

# Where to eat in Edinburgh – Le Di-Vin a hidden gem in the New Town

Le Di-Vin is tucked away just behind Charlotte Square on Randolph Place, opposite Sygn Bar.

It is owned by the proprietors of the fabulous La P'tite Folie French Restaurants. As the name suggests it is a warm and atmospheric haven of wonderful wines, French cheeses and charcuterie just waiting for you to discover. It is perfect for an after work drink, a night out or settling in with a bottle of wine and plate of cheese on a romantic evening.

Step through the double doors at the entrance and you are greeted with a large open room flooded with natural light coming in from the windows in the roof and a very impressive floor to ceiling wine rack behind the huge bar area. There is a selection of tall and relaxed seating areas plus a large mezzanine area at the back which would be perfect for a group.



Proprietors Virginie and Ghislain have transformed the bar from a building which was at one time a church called the Oratory of St Anne.

Virginie came over to say hello to us and explained the history of the wine bar and also the food. She is a lovely lady who is hugely passionate about good food and wine and easily picked out some great wines for us to try.

Di-Vin offers a selection of French foods with the star of the show being their platters in my mind. We decided on the cheese & charcuterie with bread and salad.

There were at least 7 different meats including cured ham, saucisson and traditional baked hams, for the cheeses we had an ample selection including Tomme De Savoie, Roquefort, Chaource and Comte.

They also have fish platters with grilled garlic prawns, various tempting antipasti including snails, a croque monsieur of course and tartines (fine puff pastry tarts with cheese and vegetables). For dessert you must try the Crème Brulee if you have room for a little taste of creamy heaven.



Their wine list is practically a novel it's so huge, with a vast range of different styles from a variety of countries including France, Italy, Spain, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Chile, Argentina and Patagonia and USA. There are 27 wines by the glass and house wines start from a very reasonable £16.95.

They also offer wine flights to taste their favorite ones with your food and play host to various wine tasting events held regularly throughout the year.

I have to say I absolutely loved Le Di'Vin and have sent all my colleagues – everyone who has been is raving about it too.

Our wine flight was just the right amount, the staff and Virginie were so welcoming and friendly, and the food perfect. It really is one of Edinburgh's best hidden gems and my new favourite bar.

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**Bar open Mon–Sat noon–late. Closed Sun.**

**Average price £14 (lunch); £14 (evening meal)**

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