

Tinto Lounge review

The wonderfully hip and grungy Gloucester Road boasts an extensive array of independent shops, cafes, restaurants and bars. Nestled amongst them, with its own distinct personality, is the fun and quirky Tinto Lounge – part of the Loungers chain. Tinto's alternative design is certainly eye catching, with authentic tasselled lampshades, mismatched furniture, historic paintings and large wooden windows, flooding the interior with light. This place is full of character, with a casual, homely vibe and celebrates the spirit of the community.

Café by day, restaurant and bar by night, the Tinto Lounge has something to offer everyone. It is the perfect place to enjoy a morning coffee whilst overseeing the hustle and bustle of Gloucester Road. The menu offers mouth-watering all-day brunches that are sure to drag you out of bed, not least Tinto's own take on the full English - the infamous *Lounge Breakfast*. Feeling more sophisticated? Try the Lounge Eggs, with hollandaise sauce on a sour dough muffin and an accompaniment of your choice.

In the evening you can enjoy their delicious Tapas fare, a selection of small, delightful dishes, such as the spinach and goat's cheese croquettes and salt & pepper squid. Tapas Tuesdays are always popular, with a selection of three Tapas dishes and a glass of wine costing just £9.95. For a heartier main, there are various tempting burgers. The Superhero Burger bursts with flavour and textures – packing together a succulent beef patty, buttermilk fried chicken, smoked streaky bacon, eight hour slow-cooked pulled pork, melted cheese, and Cajun spiced onion rings. Finally, to really satisfy your sugar cravings, complete your dining experience with a delectable sweet treat; a favourite is the salted caramel cheesecake topped with sweet and salty popcorn.

For those with specific dietary requirements, but still looking for tasty, interesting dishes, Tinto Lounge also provides a separate vegan and gluten-free menu. Don't expect plain boiled vegetables! You can still indulge in a scrumptious main, with the sweet potato falafel burger, a healthy but appetising alternative for anyone to enjoy.

Even if you're not after food, you can still swing by for a civilised evening drink and soak up the lively, cheerful atmosphere - sipping from a wide selection of fine wines. Tinto also offers a variety of cocktails, from the classic Pina Colada to the Lounge's favourite, the Cherry Bakewell.

Whatever the time of day, this vibrant establishment and its pleasant, efficient staff, offers an all-round extremely pleasurable experience – it also won't break the bank with its reasonable prices and special offers.