



CAFÉ

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MENU

Remembering Rita - The Queen of Tabac

Her breakfasts were as legendary as her choice of headwear.

In the days before Instagram and Facebook, Liverpool's café scene was the only social network for all the city's sons and daughters.

If you were looking for someone you knew instinctively where they'd be, and more than likely it'd be in Café Tabac - with Rita, the café's first owner always keeping a watchful eye (and often raised eyebrow) over all of the comings and goings.

From trendy pop stars to artsy teens, burly builders and wannabe gangsters - Tabac in the 70s and 80's was a melting pot of backgrounds and cultures - defined as much by its creative and colourful punters, as its constantly steamed-up windows and glossy lipstick red paintwork.

A Liverpool institution since 1974 - Rita took immense pride in her 'little café at the top of the hill,' - it was her domain - her palace, where she ruled absolute, and the Bold Street matriarch was known city-wide as much for her beloved Tabac, as for her collection of fabulous hats, which she rocked so elegantly, the crowning glory to offset a floury pinny and marigolds.

Gliding like a galleon in full sail across the café floor - effortlessly glamorous at whatever time of day, Rita would tear a strip off anyone who dared to put their feet on the chairs, slapping their legs down - she'd make sure they'd never dream of doing it again.



Her take no prisoners approach was legendary but also she had a heart of gold, and genuinely cared for many of her customers who formed lifelong friendships huddled together over long-drawn-out cups of tea.

Occasionally kicking out a table for being too raucous, the tongue lashings became a badge of honour - you knew you'd arrived, acknowledged by and relevant to Rita - you'd finally made the cut and were in the Tabac club.

The sternness did however sometimes thaw, and a little smile, some sage advice or occasionally a soul-warming free bowl of soup was proffered for those down on their uppers.

(Despite berating them for sitting for hours, ultimately Rita knew deep down that the kids were better off in Tabac, than out on the streets.)

Rita may not still be with us here at Tabac but her essence lives on in the site, the team still care for the guests, welcome anyone and strongly believe a good cuppa can solve most problems... or maybe a punchy Bloody Mary!



Thank you for
visiting today, Rita
would want us to
look after you x

Fresh & Light

HOT FRENCH (M) £8.50

Savoury brioche French toast, rosemary roasted tomatoes, poached eggs, chilli & warm honey.

SWEET FRENCH (M) £8.25

Sweet brioche French toast, fresh berries, fruit coulis & whipped cream.

COCOTABAC (M) £8.25

Sweet brioche French toast, Nutella, white chocolate sauce, fresh berries & whipped cream.

GRAN'S GRANOLA (M) £7.15

House made granola, dried fruits, Greek yoghurt, honey & fresh berries.

Breakfast Sandwiches

Served on your choice of toasted bap, muffin or bread

BACON BUTTY £4.95

EGG AND BACON BUTTY £4.95

SAUSAGE BUTTY (V AVAILABLE) £4.95

BUILD A BETTER BUTTY £5.20

Any 3 items - Egg, bacon, sausage, black pudding, hash brown, mushrooms, halloumi, tomato. Feel free to double up!

ADDITIONAL BREAKFAST ITEMS TO ADD TO ANY BREAKFAST OR BRUNCH;

Mushrooms, tomato, baked beans, toast, hash browns £1.00

Bacon, egg, sausage, black pudding £1.50

(M) Vegetarian. **(Ve)** Vegan.

Our food is prepared in food areas where cross contamination may occur, and our menu descriptions do not include all ingredients. If you have any questions, allergies or intolerances, please let us know before ordering.

(Please kindly note, we do not allow the swapping of items on our breakfast menu)

Caf Classics

Served until 7pm.

RITA'S FULL ENGLISH £10.25

Locally made pork sausages, free range fried egg, bacon, black pudding, grilled tomato, beans, roasted mushroom, hash brown & buttered white toast.

THE GREASY SPOON £10.50

Two free range fried eggs, hand carved honey roast ham or bacon, sausage, beans, buttered white bread, chunky chips & a mug of tea.

VEGAN BREAKFAST (Ve) £9.00

Toasted white bread, veggie sausages, beans, spinach, roasted red peppers, scrambled tofu, tomato & hash brown.

THE FISH LOVER £8.75

Smoked salmon, two free range scrambled eggs, sweet pickled red onion, avocado & toasted sourdough.

THE CALIFORNIAN (V) £8.25

Toasted sourdough, two free range poached eggs, avocado, cherry tomato chilli chutney & coriander.

EGGS BENEDICT £8.25

Two free range poached eggs, toasted English muffin, hollandaise, hand carved honey roast ham or bacon.

EGGS ROYALE £8.45

Two free range poached eggs, toasted English muffin, hollandaise & smoked salmon.

