

# CONCIERGE

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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 May. 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

### AN AFTERNOON TEA FOR CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW ENTHUSIASTS!

Afternoon teas are always a treat, and this month even more so, with a selection of delectable flowery pastries created by our Pastry Chef to celebrate the Chelsea Flower Show.

Along with the selection of homemade sandwiches and scones, you will discover unique new pastries in flavours of elderflower, violet and poppy.

To accompany this exclusive afternoon tea, our Bar Manager has devised a Signature Cocktail that will transport you to a garden of roses. Freshly squeezed lime juice, passion fruit juice and rose liqueur are vibrantly combined with one of London's most striking gins, the Edgerton Pink Gin.

Throughout the month of May, The Rose Lounge and The Balcon invite you to sample their mouth-watering offers and discover their striking flower display.

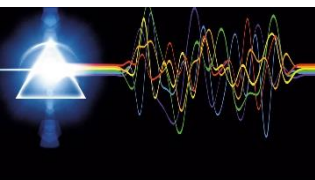
## CITY EVENT

### THE PINK FLOYD EXHIBITION: THEIR MORTAL REMAINS

13/05/2017 – 01/10/2017  
VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM

On 13<sup>th</sup> May, the Victoria & Albert Museum will launch the first international retrospective of one of the world's most iconic and influential bands, Pink Floyd. Showing the band from their debut in the 1960s through to the present day, this exhibition will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their first single, Arnold Layne.

Featuring a laser light show, unseen concert footage as well as more than 350 objects and artefacts including instruments, handwritten lyrics and psychedelic prints, this is an exhibition not to be missed.



## CITY EVENT

### THE AMERICAN DREAM: POP TO THE PRESENT

09/03/2017 – 18/06/2017  
BRITISH MUSEUM

Renowned for its collection of antiquities and exhibitions of a bygone era, the British Museum unveils, with the American Dream: Pop To The Present exhibition, its extensive collection of contemporary art.

Showcasing 200 pieces by 70 artists, the exhibition starts in the 1960s up to 2014. Highlighting key moments in recent American history and focusing on social, political and cultural situations, the exhibition includes works by famous American artists such as Andy Warhol, Jasper Johns and Robert Rauschenberg.



## CITY EVENT

### HOWARD HODGKIN - ABSENT FRIENDS

23/03/2017 - 18/06/2017  
NATIONAL GALLERY

For the first time in history, The National Gallery is showcasing portraits by Howard Hodgkin, one of Britain's most celebrated artists. Characterised by rich colour, complex illusionistic space and sensuous brushwork, his work frequently appears entirely abstract. However, one of Hodgkin's main concerns over the years has been to evoke a human presence in his art.

Hodgkin has always been deeply involved with the building of his shows. This one is no exception and is guaranteed to take you on an extraordinary discovery of artwork and installation that will undoubtedly leave a spark in your memory.



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## TOURISM INTEREST

### ALCHEMY

19/05/2017 – 29/05/2017

The Southbank Centre is a world-famous arts centre on the South Bank of the Thames which includes the Royal Festival Hall.

From 19<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May, the Southbank Centre will welcome Alchemy, which has become the largest festival of Indian and South Asian culture outside India.

A short stroll away from the hotel, the festival is an opportunity to discover and celebrate the cultural connections between South Asia and the UK. Comedy, theatre, dance and music as well as workshops, exhibitions and a delicious food market are on the programme.



### OPEN-AIR THEATRE SEASON

19/05/2017 – 16/09/2017



With May comes the start of open-air theatre events and you will find London's best outdoor productions at places such as Regent's Park, Shakespeare's Globe theatre or the Greenwich and Docklands International Festival.

Established in 1932, Regent's Park Open Air Theatre is a significant feature of the summer scene and one of the largest theatres in London. The season will start in the beautiful surroundings of the Royal Park on 19<sup>th</sup> May with the famous Leonard Bernstein's musical, "On The Town", followed by "A Tale of Two Cities" adapted from the novel of Charles Dickens on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

### CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

23/05/2017 – 27/05/2017

Stunning horticultural displays, innovative garden designs where the world's most talented landscaped designers compete for a gold medal or the Best in Show award, London once again welcomes the prestigious RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

On the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, this world-renowned event is an opportunity to discover emerging gardening trends, unusual displays as well as creative floral artworks. During this visit, garden enthusiasts can also buy gardening gadgets, sculptures and horticultural products.



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## SHOPPING ADDRESSES

### JIMMIE MARTIN

77 KENSINGTON CHURCH STREET  
TUBE: HIGH STREET KENSINGTON

Jimmie Martin, located on Kensington Church Street, is a furniture and interior design specialist with a main focus on hand painted furniture, all individually made to customers' taste.

Notorious for creating innovative designs and for working mainly on commissions, Jimmie Martin attracts a clientele of celebrities from Madonna to Royalty.



### ANGELA FLANDERS

96 COLUMBIA ROAD  
TUBE: BETHNAL GREEN

Fascinated by perfumes and the beauty of natural ingredients, Angela Flanders started by designing elegant potpourris and creating subtle perfumes from her imagination.

She now has two shops in London, including one on Columbia Road in the heart of the flower market. A beautiful destination to discover handmade fragrances and a collection of unique home fragrances, skincare products and candles.



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## LIFE IS MAGNIFIQUE...

### IN PORTUGAL

#### FOCUS ON SOFITEL LISBON LIBERDADE

Located in the lively and prestigious Avenida da Liberdade, Sofitel Lisbon Liberdade is a modern 5 star luxury hotel, blending French art de vivre and Portuguese culture.

The hotel interior reflects the country history with a rich selection of colours; the deep red of Port wine, the warm, dark wood of the caravels and the bright gold of the treasures.

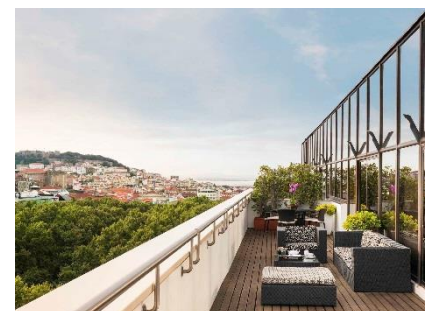
On the private terrace of luxurious suites overlooking Lisbon, you can sip a glass of Madeira or choose to dine in the chic AdLib restaurant where you will enjoy a Portuguese cuisine with a French touch.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May, film lovers will be able to step into the local culture and discover the IndieLisboa International Independent Film Festival featuring unique Portuguese and foreign films.

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