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Sunday vibes in Stratford

Settle into **The Townhouse** in Stratford-upon-Avon, with its luxurious bedrooms, lively bar and delicious food and you’re in for a treat, as Emily Gravenor discovered...



Upstairs, the recently-refurbished bedrooms are a real delight. Our characterful room had a freestanding bath in one corner, wooden beams, a gorgeous chaise longue, one of the comfiest beds I’ve ever slept in and little touches like a Nespresso machine, luxurious Temple Spa toiletries, premium teas and a free decanter of port all adding to the luxury of our stay. The rooms have very attractive décor – sumptuous fabrics are mixed with hip design, striking the perfect combination of high quality and cool.

The menu in the restaurant is modern British, with extremely well-presented dishes that tasted as good as they looked. As a vegetarian, I felt well catered for, and enjoyed a Beetroot and Goat’s Cheese Salad followed by a delicious Vegetable Tart, which came in an impressive Desperate Dan-sized pastry casing. My friend went for Pan-fried Scallops, Broad Beans and Chorizo, followed by the ‘amazing’ Roast Cornish Monkfish, and neither of us could resist the Neatened Mess, which looked too pretty to eat, but soon got polished off. The only thing to do after this was to take a stroll by the river to walk off a little of the indulgence!

We’ll definitely be going back to The Townhouse. Rooms with the wow factor, excellent food, and of course, those Sunday cocktails – what’s not to like?

The Townhouse

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If you’ve ever wondered where Stratford-upon-Avon’s locals go for drinks and dinner, look no further than The Townhouse. Situated in the centre, but towards the quieter streets of Old Town, this charming hotel combines a lively bar, a cosy restaurant serving delicious food, and sumptuous bedrooms.

The Townhouse itself is a 400-year-old, Grade II-listed building on Church Street, opposite the school that Shakespeare went to. It’s a two-minute walk from the river and famous theatres, and extremely well-located for Stratford’s shops, cafés and historical attractions. There’s a book in reception with photos of The Townhouse dating back to the 17th century, and you get a real sense of the part the building has played in the history of the town.

Coming from Stratford, I’d heard plenty of

references to The Townhouse from friends, sometimes as a venue for a ‘fizz Friday’ catch-up and as a place to have a relaxed lunch or dinner or to listen to live music. When we arrived, there was a lively atmosphere in the front bar, where a musician was singing and playing guitar, while in the restaurant and library bar people were enjoying the two-for-one cocktails and summer menu.

Manager Neil Hanson explained that as well as being a place for visitors to Stratford, he likes to make sure that The Townhouse caters for the locals, too. He sees it as a place for a grown-up crowd who enjoy socialising on a Sunday afternoon, with cocktails, Sunday roasts, a special gin menu and a choice of two bars.



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