

# Enjoy a meal before going to see a show

With so many theatres in the city centre many restaurants in Bath are discovering the wisdom of gearing a menu for those wanting to eat before a show

Bath has lots of theatre and a lot of people like to have a meal before going to see the latest production.

Increasingly restaurants in all price ranges are offering diners special menus and helping customers keep an eye on the time to make sure they are not late for the performance.

Even so, it is worthwhile telling the restaurant when you arrive that you have to be at such and such a theatre by, say, 7.30pm.

Mezzaluna is located a minute's walk from the Theatre Royal and it offers a fantastic pre-theatre choice starting at £13.95 for two courses or £15.95 for three courses. There is a wide choice of fresh homemade pastas, fresh fish, steaks and more.

Also if you want just a light meal of one course, you can choose from the restaurant's extensive and reasonably priced menu.

Executive chef at Bath Priory Michael Caines MBE is one of the UK's most respected chefs and he has held

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two Michelin stars at sister hotel, Gidleigh Park, Devon, since 1999. Michael uses the finest west country produce for his modern European cuisine, including seasonal fruits and vegetables from The Bath Priory's own kitchen garden.

Since joining the hotel earlier this year, Michael has introduced a range of new menus including a Grazing Menu (smaller plates of the à la carte dishes) two superb eight-course Tasting Menus and an Early Dining Menu, available from 6pm to 7.30pm (Monday to Thursday, with the last seating at 7.30pm).

This specially created menu provides the perfect opportunity to sample a Michelin starred meal before an evening's entertainment in the city centre. Early dining at The Bath Priory is excellent value for money with two courses for £29 and three courses for £35.

Sample dishes include salad of lightly smoked asparagus, roast breast of creedy carver duck and hot raspberry soufflé. To make a booking call 01225 331922 or email: mail@thebathpriory.co.uk

For further information about The Bath Priory visit: www.thebathpriory.co.uk



SHOW STOPPER: the Bath Priory where they cook delicious meals for every occasion. Below Mezzaluna

Meanwhile, the newly refurbished bar The Cork located in Westgate Buildings, Bath has recently had a fantastic make over, transforming it in to the perfect place to while away those hot summer days.

Now comprising two bars, vaulted booths, a conservatory and a large al fresco terrace area, The Cork offers an ideal location to socialise, relax and simply enjoy the surroundings in the bar, out on the terrace or even in the underground vaults.

The Cork has expanded by renovating part of cellars downstairs to create The Cork Vaults bar. Outside they have created a spacious terrace area which links to The Cork Vaults bar with a light and airy conservatory. The building was historically a 'debtors' prison. Renovations, designed by Simple Simon Design, have left the stunning Bath sandstone exposed.

Teamed with Farrow and Ball warm terracotta and dark chocolate brown paint the look and feel of the bar is chic with an industrial twist as the 'Tolix' brushed steel bar stools, designed in 1934 by Xavier Pauchard complement the Douglas Fir wood and Zinc bar. The conservatory looks out to the al fresco terrace which is decked out with oak sleepers, sizeable white illuminated planters shipped in especially from Italy, which light up the garden at night.

The vaults have been transformed



into cosy snugs for late night drinks, whilst the upstairs The Cork original bar still offers a wide range of drinks from coffee, to the most complex cocktails. The newly introduced gastro pub food menu, with specialities such as Wiltshire rump of lamb with

roasted figs, smoked almonds and rocket salad or risotto with broad beans, asparagus and peas, has been carefully designed by The Cork's chef, Simon Mealing, and is available in all areas along with the bar snacks menu which offers lunch from £3.50.



DINING OPTIONS: the Cork in Westgate Buildings, Bath

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**Sample dishes**  
Guinness beer battered cod with chunky chips, minted pea purée and tartar sauce £7.95

Free range local chicken supreme with Cheddar asparagus, Cornish new potatoes and a cider beurre blanc £7.50

Wiltshire rump of lamb with roasted figs, smoked almonds and rocket salad £8.95

Risotto with broad beans, asparagus and peas (V) £5.95



It is worthwhile telling the restaurant when you arrive what time you need to leave

**Mezzaluna Ristorante**  
7a Kingsmead Square, Bath BA1 2AB

**Pre-theatre Menu**  
£13.95  
2 courses £15.95  
3 courses

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### Special Summer Lunch Offer

We are offering "Bath Chronicle" readers the chance to enjoy a Michelin star lunch, with a complimentary glass of Prosecco on arrival.  
**£24.00 for two courses or £30.00 for three courses.\***

\*This special offer is available when booking lunch in July and August '09, Monday to Friday.

### Early Dining at The Bath Priory

Book a table in the restaurant between 6pm and 7.30pm and enjoy an early evening meal, perfect for pre-theatre or pre-concert dining.

**£29.00 for two courses, £35.00 for three courses.**

(Last seating at 7.30pm, available Monday to Thursday).

### 9th September: Photography Lunch with Photographer Andrew Jackson - £80.00pp

A hands-on workshop with time spent taking pictures in the garden so guests are requested to bring their own cameras. Includes a two-course Michelin star lunch with a glass of wine.

Our refurbished Garden Spa will be opening in mid September 2009. See our website for spa packages and Gift Vouchers at www.thebathpriory.co.uk

For the full calendar of events for 2009, visit www.thebathpriory.co.uk, or call Isobel Heather on 01225 478388 for further information.



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