

Celebrity eating out guide

Edited by
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Welcome

Welcome to the Lloyds TSB celebrity eating out guide, the ultimate source of where the nation's favourite celebrities wine and dine with their nearest and dearest.

Edited by celebrity chef and restaurateur Antony Worrall Thompson, the guide is full of great tips and advice on how to be treated like a celebrity in your own local restaurant and where he would recommend you go if you would like to feel like an A-list star.

We've also asked a handful of our favourite celebs where they enjoy eating out for different occasions including their favourite restaurant for romance, where they are most likely to go out with their friends, and where they choose to share a meal with family.

While you'd expect to nestle up next to some famous faces at well known celebrity haunts, such as The Ivy, the guide reveals that you are just as likely to see Jonathan Ross with his family in Pizza Hut, or share a bench with David Walliams of Little Britain fame at the popular noodle chain, Wagamama. So if you want to find out which pub Angelina and Brad head to for Sunday lunch or where Tom Parker Bowles is most likely to catch up over dinner with his mum, read on.

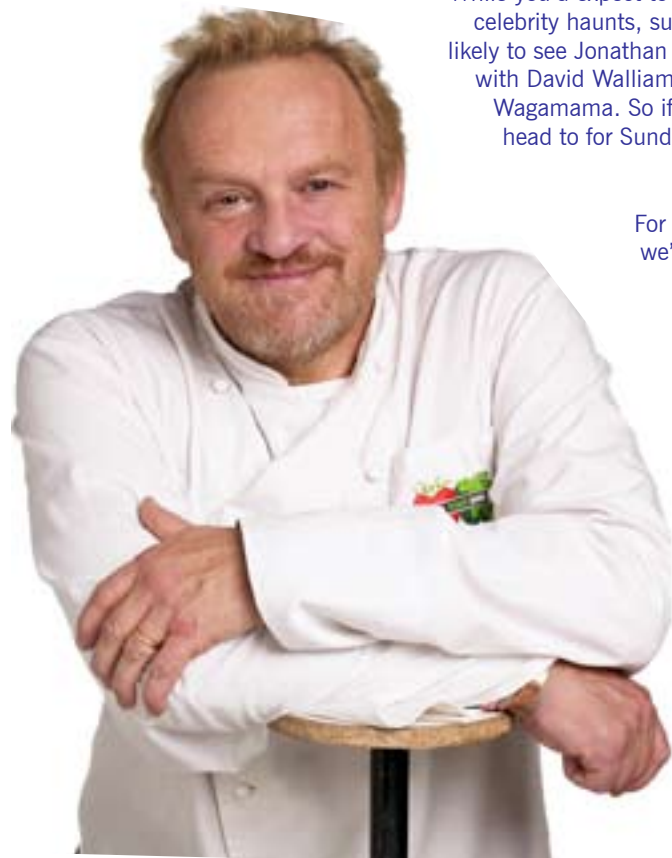
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Katrina Cliffe
Head of cards marketing

"We are blessed in the UK with a wonderful diversity of food culture, more than any other nation in the world. There is food for every mood, whether you want trendy, romantic, ethnic, family or fast, it's all out there for you."



Antony Worrall Thompson



Antony's Advice



What makes a trendy restaurant really hot?

The answer lies with the customers. The right customers make a restaurant trendy, the 'scene' is needed. It's no good having a people-watching restaurant if there are no names to see. Langan's restaurant started the 'see and be seen' trend and although it's a little passé now, it's still packed and great fun to visit. The Ivy is still one of the trendiest places: very hard to get an impulse booking but well worth the effort and then there are Nobu and Zuma which are always hot. But it's not just about people, if the food, service and atmosphere are not up to scratch then the crowd won't hang around for long. It takes a very special restaurant to remain a landmark for longer than a couple of years.

How to become famous at your local

I must admit, I'm getting a little fed-up with being treated like a number by restaurants who want you in at 7.00pm and out by 9.00pm. I want to be treated like a customer who has a name, where the restaurant manager might remember you from a previous visit, where the staff have personalities rather than being programmed by a computer. Restaurants are a personality driven business that over the last decade has been driven by formulas; it's time to look back to the days when service was the key. Many of you will know the name of chefs, but how many know the name of the restaurant manager?

The latest food trend - local produce and simplicity lead the way

Ever since Nouvelle Cuisine in the 80s there has always been one food trend or another, from Mediterranean to Moroccan to fusion, there's always been a style of cooking that's of the moment. Now we've come around in a big circle and retro food is making a comeback together with a resurgence in using British ingredients. My customers can't get enough prawn cocktails, steak Diane, and beef stroganoff, together with comfort food dishes such as Irish stew or beef goulash. It's almost bistro food and with more and more chefs buying pubs, this retro trend seems set to continue.

