

# Right in the Heart of London's Royal Quarter

A five-star heritage hotel, perfectly positioned close to Buckingham Palace and Mayfair and just a stroll from London's greatest landmarks.

ABOUT: Discreetly located between Buckingham Palace, Westminster and Mayfair, Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences offers one of the most enviable addresses in London. The 5 star heritage hotel is an architectural gem, comprised of three grand Victorian townhouses and offering the best in suite-only luxury accommodation.

HISTORY: With a history dating back to Tudor England, the site of Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences has a rich history. Acquired by Major Pawley in 1897, the site saw the development of eight redbrick townhouses, developed to the highest architectural standards of the time. The three historic houses that make up Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences today have retained their original names, Kings, Falconers and Minsters, adding to the authenticity and historical legacy of the hotel site.

Overlooking the Victorian fountain guests to the suites and residences can admire the world's longest sylvan-scenario Shakespearean-inspired frieze.



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## SUITES & RESIDENCES

Once the home of Lords and Ladies of the Royal Court, Taj 51 Buckingham Gate is unlike any other 5-star luxury hotel in London. The hotel offers a wider choice of suites and residences than almost any other in London, providing guests with more space and flexibility to accommodate families, state delegations or top business executives.

The hotel features 86 of London's most spacious and luxurious suites and finest personal service. Choose from 1, 2 or 3 bedroom suites or larger residences with up to six bedrooms. Each of them combines spacious living areas and fully equipped kitchens, designed to provide unforgettable homeaway-from-home experiences, right in the heart of London.



The chic and contemporary one bedroom suites are the perfect setting for jet-setting business executives, especially when combined with a personalized gym session or a spa treatment from Jiva. The seasonal in-room dining menu, great movie selection and extensive mini-bar offering make the perfect end to a busy working day.

The luxurious two-bedroom suites are ideal for families travelling with children. All young travellers receive special goodie bags with cuddly teddy bears and colouring sketchbooks. Kids also enjoy personalised giant cookies and strawberry smoothie shooters as welcome amenity.

These suites are also ideal for girls' weekends away, indulging on Michelinstar dining, luxury spa pampering and the finest personal attention in London.

The spacious three-bedroom suites are the perfect abode for family re-unions or multi-generational trips. The kids' selection in the mini-bar and in-room dining menus will ensure everyone is enjoying the much-needed family time, especially when London's most famous musicals are only a 5-min walk away.

For the ultimate 5-star luxury experience, the two signature suites are individually-designed and expertly-crafted to combine elegance, space and comfort.

# SIGNATURE SUITES

## THE JAGUAR SUITE

The world's first and only Jaguar Suite is an exciting collaboration between two Tata companies, Taj Group of Hotels and Jaguar Land Rover. The sleek design of this 1,832 square foot, two-bedroom abode alludes to classic and contemporary Jaguar models, from the legendary 1960's E-type to the state-of-the art C-X75. Overseen by Jaguar Design Director Ian Callum and his in-house design team, the suite features specially commissioned auto-inspired artwork and displays.

Using material taken from the cars, such as leather, metal and high gloss veneer, Taj's boutique London hotel nods to the legacy and future vision of Jaguar's timeless style.





#### THE CINEMA SUITE

Taj 51 Buckingham Gate unveiled its Cinema Suite in 2012, just ahead of the 100th anniversary of Indian cinema. Created by acclaimed Indian designer Sabyasachi Mukherjee, the suite is a journey through world cinema and an ode to tradition, this 1,832 square foot twwo bedroom suite with a dining room, study, powder room and kitchen, is designed in tribute to the history of film and takes inspiration from motion pictures across the globe. The suite is inspired most notably by the era of 1940s and 1950s Hollywood and Indian Cinema and features an 85-inch plasma cinema screen, with a 3D state of the art home theatre system- the biggest private screen in a London hotel suite.













## THE COURTYARD

In 1897, Major Charles Pawley, a retired military man, acquired the St. James' Court site for an unknown sum with the intention to erect a building that will keep its glories to itself and will be enjoyed only be a privileged few.

It was a highly original concept, executed to the highest professional and artistic standards – and at great cost. It consisted of eight self-contained six-storey houses, each with its porched entrance opening onto the great central courtyard, featuring the world's longest sylvan-scenario Shakespearean-inspired frieze.

Here is how famous historian Charles Allen describes the Courtyard and the frieze:

"Pawley let it run riot when it came to embellishing his hidden court. Here the surface of brick and stone was broken into turrets, balconies, arches, columns, cornices, gable ends, consoles and copings, all overlaid with scrollwork, bas-relief and statuary. Every portico had attendant nymphs to hold up the pediment, each balcony its supporting satyrs, while the entire brickwork up to the second floor was tiled over with a sea-green glaze.

Topping this glittering green curtain is that monumental frieze – actually carved out of the brickwork – in which characters from Shakespeare's plays endlessly disport themselves in scenes from A Midsummer Night's Dream, Love's Labours Lost, As You Like It and Much Ado About Nothing. This and much more was the work of the Doulton Brothers of Lambeth, as famed in their day for their pottery and glazing, as JS Gardner was for his artistry in iron."









