

New tapas bar Awara is here for revelry

Known for its Asian cuisine, Awara is the new, chic incarnation of Bukhara.



Image supplied: The raspberry margarita at Awara

Located on Cape Town's quaint and arty Church Street, Awara's early-evening allure is in that it's "a high-end location where the communal sharing of tapas follows seamlessly after a cocktail or three have broken the ice," according to owner Sabi Sabharwal.

So take a seat and peruse the drinks menu - whether you like your cocktails shaken, stirred or on the rocks, the names will delight, from Pani Puri Gin and Masala Old Fashioned, to Love in Goa and Kerala Dreams.

Look further, into the ingredients, and you'll notice that the fruits and spices that make Asian-fusion cuisine so deliciously unique do double duty in these libations.

Hibiscus, tamarind, mango and dhania are delightful additions. Highly recommended are the coy cardamom-scented Blushing Lady, the sweet lemony Awara Elixir, and the granadilla-soaked Porn Star Mojito, a lime-free nod to Bollywood.

Feel like something savoury to go with your cocktail? Then cast your eye over the tapas menu.

"Particularly popular are the Crispy Okra, a chickpea-battered okra with potato straw fries, the Chicken Satay, with red and

green curry marinade and signature spicy peanut sauce, and the Lamb Kofka, a minced-lamb kebab with dhania and green chillies,” says Sabharwal.



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If you were familiar with Bukhara, which occupied the same inner-city location for over two decades, an immediate vibe-change will strike you on entering Awara.

Named after the 1951 Bollywood movie *Awara* (The Vagabond), this is an exclusive venue where adults can meet and socialise in a stylish space (children under 12 are not permitted after 6pm).

Awara is located at 33 Church Street, Cape Town city centre, and is open Wednesday to Saturday between 11am and 11pm, and Sunday to Tuesday 11am to 10pm.

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