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Fit for a King

Missing an invite to King Charles III's coronation this month? Hit these London hot spots favored by the royals—where you may even run into a princess or two.

The Royal Tasters

King Charles and Queen Consort Camilla have been spotted at **Mount St. Restaurant & Rooms**, opened in Mayfair in October by the gallerists behind Hauser & Wirth. (Befitting its art-world connections, the walls are lined with works by Henri Matisse, Andy Warhol, Lucian Freud, and more.) Chef Jamie Shears's menu is inspired by London's culinary history, albeit with a modern slant—think 18th-century pigeon pie shot through with duck liver instead of ham or a croquette featuring the flavors of mock turtle soup. Kate Middleton, the Princess of Wales, meanwhile, has had lunch with her sister, Pippa, at Chelsea's **Bluebird**, a onetime garage that's now a design-forward restaurant serving simple yet sublime favorites such as steak tartare and burrata with figs and hazelnut.



Princely Pints

The royals aren't immune to the charms of an old boozier—or, as you might know it, a pub. Princes William and Harry appreciate the elevated farmhouse vibe of **The Brown Cow** in Fulham, and Will and friends have watched a football match and enjoyed pints at **The Prince Albert** in Battersea, a book-lined gastropub that feels a bit



like The British Library with beer. Kate has been spotted having drinks with other parents from her kids' school at **The Hollywood Arms** in neighboring Chelsea. (The glamorous cocktail lounge features a secret entrance that Prince Harry frequently utilized during his bachelor days.)



Big Spenders

Naturally, the royals champion British brands. William, Harry, and their uncle Edward, the Duke of Edinburgh, prefer impeccably tailored suits from **Gieves & Hawkes** on Savile Row, while the King favors shirts by **Turnbull & Asser**, to whom he issued his first Royal Warrant in 1980, during their 95th year in operation. On Jermyn Street, **Floris** produces toiletries for the King, and customers can create their own bespoke fragrance at



its Grade II-listed store, which dates to 1730. Kate often dons **Jenny Packham's** delicate dresses, found at the designer's flagship in Mayfair, while Sophie, the Duchess of Edinburgh, is partial to frocks from nearby **Erdem**.



Grand Stays

Before she moved to London from South Africa, Lady Kitty Spencer, Princess Di's niece, stayed at **Claridge's** in Mayfair, making full use of its bar, The Fumoir. Kate spent the night before her wedding in Belgravia at **The Goring**, the only hotel to hold a Royal Warrant. The property's walls are upholstered in historic silks from the Gainsborough Silk Weaving Company, and Princess Margaret's furniture-maker son, David Armstrong-Jones, the 2nd Earl of Snowdon, designed the on-site Michelin-starred restaurant, where the Queen used to host an annual Christmas staff luncheon. Legend has it that the hotel even has a secret tunnel connecting it to nearby Buckingham Palace.

Clockwise from above: The Goring; Jermyn Street's Floris; lobster pie at Mount St. Restaurant; beer taps at The Brown Cow

Courtesy of The Goring (exterior); courtesy of The Brown Cow (taps); courtesy of Mount St. Restaurant (lobster pie); Tim Gainey/Alamy Stock Photo (Floris)