

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

Mustafa El'Ouari
Head Concierge

Mustafa's top five:

SHOWS

- 1 Ghost Stories
- 2 Yes, Prime Minister
- 3 War Horse
- 4 Priscilla, Queen of the Desert
- 5 Love Never Dies

RESTAURANTS

- 1 Blue Door Bistro
- 2 Cheneston
- 3 Butlers Restaurant
- 4 Pied à Terre
- 5 Latium

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.

Enjoy the Cigar Lounge at The Montague

From 5⁰⁰ clock each evening, our Terrace is transformed into a cigar-smoker's haven.

The Montague on the Gardens' Cigar Lounge offers a dedicated gathering place for our like-minded guests, overlooking the beautiful Bedford Estate gardens.

Come and relax, and wile away the stresses of the day with your favourite cigar and a glass of brandy.

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.

Why not join us for our tutored tasting evenings, hosted by Hunters and Frankau, which will take place on 16th February, 21st March, 18th April and 23rd May. Ask us for full details or contact Peter Bradley on 020 7612 8420 or pbradley@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.

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)

Afghanistan: Crossroads of the Ancient World - A revealing insight into the surviving treasures of Afghanistan's ancient culture.

(3rd March - 3rd July 2011)

Treasures of Heaven: Saints, relics and devotion in medieval Europe - An exhibition featuring over 150 objects of some of the finest sacred treasures of the medieval age.

(23rd June - 9th October 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

Exhibitions

Modern British Sculpture

Royal Academy of Arts

Until 7th April 2011

This exhibition is the first of its kind in over 30 years.

The show includes works by top British artists such as Jacob Epstein, Barbara Hepworth, Henry Moore and Damien Hirst.

Theatre

Les Miserables

The Queen's Theatre

Now in its 26th year, Les Miserables continues to thrill audiences night after night.

This is an epic tale of passion and destruction, against the backdrop of a nation in the grip of revolution.

Million Dollar Quartet

Noël Coward Theatre (showing from 8th February 2011)

Inspired by an actual event which took place in December 1956, this award-winning show tells the story of friendship, fame, and the incredible music of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis. This is the electrifying tale of these four extraordinary talents making music together on this one and only time in their careers.

Betty Blue Eyes

Novello Theatre (showing from 19th March 2011)

Eccentric characters, a toe-tapping score...this utterly British comedy is like no musical you have ever seen.

Set in 1947, having won the war, Britain is staggering under the burden of acute rationing, unemployment and the coldest winter for decades. The impending marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip is the only bright spark on the horizon.

The story is centred around an adorable pig, Betty, who is being reared, illegally, to ensure that the local dignitaries can celebrate in style whilst the rest of the local population is expected to eat Spam!

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

Lidless – Trafalgar Studios SW1A 2DY

10 March 2011 to 2 April 2011

The Royal Ballet: Swan Lake - Royal Opera House

22nd January 2011 to 8th April 2011

Clybourne Park - Wyndham's Theatre WC2H 0DA

28 January 2011 to 7 May 2011

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, any of the above events, and more, for you.

Dining in

Events in our Food and Beverage outlets

Valentine's

Spoil your loved one this Valentine's and dine with us in the Blue Door Bistro. Our unique five-course menu is a lover's delight!

Why not make the event even more special by booking our **Saint Valentine's Day – Rediscover Romance Package** which is valid from 1st until 28th of February 2011. Full details can be found on our website or ask any member of staff.

Other events that we will be celebrating with unique menus to mark the occasion are:

Shrove Tuesday – 8th March

St Patrick's Day – 15th to 20th March

Mother's Day – 3rd April

Easter Sunday – 24th April

A Right Royal Affair – 25th April to 1st May

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.

Pescatori

Charlotte Street

This contemporary, buzzy, mainly Italian seafood restaurant offers the best fish cuisine based on the freshest 'catch of the 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

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 our dedicated staff delight you with their very special cocktails.

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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