# DINING AT TAJ HOTELS LONDON

#### **QUILON**

Quilon opened in 1999 and quickly placed southwest coastal Indian cuisine on the international food map and was awarded a Michelin star in 2008. While food lovers soak up the atmosphere of the restaurant, private events can be held in the intimate private dining room. Offering access via a private entrance and with a bar and kitchen reserved exclusively for the group, Quilon is favoured by London VIP's looking for the very best in forward-thinking Indian cuisine.

#### THE HAMPTONS BAR

With an air of sophistication, large elegant gilt mirrors and high-backed chairs, the décor at The Hamptons Bar creates a sense of intimacy for a tête-àtête or a larger gathering.

#### THE COURTYARD

One of London's most idyllic outdoor dining spaces, the St James' Courtyard is a secluded hidden gem, perfect for alfresco afternoon teas, grills, seasonal platters and cocktails with a twist.

Open in the summer months only and weather dependent.

#### **BISTRO**

Bistro's elegance is perfect for a romantic dinner for two after a day of sightseeing. The brand-new seasonal menu is full of fresh, locally sourced produce and delightful dishes.

The Global Bento lunch express menu offers a mouth-watering choice of six international 3-course meal selections, all served in less than 45 minutes.



#### **KONA**

A haven from the hustle and bustle of rainy London, Kona is a place to indulge in a sophisticated dining experience in a luxurious yet laid-back ambience.

Usually open for breakfast and most famous for its creative take on afternoon teas, Kona is a popular venue for exclusive private dining in the evenings as well as the daily happy hour for hotel residents at 6pm.

Recently, Kona received an Award of Excellence at the Afternoon Tea Awards 2019, organised by AfternoonTea.co.uk and was praised as "Highly Commended".



The brand-new Queen of Hearts Afternoon Tea features handcrafted pastries and scrumptious savoury treats inspired by the foul-tempered monarch from the beloved children's classic Alice in Wonderland.

The savoury treats and scones are beautifully presented on fine china plates with Sir John Tenniel's original book illustrations from the Victoria and Albert Museum's collection, while the sweet treats preside over a glass checkerboard. The all-important Queen of Hearts playing card can be spotted on each table, alongside a bespoke handmade top hat centrepiece.

#### JASMINE INDIAN AFTERNOON TEA

Our Jasmine Indian Afternoon Tea evokes the rich traditions of the Indian dining culture with a bold and innovative twist on the traditional afternoon tea. Enjoy a variety of Eastern inspired sandwiches, crispy chicken tikka spring rolls and traditional Indian desserts such as Gulabjamun; and a selection of delicious pastries.

Vegetarian menus are available for all afternoon teas with 24 hours notice prior to booking.







## Wellness & Beauty

#### JIVA SPA

Our own award-winning spa brand Jiva has finally arrived in Europe!

Rooted in centuries-old traditions of wellness in India, Taj Hotels' signature Jiva Spas offer holistic sanctuaries in environments that lend themselves to overall well-being. Perfectly suited to balance mind and body, the treatments are inspired by the Indian heritage of healing traditions, Ayurveda and Yoga.

Spa facilities include a specially appointed relaxation area, two single treatment rooms, one couple's suite, steam, sauna and a vitality pool. Open to both hotel guests and locals, the new spa boasts a unique concept born out of a collaboration between Jiva's traditional Indian treatments dedicated to nurturing the body and Temple's contemporary Mediterranean wellness philosophy and results driven products.

To further enhance the experience, Emil Eve Architects, the design studio behind the project, opted for striking charcoal grey walls and terrazzo flooring throughout. Wooden details, exposed brickwork and forest-green ceramic tiles complement the design of the relaxation and vitality pool area, allowing guests to immerse themselves in this highly regenerative experience, in this tranquil haven in the heart of London.







Signature treatments include Vishramã; a deep muscular massage for profound relaxation, Sushupti; an indulgent treatment for dreamless sleep and glowing skin, and Pehlwãn Mãlish, the warrior massage. Temple Spa completes the diverse spa menu with a selection of Mediterranean inspired treatments including the crème de la crème of facials, the Champagne and Truffle Deluxe Treatment, a 90-minute luxury facial that combines the award-winning Truffle skin care with a specialist lifting massage.

A full retail selection from the Temple Spa collection as well as Jiva aromatherapy oils and exclusive Mandala pottery complement the offering. To find out more, please click here.



#### HAIR BY DAR

Hair by Dar is a luxurious salon, specialising in express glamour service. Stylist to the stars, Dar has teamed up with celebrity make-up artist, Armand Beasley, to create a personalised hair and make-up service, with clients from international royalty to Hollywood icons.

Whether you require a blow-dry in your lunch hour or you have a VIP event and would like to take advantage of our spa's Red-Carpet Miracle facial, followed by a glamourous hair and make-up styling, Hair By Dar is perfect for all your needs.

#### FITNESS CENTRE

The newly renovated fitness centre offers a range of Technogym equipment for a full body workout. The facilities include free weights area and a number of cardio machines.

Our expert personal trainers will be happy to work with you on a specially designed fitness plan. Private yoga sessions can also be arranged in your room or suite upon request.





## **OUR LOCATION**

### IN THE HEART OF CENTRAL LONDON

#### UNDERGROUND

St. James' Park Underground Station (3 minute walk) Victoria Station (10 minute walk) - Gatwick Express Waterloo Station (5 minute drive)

#### **AIRPORTS**

Heathrow International Airport (45 min drive) Gatwick Airport (45 mins on the Gatwick Express)



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