



URBAN JUNKIES LONDON
GET YOUR DAILY FIX

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Pork



Fish. Tasty. Light. And, as we all know, really good for your health. But weekend lunches, they're all about meat, aren't they? And, here at UJ towers, we have one tiny, underrated word for you: pork. Pork! Just saying it fills us with a kind of pre-Lapsarian joy.

And you can forget the bony little chops and chewy grey steaks of our youth, nowadays the more creative chefs round town are whipping the humble pig into dishes nothing short of spectacular.

At Gilgamesh, Ian Pengelley is marinating pork hock in sticky Courvoisier XO, and serving it with the lightest scallops and a pea shoot salad. And over at Michelin-starred Arbutus, if you can snag a table, Anthony Demetre's signature starter, pork porchetta with Granny Smith apple puree, is a melt-in-the-mouth 7 quid.

But it's Saturday lunch, isn't it? You've got a dry mouth and a burning hunger, and poncy fare is all very well, but your inner caveman is about to cart you off to the nearest gourmet burger joint. Our advice? Keep your dignity and feast at The Hawksmoor, on the juiciest ribs from the most joyous swine that ever lived. Pigs-quisite!

Arbutus - 020 7734 4545
Gilgamesh - 020 7482 5757
The Hawksmoor - 020 7247 7392



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Enjoy a bit of jazz with Chris Garrick Duo at the NPG late. 6:30pm. St Martin's Pl, WC2.

Rob Wood faves Wild Beasts play live at Barfly. 10:30pm. 49 Chalk Farm Road, NW1. £5. 0870 907 0999 or online.

Culture Calendar picks for today: Eliades Ochoa at Kew Gardens, BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall and Splash Live at Southbank Centre.

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CULTURE CALENDAR

May the force be with you at the Star Wars Celebration at ExCel, Royal Victoria Dock, E16. £23. 0870 060 0245.

Get down & dirty and boogie @the JazzCotech weekender at Salmon & Compass. 9pm-3am. 58 Penton St, N1. £5.

Burlesque circus & auditions as Whoopee present Hip Hip at Bethnal Green Working Men's Club. 8:30pm-2am. Pollard Row, E2. £10.

Expect slightly more dirrrrry acts and non-acts at Dusty Limits Kabarett at the Royal Vauxhall Tavern. 9pm. 372

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