

# Cheers George! Where to celebrate the arrival of the royal baby in London

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The royal baby has to wait almost 18 years before he can raise his own glass — but in the meantime we're more than happy to do the toasting for him. Plus a leading City economist estimates that Prince George could be worth as much as £398 million to the UK economy. We'll drink to that.

## SLOANE RAVERS

The Duchess's favourite haunt, Bluebird Chelsea (35 King's Road, SW3, 020 7559 1000, [bluebird-restaurant.co.uk](http://bluebird-restaurant.co.uk)), is celebrating by throwing a royal baby party this Sunday

from 3pm. For £30, guests can toast Prince George with Moët in the courtyard of the Chelsea institution. St James's Hotel (7-8 Park Place, SW1, 020 7316 1600, [stjameshotelandclub.com](http://stjameshotelandclub.com)) is offering a pricier package throughout July for mothers-to-be: it includes a royal baby-themed afternoon tea and a treatment at the Spa Illuminata in Mayfair. Café Diana (5 Wellington Terrace, W2, 020 7792 9606) — a favourite hangout of the late Princess of Wales — has decked the halls with balloons, and Balcon (8 Pall Mall, SW1, 020 7968 2900, [thebalconlondon.com](http://thebalconlondon.com)) is celebrating with caramel crown cakes served by the head chef.

### COCKTAILS FIT FOR A PRINCE(LY HANGOVER)

The Langham (1c Portland Place, W1, 020 7636 1000, [langhamhotels.co.uk](http://langhamhotels.co.uk)) has announced a champagne cocktail dedicated to the future king, called The Royal Toast, available at its Artesian Bar until August 22. The Rib Room (Cadogan Place, SW1, 020 7858 7250, [theribroom.co.uk](http://theribroom.co.uk)) has created two bespoke cocktails, Royal Blue and Pink Princess. At £15 each they're pricey but it's 2 for 1 between 5pm and 7pm till August 22. Gillray's Steakhouse & Bar (Marriott Hotel, Westminster Bridge Road, SE1, 020 7902 8000, [gillrays.com](http://gillrays.com)) has created the gin-based Cambridge Royale, topped with fizz and fruit juice — quote the password (mystifyingly, it's "Royal Baby") and you'll get your tippie for £10.50. Head north to The Gilbert Scott (St Pancras Renaissance Hotel, Euston Road, NW1, 020 7278 3888, [thegilbertscott.co.uk](http://thegilbertscott.co.uk)), which is celebrating with the "To George or not to George?" cocktail —available till July 31, featuring Dubonnet (the Queen Mum's fave), marmalade and British fizz Nyetimber. It costs £8.60 to match the weight of the baby.

If you're mixing your own, Tanqueray has created a signature cocktail: the HRH, a mix of gin, fizz, syrup and lemon juice. Wyld at W London (10 Wardour Street, W1, 020 7758 1000, [wlondon.co.uk](http://wlondon.co.uk)) has mixed two cocktails for the occasion: the Royal Standard and the puntastic Bucking "Rum" Palace. Drambuie is celebrating with the Baby Treat, available from the London Cocktail Club (224a Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2, 020 7580 1960, [londoncocktailclub.co.uk](http://londoncocktailclub.co.uk)). Dukes (35-36 St James's Place, 020 7491 4840, [dukeshotel.com](http://dukeshotel.com)) has created a summery champagne cocktail – the Dukes HRH Royal Baby cocktail – for a mouthwatering £16, while the offering at Bird of Smithfield (26 Smithfield Street, EC1, 020 7559 5100, [birdofsmithfield.com](http://birdofsmithfield.com)) is blue for a boy: the £10 mixture includes Blue Curaçao mixed with vodka and prosecco. Erik Lorincz, head bartender at the Savoy (Strand, WC2, 020 7836 4343, [fairmont.com/savoy](http://fairmont.com/savoy)), has masterminded the Third in Line: Bombay Sapphire, lemongrass, agave nectar, lemon juice and pineapple juice topped with yoghurt.

