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GODDWILL gesture: Sophie Anderton and Liz McClarnon chat with African royalty at Shaka Zulu in Camden, London.

Celebrities get a taste of Zulu cooking in London

IT was a royal occasion when the Zulu nation's King Goodwill Zwelithini and Queen Mantfombi arrived from South Africa for the celebrity-rich opening of the Shaka Zulu Restaurant Bar and Lounge in Camden, London.

Shaka Zulu, London's largest South African restaurant, is aiming for travel trade business, but opening night last month was given over to celebrity guests including Amy Winehouse, Sophie Anderton and Liz McClarnon.

The venue, located in Stables Market, Camden, features African cuisine ranging from Seared Ostrich to Marinated Springbok and the Shaka Zulu signature dish Karoo Lamb, grilled on open flames.

A range of set menus is available for the travel trade

and groups, including a vegetarian option.

FIT and group bookings are welcome, with commissionable rates also available.

For groups information, call 020 7428 8981 or go online to shaka-zulu.com.

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