

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), 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) 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) 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) 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) 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) 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), 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) 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). Dukes (35-36 St James's Place, 020 7491 4840, 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) 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), 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), 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) 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), 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) 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) — 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) 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) 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) 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) 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) 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

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