

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 December. 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,
Les Clefs d'Or Head Concierge



HOTEL EVENTS NEWS

FESTIVE SEASON AT SOFITEL
LONDON ST JAMES

Enjoy the festive season at Sofitel London St James with special menus created by acclaimed Chef Anthony Demetre at Wild Honey St James, whether in the restaurant or its 16-seat private dining room.

Treat yourself to a delightful Festive Afternoon Tea at The Rose Lounge with "Scottish Prawn Cocktail" sandwich and a "Gingerbread Cookie" for dessert. Sample "Milky Cat" our Festive cocktail at St James Bar and our seasonal package "Razzle Dazzle Experience" at the award-winning spa, Sofitel SPA.

CITY EVENT

MOVING TO MARS
UNTIL 23/02/2020
THE DESIGN MUSEUM

The Design Museum invites you to travel to Mars, in a multi-sensory adventure!

Without leaving London, you will step into a full-scale Mars home, where you will discover untouched landscapes and learn how sustainability, and a zero-waste life can help future generations on earth.

The exhibition features immersive environments with 200 objects including donations from NASA, the European Space Agency, SpaceX and more. You will have the opportunity to see the first spacesuit designed for the Mars surface, as well as the first sustainable urban design for Mars, "Mars City Design".



CITY EVENT

EXPERIENCE A MASTERPIECE
UNTIL 12/01/2020
THE NATIONAL GALLERY

The National Gallery reveals an immersive exhibition that will lead you into the mind of Leonardo Da Vinci, by exploring his masterpiece, "The Virgin of the Rocks".

The Gallery becomes a painting studio that takes you to 4 distinct spaces, where all secrets behind the masterpiece are revealed. You will explore his ideas and thoughts behind the creation of his painting, and discover the process and mysteries of the conception in a projection-filled space. A room-sized experiment is organised to unlock all the dramatic effects of light and shadow in the artwork, and the journey ends in a recreation of the Chapel where the original masterpiece is displayed.



CITY EVENT

LONDON IS LOVE
06/12/2019 - 05/01/2020
SOUTHBANK CENTRE

"London is Love" celebrates the city and its diversity in a dynamic photographic project by the artist Liz Johnson Artur.

The exhibition is full of surprises and creativity, with real examples of the vibrant life in South London, highlighting the families, friendships, love and vulnerability of an ordinary life. The artist shares with you the experiences of some of their neighbours, such as Archbishop's Park Gardening Club, Black Cowboy Coffee, Bookmongers of Brixton, BORN N BREAD, and others across Lambeth and Southwark.

The exhibition showcases photographs displayed on a large scale across the windows of Royal Festival Hall and Queen Elizabeth Hall and includes rolling projections on the façade.



TOURISM INTEREST

HYDE PARK WINTER WONDERLAND

UNTIL 05/01/2020

Winter Wonderland is back to London! This is the ideal Christmas destination to fully immerse yourself in the festive season. A dedicated family entrance takes you straight into Santa Land where children will discover two circuses, an observation wheel and the Magical Ice Kingdom.

This year, one of the highlights of Winter Wonderland is the big outdoor ice rink, situated in the middle of the Victorian bandstand and illuminated with more than 100 000 lights. A magical escape in the heart of London.



SOUTHBANK CENTRE WINTER FESTIVAL

UNTIL 05/01/2020



Around the Thames, enjoy the festivities with the Southbank Centre Winter Festival available until the end of the year. It's the ideal market to start your Christmas shopping with small wooden chalets displaying homemade gifts.

The festival offers some delightful worldwide cuisine, such as Asian, Indian, Greek, as well as the traditional winter favourite: the raclette! Merchants from all over the world are ready to make your experience a magical moment.

TRAFALGAR SQUARE CHRISTMAS TREE & CAROLS

09/12/2019 – 24/12/2019

The countdown to Christmas will start with the lighting of the famous Christmas tree on Trafalgar Square. Every year, a 20-metre high, 50-60 year old tree is offered by the city of Oslo to the people of Britain to thank them for their support during the Second World War.

Do not miss the carol groups singing beneath the Christmas tree that raise funds for charitable organisations. A magical place to listen to your favourite Christmas carols!



SHOPPING ADDRESSES

TASAKI

170 NEW BOND ST, MAYFAIR
TUBE: PICCADILLY CIRCUS

Tasaki is a luxury jewellery brand from Japan that works with the beauty of nature and sustainability. It is the first jewellery house, founded in a country with unrivalled tradition, and with the aim of creating an optimum environment for the production of amazing gemstones.

The brand works with one of the world's leading diamantaires and an elite member of the diamond industry to offer only unique pearls, diamonds and Sakuragold.



CHRISTMAS MARKET

LEICESTER SQUARE
TUBE: LEICESTER SQUARE

Leicester Square Christmas market is back for its fourth year. Located in the heart of London, this is one of the most iconic markets of the capital. You will have the chance to discover a full Christmas market, food, drink and beautiful wooden handmade children toys.

Families should drop by Santa's grotto and meet the man himself. You can also experience live shows, such as fire-breathers, cabaret sensations, as well as human jukeboxes, girl bands and world leading drag tributes.



LIFE IS MAGNIFIQUE...

IN FRANKFURT

FOCUS ON SOFITEL FRANKFURT OPERA

Sofitel Frankfurt Opera is a five-star hotel located in the very heart of the main metropolis of Frankfurt. This is the perfect December destination, where you will have the chance to see one of the oldest and largest Christmas markets in Germany, the Frankfurt Christmas market.

The hotel's façade is a modern tribute to the Old Opera, the surrounding buildings constructed during the period of promoterism and the French "hotels particuliers" of the 17th and 18th centuries.

The hotel boasts 150 rooms including 31 suites, with a magnificent Presidential Suite that offers a spectacular roof terrace. Both the restaurant and the bar are named after Lili Schonemann, first love of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.

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