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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 June. 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

PICNIC IN THE PARK

What is more enjoyable than a picnic in one of the Royal Parks surrounding The Balcon?

For this outdoor activity, our Head Chef has devised a tasty picnic menu with a selection of sandwiches served with a variety of breads. Tasty charcuterie from the award winning Trealy Farm, a refreshing tomato salad as well as English and French cheese complete the savoury menu.

Those with a sweet tooth will love the Parisian pastries and the freshly baked scones served with clotted cream, jam and berries.

There is also the option of a vegetarian selection and children will enjoy their own picnic menu.

Presented in a beautiful wicker basket with its own tartan rug, the picnic is available for hotel guests and non-residents.

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PICASSO: MINOTAURS & MATADORS

28/04/2017 – 25/08/2017
GAGOSIAN GALLERY

The Gagosian Gallery, in partnership with Pablo Picasso's grandson Bernard Ruiz-Picasso, presents "Picasso: Minotaurs and Matadors", in an innovative installation designed by the Prize-winning architecture Caruso St. John.

With loans coming from museums and private collections, the exhibition begins with works from 1889, when Picasso was eight years old, and ends with the matadors and toreros he painted in 1970.

Featuring drawings, sculptures, prints, ceramics and short movies, the exhibition focuses on the artist's passion for bullfighting and mythical beasts.



CITY EVENT

PERFUME: A SENSORY JOURNEY THROUGH CONTEMPORARY SCENT

21/06/2017 – 17/09/2017
SOMERSET HOUSE

This summer, Somerset House is presenting a fascinating exhibition focusing on scent and the making of perfumes.

"Perfume: A Sensory Journey Through Contemporary Scent", gives an insight into perfumers' processes and explores the scent scene through the work of ten creators from the last 20 years.

The exhibition showcases a very accessible approach to perfumery with original and innovative signature scents. An olfactory journey takes you into a series of rooms designed to reflect different scent scenes with visual and tactile references.



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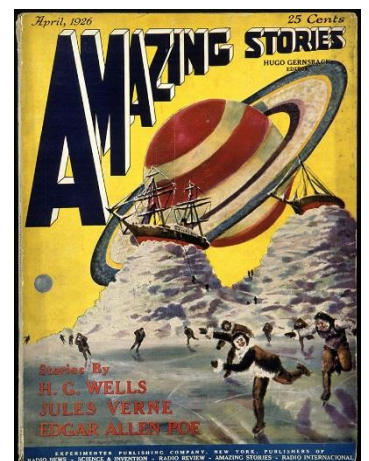
INTO THE UNKNOWN: A JOURNEY THROUGH SCIENCE FICTION

03/06/2017 – 01/09/2017
BARBICAN

"Into the Unknown: A Journey Through Science Fiction" is a festival-style exhibition of art, design, film and literature that consists of more than 800 works, most of them never seen in the UK before.

Created by historian and writer Patrick Gyger, the exhibition takes you through history, uncovering the science fiction world and explaining the changes from the 19th century to the present.

Vintage artwork illustrating Soviet visions of space, original models and objects from Godzilla and Stargate, as well as original manuscripts by Jules Verne and iconic spacesuits from Star Trek and Interstellar are part of the exhibition.



TOURISM INTEREST

HORSE-RACING: ROYAL ASCOT 2017

20/06/2017 – 24/06/2017

Founded by Queen Anne in 1711, Royal Ascot race course is one of the most prestigious events on the racing calendar attracting the world's best horses and featuring a daily horse-drawn procession from Windsor Castle to Ascot, led by the royal carriage.

Starting on Tuesday 20th June, the five-day annual event has six races scheduled per day; the highlight being the famous Gold Cup happening on the Thursday, Ladies Day.

Ladies Day remains one of the most popular days to visit, with thousands turning up in their best attire and array of hats. It is the place to be and to be seen for fun seekers and horse-racing enthusiasts.



TASTE OF LONDON

14/06/2017 – 18/06/2017



Indulge in mesmerising dishes created by the world-class chefs of some of London's trendiest restaurants and discover food paradise in Regent's Park throughout five days in June.

With 40 of London's best restaurants gathered together in the Central London Park, live cooking demonstrations and masterclasses, the Taste of London festival is sure to be an unforgettable experience for any gourmand. Tickets are valid for either a lunch or a dinner session.

OPEN GARDEN SQUARES WEEKEND

17/06/2017 – 18/06/2017

Did you ever wonder what the British prime minister's garden looks like? The Open Garden Squares Weekend gives you access to some of London's most spectacular private gardens and grassy gems that only few people have seen before.

For one weekend, more than 200 London gardens, from the historic and traditional to the new and experimental are opened to the public. The most popular places include the garden of 10 Downing Street, the Royal College of Physicians' Medicinal Garden and the gated community garden at Tate Modern.



LAUNCH OF THE SUMMER TERRACE

ALL SUMMER



This month, The Balcon is launching a new alfresco terrace surrounded by elegant topiary trees and shaded by parasols. In celebration of summer, our Head Chef has created a dedicated menu of light, seasonal dishes perfect for the warmer months such as Roasted goat's cheese, pomegranate, honey and almonds and Grilled harissa prawns, avocado, grapefruit and lamb's lettuce salad.

A special selection of drinks is on offer along with an impressive G&T menu which includes a choice of twenty-five premium gins carefully selected by Enzo, the Bar Manager and his team.

LIFE IS MAGNIFIQUE... IN LUXEMBOURG

FOCUS ON SOFITEL LUXEMBOURG LE GRAND DUCAL

Located in the historic centre of the city, overlooking the picturesque Alzette and Petrusse valleys and the old town, Sofitel Le Grand Ducal is a modern five star hotel with dramatic lines and curves and a sleek contemporary design that pays tribute to the city's blend of business and creativity.

The eighth floor welcomes L'Etoile du Top Floor, a fine dining restaurant offering creative cuisine in a modern décor, as well as the chic Coco Mango, a trendy bar with spectacular views that welcomes locals and guests over signature cocktails.

June will see the start of the "Summer in the City" event, with free concerts, street art festival, open air cinema and exhibition. A good reason to visit this stunning UNESCO World Heritage site.

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SHOPPING ADDRESSES

ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

14 CECIL COURT
TUBE: LEICESTER SQUARE

Established in 2012, further to the discovery of Sir John Tenniel's original hand painted 'Through the Looking Glass' chessboard, the shop is specialised in Alice iconography and includes first edition books, rare illustrated editions, fashion and gifts.

The brand references heritage pieces to create, design and licence new luxury contemporary collections, all made with British artisans.



AFTER NOAH

121 UPPER STREET
TUBE: ANGEL

Founded in the late 1930s, After Noah is an eclectic shop offering vintage, collectible and restored 20th century furniture classics, as well as well-designed contemporary pieces.

From comfy leather sofas and 1950s teak dining chairs to handmade French kitchen tables and vintage children's furniture, the choice is large and they are always happy to source pieces to fit any specific needs.



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