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BARCHICK'S TIPS FOR WHERE TO SHELL OUT FOR THE BEST LOBSTERS IN TOWN

Q1: If you wanna know a lobster's weight then times its weight in pounds by four and add three. Simple really.

Firmdale Hotels

Lobster AND Champagne, that's right, this is where it's at if you're splashing out. Firmdale hotels restaurants; Oscar (Charlotte Street), Refuel (Soho), Brumus (Haymarket) and Brasserie Max (Covent Garden) will all be offering you a bottle of Laurent Perrier Brut and a whole lobster for just £60. The deal lasts for all of June and July so go get some.

*Various locations*The Grill on the Market – The Claws are Out (catty)

All hail the king of the crustaceans because he's clawing his way to The Grill on the Market in Smithfield. But he's not alone, oh no, he's got some mates with him... meet the handmade chips. Grilled, thermidor, buckets of garlic butter, the choice my friend, is all yours.

Straight from the sea, still in their trunks, these 1 1/4 pound babies are as fresh as they can be. He's fresh, so fresh and for £17.50, he's yours. For maximum enjoyment accompany with something bubbly. See you and the bibs there.

2-3 West Smithfield, London, EC1A 9JX



NOT NEAR THE CITY BUT CRAVING A LOBSTER FIX?... COME GET EM...

Burger and Lobster

With branches in The City, Farringdon, Soho and Mayfair you'll never be too far away from our 10 legged friends. The amount of lobsters these guys get through per week is testimony to their sheer tastiness. In most cases you can't book, so be prepared to either sprint from work or hit the 11pm sitting (we do both). Do get bibs and do order a bottle of prosecco (or hit the cocktails under L). Oh and go for one of the big boys, you'll be able to do a meet and greet before it goes in the pot – get personal.

36 Dean Street, London, W1D 4PS

The Big Easy

It's always good fun in here, full of Sloanes on the pull and fat b*stards looking for a quick fix. Get involved, bring some fun loving friends and tuck the hell in. The ribs are damn tasty, but when we're here we hit the lobbys, grilled or thermidor, they know how to have a good time. Chuck on a bib, sing along to the live music and accompany your fleshy friend with some frozen Margaritas.

332-334 Kings Road, Chelsea, London, SW3 5UR

Bentley's

Looking for a fish fix... get it here. Sit at the oyster bar, get shucking and accompany the squelchy gang with some Champagne. The fish is some of the freshest in London and the lobsters are big and boisterous. Sure they're not the cheapest on offer, £24.50 for half and £48 for a whole, but then what the hell are you doing in Bentley's?

11-15 Swallow Street, London W1B 4DG

J Sheekey

If you are cruising the theatre scene in Covent Garden, you'll be needing some sustenance and where better than here. Perch at the marble counter, hit the Bellinis with a date and then go all out with a whole lobster each. It'll set you back £39.50 and you'll need to accompany it with some delicious white wine, but it'll all be worth it in the end...

28 – 34 St Martin's Court, London, WC2N 4AL

The J Sheekey Lobster Festival (1st July – 3rd August)

You had us at lobster festival, and besides who doesn't love Sheekey's. This festival is for the love of lobster, so if you're a lobby lover it's not to be missed. From Tuesday 1st July to Sunday 3rd August the lobsters are taking over St Martin's Court, and it's going to be bigger (and better) than any invasion the world has ever seen (almost). The menu will feature a loveable feast of lobster with everything from flat iron steak and lobster tail and lobster thermidor Benedict, to lobster risotto, the 1st July could not come soon enough.

28-34 St Martin's Court, London WC2N 4AL

The Wolseley

If you are looking to charm the socks off someone, this is where to do it. It's classic, and though not as old as most assume, it feels like it's been serving well-heeled types for centuries. You're here to indulge so order the Champagne and get the king of the crustaceans involved. Share the royal plateau de fruits de mer for £43/person, but if you're struggling (price wise) go for the lobster cocktail at £22.50. But to be honest, anything tastes good in these surroundings.

160 Piccadilly, London, W1J 9EB

The Lobster Pot

It's worth making the journey to Kennington for this one, the fact that it has been around for years is testimony to its goodness. Settle in, with the stunted lighting, lifesaving rings, seascapes and wooden walls and floors, it feels as if you are in a ship's cabin afloat on the ocean. Order a lobster, it's a must, the price will be up to the size and the market, so sit back and hope the markets are down.

3 Kennington Lane, London, SE11 4RG

Shrimpy's

What was once an old BP garage behind Kings Cross, is now Shrimpy's, housed under the original 1960s prefab BP canopy. Take a chance at the bar, or book a table. They are famous for their Shrimpy's soft shell crab burger, but when we're garage side we like to hit their lobster. It's served with garlic and coriander butter (for £28) and it's damn tasty, wash it down with the Blue Rinse it's a cocktail not a granny's barnet.

King's Cross Filling Station, Good's Way, London, N1C 4UR

Balthazar

These guys have managed to reproduce the soul of this iconic New York restaurant, which is no mean feat. Identical to its American sister, only the drinks are way better... good work London. The lobster and black truffle risotto blew BarChick's mind (do order as a main), but if you really want to go all out then do so with the plateau de fruits de mer. Get le Balthazar for £95 and party with all sorts of fishy friends.

4-6 Russell St, London, WC2E 7BN

Umu

Umu offers some of the best Japanese food in town so if you're a sushi fan, this is where to indulge. It can sometimes be hard to come across lobster sushi, but not in this joint. Get the homard ebi (lobster) for £7 a piece or the lobster with pesto and plum sauce for £7.50/piece and accompany it with some sake.

14-16 Bruton Place, London, W1J 6LX

