



My stay at Surbiton's *dazzling* Hotel Bosco

A happy guest spends the night at Hotel Bosco, enjoying the Buzasi brothers hospitality with a cocktail or two and a fine rib eye

Over the past decade *Hotel Bosco* has become rather a Surbiton institution. Now its owners, the Buzasi brothers have taken their successful hotel-cum-late night cocktail lounge formula and given it a few twists.

Hotel Bosco, which opened its doors in 2007, isn't so much a hotel but an all guns blazing über cocktail-selling

nightclub. The pace of drinks mixing at the weekends is incredible. I'm told the bar alone takes over £15k at a canter on a Saturday night. They swiftly shift a money-making 300 cocktails an hour between 10pm and 1.30am. That's five per minute. Kerching! I understand from entertainment manager James that both Surbiton born and bred twin Buzasi brothers are single, so ladies please form an orderly cue. Bald, half Hungarian, not bad looking, a girl could do worse.

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I've been invited to stay over to check out the boutique bedrooms, sample the new food menu, guzzle their booze in honour of their new happy hour and gaze at the recently installed wine wall.

Happy hour is however, seven days a week, which is frankly dangerous – you can steal a glass of *Moët & Chandon* for just £5.50! Brexit-, pre-recession-, property collapse-pricing.

Naturally the food is a bit hipster fluffy. Small plates. Sharing. I spotted quinoa, crushed avocado and mezze. How very Surrey. I opted for the 28-day aged, 10oz rib eye steak. I wasn't paying.



Brother Paul talks with gusto about his new wine wall. Supposedly made by the same Dutch carpenters who built the one at the *Shangri-La Hotel* at *The Shard*. "What do you think? Bit too *Range Rover*?" he jests. It is undeniably sexy and looks expensive, apparently it costs, and I quote, "too much".

So is it worth splashing out for the bedrooms? It's debatable. The look is minimalist with low *Vispring* beds, the compulsory designer wallpaper behind the headboard and low-lit, sleek bathrooms. No, the real reason to stay is for the walk upstairs to bed after getting overly refreshed in the lounge. I can't think of anywhere better to get a hangover!

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