

## 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 Rock of Ages
- 2 Driving Miss Daisy
- 3 Jerusalem
- 4 Ghost The Musical
- 5 Crazy for you

### RESTAURANTS

- 1 Blue Door Bistro
- 2 Latium
- 3 L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon
- 4 Hakkasan
- 5 Goodman

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.

### Christmas at The Montague

Christmas is a fantastic time of the year, and The Montague is one of the best places in London in which to celebrate it!

From the roaring fires and the smell of mulled wine to the warm welcome you will receive, what better way to enhance this magical time of year.

For the whole month of December, our outdoor **Wood Deck** will be transformed into a magical Winter Wonderland!!

Decorated with snow, pine trees, twinkling fairy lights, snowmen and reindeer, **Montague Ski Lodge** will be the place to park your skis to sample our 12 Vodkas of Christmas and our sizzling winter barbecue, complete with warming mulled wine and hot chocolate.

There are several ways to experience this fantastic addition to our beautiful hotel: -

Your own Personal Ski Pass, our Winter Wonderland Package or why not organise a fantastic party, giving you exclusive use of outdoor Christmas Themed Montague Ski Lodge, and private hire of one of our beautifully decorated function rooms complete with a DJ and disco.

We can also organise festive parties, from small and intimate, up to functions of 150 people.

We have the perfect setting for a very magical festive season, so why not speak to any of us on the Concierge desk for further details for all of these, and our New Year's Eve Package. You can also find lots of information on our website [www.montaguehotel.com](http://www.montaguehotel.com).

Or speak with our Events Co-ordinators, Siobhan and Jolanta, on extension 404, or via email at [meetmt@rchmail.com](mailto:meetmt@rchmail.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.

**Grayson Perry; The Tomb of the Unknown Craftsman** – Grayson Perry narrates an installation of his new works, alongside objects by unknown Craftsmen throughout history.

*(6<sup>th</sup> October 2011 – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012)*

**Hajj Journey to the Heart of Islam** - One of the five pillars of Islam central to Muslim belief, Hajj is the pilgrimage to Mecca that every Muslim must make at least once in their lifetime if they are able. This major exhibition charts the history of this deeply personal journey.

*(26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2012)*

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

Alternatively, book our **Art and Culture at The British Museum package** for your next visit.

## Events in and around London

### Leonardo da Vinci

*The National Gallery (9<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012)*

This exhibition includes many pieces that have never been viewed in the UK before and is therefore set to be a blockbuster show.

### Dickens and London

*The London Museum (9<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012)*

See Dickens' rare, original manuscripts and discover what the capital was like in Victorian times at the Museum of London's new exhibition.

### The Nutcracker

*Royal Albert Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011 – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012)*

The Nutcracker is the ultimate Christmas show, with a succession of Tchaikovsky's best known, most sparkling dance tunes.

## Theatre

### Rock of Ages

*Shaftesbury Theatre (until 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012)*

A celebration of 80's rock classics, this is the hilarious story of a small town girl falling in love with a big city rocker, to the greatest songs of the decade.

### The Snowman

*The Peacock Theatre (30<sup>th</sup> November – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012)*

Don't miss the chance to see this wonderful story (based on the much-loved book written by Raymond Briggs) live on stage in London!

### The Phantom of the Opera

*Her Majesty's Theatre*

Now in its 25th record-breaking year, *The Phantom of the Opera* continues to captivate audiences at Her Majesty's Theatre in London's West End, after more than 10,000 performances.

### Ghost the Musical

*Piccadilly Theatre*

The film Ghost, with its iconic love scene famously performed to The Righteous Brother's *Unchained Melody*, is one of the biggest grossing movies in the UK. The stage version is proving to be just as popular. Don't miss the chance to see this amazing show!

Here are a few more events (in brief) taking place in London.

### Reindeer-petting sessions

*Covent Garden (12<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2011)*

### The Great Christmas Pudding Race

*Covent Garden Market (3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011)*

### Hanukkah

*Trafalgar Square (20<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – 28<sup>th</sup> December 2011)*

### New Year's Day Parade

*Various locations (1<sup>st</sup> January 2012)*

### Burns Night in London

*Various locations (25<sup>th</sup> January 2012)*

### Chinese New Year in London

*Trafalgar Square Celebration (29<sup>th</sup> January 2012)*

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**.

Contact us at the Concierge desk where we would be more than happy to arrange this, any of the above events, and more, for you.

## Dining in

### Events in our Food and Beverage outlets

#### Thanksgiving

*Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011*

Thanksgiving is a time to connect with friends and family to express gratitude for all that they do.

Celebrate this year's Thanksgiving at the **Blue Door Bistro** with our special Thanksgiving Menu and you can say a genuine 'Happy Thanksgiving' with your loved ones, right in the heart of London.

#### Festive Afternoon Tea

For the whole month of December, (except 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>) our Chef, Martin Halls has created a delectable Afternoon Tea which includes all the flavours of the Festive Season.

You can also enjoy our Festive Menu in the Blue Door Bistro.

## Dining out

#### Latium

A very smart, intimate restaurant that serves up modern Italian dishes with panache.

Chef Patron, Maurizio Morelli along with London restaurateur, Claudio Pulze have taken classic methods and ingredients - plus a few non-traditional ones - and created a new and intriguing menu.

#### Hakkasan

In 2003, Hakkasan in Hanway Place, the original Hakkasan restaurant, was awarded a Michelin star which has been retained to date, and it continues to be placed at the forefront of modern Chinese cuisine.

#### L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon

L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon's Japanese-inspired counter concept has won plaudits worldwide and modern French classics are prepared before your eyes. A restaurant well worth visiting.

#### Goodman

The New York Steakhouse in Mayfair and the City.

Handcut steaks are cooked to perfection over charcoal – giving you the most tender, full flavoured steak in London!

#### Do you have plans for the Summer?

#### Are you planning a party or a wedding?

The Montague on the Gardens Hotel is the ideal venue for any celebration, with our beautiful Terrace and Wood Deck, overlooking the Bedford Estate gardens.

Whatever the event, you will have your **own Events Co-ordinator** who will help you choose food, wine and the right sized room for the mood you want to create.

Why not have a BBQ party on the Wood Deck?

Contact Siobhan or Jolanta in our Conference and Banqueting Team on extension 404, or via email at [meetmt@rchmail.com](mailto:meetmt@rchmail.com).

**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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