

Review – Côte – Frederick Street



Côte, 51 Frederick Street, Edinburgh EH2 1LH

RATING: Food 3.5; Atmosphere 4; Service 4.5; Drinks 4; Toilets 4; Website 4.5

City centre Edinburgh. There is a myriad of choices for a meal and, if in doubt, I tend to plump for what I've experienced before.

I've enjoyed Côte in Exeter and London so this seemed a no-brainer, particularly as a colleague had dined there only days before and enjoyed the experience.

Côte is, according to their website, inspired by the brasseries of Paris, championing relaxed all-day dining and serving authentic French classics made from great quality, fresh ingredients.

Yes, it is part of a chain but from the moment you walked into this spotlessly clean and well-appointed restaurant you feel welcome.

They offered us an upstairs table with a view – brilliant – and the service was slick and attentive – not overly – despite the restaurant being packed.

And the food? Packed with flavour but portions were small. The fish pie was moist with a tangy sauce, the steak was tucked into with gusto and complemented by a big-eating Scottish international sportsman and my Breton fish pie was so good I used my spoon to secure every last drop of the sauce. My wife's beef bourguignon was a disappointment, lacking in quantity and a tad bland, strange for a restaurant with a

French connection.

Overall, this was a pleasant experience, pricey yes, the sides were extra, something I don't appreciate, but it is central Edinburgh, it is a tourist city and Edinburgh is an expensive place to live.