

THE REAL GREEK OPENS NEW LOCATION IN HISTORICAL CENTRE OF GLOUCESTER

POPULAR GREEK RESTAURANT GROUP OPENS IN VISITOR AND LOCAL HOTSPOT GLOUCESTER QUAYS



On Thursday 15th September 2022, **The Real Greek** (www.therealgreek.com), the UK's only group of authentic Greek restaurants, will open a brand new location in bustling shopping and dining destination, Gloucester Quays, situated in Gloucester Docks – a stone's throw from the city centre.

The opening marks the third new restaurant opening in 2022, following new locations in popular northern cities, Manchester and Newcastle, and outlines the brand's continued expansion and desire to serve up contemporary Aegean dining experiences across the UK.

The new 170-cover restaurant, boasts indoor and outdoor alfresco seating and is situated near the prominent entrance of Gloucester Quays, a well-frequented designer outlet.

The Real Greek Gloucester Quays will open with an exciting special offer, providing diners with 50%¹ off food from the Main Menu from Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd September. The offer will be available each day for dine in only.

Gloucester Quays is a heavy footfall dining and shopping destination in Gloucester. Outlined as a local crown jewel of urban development, the expansive area is home to over 50 retail destinations, popular eateries, several historical museums and a large multiplex cinema. The area is popular during the Christmas period also, playing host to one of Gloucester's few pop up ice rinks.

The Real Greek Gloucester will bring all the fun and energy of quintessential Greek dining to the Quays. The restaurant is perfect for dates, get togethers and a catchup with friends. Also perfect for families, as kids eat free² at The Real Greek every Sunday when an accompanying adult spends £10 in the restaurant, showcasing an ideal and affordable Sunday day out for families.

This will be The Real Greek's 24th site; its 12th outlet outside of the capital and the third

new restaurant to open in 2022. Following strong demand for authentic Greek cuisine, The Real Greek continues to expand its portfolio of restaurants around the country.

Nabil Mankarious, Managing Director at The Real Greek, comments: “The Real Greek Gloucester is an exciting next step for our restaurant group. The Gloucester Quays area is a really exciting and popular urban development, steeped in history, that makes the perfect day out for locals or visitors to the area. As the third restaurant to open this year, it’s also exciting to anticipate the next step in the upward growth trajectory of The Real Greek’s portfolio of restaurants.”

Paul Carter, Asset Director Peel L&P: Gloucester Quays said: “Gloucester Quays is delighted to welcome The Real Greek in joining our fabulous line up of outlet brands, leisure and restaurants in our unique maritime and heritage setting. The exciting Greek and Mediterranean themed menu will be a vibrant new addition for customers with a passion for dining, drinking, family and life”.

The Real Greek embodies the culinary heritage of the Eastern Mediterranean. Taking in the best of Greece’s gastronomic traditions, from the hundreds of islands to the fertile mainland and mountains, as well as the latest innovations of the capital’s restaurant scene. Utilising core ingredients directly sourced from Greece, the creative direction in the kitchen is led by Nikos Karathanos, the youngest Greek chef to be awarded a Michelin star at the age of just 27.

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Notes to editors:

¹ Terms and conditions: dine in only at The Real Greek Gloucester only. Not valid in conjunction with any other offer/promotion/discount. 50% off food from the Main Menu. Not valid on Lunch Menu, Filoxenia Dinner Menu, Dessert Menu, Kids Menu, Party Menu or any other set menu. Discount not valid on drinks. Valid from 19/09/2022 – 22/09/2022. An optional 12.5% service charge will be added to the bill.

² Terms and conditions: One free kid's meal per adult only. Each adult to spend £10 or more to qualify for one free kid's meal. Available to all children under 12. Valid for dine-in only at all The Real Greek restaurants. Not valid in conjunction with any other offer or promotion. Offer includes Kids meal from Kids Menu, Drink and Ice Cream / Sorbet. Valid on Sundays only.

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About The Real Greek

The Real Greek embodies the culinary heritage of the Eastern Mediterranean. Taking in the best of Greece's gastronomic traditions, from the hundreds of islands to the fertile mainland and mountains, as well as the latest innovations of the capital's restaurant scene.

It sources core ingredients directly from the finest suppliers in Greece. Its olive oil, which can be found in everything from the houmous to the salads, is pressed from an ancient grove in Crete, home of the world's oldest living olive tree. The honey is made by bees on the island of Ikaria, which is renowned for the longevity of its people. While the feta, found in its Spicy Feta Dip, as well as many other dishes, hails from a region in Northern Greece called Epirus.

The Real Greek works with chefs in Athens to keep on top of the latest trends that are emerging in the capital. The creative direction in the kitchen is led by Michelin star awarded Nikos Karathanos, alongside Tonia Buxton, a celebrity chef and the face of Greek food in Britain. Tonia brings a passion for authentic Greek cuisine, born from an early apprenticeship in her mother's kitchen in Cyprus.

The Menu

Guests can mix and match from a selection of three types of meze: Cold, Hot and Grilled. The Cold Meze dishes include a variety of dips, such as: The Real Greek's daily blended Houmous, and the rich and creamy Taramasalata which is made with undyed, salted and cured cod roe.

The Hot Meze dishes feature classics such as; The Real Greek Halloumi Fries and Dolmades which are vine leaves stuffed with rice, tomato, and fresh herbs.

The Grilled Meze is made up of meat and seafood dishes, including Lamb Skewers and Tonia's Prawns, a recipe of tiger prawns in a rich tomato sauce with Pourgouri.

Vegan dishes, specially designed by Tonia Buxton, include mouth-watering plant-based dishes such as their Chickpea Filo Triangles. Meat-free versions of Greek classics such as Soutzoukakia (Vegan Meatballs) and the Jackfruit Stifado also feature on the menu.

For those that want to taste Greece's hero street food dish, the Souvlaki at The Real Greek comes with several options for fillings. Their flatbreads come stuffed with chips and homemade tzatziki and your choice of grilled meat, Cypriot halloumi, Kalamari, falafel, or vegan jackfruit.

For dessert, there's a choice of dishes such as traditional Baklava, Greek Filo Custard Pie, and Greek Yoghurt with Walnuts in Syrup.

The Real Greek's carefully curated wine list pays homage to the ancient Greeks, who pioneered new methods of wine production. The variety of wines use a diverse range of grapes from across different regions in Greece, and also feature a number of vintages from winemaking communities in Europe. Beers and cider, fresh juices, and Greek coffee and tea are also available.

About The Real Greek Restaurants

The Real Greek interior features a light blue and white colour scheme inspired by the Mediterranean. Each restaurant has a distinct style, featuring the art of Greece and the islands to encapsulate the essence of the Eastern Mediterranean.

The business launched in 1999 and now has 24 The Real Greek sites. Their flagship site is located in Bankside. The restaurants can be found in the following locations:

- Bankside
- Bluewater
- Bournemouth
- Bracknell
- Bristol
- Covent Garden
- Dulwich
- Gloucester Quays
- Manchester Corn Exchange
- Manchester Trafford Centre
- Marylebone
- Muswell Hill
- Newcastle

- Norwich
- Reading
- Soho
- Southampton
- Spitalfields
- St. Martin's Lane
- Strand
- Tower Bridge
- Westfield Stratford City
- Westfield London
- Windsor