I used to run trendy restaurants but eventually I found that the competition was too hot so I changed my direction. I now have classic grills where the ingredients are key. I supply all my restaurants, **Notting Grill**, **Kew Grill**, **The Greyhound** and the **Angel Inn** with prime Aberdeen Angus beef, hung for 35 days. I breed my own Middle White pigs for the best pork you've ever tasted, I grow great vegetables, herbs, salads and fruits, go directly to the coast for my seafood and talk to game dealers for the best in season. And in a funny sort of way I've discovered a new trend towards seasonal food and local produce, and a move away from chefs mucking about with your food.

Caprice



My favourite restaurant and a restaurant that covers family, friends and romance is Riva in Barnes. It's the restaurant where all food critics seem to hang out when they are not reviewing. Andrea Riva, the owner, is an old fashioned host who knows his customers and knows what they like to eat and drink. I never need a menu or a wine list; he seems to know exactly what I want. It's a small, unassuming place that knocks spots off most London eateries. **Riva, 169 Church Road, Barnes, SW13 9HR, 020 8748 0434**

Restaurant choices

When it comes to hanging out with a model crowd, Caprice heads to groovy Notting Hill haunt, the **Electric Brasserie**. When the lingerie designer and international model is entertaining a romantic thought, the cosy French surroundings at **La Poule au Pot** in Pimlico is her first choice for a romantic dinner for two.

Described as being as buzzy as the quayside of your favourite Greek island village just after sunset, the relaxed atmosphere at the Greek restaurant, **Halepi** provides plate breaking fun for Caprice and her family.



Celebrity Haunts Romance

Madonna and Guy Ritchie, Elton John and David Furnish, and Victoria and David Beckham are all regulars at **The Ivy**. Madonna is known to be particularly partial to the calorific sticky toffee pudding!

Shakespearian actor Ralph Fiennes has been seen enjoying the delicious meze at **Tas**, with his long term partner Francesca Annis following performances at the nearby Globe Theatre.

The Japanese cooking at **Nobu**, remains a firm favourite for celebrities looking for a romantic evening out. Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise, Goldie Hawn and Naomi Campbell have all enjoyed the black cod marinated in miso and sake with gold leaf.

The Hamiltons



My favourite family haunt is a newcomer to the London scene. Galvin's in Baker Street has a small menu that reaches all tastes. Traditional bistro style, the chefs are the Galvin brothers who have the right pedigree; one from the Wolseley and the other from Nico and as a bonus they have a brilliant restaurant manager, Jean-Luc Giquel, who worked for Nico for 20 years. It's simple and yet it's perfection, a restaurant that demands a return so you can work your way through the menu.

Galvin Bistrot De Luxe, 66 Baker Street, London W1, 020 7935 4007

Restaurant choices

Britain's most famous self styled battleaxe is most likely to be wooing her man looking out over a moonlit sea, at **Tresco** on the Isles of Scilly.

She likes to have a good natter and catch up with friends in her neighbourhood favourite, **Pomegranates** in Pimlico. Escaping to their country retreat and finding time with family, **Coles** in Wiltshire is where the Hamiltons like to take time to eat out with their loved ones.

Christine says about **Pomegranates**, "Neil loves the curried goat and I go for the gravadlax (Patrick Gwynne Jones, the proprietor, was the first person to introduce it to this country) and his fabulous Steak Tartare which is unbeatable. Also, the green tabasco ice cream is sensational."



Celebrity Haunts Family

Top comedians Dawn French and Lenny Henry like the relaxed surroundings of **Joe Allen** in the heart of theatreland to catch up with their family in-between showbiz appointments.

TV presenter and Radio 2 DJ Jonathan Ross is frequently seen tucking into the garlic bread at **Pizza Hut** with his wife Jane Goldman and three children.

For a family outing, Oasis star Liam Gallagher and his partner Nicole Appleton love the pizza and pasta at **ASK**. With restaurants in London, Manchester and all over the country, they can be sure to find one whether they are at home or visiting the family.

Tom Parker Bowles



When it comes to eating out with friends, I plump time and time again for Zuma in Knightsbridge. It has a 'crowd', it has the atmosphere and surprisingly for a restaurant that is always packed, it has wonderful Asian food. Trendy dishes that haven't been created by a computer but by a chef who has a real passion for his art.

**Zuma, 5 Raphael Street,
London SW7 1DL, 020 7584 1010**

Restaurant choices

A food critic by trade, Tom Parker Bowles likes nothing better than enjoying a delicious meal for two with his new wife at **Assaggi**, famed for its fresh and authentic Italian cooking.

For a right royal occasion, Tom enjoys catching up with his family at London west end favourite, **Le Caprice**. Keeping it in the neighbourhood, when it comes to hanging out with friends, **Kensington Place**, the glass fronted brasserie is an old favourite among the celeb set.

When it comes to a favourite dish, Tom says, "The veal chop at **Assaggi** is an awesome piece of meat, and their mashed potatoes are silken bliss."



