



Kourtney et al: drive-thru picnickers

# POST PANDEMIC Picnics

Get set for more than socially distanced sammies

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With outdoor picnics finally allowed, you will be forgiven for getting overexcited and upping your picnic game to epic proportions. If you want to level up your portable food situation, we've nicked some tips

from the hilarious new *Max's Picnic Book* by Max Halley & Ben Benton (Hardie Grant, £16.99), which should have you acing your egg sammies and nailing your nicoise.



Mollie King puts on a nice spread



## PICNICKER'S COCKTAILS MADE WITH BOOZE MINIATURES

### Bloody Hell Mary

Gin or vodka added to leftover gazpacho or shop-bought tomato soup.

### The Wake And Shake

Rum, amaretto or Baileys added to milkshakes - works a dream whether they're from a fast-food chain or store-bought.

### A Park Bench Piña Colada

White rum, Malibu and a dash of coconut milk, cut with pineapple juice (pour the rest of the coconut milk over some tinned or fresh fruit if it tickles your fancy).

### Sgroppino Bambino

A big scoop of lemon sorbet ("a cup, not a cone, please"), a splash from a mini prosecco bottle and half a vodka miniature, all beaten into submission/slushie heaven...

### So Nearly Sangria

Mini red wine bottle and a can of Sprite, plus a brandy miniature if you've got one.



£45 Portable Chair, Amara

£1 Plate, B&M





Olivia Culpo: lunching like a pro

## SIX THINGS YOU NEVER THOUGHT TO PUT IN A THERMOS FLASK

Life hacks  
FOOD



- 1 Perfect scrambled eggs: slightly undercook your eggs and put in your Thermos. On the train: plate out, cold toast, cutlery – boom.
- 2 G'n'T with ice and lemon, a Gibson or a Cosmopolitan: if you're heading into the wilderness, but know you'll be in need of an ice-cold sharpener later, the Thermos is your friend. Of course, the same goes for coffee and tea.
- 3 Carbonara or cacio e pepe: pre-load your Thermos with grated Parmesan (or pecorino), an egg yolk or two, some fried bacon (or just salt) and loads of pepper, then add hot pasta straight from the pan and a touch of the cooking water. Put the lid on and shake.
- 4 Your favourite stew or curry: take leftovers with you in your trusty Thermos. Ditch the terrible sandwich in a train station

and eat something really delicious instead.

5 Instant ramen noodles: boil the kettle and bung everything into the Thermos, including some shredded spring onions, leftover meat, etc. Pop the lid on and lunch like an absolute boss.

6 Porridge: measure oats into your Thermos, add three times the volume of hot water or milk, plus salt or sugar to taste. Lid on. Head out. Shake occasionally, and an hour later, you'll have perfect porridge. Note: for chilled or frozen things, put the empty Thermos in the freezer with the lid off for half an hour beforehand.

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- £3 Pineapple Cup, B&M
- £1.50 Plate, B&M
- £99 Portable Speaker, Cuckooland
- £19.99 Thermos, Amazon
- £29.99 Hamper, TKMaxx
- £5 Glasses, B&M
- £4 (for set) Bamboo Cutlery, National Trust Shop
- £19.99 Hamper, HomeSense

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