



The Marhaba Restaurant

(on the road between Moraira and Calpe, just past the Pollo Loco)

A taste of Morocco, right here on the Costa Blanca. A refreshing change, that possibly we wouldn't have experienced, if it wasn't for the U3A's Dining Club.

20 of the "Barcelona" group assembled on 28th February 2012, being welcomed at the door by our hosts for the evening, Audrey and David Kennedy.

This "different" eating experience was complimented by the ambiance of a colourful Moroccan tent. So, we all started off with the theme in place. You wouldn't have known you were in Moraira The food and decor made you feel you could have been in Morocco.

We weren't disappointed with the food. So many courses. From an hors d'oeuvre of tasty little cakes, bread rolls and houmus, on to a good selection of starters. We chose the Briwats (pastry triangles with chicken, onion and egg) but the Layer Salad, amongst others, did look delicious. Then a soup and a minty-tasting sorbet. The good selection of main dishes did include some vegetables (which suited us) and the stars of the show were the Tajin dishes (lamb, chicken or beef) served in the colourful traditional covered pots. We felt that the spiciness of the dishes was about right for the English palate, though some people would have liked more. To finish off, we were offered 5 choices of dessert, all delicious, and some brave diners ordered the traditional Moroccan mint tea and pastries.

The price was 20 euros per person, including half a bottle of wine, and we felt this was good value for money.

Take a break from your regular Spanglish restaurant!

That's what we like about the U3a's Dining Club. The variety!

And, we loved this Moroccan experience.

Food quality.....	9 /10
Ambiance.....	10/10
Service.....	9/10
Location.....	9/10
Value for money..	9 /10

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