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Eating out

Grand designs

Domed ceilings, sweeping staircases, marble fittings – elegant surroundings add sparkle to any meal out. Amber Dalton rounds up the restaurants with architectural wow-factor





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ALE AND HEARTY The Old Brewery

To fully appreciate the grandeur of the Old Royal Naval College, Christopher Wren's baroque masterpiece on the riverside in southeast London, take a boat along the Thames and alight at Greenwich pier. Just a few yards away you'll find The Old Brewery, a café (by day) and restaurant (by night) housed in the Royal Hospital's old brewhouse.

Run by the Meantime Brewing Company, the triple-height space is once again home to ale production thanks to a micro-brewery involving eight gleaming copper vats.

There's a beery theme to the menu, too. Try rump of herdwick mutton marinated in Meantime Hospital Porter or a raspberry beer jelly served with summer fruits. Each dish is matched with a beer from a 60-strong list, which includes the best examples from around the world: enjoy a classic pairing of rock oysters with London stout or experiment with the likes of hot chocolate fondant with Meantime Coffee Porter. You'll do well to match the three-pint-a-day allowance given to the Royal Hospital's pensioners.

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