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Top 5 Father's Day Spots In London

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Dads don't always get the recognition they deserve. This year show your Father how much you care by treating him to a meal to remember in one of the capital's top restaurants. Haute Time has the low-down on five fabulous places to take your Father this Sunday and celebrate this special day. Don't forget to have you Dad's favourite drink waiting at the table on arrival – he deserves it.



1. Bar Boulud

If your Father is a fan of French fare, make a beeline for Bar Boulud. Trust Haute Time: your Dad will love Daniel Boulud's London outpost- Haute Time's destination of choice when it comes to French haute cuisine in the capital. The kitchen doesn't put a foot wrong with dishes like Lapin de la garigue (provençal pulled rabbit with carrot, courgette and herbs) croquet monsieur, coq au vin and steak frites, all complimented by a masterfully assembled list of wines. Service is utterly professional and the low key yet luxe setting in the basement of the buzzy Mandarin Oriental Hotel, can't be bettered.

Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, 66 Knightsbridge, SW1



2. Holborn Dining Room

In a city that is already home to more all-day brasseries than you can shake a stick at, you might question the need for one more. However a meal at Holborn Dining Room – the new restaurant from Des McDonald should put that thought to rest. Situated inside the newish Rosewood Hotel in what was the former banking hall of Pearl Assurance, the interior design by Martin Brudnizki (the man behind the hotel's Scarfes Bar) is a treat. Expect sumptuous 'Routemaster' red leather banquettes, antique chandeliers and oak finishes that reflect the site's great British heritage. Meanwhile the well executed menu encompasses breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner although you could also pop in on Father's Day for Sunday roast. Bottom line? There are good restaurants and that are great restaurants and the Holborn Dining Room is definitely one of the latter. This is a slick, stylish, reliable British restaurant that you'll want to return to – it really is that good.

Rosewood London, 252 High Holborn, WC1



3. J Sheekey

J Sheekey has earned a reputation as the capital's best fish restaurant so definitely the place to head if you and your Dad want to devour seafood this Sunday. Keira Knightley, Kate Moss, Kelly Brook and Ewan McGregor could be seated at the next table - they are just a few of the celebrities who have been spotted slipping through the unassuming door for Sheekey's famous fish pie. You'll also find an array of oysters – West Mersea pearls, Lindisfame rocks and fines de claire all feature - on the menu, alongside classic seafood options and a wide selection of wine.

28-32 St Martin's Court, WC2



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4. Meat Liquor

Yianni Papoutis – aka London's burger god – opened this pleasure pit back in 2011 and it quickly became a sensation. Happily three years on, the burgers and beer joint that's located above a strip club off Oxford Street, still elates. Don't miss the 'Dead Hippo': two double-stacked patties doused with melted cheese, raw onion, shredded lettuce, gherkins and last – but by no means least – a 'secret sauce' that's second to none. Bottom line? Meat Liquor justifies every word of its type.

74 Welbeck Street, W1G



5. Reform Social & Grill

All eyes may be on Chiltern Firehouse – the latest hotspot from hotelier and restaurateur, Andre Balazs – but Reform at Marylebone's Mandeville Hotel will have the old man in raptures. The decor – all dark wood floors, copper coloured walls, marble tables and deep red banquettes – and smart dress code, evokes the feeling of a classic British gentleman's club and will make him think he has stepped back in time to a far more graceful age. Order a Champagne cocktail (in such stunning surroundings it would be a shame not to) and relax while you wait for the legion of sweet looking staff (who occasionally line the walls like theatre usherettes waiting for the show to start) to bring in treats such as Cornish mackerel (squid, sea pickle, watercress).

The Mandeville Hotel, Mandeville Place, W1



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