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# These are the most stylish pubs in London

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The most stylish London pubsThe Walmer Castle

Nothing beats a good old fashioned boozer. Whether it is a languorous Sunday lunch with friends or a cosy candlelit dinner for two, nestled in a wood-panelled booth in the corner of a 19th-century watering hole, the pub is always a good idea.

But far from sticky floors, grubby carpets and blinking arcade games, the pub can be as stylish an option as any upscale bar. As the bank holiday weekend approaches, we round up five of the capital's chicest offerings for casual dining, romantic moments and family gatherings, from old favourites and historic institutions to the hottest new tables in town.

## The Walmer Castle, Notting Hill

West London design studio Isabella Worsley reimagined this Notting Hill institution late last year, breathing some ineffable, understated glamour into an already well-regarded watering hole. Established in 1845, The Walmer Castle has

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new era – under the stewardship of revered publican Jack
Greenall – with unflappable charm and an easy sense of cool.
The atmosphere is buzzy and warm and the interiors lean
heavily on tradition, with a sprinkling of modern irreverence
and a fair few iconic pieces of British art, by Yinka Shonibare
and Cornelia Parker. The delicious menu is spearheaded by
Luaan van der Watt and champions British seasonal produce;
the chef works closely with cult butchers The Ginger Pig and

seafood suppliers Flying Fish. A dreamier pub date one could

The Walmer Castle, 58 Ledbury Rd, London W11 2AJ



The Walmer Castle

not imagine.

## The Holly Bush, Hampstead

Quite possibly the cosiest pub in London, what The Holly Bush lacks in size it makes up for in charm. The place is brimming with history, having operated since the 18th century, and it wears its history on its sleeve, with quirky crooked stairs, low ceilings and improbable layouts, walls plastered with oil paintings and a roaring fire crackling in the background during the winter months. The menu is a classy but simple take on pub classics, and the upstairs dining room

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