

CONCIERGE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2022



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 our recommendations for January and February. We are delighted to highlight some Magnifique local events. Please feel free to contact our dedicated Concierge team.

Joe Rodrigues,
Les Clefs d'Or Head Concierge



HOTEL EVENTS NEWS

The Rose Lounge

We will be serving a Fashion Afternoon Tea in the Rose Lounge from 3rd February – 3rd March, to celebrate the global launch of *BALMAIN DREAMS 10:OR*, a thematic anthology from Balmain + Z2 Comics.

BALMAIN DREAMS 10:OR is an illustrated retrospective of Olivier Rousteing's most iconic works for Balmain over the past decade, and will be on display for guests to experience digitally. Available Thursday to Monday, 12pm to 4pm.

Valentine's Day

Is on the horizon. Visit our Wild Honey St James restaurant and try our tasteful Valentine's Day menu by Head Chef Anthony Demetre.

St James' Bar

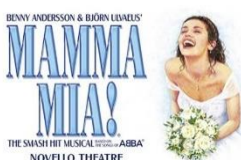
Sample "Aventus" our cocktail specially crafted from our collaboration with The House of Creed at St James Bar.

CITY EVENT

MAMMA MIA!
UNTIL 01/10/2022
THE NOVELLO THEATRE

From West End to global phenomenon, *Mamma Mia!* is Judy Craymer's ingenious vision of staging the story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs with an enchanting tale of family and friendship unfolding on a Greek island paradise.

To date, it has been seen by over 65 million people in 50 productions in 16 different languages grossing more than \$2 billion in the box office. *Mamma Mia!* is currently on its first UK Tour, receiving great critical and public acclaim.



To celebrate the 21st year of *Mamma Mia!* in London, there is a dazzling new cast. Whatever age you are, you can't help but have the time of your life at *Mamma Mia!*

CITY EVENT

THE LION KING
UNTIL 02/10/2022
LYCEUM THEATRE

Disney's award-winning musical has been stunning West End audiences for 22 years and is one of London's best-selling shows.

The Lion King Musical transports audiences to a dazzling world that explodes with glorious colours, stunning effects and enchanting music. At its heart is the powerful and moving story of Simba – the epic adventure of his journey from wide-eyed cub to his destined role as King of the Pride lands.

Brilliantly reimaged by acclaimed director

Julie Taymor, Disney's beloved film has been transformed into a spectacular theatrical experience that explodes with glorious colours, stunning effects and enchanting music.

With music by Elton John, lyrics by Tim Rice, a musical score created by Hans Zimmer and choral arrangements by Lebo M, Disney's *The Lion King* London songs include 'I Just Can't Wait to be King', 'The Circle of Life', 'Endless Night' and 'Shadow Land'.



CITY EVENT

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL LUZIA
UNTIL 27/02/2022
ROYAL ALBERT HALL

LUZIA is inspired by the people, places, and stories that define Mexico. Take a journey through a dream of Mexico, from the folklore of old to the urban landscape of today.

LUZIA takes you to an imaginary Mexico, like in a walking dream, where light ("luz" in Spanish) quenches the spirit and rain ("lluvia" soothes the soul. With a surrealistic series of grand visual surprises and breathtaking acrobatic performances, *LUZIA* cleverly brings to the state multiple places, faces and sounds of Mexico taken from both tradition and modernity.



TOURISM INTEREST

360: CHIARA PASSA

UNTIL JANUARY 30TH 2022

Zabludowicz Collection

A virtual reality painting, *Still Life* overlays image, object and landscape to generate a saturated panorama. Users explore Passa's unique topography, which is set across two distinct worlds, by traversing various types of terrain, moving through and around structures, and interacting with ornate objects.

Through custom game play, users discover and interact with domestic items. Digitised kettles, vases and sugar canisters fracture into a series of spikes and sounds when they are picked up and shaken, revealing their photographically composed nature.



FABERGE IN LONDON: ROMANCE TO REVOLUTION

UNTIL MAY 2022

V&A

This exhibition explores master goldsmith, Carl Fabergé – the man behind the internationally recognised firm symbolising Russian craftsmanship, luxury and elegance – and the Anglo-Russian relationship which saw the opening of a London branch in 1903.



KEW ORCHIDS FESTIVAL

UNTIL MARCH 2022

Kew Gardens

This year's festival is dedicated to the wildlife and culture of Indonesia. Displays are inspired by the country's biodiversity, and will highlight Kew's work to protect it. Indonesia is an archipelago of more than 17,000 islands, including Java, Borneo, Bali and Papua – some of the world's most unique and diverse ecosystems. Visitors can expect to be transported to exotic places via their senses at the festival.



LIFE IS MAGNIFIQUE...

IN PARIS

FOCUS ON SOFITEL LE FAUBOURG

The designer hotel, is located at the heart of Paris only 50 yards from Place de la Concorde and 100 yards from the famous Champs-Élysées. Set in two private mansions dating from the 18th and 19th century, the beautifully appointed rooms and suites are decorated in the style of haute couture with grand bathrooms.

Guests can enjoy lunch or dinner at the Blossom restaurant, which serves French cuisine and a large range of wines, or have a drink on the terrace at the Bar du Faubourg. In this luxury hotel you will find a well-being centre that is open 24 hours a day, a fitness centre, two hammams and treatment rooms. The hotel is a short walk from the designer fashion area of Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré and Jardin des Tuileries.

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SHOPPING ADDRESSES

Truefitt and Hill

TUBE: GREEN PARK

For over two centuries, Truefitt and Hill, recognised as one of the finest traditional gentlemen's barber and perfumer in London, has provided discerning gentlemen with only the finest grooming services and products to look and feel their very best.



Jessica McCormack, Carlos Place

TUBE: BOND STREET

You would be forgiven for mistaking Jessica McCormack's destination boutique in Mayfair for an art gallery or private home. The five-storey Georgian townhouse curates her fine jewellery collections among a cornucopia of antiques, books and curious ephemera, alongside a self-playing piano and a rotating collection of contemporary art.



Aspinal of London

TUBE: PICADILLY CIRCUS

Aspinal of London has been producing bespoke leather accessories and stationery since 2001 with a distinct British style.

Established by technology entrepreneur Iain Burton, the original inventor and supplier of audio-guides to the world's most prestigious museums such as the National Gallery, the Louvre, and the Vatican, each item is handcrafted in its West Sussex headquarters.

