# CONCIERGE

#### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2020



# 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 January. 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

PASSPORT MENU AT THE ST JAMES BAR

The "Passport" Cocktail Menu will take you on an inspirational flavour journey across the globe. Using indigenous spirits and unusual flavours from the countries represented, this cocktail section will conjure nostalgic memories of unforgettable trips and life-defining moments.

With the "Passport" menu in hand, you are invited to travel with us and escape to exotic and far-flung corners of the world without having to leave the luxury of St James Bar. Welcome on-board and have a safe and memorable journey.

Thank you for flying with St James Bar!

#### **CITY EVENT**

YOUNG BOMBERG AND THE OLD MASTERS

UNTIL 01/03/2020 NATIONAL GALLERY

The National Gallery displays for the first time some of David Bomberg's earliest paintings alongside works that inspired him throughout his career.

The exhibition showcases nine outstanding works from the artist, showing his rebellious and youthful work. From Botticelli to Michelangelo, you will see the Old Masters who inspired Bomberg's creations and contributed to the language of early 20th century and modernism.

Highlights of the exhibition are Botticelli's Portrait of a Young Man and Studio of EL Greco's The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane



#### **CITY EVENT**

MARY QUANT

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM

Following the exhibitions of Dior and Balenciaga, the V&A is showcasing the work of Mary Quant, being the first international retrospective of this iconic fashion designer!

The exhibition explores the years between 1955 and 1975, when the revolutionary designer created new looks for women, revealing the miniskirt, colourful tights and tailored trousers.

Discover over 200 garments and accessories, with unseen pieces from her personal collection, as well as her famous Bazaar boutiques and patterns that you can make at home.



#### **CITY EVENT**

**GAUGUIN PORTRAITS** 

UNTIL 26/01/2020 NATIONAL GALLERY

Just a few weeks left to discover the firstever exhibition devoted to the portraits of Paul Gauguin at the National Gallery. Inspired by his time spent in Brittany and French Polynesia from the mid-1880s to 1903, you will learn how the artist was fascinated by the similarities between societies and nature.

The exhibition explores how Paul Gauguin revolutionised the portrait with over fifty artworks, including paintings, sculptures, prints, drawings, and an extraordinary range of media.

You will also have the opportunity to discover a group of self-portraits where the French artist created a range of personifications, including an image of himself as "Christ in the Garden of Olives" from 1889.



#### **TOURISM INTEREST**

LIGHTOPIA FESTIVAL

22/01/2020 - 01/03/2020

Lightopia Festival is touring in Edinburgh, Manchester and London. It is a magical experience that aims to revive and reinterpret the classics by taking you into a very different world of emotion and expression.

The interactive journey offers multi-sensory experiences, such as the Lantern trail, a onemile long immersive lantern art, or the Water screen, a laser multimedia show. Some live music and acrobatics shows are also on the programme!



#### LONDON ART FAIR

22/01/2020 - 26/01/2020



Visit the Business Design Centre and discover the 31st edition of the London Art Fair that brings together more than 100 galleries, giving access to exceptional contemporary artworks from the early 20th Century to today's leading artists.

Besides the main fair with sculptures, paintings, photographs and ceramics on display, there are two specially curated sections focusing on less established galleries and contemporary photography.

#### WINTER LIGHTS AT CANARY WHARF

16/01/2020 - 25/01/2020

The award-winning Winter Lights festival at Canary Wharf is back for a sixth year! With over 25 spectacular installations, Canary Wharf will be transformed into a magical show. Some of the most innovative artists across the globe are presenting light art and interactive installations. You will see some pieces from the years before as well as some never seen in the UK and new commissioned artworks.

From January you can download a map to help you organise your journey through the festival, with a 90 minute itinerary.



#### **SHOPPING ADDRESSES**

THE HARRY POTTER SHOP

PLATFORM 9 ¾ TUBE: KING'S CROSS

If you are a Harry Potter fan, the shop at Platform 9 3/4 is the place to go!

Opened in 2012, the Harry Potter Shop welcomes over 1.2 million visitors every year. Ideally located at the famous Platform 9 3/4 in King's Cross Station, the shop has become a must see destination for tourists and fans of the books and films. Best sellers in the shops are the personalised Hogwarts acceptance letter, the plush and Harry Potter's wand in Ollivanders box.



#### ADIDAS STORE 425 OXFORD STREET TUBE: OXFORD CIRCUS

Located on 425 Oxford Street, Adidas LDN is the brand's new flagship with 27,000 square feet distributed over four floors. More than just a store, you will find a lot of technology services to create a unique experience.

The shop has interactive mirrors in the changing rooms, in-store geolocation tracking, trainers made from liquid, light and oxygen, an app that makes shopping much easier and the ability to create your own design. This is the most futuristic Adidas store ever created!



# LIFE IS MAGNIFIQUE... IN SYDNEY

#### FOCUS ON SOFITEL SYDNEY DARLING HARBOUR

Sofitel Sydney Darling Harbour, located in Darling Harbour is the ideal 5-star hotel, just a short walk from the shopping areas

The hotel sets the benchmark for luxury and elegance with its 590 rooms and suites that combines French elegance and contemporary design. The luxurious rooms offer outstanding views of the Harbour.

During your stay you can enjoy the 3 bars, the restaurant, club lounge and more especially the blissful infinity pool. Sydney is the ideal Winter break!

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