

CLUB CRAWL
Bar is truly the raw deal
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Christie Herron actress with JRPCalgary and Brian Logie from Westjet sit at the bar and enjoy the music.

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AMBIANCE: Sexy - and we're not talking Pamela Anderson sexy. Sultry is a better word, actually. With red velvet curtains, candle-lighting and cosy booths, it made for a very high-class, sophisticated and rich atmosphere. A very seductive ambiance put us right in the mood.

4 out of 5

VIBE: Cool, casual, sexy, sophisticated, sultry, seductive - enough said.

4 out of 5

CLEANLINESS: Spotless. We've seen clean, but not like this. We think they must clean the cream suede upholstery daily. Not one spot! There is no scientific way that with all the partygoers, they can keep it so clean. We must find their secret. I can't keep my house this clean. I am ashamed.

5 out of 5

IN THE LOO: Also clean. I wanted to find a drop of water on the counter or a fingerprint on the mirror. Think I could have? Nope! Very nice and warm - a nicer bathroom than some bars we have been in and we have been in a lot of bars. We wouldn't have minded spending our night in the bathroom. That's how nice it was.

4 out of 5

SERVICE: Excellent service included valet parking. We couldn't believe it when we checked our car. Much different than throwing loonies into a parking meter as we are used to. Raw Bar is truly first class. The staff provided a very comfortable night, continually making sure everything was running smooth and taken care of. Outstanding service.

5 out of 5

QUENCH FACTOR: They definitely have the masters of mixology working here. We were slightly startled when our first drinks came out with flowers floating about. The look was astonishing and the taste even better. Definitely a unique appeal we have yet to experience at any other bar or lounge in Calgary. An extremely impressive selection of cocktails and wines made for a great night.

5 out of 5

FOOD FACTOR: Innovative cuisine. We shared a couple appetizers and can't wait to go back for entrees. Our mouths are still watering. We couldn't help but look around at neighboring tables and wonder what they were having; we resisted asking if we could have a bite.

5 out of 5

THE IN CROWD: Early thirties, and some famous faces were spotted. Very chic hangout that is sophisticated. A very well-dressed crowd. Most goers said they've become regulars as they can't find a place that compares. We agree.

4 out of 5

TUNES: DJ Scott Clarke described his style as lounge, house, deep-funky with some Latin and soul. He creates a very chill house atmosphere, which is easy to lounge to, yet you are still able to dance to. You will not find him playing the regular top 40 hits that you hear over and over at most other establishments. A very different unique sound and very urban vibe.

5 out of 5

RATING: Raw Bar is unique. You have to go check it out to appreciate the full experience. Tucked away in the back of Hotel Arts is Calgary's hidden secret for the older sophisticated crowd.

5 out of 5

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