EGGS FLORENTINE (V) £8.00

Two free range poached eggs, toasted English muffin, hollandaise & wilted spinach.

THE MEXICAN (V) £8.45

Roasted red pepper & hash omelette with avocado, chilli, tomato, coriander & crumbled feta.

OMELETTE WITH 3 EGGS AND CHEESE (V) £6.50

Three egg omelette, melted cheese & toasted sourdough (v)
Add bacon, spinach, mushrooms, tomato, feta, ham, sausage £1 each

Small Plates 3 for £12

OLIVES (Ve/GF) £4.00

SKIN ON FRIES (Ve/GF) £4.00

HALLOUMI FRIES (Ve/GF) £4.45

HUMMUS & PITTA (V) £4.50

JALAPENO POPPERS (V) £4.50

HOT & SPICY CHICKEN WINGS £4.50

“Tabac was essential for getting a job, as my agent would telephone the cafe, as they knew I’d be there. The lovely Rita used to field calls from international agents, and I remember once told me i had a job in Monte Carlo!”

MARGI CLARKE

Photo: Mark McNulty



Big Plates

BANGERS & MASH £10.30

Locally made pork sausages, creamy mash potato, rich house onion gravy.

TABAC'S FISH & CHIPS £10.50

Freshly "BANG-BANG" battered haddock, crushed peas, chunky chips & spicy aioli (gf)

PIE OF THE DAY (VEGAN AVAILABLE) £10.75

Ask about the PIE OF THE DAY! Served with chunky chips, peas & rich house gravy.

THAT'S SCOUSE £9.75

Hearty bowl of slow cooked beef Scouse with crusty bread & pickled red cabbage.

CAESAR SALAD £7.00

A classic, fresh, crisp salad with spicy croutons.
Add chicken £2

Tabac Burgers

BEEF £10.20

6oz locally made beef patty, melted cheddar cheese, crispy bacon, gem lettuce, red onion relish, tomatoes, gherkins, toasted brioche bun & skin on fries.

FRIED CHICKEN £10.20

Buttermilk fried chicken, melted cheddar cheese, house slaw, tomatoes, spicy aioli, toasted brioche bun & skin on fries.

VEGAN £10.10

Beyond Meat, vegan burger patty, house slaw, gem lettuce, gherkins, "Tabac Sauce", toasted vegan brioche bun & skin on fries.

Sandwiches

All Served with Crisps and House Slaw

SUPER MELT £6.95

Melted mature cheddar, mozzarella, sweet pickled red onion, toasted sourdough, tomato chilli chutney dip (v)
Add honey roast ham £1

BLT £7.95

Bacon rashers, lettuce and tomato with mayonnaise served on toasted bloomer.

FISH FINGER BUTTY £8.45

Beer battered haddock fingers with mild cheese, pickled onions and tartar sauce served on white bloomer.

ALT (V) £7.65

Avocado, lettuce and tomato served with vegan mayonnaise on brown bloomer.

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Drinks

Hot Drinks

BREAKFAST TEA	£2.60
LEMON & GINGER TEA	£2.60
EARL GREY	£2.60
GREEN TEA	£2.60
PEPPERMINT TEA	£2.60

Our coffee blend is 'Tabac espresso' - it is a modern take on a classic. It's a blend of two distinctive coffees, which combine to produce an espresso with a deep, rich chocolatey body, pronounced toffee sweetness, a complex fruity edge, and a hint of bittersweet cocoa at the finish. It's well balanced and combines beautifully with milk, where it adds punchy caramel, smooth milk chocolate notes and gets even sweeter. Produced in Liverpool by Neighbourhood Coffee, the cities first speciality roasters.

ESPRESSO	£2.90
MACCHIATO	£2.90
LONG BLACK	£2.90
CORTADO	£2.90
FLAT WHITE	£3.10
AMERICANO	£3.40
CAPPUCCINO	£3.40
LATTE	£3.40
MOCHA	£3.60
HOT CHOCOLATE	£3.40

Cream & marshmallows	£0.60p
Flavoured syrups	£0.60p

(vanilla, hazelnut, caramel, gingerbread plus more)

*Any of our hot drinks
plus a slice of cake
for £6.50*



Photo: Francesco Mellina

Soft Drinks

	Half/Pint
COKE	£2.10/£3.30
DIET COKE	£2.10/£3.30
LEMONADE	£2.10/£3.30

Cans

TING GRAPEFRUIT SODA	£2.70
SAN PELLEGRINO ARANCIATA	£2.70
SAN PELLEGRINO LIMONATA	£2.70
RED BULL	£2.70

Bottles

COKE	£2.70
DIET COKE	£2.70
COKE ZERO	£2.70
STILL WATER	£2.10
SPARKLING WATER	£2.10

Juices

ORANGE	£2.10/£3.30
APPLE	£2.10/£3.30
PINEAPPLE	£2.10/£3.30
CRANBERRY	£2.10/£3.30

Bottled Beers

HEINEKEN 5% ABV.....	£4.40
BEAVERTOWN NECK OIL	£5.00
CORONA 4.6% ABV.....	£4.40
DESPERADO 5.9% ABV.....	£4.50
ERDINGER WEISSBIER 5.3%	£5.30
HEINEKEN BLUE 0.05% ABV.....	£4.00
KOPPARBERG 4% ABV.....	£4.60

We have a range of Draught Beers, please ask the team.

