

CONCIERGE

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SOFITEL
HOTELS & RESORTS

LONDON ST JAMES

DEAR GUESTS

We wish you an enjoyable stay at one of Sofitel's luxury addresses, a symbol of French elegance around the world. This letter presents the Sofitel programme for the month of July. We are delighted to recommend some Magnifique local events related to Sofitel Art de vivre: culture, design and gastronomy. Please feel free to contact our dedicated concierge team.

Joe Rodrigues,
Head Concierge



HOTEL EVENTS NEWS

SUMMER TIME

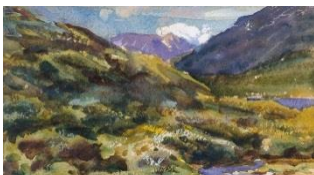
With the Wimbledon Championships just around the corner, Enzo, our Bar Manager has created for the occasion a very refreshing cocktail with gin, Grand Marnier, lemon juice and mint syrup. The Wimbledon cocktail will be available for the whole month of July.

The children will start their holidays soon, why don't you take them for a goûter - the traditional French afternoon treat for children? While you enjoy a delicious afternoon tea in The Rose Lounge or The Balcon, your children get their own tailor-made selection including a variety of cakes and finger sandwiches with jam and Nutella. Served in a traditional artist paint box, the goûter is accompanied by a colouring kit to keep them entertained.

CITY EVENT

SARGENT: THE WATERCOLOURS
21/06/2017 – 08/10/2017
DULWICH PICTURE GALLERY

"Sargent: The Watercolours" is the first show in 100 years devoted to watercolours by the renewed Anglo-American portraitist, John Singer Sargent. With 80 paintings from private and public collections, the exhibition reveals the artist's personal view of the world with fragmented and disorienting subjects. Sargent took inspiration from the places he visited, from the glacial moraines in The Alps to the renaissance and baroque architecture of Venice, all demonstrating technical brilliance and striking individuality.



CITY EVENT

CHRIS OFILI: WEAVING MAGIC
UNTIL 28/10/2017
NATIONAL GALLERY

Turner Prize winner, Chris Ofili, has collaborated with the internationally renowned Dovecot Tapestry Studio to translate his watercolour into a handwoven tapestry. It took five weavers three years to create the tapestry. For this show, Chris Ofili has taken over the Sunley Room at the National Gallery, dimming the lights and positioning the bright tapestry on a grey mural of Asiatic dancers. More than 24ft wide and almost 8ft high, with radiant colours of aquamarine, turquoise, rich, dark purple and green, the artwork is a reminiscence of a Paul Gauguin's painting.

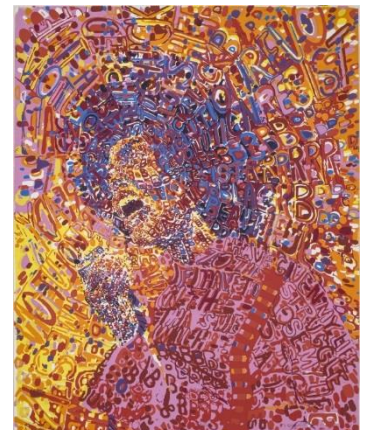


CITY EVENT

SOUL OF A NATION
12/07/2017 – 22/10/2017
TATE MODERN

"Soul of a Nation" begins in 1963, the same year as Martin Luther King's famed speech 'I Have a Dream', it is a unique exhibition showcasing the creative innovation and tremendous contribution of black artists during the Civil Rights movement.

Featuring around 150 artworks, from vibrant paintings, powerful murals, collage and photography, the show focuses on how art was used as a platform for protest and a space for freedom of expression. With more than 50 influential American artists, this landmark exhibition is a rare opportunity to see artworks that illustrate a key period in US history.



TOURISM INTEREST

FRIEZE SCULPTURE 2017

05/07/2017 – 08/10/2017

From 5th July to 8th October, Regent's Park welcomes Frieze Sculpture, London's largest outdoor exhibition by leading contemporary artists from around the world.

This year, the sculpture park features 23 significant works by 20th and 21st century's artists, including three busts of black men by Thomas J Price, a six-metre-high cartoonish figure by Kaws, a white-enamelled bronze tree by Ugo Rondinone and a red steel sculpture of the outline of a wheelbarrow by Michael Craig-Martin.



BBC PROMS 2017

14/07/2017 – 09/09/2017



Each year, the BBC Proms host two months of concerts over the summer. Starting on 14th July, the event is an opportunity for music enthusiasts to enjoy the finest classical music in various venues across London but mainly at the Royal Albert Hall. Other events, such as Proms in the Park, are also held across the UK.

The programme includes more than 90 concerts and 30 premieres with leading musicians, singers, orchestras and soloists from around the world and culminates with the famous Last Night performance.

RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE FLOWER SHOW

04/07/2017 – 09/07/2017

Browse through a large selection of flowers, get inspired for your own gardening projects or step among thousands of fluttering butterflies at the world's largest annual flower show, the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show.

Every year, it attracts around 130,000 visitors, all mesmerized by innovative gardens, stunning displays and demonstrations by celebrity gardeners.

To keep the children entertained, cookery classes, performances and family activities are also on the programme.



SHOPPING ADDRESSES

LOCK & CO. HATTERS

6 ST JAMES'S STREET
TUBE: GREEN PARK

Established in 1676, Lock & Co is the oldest hat shop and one of the oldest family-owned businesses in the world. Always located at No 6 St James's Street, the business is now run by the 7th generation of the family that still aims to offer the best designs, fabrics and service.

Lock & Co. Hatters offers three collections, the women's ready to wear range, the men's classic collection and the exclusive design. Two royal warrants attest to an unrivalled expertise.

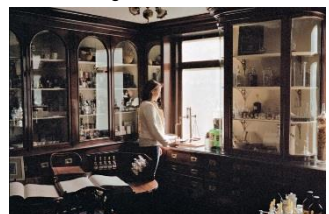


FLORIS LONDON

89 JERMYN STREET
TUBE: PICCADILLY CIRCUS

Juan Famenias Floris created his first fragrance 300 years ago. Today Floris offers a large range of perfumes and high quality skincare products for men and women, as well as delicately scented candles and room sprays.

A Floris perfumer can also create a bespoke fragrance, personalised to your taste for a special occasion or as a memorable gift.



LIFE IS MAGNIFIQUE...

IN AUSTRIA

FOCUS ON SOFITEL VIENNA STEPHANSDOM

Avant-garde masterpiece in the middle of one of the most traditional cities in the world, the Sofitel Vienna Stephansdom was built by the French architect, Jean Nouvel who took his inspiration from the St. Stephen's Cathedral nearby. Conceived as a tribute to contemporary art, Jean Nouvel decorated the whole hotel in the "non-colours" of black, white and grey.

The culinary highlight is the Das LOFT restaurant with its bar and lounge on the 18th floor. Extremely popular, the innovative and gourmet cuisine restaurant features sweeping glass windows that give an exceptional view of Vienna while a colourful, illuminated ceiling by multimedia artist Pipilotti Rist offers a bright contrast to the pure and simple interior design.

A 750-square-metre luxury spa complements this work of art that blends its design into this multifaceted city.

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