

## Madame Zingara's - by Jose Correia

BBD's recent trip to Madame Zingara's in Cape Town began, perhaps predictably, at the bar where we found ourselves watching out for mischievous mimes disposed towards stealing our drinks when we weren't looking.

As we all gathered outside, Sharon presented each of us with a goodie bag consisting of Lindt chocolates and costume pieces (which are a must have for this event). Some found bright orange wigs, others tiara's suited to princesses - I found a black and white Cat in the Hat, which I was very pleased with....meeeeeooooow!

never thirsty - a trait we were most grateful for!

The starters arrived shortly after we were seated and consisted of a mezze selection including dips, a tasty beetroot quiche and mushroom soup. At this time, I was disappointed with a choice between vegetarian, lamb shank



Eventually we were ushered into what they call the Theatre of Dreams, one of the last remaining mirror tents in the world. This was an amazing experience which took us all back to the gone but not forgotten era of rich velvet drapes, ornate mirrored columns and elegant styling. Soon enough, we were ushered to our table and introduced to our waitress, who certainly had the personality to match the bunny ears she was wearing.

and a famous chilli and Belgian chocolate fillet (which was a particular favourite among the group).

This course was also accompanied by several incredible acts a roller skating Russian couple, three Asian contortionists and a really sexy dance performed by an attractive woman in a bathtub filled with water.

Each of the waiters was dressed in their own respective and (sometimes surprising) costumes which included an Elf from the Lord of the Rings franchise and a man in drag. Fortunately, our waitress made very sure that we were

The show finale saw the singing quartet return to stage to host a song in dance to which everyone (including the waiters) were invited to join. Not known to be a shy bunch, the BBD team was right up there with the best of them having a fantastic time!

**All in all, Madame Zingara's was a fantastic night out!**