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Please let us know if you have any allergy requirements.

Wines

175ml/250ml/Bottle

WHITE

JEAN-PAUL BLANC £4.60/£6.20/£17.50

Easy-drinking, floral, medium-dry.

MIRABELLO PINOT GRIGIO £5.80/£7.20/£21.00

Fresh, floral and citrusy.

MOTU NUI SAUVIGNON BLANC £6.20/£8.00/£24.00

Bright, perfumed and tropical.

DOMAINE DE LA MOTTE PETIT CHABLIS £28.00

Elegant, zesty, mineral.

ROSÉ

FAUNA ROSÉ £4.80/£6.30/£18.00

Fresh raspberry and redcurrant.

ANCORA PINOT GRIGIO ROSÉ .. £5.40/£7.00/£20.00

Cherries and strawberries, dry.

RED

RAME GARNACHA £4.60/£6.20/£17.50

Bright, ripe and fruity.

CAPE HEIGHTS SHIRAZ £5.20/£6.60/£19.00

Blackberry, blueberry, smoky.

PECULIER MR PAT MERLOT £5.40/£6.80/£19.00

Plush plums and herbs.

NIETO MALBEC, MENDOZA £6.20/£8.00/£24.00

Dense, silky, spicy.

BARON DE POCE PINOT NOIR £25.00

Elegant, juicy, red berries.

SPARKLING

PROSECCO £7.00/ £27

ROSÉ PROSECCO £28

HOUSE CHAMPAGNE £45

“Pete, Lynne and I would often visit Café Tabac. We would spend our time chatting and eating our favourite dish on the menu. BLT!”

FRANCESCO MELLINA
PHOTOGRAPHER

Photo: Francesco Mellina

- MEZCALITA** £9.75
Cazcabel Blanco Tequila, Momento Verde Mezcal, Orgeat, House Aromatic Bitters, Smoldering Rosemary.
- THE SICILIAN** £8.50
Luxardo Amaretto, Apricot Liqueur, Fresh Lemon, Egg White, House Aromatic Bitters.
- THE COBLER** £8.50
Southern Comfort, Briottet Peche, Egg White, Ginger, Prosecco.
- TZARINA** £8.50
Stoli Vodka, Mixed Berries, Fresh Lemon, Raspberry Syrup, St Germain, Prosecco.

2 for £12 3-7pm

- COSMOPOLITAN** £8.00
Stoli Vodka, Cointreau, Fresh Lime, Cranberry juice.
- THE RITA** £8.00
Cazcabel Blanco Tequila, Fresh Lime, Agave Nectar.
- THE MIGHTY WAHTINI** £8.00
Tanqueray Gin, Cointreau, Fresh Lemon, Marmalade.
- SCOUSE & STORMY** £8.00
Goslings Black Seal Rum, House Aromatic Bitters, Cloudy Apple Juice, Ginger Syrup, Fresh Lime, Black Walnut Bitters.
- TABAC ATTACK** £8.00
Cazcabel Coconut Tequila, Melonade Liqueur, Fresh Lime, Kaffir Lime Leaf, Pineapple Juice, Passion Fruit Puree.
- APEROL SPRITZ** £8.00
Aperol, Prosecco, Soda.
- LILLET ROSE SPRITZ** £8.00
Lillet, Prosecco, Soda.

Non-Alcoholic Cocktails

Please see our board for our range of Non-Alcoholic Lyres Cocktails.

Gin Serves

- TANQUERAY 10** £8.50
Tanqueray 10, Fever Tree Tonic, Pink Grapefruit Wedge & Juniper Berries.
- WARNERS RHUBARB** £8.50
Warners Rhubarb, Fever Tree Tonic, Ginger Slices, Juniper Berries & Mint Sprig.
- BEEFEATER PINK** £8.50
Beefeater Pink, Fever Tree Tonic, Strawberries.
- BEEFEATER BLOOD ORANGE** £8.50
Beefeater Blood Orange, Fever Tree Tonic, dehydrated orange slice, juniper & mint sprig.

We also have an evening Classic Cocktail Menu available from 7pm.



