

CONCIERGE NEWSLETTER

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It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Montague on the Gardens Hotel.

Whether you are here on business or pleasure, I hope that you will have time to experience some of the attractions that London has to offer.

To help make the most of your visit here are some of my recommendations.

If we can be of any assistance in organising a visit to any of these events please do not hesitate to contact me by calling extension 425 or 426

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Head Concierge

Mustafa's top five:

SHOWS

- 1 Oliver!
- 2 Hair The Musical
- 3 Legally Blonde
- 4 War Horse
- 5 Avenue Q

RESTAURANTS

- 1 Blue Door Bistro
- 2 B Bar and Restaurant
- 3 Butlers Restaurant
- 4 Red Fort
- 5 Bentley's Oyster Bar & Grill

Bloomsbury and the surrounding areas are a wonderful place to relax and explore.

With our neighbour, the British Museum and close by theatres and restaurants, there is plenty to do and see during your visit.

Who better than the Concierge Team at the Montague, with our years of knowledge and wealth of experience to obtain advice on how to make the most of our fabulous capital.

From the renowned tourist sights to the lesser known quirky, hidden treasures of this great city we are all the information you need!

Let us give you a taste of wonderful London with our personal recommendations.

Summer at The Montague *11th May – September 2010* *Al Fresco dining*

We are very proud to announce the start of our Al Fresco season at The Montague.

The Montague's tranquil wood deck and terrace overlooking the Bedford Estate gardens – the perfect place for secluded Al Fresco Summer dining.

Our Chef will be firing up the BBQ from 11th May right the way through to the middle of September.

Why not enjoy our Summer Afternoon Tea out on the terrace. Ice cold Pimm's, iced tea, delicious ice creams, tantalising home made scones and sandwiches..... all the more pleasurable taken under the summer sun.

Contact our restaurant on extension 416 to make your reservation, or book online at www.montaguehotel.com

Museums and Galleries

The British Museum

With The British Museum on our doorstep, what better time to go and visit the unique and fascinating events taking place.

Sculptures from West Africa – presents exquisite examples of brass, copper, stone and terracotta sculpture from the West African Kingdom of Ife, crafted between the 12th and 15th centuries. *(until 6th June 2010)*

Italian Renaissance drawings – features drawings by Italian artists during the critical period of the Renaissance from 1400 – 1510. *(until 25th July 2010)*

Journey through the afterlife: The Ancient Egyptian Book of the Dead - The ancient Book of the Dead was thought to guide the deceased through the dangers of the underworld, ultimately ensuring eternal life. *(4th November 2010 - 6th March 2011).*

We would be delighted to arrange tickets for you – just call us on extension 425.

Alternatively, why not book our **Art and Culture at The British Museum package** for your next visit.

Speak to Reception on extension 421 or visit our website for further details www.montaguehotel.com

Museum of London

Museum of London is one of the world's largest urban history museums.

Following a major redevelopment, the museum will re-open its lower galleries in spring 2010, to reveal the story of modern London from 1666 to the present day.

The museum also boasts having the largest archaeological archive in Europe of this wealth of information.

Theatre

Oliver!

Theatre Royal Drury Lane

This sensational stage production of Lionel Bart's masterpiece is a real triumph, bringing to life one of the most beloved British musicals of the story of the boy who wanted more.

Award-winning actor and comedian Griff Rhys Jones stars as Fagin (until June 2010) along with Jodie Prenger as Nancy.

HAIR The Musical

Gielgud Theatre

A celebration of life, love and freedom, and a passionate cry for hope and change.

HAIR is a story about a group of young New Yorkers in the 60's struggling to balance their lives and loves, rejecting the lifestyles of their conservative parents and rebelling against the looming draft.

The messages of HAIR are as relevant today as they have ever been and features some of the greatest songs ever written for the stage.

Here are a few more events (in brief) taking place in London. We would be happy to help you with all of these and much, much more.

Rainforest Life

ZSL London Zoo

27th March – 18th October

Regents Park Open Air Theatre

Regents Park

24th May – 11th September

Festival Brazil

South Bank Centre

19th June – 5th September

Do you fancy an exciting night with our partners at the **Gala Casino Russell Square?**

As a guest of The Montague you can enjoy an **exclusive VIP night** which includes:

Limousine service to and from the Casino;

VIP express entry;

Complimentary £30 of gaming chips;

VIP guided tour and learn to play.

Contact us at the Concierge desk where we would be more than happy to arrange this for you.

Dining Out

Red Fort

Dean Street

This very special restaurant has survived in London's culinary heartland Soho for 18 years. Head chef Mohammed Rais, is the inheritor of a 300-year-old culinary tradition of Mughul court cooking.

If you're adventurous when it comes to eating and fancy being treated like Mughul royalty for the night, head straight for the Red Fort, there's no competition.

Bentley's Oyster Bar & Grill

Swallow Street

Now in its ninetieth years, Bentley's first opened its doors in 1916. Celebrity Chef, Richard Corrigan bought Bentley's in 1995 and following a sensitive refurbishment that kept much of the original arts and craft flavour, Bentley's once again opened its doors to great critical acclaim serving oysters, fish and seafood in much the same way it has since 1916.

Bentley's has its own bakery and patisserie and sources all its ingredients from some of the best producers in the business. Deliveries arrive fresh in the kitchen every day.

Are you planning a party or wedding this year?

The Montague on the Gardens Hotel is the ideal venue, with our beautiful terrace and wood deck, overlooking the Bedford Estate gardens.

Contact us at the Concierge desk for further details or our Conference and Banqueting team on extension 404, email: meetmt@rchmail.com

World cup

The Montague – Great Russell Suite

11th June – 11th July

Watch all the excitement of the FIFA World Cup on Hi Definition flat screen TVs with surround sound in the luxurious, **newly refurbished** Great Russell Suite.

Want to relax? Our cosy **Terrace Bar** is the place to sink into a leather sofa and soak up the live music that plays every Monday to Saturday evening from 7.00pm to 10.00pm.

Let Giovanni, our Bar Manager or his dedicated staff delight you with their very special summer cocktails.

Enjoy the Cigar Lounge at The Montague

After lunch or dinner, why not relax on our Terrace with your favourite cigar and a glass of brandy.

Our Cigar Lounge offers a dedicated gathering place for our like-minded guests overlooking the beautiful Bedford Estate gardens.

With blankets and cushions, outdoor heating and an awning to keep the cold and rain at bay, our Cigar Lounge is a place of tranquillity - you will struggle to find a more suitable place to pass the time.

The Concierge Team look forward to welcoming you to your London home.

Jorge, Sebastian and myself are here at your service.

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