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Exterior of the restaurant El Pirata de Mayfair. / Photo: Shy Lewis (Shy PR)

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We arrived at **number 5 Down Street**, in Mayfair, in the **heart of London**. Right here is the Spanish tapas restaurant and bar, **El Pirata**. From the moment we set foot inside it, we feel at home, since its environment transports us directly to Spain. The **welcome couldn't be warmer** from the staff. Its decoration, modern: wooden floors and black carpentry. Spanish prints and black-and-white photos hang on the white walls. Spanish art is present with **works by Picasso or Miró**. To all this we must add the piped music. **Spanish artists and groups** like the Gipsy King, Beret, Rosalía, Vanesa Martín, Rozalén or Cómplices, among others, **liven up the evening while we enjoy the best Spanish food**.



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Chicken Wings at the Mayfair Pirate. / Photo: Shy Lewis (Shy PR).

El Pirata has been serving tapas for a quarter of a century to customers of all stripes. Among them, as highlighted on their website, " **some celebrities such as Queen guitarist Brian May or actor Johnny Depp** . " Its founders are clear about where **the key to the success** of this restaurant is. "A great selection of **good food and Spanish wines** served, quickly, by friendly waiters in a casual restaurant that seems to be located in Madrid rather than Mayfair."

Great Spanish gastronomic variety on your menu

In its **main tapas menu you can find more than 50 dishes** . The acorn-fed ham, the different paellas, the patatas bravas or the croquettes are some of its star dishes.

They also have an interesting **fall menu** . It includes two tapas to choose from, and includes bread, aioli and a drink. All for 14.95 per person.



Garlic prawns at the Mayfair Pirate. / Photo: Shy Lewis (Shy PR)

Drink is also important, which is why they **have more than 140 wines on their list** . This bar is an ideal place for even **winemakers to learn and expand their knowledge of Spanish wine** . Among the native grape variety they have, as indicated on their website, «Tempranillo, Garnacha (probably imported from France as Grenache) and Mourvèdre (the Monastrell del Levante vine), all of which produce fine reds, and Albariño and the recently renewed Verdejo Varietals for the whites.

Finally, **do not forget the sweet part: the desserts** . These do not fail in your letter. We can choose from a lemon sorbet, to a **Catalan cream** or cheese cake, among others.





Plate of mussels at the Mayfair Pirate. / Photo: Shy Lewis (Shy PR).

If we go down the **spiral staircase** inside the restaurant, we find the lower dining room. A part of the restaurant is **available for private rental**. And they also have a **party room**. If someone likes to eat outdoors, they **have a terrace** at the entrance of the restaurant.

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