

Where to watch the royal wedding

If your invitation got lost in the mail, don't pout—you can still catch the nuptials at these champagne-soaked parties in NYC. By **Chris Schonberger** and **Sarah Bruning**

ROYAL WEDDING '11 PARTY IN DUMBO

Expat group Big Apple Brits co-hosts this marathon feste in Dumbo. BBC America's coverage of the procession and ceremony will air on a giant screen under the Manhattan Bridge starting at 5:30am, followed by a rerun for late risers. From 9am, revelers can head to the nearby Dumbo Loft for an all-day open bar featuring Crispin cider and Pimm's, plus entertainment like trivia and comedy acts. The wedding-themed reception party will get a boost of energy when evening-only guests arrive at 8pm—expect wedding cake, live music and more booze, including a "Katie Kocktail" for the ladies and a "Will Shooter" for the blokes. *The Dumbo Loft*, 155 Water St between Anchorage Pl and Pearl St, Dumbo, Brooklyn (royalweddingnyc.com). Screening 5:30am–3pm, party festivities 9am–1am. All-day pass \$60, evening pass \$40.

ROYAL WEDDING AT THE ROOSEVELT

Nosh à la carte breakfast items (\$8–14) in the Roosevelt Hotel's mahogany-paneled Madison Club Lounge while you watch Kate and Wills tie the knot. Lunch will include complimentary mimosas, and at 4pm, you can return for gratis wedding cake and a champagne toast for the "royal guests of honor"—impersonators who will come to greet well-wishers and toss the bouquet. The after-party moves upstairs to the rooftop lounge, where you can continue mingling with the couple over \$10 cocktails, including Regal Chambord Martinis made with vodka and champagne. *The Roosevelt Hotel*, 45 E 45th St at Madison Ave (212-885-6007). Screening 6am, lunch noon–12:30pm, reception 4–6pm, after-party 6–10pm.

THE ROYAL WEDDING SUNRISE BREAKFAST AT THE NEW YORK PALACE

It may not be Buckingham Palace, but this elegant hotel knows how to celebrate in style. Upon check-in, you'll be greeted with a personalized place card and a party favor (a crown-embossed

candle) to mark the occasion.

Wake yourself up with tea and an Anglo-inspired breakfast including sausages, scrambled eggs and scones with Devonshire cream, as you watch the main event on HD flatscreens. If you need to catch a few winks before work, you'll be well equipped: Each diner gets to take home commemorative slippers, pillows and blankets. *The New York Palace Hotel*, 455 Madison Ave between 50th and 51st Sts (212-303-7785). 5:30am–8am; \$150.

ROYAL WEDDING GALA BREAKFAST AT JONES WOOD FOUNDRY

At this handsome English eatery (see page 23), chef Jason Hicks will lay out a generous breakfast spread

to fuel the bleary-eyed festivities. Nibble granola and fresh fruit in the garden before sitting down to a hearty meal—choose from a full English breakfast,

kedgeree or lobster omelet, followed by a glass of champers and dessert options including chocolate cake. The nuptials will be screened on TVs throughout the restaurant, and you'll walk away at the end with a slice of fruitcake covered in marzipan. *Jones Wood Foundry*, 401 E 76th St between First and York Aves (212-249-2700). 5:30–8am; \$60.

GREENWICH AVENUE STREET PARTY

This West Village celebration channels the street parties that will be consuming cities across the



in a lobby decorated with traditional bunting and colorful balloons. Once you've wet your whistle, walk the red carpet and pose with life-size cardboard cutouts of the royal couple. The ceremony will be screened in the lobby and downstairs in the 200-seat theater, with plenty of high jinks throughout the morning—trivia about the Royal Family, a Bollinger toast and a fancy-dress contest, with prizes awarded for the best bridesmaid frocks and head wear. **FREE** *The Paley Center*, 25 W 52nd St between Fifth and Sixth Aves (212-621-6600). 5:30–8:30am.

GEORGE'S ROYAL WEDDING BASH

Skip the 5am wake-up call and save yourself for this evening fund-raiser benefiting the St. George's Society, which offers assistance to elderly and disabled British expats living in NYC. Highlights from the morning's ceremony will play as you sit at tables with bowler-hat centerpieces full of sweets from the London Candy Company (see page 23). The party will run just like a wedding reception, with a three-course meal featuring beef Wellington and trifle, an open bar with Pimm's and beer, and plenty of dancing. *Edison Ballroom*, 240 W 47th St between Broadway and Eighth Ave (212-682-6110). 7pm–1am; \$150 and up.

THE TRUMP ROYAL WEDDING EXPERIENCE

Jean-Georges Vongerichten's haute-cuisine gem offers a special tasting menu to accompany the royal hubbub, which will be screened on monitors throughout the white-tablecloth dining room. The prix fixe includes scrambled eggs and caviar, bagels and lox, and *pains au chocolat*, plus a mimosa and a piece of china to take home. High-rollers can bundle in the breakfast with an overnight stay at the Trump International Hotel on Thursday 28—packages start at \$1,075 for two people. E-mail attache@trumpintl.com for breakfast and hotel reservations. *Jean Georges, Trump International Hotel & Tower*, 1 Central Park West at Columbus Circle (212-299-1059). \$149 per person.

ROYAL WEDDING VIEWING PARTY AT THE PALEY CENTER

The Paley Center's playful crack-of-dawn party begins with tea, scones and champagne

pond. Lyon will be dropping its Gallic leanings to offer English-themed prix-fixe menus for breakfast and lunch (each \$39)—watch the coverage over dishes such as smoked haddock and scrambled eggs, or stop by later in the day for chilled pea soup, Ploughman's lunches and spotted dick. Expat favorite Tea & Sympathy will open at 10:30am, A Salt & Battery will serve deep-fried wedding cake, and live entertainment throughout the day includes dancers and the NYPD Brass Band. If you overindulge, return to Lyon over the weekend for a Honeymoon Hangover Brunch, featuring four eggs, smoked

bacon, hash browns, and a jug of Bellinis, mimosas or Bloody Marys (\$29). *Lyon*, 118 Greenwich Ave at 13th St (212-242-5966). Breakfast: 6am–noon. Lunch: noon–5pm. Hangover Brunch: Sat 29, Sun 30 11:30am–4pm.

