

KETTNER'S

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Originally a series of four Georgian Townhouses, this landmark venue, was originally opened as a restaurant in 1867 by Auguste Kettner, (chef to Napoleon III,) and became infamous as the rendezvous of choice for deliciously colourful characters of the time. Oscar Wilde was arrested here many times during his three year occupancy, King Edward VII courted his mistress, Lilly Langtree and Agatha Christie and Bing Crosby were celebrated regulars.

Gorgeously glamorous, Kettner's today boasts a Brasserie, Cocktail and Champagne Bar and seven Private Rooms. The Grade II listed building has been refurbished and restored and, with a brand new management team, a fresh lease of life has been injected into this legendary Soho venue.

Kettner's elegant 1930's style Brasserie serves Modern European dishes all day with a range of menus to suit all occasions. Head Chef Winston Matthews has taken inspiration from Auguste Kettner's 'Book of the Table' a comprehensive cookery manual published in 1877, the 'tart' selection being a perfect example of this. The savoury 'tart of the day' is a signature dish (£6.50 / £8.00) and sweet tarts are also made daily for the sumptuous selection of desserts. Other French inspired dishes include 'Duck Confit' with spinach and saladise potatoes (£14.50) the classic 'Coq Au Vin' with smoked bacon, baby carrots and parsley mash (£12.50) and 'Beef Bourguignon' served in a traditional copper pot and slow cooked for four hours. (£16.00) Being in the centre of Soho Kettner's also offers great comfort food style dishes such as the 'Home made fishcakes' with pease pudding and shrimp butter (£12.50) and the classic 'Kettner's Burger' (£12.50.)

Situated in the heart of theatre land between the bustling Old Compton Street and Shaftesbury Avenue, Kettner's is the perfect choice for theatre dining. The Set Menu is available at lunch and pre and post theatre, priced £14.50 for two courses and £18.50 for three courses.

The sympathetic refurbishment has retained the sense of occasion with white bentwood chairs and elegant marble topped tables. At night, the Brasserie positively sparkles with candles and vintage candelabras. Live music from Tuesday to Saturday on the beautiful white grand piano sets the evening ambience.

The Cocktail and Champagne Bar has huge a range of over one hundred champagnes, with eleven served by the glass, and an array of seasonal and signature cocktails. Influenced by the rich heritage, the 'High and Wilde' is a twist on the classic champagne cocktail with a sugar cube soaked in absinthe, (Oscar Wilde's favourite tippie,) topped with peach puree

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and prosecco and garnished with fennel. (£9,) 'Lilly's Lemonade' is after Edward VII's mistress and is fruity long drink; Plymouth gin with home made raspberry syrup, Chambord, fresh mint and lemon. Bar snacks are also available including; smoked salmon blinis (8 for ££9.50,) a selection of mini tarts, (6 for £6.50) and a Charcuterie platter (£7.50.) The bar also has two bookable 'nooks' for small groups one with a stunning skylight.

The two upper floors house seven stunning private rooms including the two showcase spaces of The Apartment and The Salle De Fete. The Apartment has a members club feel with a secret entrance on Greek Street. The space draws inspiration from a French film director's lair, with wooden panelled walls, comfy 'casting' couches, a bespoke drinks cabinet and a grand piano available to hire. The Salle De Fête has an elegant, light and airy penthouse feel and comprises three open spaces; The Salle, The Attic Bar and The Den. Kettner's also has a variety of smaller rooms which are perfect for meetings and private dining.

Kettner's is a Soho institution, now firmly back on the map. You haven't experienced Soho until you've been to Kettner's.

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