Gibraltar, an authentic Moroccan restaurant in Lavapies

My close friend Kameron "el ProfeSoul" Sterling has been an excellent resource to me in my mission to shed light on the endearing establishments hidden within our multi-cultural barrio of Lavapies. "It's all about the fellas," he said charismatically as he led me into Gibraltar, a charming Moroccan restaurant situated on C/ Casino by the Embajadores park. Entering this location was akin to leaving Europe and entering Morocco—the authenticity made visible by its lively crowd of Moroccan gentlemen who were sipping tea, bantering in French and casually shooting the shit.



Kameron was greeted warmly by the head server, who presented us with **delicious mint tea**. Kam is well acquainted with this establishment considering its essentially in his backyard. He recommended that I try the **al harira**, a thick, spicy soup containing chicken, tomatoes and ginger with other herbs.





This was followed up by our respective main courses: a **Tajine** of chicken with prunes, almonds, egg, and vegetables & a **Tajine** of Lamb, couscous and vegetables. Both of these Tajines were phenomenal, with their spectrum of fresh flavors dancing on our palates.



The staff of this establishment are extremely amicable and efficient. The head server, who was quite vocal to me about exactly how fond he is of Kam, was able to guess correctly based on my accent that I'm from New York. I felt very much accepted as an outsider.

Kam and I left this establishment incredibly full and pleased with ourselves—the check was 11€ each. I strongly recommend this establishment to any adventurous eaters who are searching for a colorful window into a completely different world.

Info

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