/10
Value for money	4/10
Service	2/10
Locaton	10/10