## EAT LIKE A KING

Soak up the hangover at Proud Camden (The Horse Hospital, Stables Market, Chalk Farm Road, Camden Town, NW1, 020 7482 3867, [proudcamden.com](http://proudcamden.com)), where you can try the new Burger Royale served with Bloody Mary relish. If the hair of the dog in the sauce doesn't do it, try The Willy Nilly cocktail – a nod to the new father. The Cinammon Club (The Old Westminster Library, 30-32 Great Smith Street, SW1, 020 7222 2555 [thecinnamonclub.com](http://thecinnamonclub.com)) is offering the Labour of Love menu till August 5, playing on the legend that curry induces childbirth. It's a five-course feast of black bream fillet, pineapple and coconut sorbet and lamb curry for £45 per person.

## PARTY WITH THE PELLY SET

Get schlossed — Bodo's Schloss (2a Kensington High Street, W8, 020 7937 5506, [bodosschloss.com](http://bodosschloss.com)), just across the road from the baby's new home, will be packed with the royal set and their hangers-on this weekend. On Sunday, Kensington haunt and royal favourite Boujis (43 Thurloe Street, SW7, 020 7584 2000, [boujis.com](http://boujis.com)) is hosting the after-party to this weekend's Audi International Polo — certain to be moneyed and debauched. And there's always Mahiki (1 Dover Street, W1, 020 7493 9529, [mahiki.com](http://mahiki.com)) — on Monday it's hosting a blue-themed royal baby shower. Staff will be behind Kate and Wills masks and the bar has created a special cocktail for the occasion: the Rock-a-Bye Baby.

## GO WILD

Battersea Dogs and Cats Home (4 Battersea Park Road, SW8, 020 7622 3626, [battersea.org.uk](http://battersea.org.uk)) is celebrating the royal baby by inviting visitors to meet its smallest feline residents at a Kitten Shower. Head to SW on Saturday between noon and 4pm for a quiz and some kitty arts and crafts. London Zoo (Regent's Park, Outer Circle, NW1, 0844 255 1826, [zsl.org](http://zsl.org)) is running a Royal Zoo Baby tour all summer — just download the map, head to Regent's Park and keep an eye out for the zoo's newest arrivals.

## THROW YOUR OWN

Remember the Jubilee? The time is right to throw another royal bash. TfL ([tfl.org.uk](http://tfl.org.uk)) has curated a party pack (£22.99) including a tablecloth, serving platters, canapé flags and throne stands for balancing your cupcakes. M&S ([marksandspencer.com](http://marksandspencer.com)) has released commemorative shortbread and two drinks in association with Williams: Pear to the Throne fruit juice and the fizzy Baby Royale. It is also offering £5 off its

Oudinot Vintage 2005 (now £25) for toasting the tot. The Skinny Bakery ([skinnybakery.co.uk](http://skinnybakery.co.uk)) has baked Royal Baby biscuits, shaped like prams and crawling tots.

## GO BACK IN TIME

### The Royal Child

#### The Athenaeum, until Sat Aug 31

This Mayfair hotel has been celebrating the anticipation, and now arrival, of the mini monarch with a special photography exhibition which includes over forty rarely seen images of royal babies through the ages. Guests will also be treated to a spoiling afternoon tea – including orange blossom drop scones with clotted cream and Victoria sponge cake – and anecdotes from royal photographer Ian Pelham-Turner.

*The Athenaeum, 116 Piccadilly, W1J 7BJ, [athenaeumhotel.com](http://athenaeumhotel.com)*

### A Royal Arrival

#### Museum of London, until Oct

Delve into the new prince's ancestry by visiting the Museum of London's showcase of belongings from royal babies past. Gawp at Charles I's cap, a nursing apron worn by Queen Victoria and a selection of wee booties made for her children, Princesses Beatrice and Alice and Prince Leopold.

*Museum of London, 150 London Wall, EC2Y 5HN, [museumoflondon.org.uk](http://museumoflondon.org.uk)*