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# LONDON'S BEST SUNDAY LUNCHES WITH A SIDE OF CULTURE



A day usually devoted to food and family, why not add a little art and history to your Sundays? In the capital of culture itself, *The Club* team round up the best Sunday lunches with London's top museums and galleries just a stone's throw away

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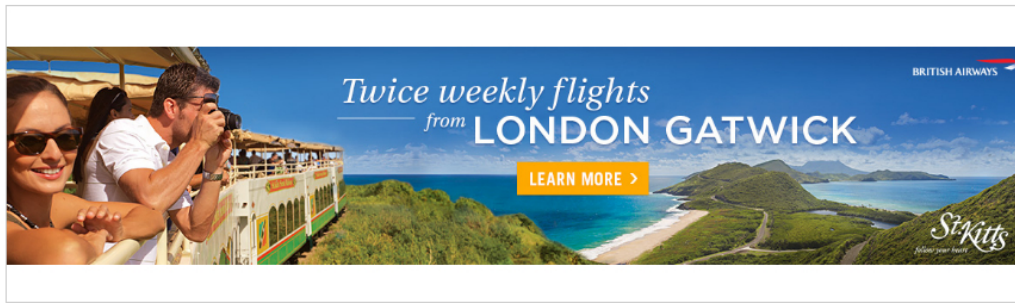
**Who:** Hannah Ralph, *The Club* content editor

The corner block boozer with a swish side, [Carpenter's Arms](#) marries Hackney's burgeoning cool with a good keg's worth of East End charm. Once the property of the notorious Kray twins, it's now more gourmet than gangster, with beers sourced from [an award-winning Warwickshire brewery](#), organic coffee from [Shepherd & Monk](#), and Sunday lunch stuffed with local fare. You'll have a choice between sirloin of beef or loin of pork, but the beef is the truly raved-over roast – dripping with gravy, blush-pink strips of meat and starring that all-important Yorkshire pudding. Served from 12pm until they run out (spoiler: they usually do).

**Culture component:** Take a short-cut through nearby Weavers Fields park to the [V&A Museum of Childhood](#). Free to enter, this is a place where kids can be as cultured as adults and adults can be as wonderstruck as kids.

**The don't miss exhibit:** Ending their runs on 17 March and 22 April respectively, be sure

to check out *Little Happenings: Photographs of Children by Dorothy Bohm* and *A Pirate's Life for Me* - featuring the first-ever costume designs for villainous Captain Hook.



## 2 Simpson's in the Strand for the London Film and Transport museums

**Who?** Ross Clarke, *The Club* contributing editor

Charles Dickens, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle... the list of patrons at this Strand stalwart is a veritable who's who of London through the ages. But what kept them coming back? The Simpson's roast – as iconic as the carving trolley it's wheeled in on, replete with Scottish beef, Welsh lamb and a further seasonal joint. Thick slices of beautifully seared lamb were carved and plated before me (you can take the boy out of Wales...) and kindly paired with a silky Merlot by the sommelier. Yes, it's classic and a bit nostalgic, but then, that's the very reason to visit.

**Culture component:** If the old-world grandeur of Simpson's whets your appetite for history, then go and enjoy a double dose in the form of the London Film Museum, and the London Transport Museum.

**Don't miss exhibit:** Marvel at the real-life Tube and buses miraculously located at the Transport Museum, and channel your inner 007 at the Film Museum's Bond in Motion exhibition, featuring *that* infamous crocodile submarine (ends 31 March).





### 3 The Camberwell Arms, Camberwell for the South London Gallery

**Who:** Matt Richardson, *The Club* picture editor

As a brunch-loving south Londoner, it's no surprise [The Camberwell Arms](#) was top of my list. With airy interiors and refined, full-flavoured grub, this trendy gastropub *isn't* serving your average Sunday lunch. After pawing over the mega selection, which always includes a pie, we delighted in carefully crafted Dauphinoise croquettes paired with a mushroom ketchup before tackling the juicy Hereford beef served with roast potatoes and watercress. After that? It's all about kicking back with an espresso martini in hand.

**Culture component:** One award-winning, three-course roast later, and it's time for a short stroll to [South London Gallery](#) - home to an intriguing local-meets-international collection and five free exhibitions a year.

**The don't miss exhibit:** Catch [Bloomberg New Contemporaries](#) – art with a thematic focus on borders, identity and technology – before it finishes on 24 February.



### 4 Berners Tavern, Fitzrovia for the British Museum

**Who:** Kat Knight, *The Club* production manager

Stepping into [Berners Tavern](#) feels like stepping into a gallery: high ceilings, lavish custom-bronze chandeliers and walls decked with gilt-framed paintings. If you're thinking, as I did, that the food couldn't possibly compare to the surroundings, you'd be wrong.

The Sunday menu embraces chef Jason Atherton's Michelin-starred signature – Brit classics spiced up with inventive ingredients. The beef tartare with egg yolk and pickled beetroot made for a sensational start, followed by a succulent roast belly of Dingley Dell pork and a dreamy chocolate-and-mango millefeuille.

**Culture component:** Once you've finished admiring the paintings, take a 10-minute stroll to the [British Museum](#), home to one of the greatest and oldest collections of historical artefacts in the world.

**Don't miss exhibit:** Get clued up on the empire-building, king-slaying, lion-hunting King Ashurbanipal of Assyria at the [I am Ashurbanipal](#) exhibition, but you'll have to act fast – it closes on 24 February.



## 5 Brigadiers, the City for Tate Modern

**Who:** Branca Lessa de Sa, *The Club* intern

If you fancy roast with a twist, the [Brigadiers'](#) new Sunday menu is for you. Each week, this Art Deco powerhouse serves up delicious barbecued meats, alongside free-flowing prosecco, lager or Paloma cocktails for an extra £15 per person. Where roasties become *aloo chaat* and Yorkshire puddings are switched for crisp *papadums*, make sure to try the tender butter masala baby chicken, served with an aromatic pilau and creamy egg *makhana*. Brigadiers also pairs its robust roasts with a side of fun: brass music, live sports and a karaoke room.

**Culture component:** After polishing off your Indian-inspired dessert, cross Millennium Bridge and walk along the South Bank to the [Tate Modern](#), where you will find a vast collection of contemporary art – and free entry.

**The don't miss exhibit:** A deep dive into the work of legendary British war photographer Sir Don McCullin, which [opens this month](#) (2 February). McCullin's images are impressive, poignant, and above all, painstakingly human.



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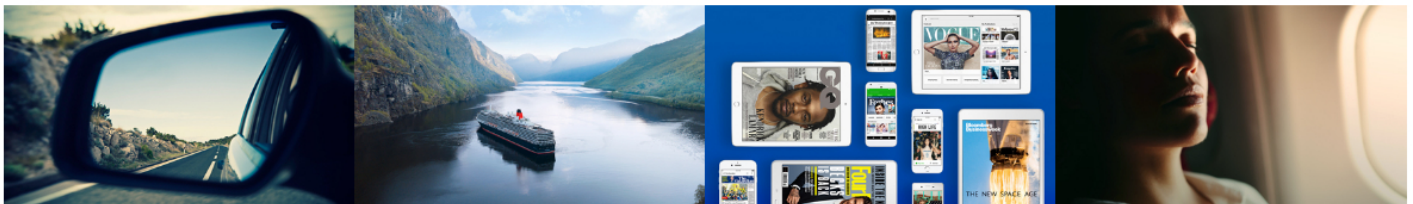


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