

CARMY'S

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What is Carmy's?

Carmy's is a New York-style pizza slice shop in Covent Garden.

We're here for proper pizza by the slice - made with a level of care that goes far beyond what a slice shop might suggest. Our dough takes at least 72 hours from start to finish, beginning with a preferment and developing slowly for flavour, structure and that crisp, light New York-style crust we're after.

We use the best ingredients we can get our hands on: top-grade San Marzano tomatoes, carefully sourced British and Italian produce, quality cheeses and pepperoni. Our vodka sauce is slow-cooked over several hours. Everything is chosen or made because we think it makes the pizza better.

Carmy's came out of more than two months spent eating, researching and learning about pizza across New York, New Jersey and Connecticut over the course of three years. We took inspiration from the great slice shops and pizzerias of the Tri-State area, then spent a lot of time working out how we wanted to do it in London.

The menu is focused rather than huge, built around our cheese and pepperoni slices alongside a small selection of other pizzas and rotating specials. You can grab a slice, take away a whole 20-inch pie, or eat it exactly as intended - folded and straight out of your hand.

Carmy's is independently owned by Phil, Gerry, Paul, Davide and Aaron - five people who are slightly obsessive about pizza and wanted to build the kind of slice shop we'd want to eat at ourselves.

No shortcuts, no gimmicks. Just great pizza, made properly and served quickly.

Slices or whole pies?

We serve both. Whole pies are made to order, so they require a wait. Please ask in the shop for the current waiting time.

Do you take cash?

At Carmy's we are card-only.

Is it expensive?

In terms of quantity of pizza, our £4.25 cheese slice is the equivalent of paying £12 for a 12-inch pizza. Our pizzas are 20 inches, with a full pie containing almost three times the surface area of a 12-inch pizza, so the slice is better value than it might first appear.

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Opening hours?

We're open 7 days a week.

Sunday – Tuesday 12–10pm

Wednesday – Saturday 12–11pm

There are plans to extend our opening hours over time. Please check our Google listing for the most up-to-date opening hours and any unexpected closures, whether for public holidays or staff training events.

Vegetarian options?

As many vegetarians avoid traditional Italian hard cheeses such as Parmesan and Pecorino because they are made using animal rennet, our regular cheese pizza is not vegetarian. Our Tomato Pie is made with a vegetarian Parm, making it a fully vegetarian option. We can also prepare our Cheese Pie with vegetarian Parm, but this is available only when ordered as a whole pie.

Vegan options?

We can make a Tomato Pie without veggie parm, but it must be ordered as a whole pie. Our menu is rooted in traditional pizza-making, where cheese plays a central role, so we don't offer plant-based pizzas as standard.

Halal options?

Our pepperoni is made from pork, and while we take care to minimise cross-contamination, our ovens are not halal-certified. Our tomato and stracciatella slices are made with fully halal ingredients. We can also make a whole cheese pie topped with veggie Parm instead of pecorino. We understand that some Muslims are comfortable eating pecorino and parmesan, while others are not, so we offer the veggie Parm option for those who prefer it.

Gluten free?

We don't offer a gluten-free pizza base and do not plan to in the future. Our entire approach is built around making the best possible version of our core product, and gluten is fundamental to the structure, texture, and flavour of the pizza we believe in. Offering a gluten-free base would require compromises we're not willing to make.

We also want to be completely transparent: our small kitchen works with large amounts of flour every day, so we cannot avoid cross-contamination. For that reason, a gluten-free pizza would never be suitable for coeliacs.

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Reservations? Walk-ins?

We are a slice shop, so we operate on a takeaway-only basis and do not take reservations. You're welcome to enjoy your slice on the go, at one of our standing tables outside, or on one of the high stools inside if available.

Preorders?

We have only just opened, so we do not currently have a system in place for preorders. However, if you'd like to place a large order in advance, please email us at info@carmys.co.uk.

Delivery?

There are no plans as of now to offer any delivery options.

Dogs?

Absolutely. Well-behaved dogs are always welcome.

Parking?

Driving to Covent Garden can be a nightmare, so we'd recommend using public transport where possible. If you do drive, you'll usually have better luck parking in Fitzrovia or Bloomsbury and enjoy a short walk across.

Can I enjoy Carmy's at a bar nearby?

Yes. Pick up your slices or whole pies at Carmy's, then head over to Freud Café-Bar & Gallery (198 Shaftesbury Avenue), just a 20-second walk away. You can enjoy your pizza there alongside their full range of cocktails, beers, wines and soft drinks.