

# London's best outdoor eateries

*From sky gardens to barbecue terraces, we bring you a roundup of the latest al fresco openings*

London's food scene may be world class but come summer time there is an obvious gap in the market for al fresco dining. The problem is, at least in part, architectural; there isn't much room for rooftop terraces and pavement cafés in ancient Soho, for instance. But new developments across the capital are acknowledging the fact that London's summers can lend themselves to outdoor eating that city dwellers love to eat outside when it's part of a new dining experience. Here are a few such new openings to look out for this spring.

## **Allegra, Olympic Park, Stratford – Opens June 2019**



Patrick Powell, former head chef of celebrity stalker favourite Chiltern Firehouse, is bringing sky garden dining to the 7th floor of Manhattan Loft Gardens in Stratford. If you're wondering what a 'sky garden' is, picture fresh herbs grown on the roof next to the tables and an outdoor grill to complement its panoramic views. Said grill will supply open-air diners with heritage ribeye and whole roast chickens stuffed with garlic sausage amongst other dishes. The main restaurant – open to the summer elements via retractable glass walls – will offer farm-to-fork cooking in a modern European style. An eight-course tasting menu will be available along with plenty of on-trend arrangements of seafood and pickled delights like mackerel tartare and salted cucumber with buttermilk and apple. Starters are expected to come in from £12 while mains will be between £22 and £35. Will it rival Chiltern Firehouse as a venue for heated discussions about whether that lady at the next table over is actually Gwyneth Paltrow? Only time will tell.