



Across the border

Cantina Laredo offers a new cultural experience

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Don't get us wrong, we love Springfield, but it's always fun to jump in the car and take a trip down to Branson. Cantina Laredo, located on the Branson Landing, is the place we go when craving gourmet Mexican cuisine.

Taste

Seriously, who doesn't like chips and salsa? At our apartment we could live off of it, but when we go to Cantina Laredo we venture out and get their famous guacamole, which is prepared for you at your table. Taste would definitely have to be the main reason to why we keep on going back. For main courses, you really can't go wrong. Whether it is chicken, beef, seafood or vegetarian, they offer a vast variety of choices. No, but seriously, order the guacamole.

Atmosphere

Forget the typical sombrero, piñatas, and bright colors everywhere. The dim lighting, spaced out seating and elegant décor make dining an enjoyable experience. During the warmer seasons, you can even eat on the patio that overlooks the lake and watch the water and fire show.

Service

We do love attentive service, but there is a cutoff point to how many times you can say "my food tastes good" and "I don't need anything else, thank you." The service might have been a tad over the top, but then again we weren't charged for our appetizer, so it all works out.

Timing

Timing was right on target. Everything was properly spaced and there was no overlapping with our courses. Muy Bueno! If you're going on the weekend, we recommend making a reservation since it tends to be busy.

Expense

We have to admit that Cantina Laredo is a bit more pricey than your typical Mexican restaurant. However, we've always felt that the food is worth the few extra dollars, and the portions are large enough to take your leftovers home.

Out of five forks, (one representing each sector), we give Cantina Laredo 4 forks. Service and expense dropped them down a little but we don't want that to stop you from trying out this Branson hot spot!