

# 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 August. 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

### SUNDAY LUNCH AT WILD HONEY ST JAMES

Our restaurant, Wild Honey St James, is led by the acclaimed chef Anthony Demetre. Anthony's menus combine classic French techniques with the finest seasonal produce Britain has to offer.

In addition to the A La Carte Menu, Wild Honey St James offers an exclusive Sunday Lunch Menu with some of our signature dishes, including the Hand cut macaroni 'Cacio e Pepe', crisp boneless chicken wings, Daphne's Welsh lamb, courgettes, pearl barley and mint and Classic English custard tart, golden sultanas, pine nuts, salted butter.

## CITY EVENT

### REFLECTIONS ON NATURE

UNTIL 27/10/2019  
KEW GARDENS

Kew Gardens, one of London's few UNESCO world heritage sites welcomes Dale Chihuly and his luminous glass artworks.

The exhibition is the ideal mix of art, science and nature, with dazzling sculptures and unique art installations.

Kew Gardens is transformed into a contemporary outdoor gallery space featuring drawings, venetians, seaforms, Rotolo series, and pieces never seen in the UK before.

The iconic celestial Sapphire Star is the highlight of the gallery!



## CITY EVENT

### CINDY SHERMAN

UNTIL 15/09/2019  
NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

The National Portrait Gallery explores Cindy Sherman's work from the mid-1970s to the present day, with a major retrospective of her work. Sherman is renowned for using her own appearance and use of specific materials, including advertising and fashion, where she explores the tension between façade and identity.

The exhibition features around 150 works with a focus on her Untitled Film Stills, a series of 70 black and white photographs from 1977 in which the artist is posing with a range of costumes and hairstyles, capturing the look of 1950s and 1960s Hollywood, film noir, B movies and European art-house films.



## CITY EVENT

### FAITH RINGGOLD

UNTIL 08/09/2019  
SERPENTINE GALLERY

The ground breaking work of Faith Ringgold is showcased at the Serpentine Gallery, her first exhibition in a European institution!

Faith Ringgold grew up in Harlem and focused her work on storytelling and narratives about black American history and the fight for equal rights. The artist was influenced by Tibetan fabric and American quilt tradition, which is often used in her paintings.

The exhibition focuses on different series created over the past 50 years and includes paintings, story quilt, and political posters. Faith mixes horrifying visions of slavery, with more empowering images of people dancing in jazz clubs, and stories about Harriet Tubman and Martin Luther King Jr.



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## TOURISM INTEREST

### LONDON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

09/08/2019 – 11/08/2019  
TOBACCO DOCK

London Craft Beer Festival is back this year to Tobacco Dock, and is set to be the biggest celebration of modern beer to date!

The Festival is a great opportunity to sample the finest craft beers with over 80 breweries from all around the world and try over 500 different beers on taps.

During this weekend, you can expect delicious food from the best London restaurants, as well as international DJ artists playing to create a festival atmosphere.



### NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL

25/08/2019 – 26/08/2019  
NOTTING HILL



Taking place during the August bank holiday weekend, the Notting Hill Carnival is one of the largest street festivals in Europe, celebrating culture and traditions of London's Caribbean communities.

Enjoy the colourful parades, fantastic live music, and the delicious treats from the food stalls, which combine cuisines from Europe and America to China and Africa.

Sunday is the ideal day-out for the family with the Children's parade and the prize for the best costume!

### PICNIC IN THE PARK

With so many parks around the hotel, there is no shortage of tranquil green spaces to enjoy the perfect picnic. Avoid the hassle of putting together your own sandwiches and order our picnic basket.

For the occasion, we have a delicious menu with a selection of sandwiches and rolls served with a variety of breads. Tasty charcuterie and a refreshing tomato salad as well as English and French cheese complete the savoury menu.

Parisian pastries and freshly baked scones served with clotted cream and berries will satisfy those with a sweet tooth. A vegetarian selection is also available, as well as a children menu.



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## LIFE IS MAGNIFIQUE...

### IN DUBAI

#### FOCUS ON SOFITEL DUBAI JUMEIRAH BEACH

Sofitel Dubai Jumeirah Beach is located on the most renowned recreation promenade "The Walk" and in the heart of the dynamic city. The location ensures a constant buzz of activities, ideal for leisure and business travellers.

The luxury five-star hotel offers 443 rooms and suites with private balconies overlooking the Arabian Gulf. It blends the exotic style of the destination with French art de vivre, and the vibrant promenade around the hotel gives a French Riviera feel.

The vibrant A.O.C French Brasserie offers a la carte and buffet menu with endless Gulf views from the outdoor terraces.

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## SHOPPING ADDRESSES

### CASA LOEWE

41-42 NEW BOND ST, MAYFAIR  
TUBE: OXFORD CIRCUS

Casa Loewe is located inside a Grade II listed building and designed by creative director Jonathan Anderson. The store itself is worth the visit, with its Georgian-style spiral staircase that makes a sweeping sculptural statement. There is also a cylindrical panoramic lift with brass detailing and a dedicated pop-up space for art exhibitions.

Casa Loewe showcases international renowned artists, including three oak sculptures by Ernst Gampel alongside 15 photographs by Alair Gomes.

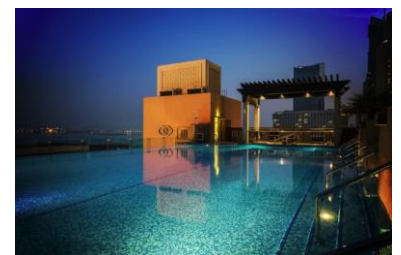


### THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP

13-14 PORTSMOUTH ST, HOLBORN  
TUBE: HOLBORN

Built in 1567, The Old Curiosity Shop is one of the oldest shop premises in central London, named after one of Charles Dickens' novels. The decoration creates a unique and intimate atmosphere, with its small winding staircases and low wooden ceiling beams. Over the years, many items were sold in the curiosity shops, from books to high-end shoes.

Japanese designer Daita Kimura creates unique handmade shoes in the basement workshop, offering avant-garde styles for men and women.



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