

PRESS RELEASE

COVENT GARDEN IS OPEN FOR GROUPS OF SIX WITH A NEW BOTANICAL DINING AREA FOR PIAZZA PICNICS AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS

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- Covent Garden will be London's favourite al fresco spot from 29th March, as it unveils a new botanical pocket garden area for al fresco takeaway dining and for groups meeting within the rule of six
- 12 of Covent Garden's restaurants will offer takeaway that can be enjoyed in the area including **Deli by Darjeeling Express, The James St Collective, Ladurée, Avobar** and more
- Covent Garden and chocolatier **Neuhaus** challenge famous chefs to whip up Eggs-travagant Easter desserts with recipes available to replicate at home

Covent Garden, London's best destination for al fresco activity, will transform into an open-air social hub from 29th March. Visitors can enjoy a new botanical garden picnic area to meet their groups of six and enjoy twelve different takeaway options across the estate from the **Deli by Darjeeling Express** to the **James St Collective, Ladurée, Avobar** and more in the area. Over the Easter weekend, **Neuhaus** will challenge famous chefs across the estate to create Easter-inspired desserts that will sit inside their iconic eggs and families can pick from a range of chocolate-y recipes from Covent Garden's website to indulge in at home.

The new botanical pocket garden area on the East Piazza has over 70 socially distanced seats and ensures groups of up to six can feast together al fresco. Restaurants and cafes open for takeaway to dine here include **Amorino, Avobar, Deli by Darjeeling Express, Din Tai Fung, The James St Collective, Mariage Freres, SushiSamba, Buns & Buns** and **Na Na**, whilst Petersham Nurseries' **La Goccia** will be available via Deliveroo with delicious new meal kits including pasta boxes and vegetarian menus for two. For new takeaway dishes visitors can try **Avobar's** new Springtime Specials, consisting of avo halves topped with the likes of spicy prawn, spicy tuna beetroot and wasabi Mayo or **Din Tai Fung's** much loved Bunny buns filled with custard lava and taro. For sweet treats, Covent Garden's **Santa Nata, Ladurée** and **Floozie** offer plenty of indulgent options from pastries to macaroons to feast on.

Covent Garden and chocolatier **Neuhaus** have partnered to challenge some of the area's most celebrated chefs to create an Easter-inspired dessert to sit inside Neuhaus' new luxurious filled Easter egg, which is handmade and covered in gianduja. **The James Street Collective's** Mark Greenaway will create a smoked chocolate and cassia bark mousse with honeycomb, hazelnut tuille and rhubarb puree,

Chez Antoinette's Aurelia Delclos will create a Saint-honoré tart version with flavours of chocolate and hazelnut to match the Neuhaus egg and finally **FLORAL by Lima's** "*Lima Easter Egg*" includes Cuzco Corn Cake, Avocado Zabaione and Achiote powder. The egg-stravagant recipes will be available online for everyone to copy at home with their Easter eggs.

Covent Garden will also be home to international Easter treats, with chocolate gifts available from Italian gourmet chocolatiers **Venchi**, while **Mariage Freres** will offer an Easter tea collection available for order via click and collect. Especially for Easter, **Ladurée** has partnered with French artisan chocolatier Patrice Chapon to create a limited-edition chocolate bonbon range available to purchase alongside takeaway items and **The Gentlemen Baristas** has an incredible Easter hamper filled with chocolate and coffee treats available online. For adults looking to toast to the Easter weekend, **Dirty Martini** will run an online Easter drinks masterclass on 3rd April, with additional musical bingo.

For those cycling into Central London, Covent Garden now offers a secure biking storage in Long Acre Street. In partnership with **Spokesafe**, the space offers cyclists a secure space to park bikes, alongside E-bikes chargers, lockers, a repair station and multiple air pumps.

Covent Garden's restaurants are also now taking bookings for outdoor dining ahead of restaurants reopening on 12th April, with bookings available for **SUSHISAMBA, The Oystermen, Buns & Buns, The Ivy Market Grill, Petersham Nurseries, La Goccia, Sticks n Sushi, Cora Pearl, Avobar, Da Henrietta, Frenchie, Din Tai Fung** and more.

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