



ROYAL ASCOT

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ASCOT RACECOURSE REVEALS MUSIC AND GASTRONOMY LINE-UP FOR THE VILLAGE ENCLOSURE AT ROYAL ASCOT 2019



The Enclosure at the Heart of the Racecourse with a Tempo of its Own: *20th – 22nd June 2019*

Ascot Racecourse is delighted to reveal a first-class line-up of DJs, food outlets and drinks brands who will feature in the [Village Enclosure at Royal Ascot 2019](#). The enclosure will open for three days only during Royal Ascot for the third year, following sell-outs in 2017 and 2018.

Showcasing the best of contemporary British summertime, the Village Enclosure has a style and tempo of its own. Located on the inside of the track, with a unique viewpoint of the racing and the Royal Procession and an imposing backdrop of the Grandstand, it features live music, boutique dining experiences and innovative bars.

The acclaimed Villiers Club is now sold out for all three days, however some spaces remain at the exclusive 'Restaurant In The Village'. Positioned directly opposite the iconic Ascot Grandstand, 'The Restaurant in the Village' boasts immersive views from a private viewing

area situated close to the Winning Post. Party packages include a drinks reception, four-course lunch with starter and main course served at the table, followed by buffet-style dessert and cheese stations, and afternoon tea. Prices from £329pp+VAT.

‘Smokehouse by Hotbox’ brings the lively East End of London to the Village Enclosure. For racegoers wanting a seated dining experience, there are sharing plates that include their signature beef short ribs along with mac ‘n’ cheese croquettes and smoked buffalo wings.

As ‘Chef in Residence’ of the Panoramic Restaurant for his fourth year now, legendary two-Michelin star chef and Ascot ambassador Raymond Blanc OBE has created a croque monsieur offering that will be exclusively available in the Village Enclosure.

The Babek Brothers make their Royal Ascot debut serving kebabs with a modern edge including the ‘Kim Koftashian’ and ‘Tikka Turner’. Sear Street Kitchen returns to Royal Ascot offering modern techniques combined with the traditional art of live fire cooking, with dishes such as jerk-spiced corn-fed chicken thigh bun and a lamb patty and grilled halloumi burger. Additional confirmed partners include Mai Taiko, Great British Sausage Company, The Wood Fire Pizza Company and Gamekeeper Burgers.

Racegoers can toast their winnings at the new Moët Ice bar or with a Plymouth Fruit Cup – a Royal Ascot Signature Serve – described as a bold and refreshing fruit punch served with a garnish of summer fruits, cucumber and mint. There will be five additional bars; The Village Green Bar, Brummell’s, Hepburn, Sebastian Artois Le Village Bar and the Fever-Tree Bar.

London’s most fashionable female DJ duo of the moment ‘Pips & Henri’ (Pips Taylor and Henri Tiefenthaler) will once again take to the decks on the opening day with their energetic disco and house floor fillers. Then radio hosts Lara Fraser and actress Laura Pradelska, who together form ‘The Lallas’ duo, will follow suit with a ‘school disco meets Sloane Square’ set. Madhen, Thom Kirkpatrick, BBC Radio 1’s Chris Stark, BBC Radio 1Xtra’s Yasmin Evans and Furnace and the Fundamentals will also perform.

With a Style Guide of its own, in keeping with the rest of the racecourse synonymous with sartorial elegance, the Village Enclosure is the party destination at the world’s finest horse racing festival. A must for the summer social calendar, it’s all the magic and style of Royal Ascot – but with a contemporary twist.

Juliet Slot, Chief Commercial Officer of Ascot Racecourse, says: *“We introduced the Village Enclosure to the Royal Meeting in 2017, in response to customer feedback that highlighted an appetite for a more contemporary option when choosing their Royal Ascot experience.*

“After a hugely successful two years, we’ve been working hard to curate even more exciting food and drink and live entertainment for 2019. Located in a prime position for the thrilling final furlongs, the Village Enclosure celebrates British summertime with al fresco eateries, vibrant bars and live music throughout the day into the evening. We’re really excited for this year’s Village Enclosure and so are customers with limited availability on Saturday already.”

Royal Ascot will be held from Tuesday 18th – Saturday 22nd June 2019. Tickets start from £37 per person with Fine Dining Packages starting from £269+VAT per person and Private Boxes from £810+VAT per person. Early booking is advised to avoid disappointment with several restaurants already sold out.

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NOTES TO EDITOR

Ascot Racecourse was founded in 1711 by Queen Anne who saw the land had potential for horseracing. Royal Ascot in June is an occasion like no other in the sporting calendar. While its five days of Flat racing attracts entries from around the World and is demonstrably a celebration of horseracing at its very best, it is also a social occasion like no other, steeped in history and synonymous with pageantry and style.

On each of the five race days, The Queen arrives by Royal Procession along the racecourse with her guests, in full view of the 300,000 weekly spectators. At the heart of Royal Ascot is the Royal Enclosure which dates back to 1807 and the reign of George III. Within this area, a dress code of morning dress for men and formal day wear for ladies applies.

Outside of the Royal Meeting, Ascot Racecourse has a further 21 days of both Flat and Jumps racing which includes four dedicated family racedays, the King George Weekend at the end of July, the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup and Post-Racing Concert in August and QIPCO British Champions Day in October – the finale of the Flat season.

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