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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 October. 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

AFTERNOON TEA AT THE ROSE LOUNGE

This rose-filled retreat from London's busy streets is a delight for the senses. The Rose Lounge is the ideal place to unwind and enjoy an afternoon tea.

Our afternoon tea is a typical British institution with a French touch, served with French patisseries, and of course traditional scones. Highlights on the menu are our Pastrami, herb mustard and pickles on rye bread and Clarence court egg mayonnaise and watercress sandwiches. Our famous canelé and pistachio Paris-Brest are also part of the offer.

CITY EVENT

AIRE AND ANGELS

03/10/2019 – 05/01/2020
NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

The National Portrait Gallery in collaboration with the artist Elizabeth Peyton, features the exhibition "Aire and Angels" that explores the development of Peyton's unique style from the 1990s to the present day.

Known as one of the world's leading contemporary artists, her work has been at the forefront of figurative art and the tradition of portrait painting since the 1990s. The exhibition showcases over 40 works, including a selection of key portraits, dispersed throughout the permanent museum's Collection. The portraits on display are from her recurring subjects, Kurt Cobain, Frida Kahlo, Napoleon, Queen Elizabeth II and David Bowie, among others.



CITY EVENT

GAUGUIN PORTRAITS

07/10/2019 – 26/01/2020
NATIONAL GALLERY

The National Gallery reveals the first-ever exhibition devoted to the portraits of Paul Gauguin. 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.



CITY EVENT

HIDDEN LONDON

FROM 11/10/2019
LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM

"Hidden London" is an immersive exhibition that takes you to London's most secret spaces!

In an abandoned tube station you will hear incredible stories about Britain's wartime past, such as the Plessey aircraft underground factory and its 2,000 staff members, mostly women who worked in the tunnels of the eastern section of the Central line during World War II.

The exhibition also showcases a large number of rare archives, photos, objects, and decorative tiles from old stations.

If you are a movie fan, you can explore the vintage film posters section where you will see all the films that use abandoned Tube stations as a filming location, such as V for Vendetta and Skyfall.



TOURISM INTEREST

LONDON RESTAURANT FESTIVAL

01/10/2019 – 31/10/2019

The month of October celebrates London's diverse range of food with the London Restaurant Festival! The event offers a unique programme of over 60 events including restaurant-hopping tours, tasting menus, masterclasses, gourmet Odysseys, Chef-hosted events and ultimate gastronomic weekends.

Taking place in the capital's best restaurants, there are two main elements to the Festival: Restaurant Experiences and Festival Menus.

At Wild Honey St James, our Chef Anthony Demetre has put together a delightful tasting menu in collaboration with St James's London, Remy Martin and Friarwood.



LONDON COCKTAIL WEEK

04/10/2019 – 13/10/2019



For its tenth anniversary, London Cocktail week is taking place during ten consecutive days this year! The annual celebration is the biggest of its kind, and is the ideal opportunity to discover our capital's fantastic cocktail scene. The festival is taking place in 300 bars across the city, including street food, pop-ups, DJs and masterclasses. With Signature cocktails at £6 each, it's a festival that you do not want to miss.

St James Bar is participating this year with Roku Daimé, a cocktail made with Roku gin, homemade cherry syrup infused with green tea & apricot, lemon juice and cherry soda.

Roku means the number six and is distilled with 6 unique Japanese botanicals including

sakura flower creating a multi-levelled, perfectly balanced flavour.

LONDON LITERATURE FESTIVAL

17/10/2019 – 27/10/2019

The Literature Festival is back this year to Southbank Centre, with global literary greats, iconic artists, emerging talents and leading thinkers. A packed programme of exclusive appearances, readings, talks, debates, poetry, visual displays, workshops, newly commissioned performances, award ceremonies and book launches are organised throughout the festival.

Special guests will be attending the event, including Stephen Fry, John Cooper Clarke and Jeremy Paxman, alongside some of the most engaging writers and speakers from around the world. It is a great opportunity to interact with some of the leading figures from the arts and literature world..



LIFE IS MAGNIFIQUE...

IN PARIS

FOCUS ON SOFITEL PARIS LE FAUBOURG

Sofitel Paris Le Faubourg is located in the heart of Paris, on the chic rue du Faubourg St-Honoré. This is the perfect location to walk around the Champs-Élysées and visit the city's most famous museums and landmarks. The prestigious hotel was designed by Didier Gomez, highlighting the new trends in the Parisian art de vivre.

The five-star hotel offers magnificent Couture apartments and new suites with the elegance of the 18th century combined with modern design and wonderful views over the Parisian's roofs and architecture.

Autumn is the ideal time to visit the romantic French capital!

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SHOPPING ADDRESSES

LABOUR AND WAIT

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TUBE: SHOREDITCH HIGH STREET

Established in London since 2000, Labour & Wait offer products for day-to-day life, going from kitchen, bathroom and outdoor accessories to books, stationery and clothing.

Working with specialist makers from around the world, they pride themselves on offering timeless and functional goods. The ideal place to find a gift with a difference!



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TUBE: GREEN PARK

Maggs Bros Rare Books is one of the largest antiquarian booksellers in the world. Established in 1853, they are proud of their traditions and history but are constantly looking to the future.

With their extensive staff and excellent contacts with external specialists, the shop offers a diverse range of in-house expertise. You can find high quality books and manuscripts, as well as world's finest collections.



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