Celebrity Haunts Friends

Prince Harry and Prince William love tucking into sushi and relaxing with their friends at the opulent **Opal Lounge**.

The luxurious **Lygon Arms**, is a favourite with Kate Winslet and Sam Mendes who have a Cotswold home nearby.

Little Britain stars David Walliams and Matt Lucas are regularly seen tucking into the inexpensive noodles at super-efficient **Wagamama**. With 21 branches in London and growing numbers across the UK, there is always one nearby.

Derek Laud

Restaurant choices

The most likely place to spot Derek catching up with his new found friends from the Big Brother house would be the famous London eatery, **Le Caprice**. Keeping it traditional, Derek's favourite place to dine with his family is **The Wolseley**. Owned by the team who started the world famous Ivy, it's considered to be one of London's best. To spot the Tory housemate sharing a romantic dinner for two, try the west London oyster bar, **Bibendum**, it's top on his list for romance.



Celebrity Haunts Drinking Hangouts

Everyone from Robbie Williams and Elle McPherson to Chelsea Clinton and Lulu have been spotted grooving with the beautiful people at the **Embassy** nightclub and bar in Mayfair.

For Liverpoolians, the place to be is the **Blue Bar** at the Albert Dock. Celebs spotted enjoying a cocktail there include ex Spice Girl Mel C as well as various stars from Brookside and Hollyoaks.

TV favourites, Ant and Dec are regulars at **The Bull's Head**. Just down the road from where they live, the cheeky chappies are often seen there with a pint of lager and a packet of crisps.

Boy band heart throbs Lee Ryan and Duncan James, love to relax with a glass of Cristal at the luxurious **No. 5 Cavendish Place**. With a restaurant, bar, nightclub, roof terrace and eight hotel suites, the boys don't even have to worry about getting home!

Eastenders bad boy, Nigel Harman aka Dennis Rickman or 'mini Den' has been spotted enjoying a pint or two at **The Pilot**. With an excellent beer garden, it's a perfect choice for a balmy summer evening with Sharon!

Book it up

Restaurants

Galvin Bistrot De Luxe, 66 Baker Street,
London W1 Tel: 020 7935 4007

Zuma, 5 Raphael Street, Knightsbridge, London
SW7 1DL Tel: 020 7584 1010

La Poule au Pot, 31 Ebury Street, London
SW1W 8UT Tel: 020 7730 7763

Le Caprice, Arlington House, Arlington Street, London
SW1A 1R Tel: 020 7629 2239

Coles Bar and Restaurant, 27 Kingsbury St,
Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1JA
Tel: 01672 515004

Electric Brasserie, 191 Portobello Road, London
W11 2ED Tel: 020 7908 9696

Halepi, 48-50 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5AR
Tel: 020 7431 5855

The Ivy, 1 West Street, London WC2
Tel: 020 7836 4751

Kensington Place 201 Kensington Church Street,
London W8 7LX Tel: 020 7727 3184

Tas, 33 The Cut, London SE1
Tel: 020 7928 1444

Nobu, Metropolitan Hotel, 19 Old Park Lane, London
W1Y 4LB Tel: 020 7447 4747

Riva, 169 Church Road, Barnes,
SW13 9HR Tel: 020 8748 0434

Notting Grill, 123a Clarendon Road, London
W11 4JG Tel: 020 7229 1500

Angel Inn, High Street, Heytesbury, Nr Warminster
Wiltshire, BA12 0ED Tel: 01985 840931

Greyhound Free House & Grill, Gallowstree Road,
Rotherfield Peppard, Oxon, RG9 5HT.
Tel: 0118 9722227

Opal Lounge, 51 George Street, Edinburgh,
EH2 2H7 Tel: 0131 226 2275

Lygon Arms, Broadway, Worcestershire
Tel: 01386 852255

Pomegranates, 94 Grosvenor Road, London
SW1 Tel: 020 7828 6560

Joe Allen
13 Exeter Street, London, WC2
Tel: 020 7836 0651

The Wolseley 160 Piccadilly, London
W1J 9EB Tel: 020 7499 6996

Kew Grill, 10b Kew Green, Richmond,
Surrey, TW9 3BH
Tel: 020 8948 4433

Bibendum, 81 Fulham Road, London
SW3 6RD Tel: 020 7581 5817

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Bars

Blue Bar and Grill, Edward Pavilion,
Albert Dock, Liverpool
Tel: 0151 709 7097

The Bulls Head, Strand-on-the-Green,
London W4 3PQ
Tel: 020 8994 1204

Embassy
29 Old Burlington Street
London W1S 3AN
tel: 020 7437 9933

No. 5 Cavendish Place,
5 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0PG
Tel: 020 7079 5000

The Pilot, 56 Wellesley Road, Chiswick
London W4 4BZ
Tel: 020 8994 0828

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