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ENJOY AN EGG-STRAVAGANT CHOCOLATE FILLED EASTER AT COVENT GARDEN

This April Covent Garden is the home of everything Easter – it will host London's first-ever luxury Easter egg ball pit, as well as having the biggest selection of Easter eggs and sweet treats from the likes of **Ladurée**, **Venchi**, **Balthazar** and more. With Easter specials such as 'London's Most Exquisite Chocolate Easter Egg' on display at **Petersham Nurseries**, **Disney's Aladdin Lamp Hunt** around the Piazza and a special Easter Market in Central Avenue where visitors can pick up chocolate treats and gifts over the Easter weekend, Covent Garden is the ultimate destination for shoppers to enjoy a totally unique shopping and dining experience.

Kicking off the weekend, luxury Belgian chocolate brand **Godiva** will pop up on Covent Garden's East Piazza from Monday 15th to Monday 22nd April, with a Godiva Easter Garden, featuring a **giant ball pit**. Visitors will be able to search for a golden egg in the ball pit, with lucky winners able to claim a chocolate prize from the Covent Garden store.

Home to London's best culinary experiences, including **The Ivy Market Grill**, **Petersham Nurseries** and **Balthazar**, to name a few, Covent Garden is the number one dining destination this Easter, with many restaurants featuring exclusive menus, ideal for chocoholics and dessert lovers. Those who book a table at Covent Garden's **Frenchie** will have the chance to taste a limited-edition chocolate dessert, with just 100 available for diners over the Easter Weekend. From 19th – 22nd April, **The Ivy Market Grill** will welcome the 'Easter Egger', a white chocolate mousse with passion fruit and mango. On April 14th, Covent Garden's **Olivia Burton** will host a biscuit decorating workshop from 12-4pm, in partnership with Honeywell Biscuit Company. Visitors can create treats in the shape of Easter eggs, bunnies, flowers and bees, to take home – or devour straight away.

For edible Easter gifts for the whole family, **Balthazar's** bakery team will offer a selection of handmade chocolate eggs and hot cross buns, as well as their famous half chocolate egg, stuffed with a selection of truffles and Nougat of Montélimar. For decadent Easter treats and a twist on French pastry classics, **Ladurée** will wow visitors with exclusive white chocolate and yuzu macarons from Japanese chef Morihide Yoshida. For those looking to celebrate Easter with a cocktail, **FLORAL by Lima's** Bottomless Brunch menu is available for diners on Easter Friday, Sunday and Monday from 12-3pm, and **Dirty Martini's** Easter Choctail menu will feature three new extra special chocolate flavoured cocktails.

Providing enchanting experiences to keep the whole family entertained, the area will welcome a magical **Disney's Aladdin Lamp Hunt**, from 8th April – 22nd April. Families can work their way around the Piazza looking for hidden lamps to take home an Aladdin themed prize before stopping off at the life-size Aladdin lamp in Central Avenue to capture a selfie. During this time Covent Garden's **Apple Store** will host their Apple Easter Family Camp series with daily workshops and activities. Aladdin enthusiasts can also visit the store on 12th and 19th April for exclusive performances from the theatre cast who will perform 'A Whole New World', followed by an interactive chat from the production team. Children will be able to use an Apple iPad to draw their own enchanting interpretation of Aladdin's Agrabah.

From Monday 1st April, **The Shop at Petersham Nurseries** will display 'London's Most Exquisite Chocolate Easter Egg', created in partnership with Paul A Young to raise money

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for Action Against Hunger. Taking over 30 hours to make, the 1m tall enormous chocolate egg has been hand-sculpted using 20kg of dark chocolate and filled with a rare 1970s Cenedese Murano vase. Topped with seasonal flowers, it will be auctioned by Sotheby's on Tuesday 16th April. For smaller Easter gifts, **Petersham Nurseries** will also be selling 100 chocolate eggs potted in terracotta pots, with all proceeds to Action Against Hunger.

Shoppers and diners will be spoilt for choice in Covent Garden with brands across the estate including **Mulberry**, **Linda Farrow**, **The Shop at Bluebird**, **Floral Street**, **SUSHISAMBA**, **Buns & Buns**, **Henrietta Bistro**, **RedFarm** and many more.

Find out more at <https://www.coventgarden.london/easter>.

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