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The must-visit Notting Hill restaurants lighting up the food scene right now

This pretty pocket of West London has more to offer than pastel-coloured houses and treasure hunting at Portobello Market. From show-stopping sushi to seasonal British dishes, these are the finest Notting Hill restaurants to have on your radar

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Walmer Castle

Nestled in a quiet side street of Notting Hill, Walmer Castle exudes the charm of a quaint English tavern amidst the hustle and bustle of one of London's most famous neighbourhoods. It's the perfect spot for a sit-back-and-relax dining experience, complemented by rustic furniture and vintage posters that give it a distinct homely atmosphere. With dining table-style seating and a roaring fireplace, it feels like you've stepped into the living room of a comfy country pile. Indeed, founder Jack Greenall meticulously restored this good old-fashioned 1845 pub, named after Lord Warden's Tudor woodland castle in Kent, where the likes of the Duke of Wellington and the Queen Mother would often stay.

Ideal for a family outing or Sunday lunch with friends, the menu offers unfussy but delectable comfort food. The West End farm pork tomahawk is a crowd favourite and goes down a treat alongside the crispy truffle and parmesan fries. This elevated pub food is accompanied by a surprisingly quirky drinks menu that boasts a truffle-based cocktail, taking savoury beverages to the next level. And when you're almost full to the brim, top the evening off with their mouth-wateringly indulgent sticky toffee pudding, a warm and humble sweet treat to enjoy by the crackling fire.