



RIGHT IN THE HEART OF LONDON'S ROYAL QUARTER

A slice of the past served on a contemporary platter, perfectly placed between Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament in Westminster.

ABOUT: A discreet Victorian masterpiece with a historic Shakespearean Courtyard, St. James' Court, A Taj Hotel occupies pride of place in central London, situated between Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament, perfectly positioned to explore London, whether it be for business or pleasure.

HISTORY: St. James' Court, A Taj Hotel was the masterpiece of an English gentleman and Royal Engineer, Major Charles Pawley, who designed it to be exclusive, and exclusive it has remained.

The hotel first opened its doors in 1902 and, as it was situated just a few minutes from Buckingham Palace, the Royal Court of St. James, Downing Street, Whitehall, the Home Office and the Foreign Office, it soon secured patronage with the highest in the land. Pawley was able to create a pied à terre in the heart of London that was fashionably smart, exclusive, quiet and a home away from home for many of London's key figures.



ST. JAMES' COURT
LONDON
A TAJ HOTEL





ACCOMMODATION

St. James' Court, A Taj Hotel has 323 quintessential English classic or contemporary chic rooms and suites. Rooms range from the Executive Double Room, ideal for the independent corporate traveller, to the Executive Master Suite, with a spacious living room, perfect for hosting senior management and extended stays. With the premier Golden Keys Concierge service, a range of exceptional dining options across the four restaurants, Hair by Dar and the award winning Jiva Spa, St. James' Court exudes a combination of historic charm and contemporary sophistication.

We are delighted to launch our brand new selection of Premium bedrooms and suites. Created by award winning architects, Dexter Moren Associates, alongside interior designer Sue Freeman, the new premium rooms marry Taj's historic design features with a bold, contemporary finish, reminiscent of a modern townhouse. The use of pale hues accentuates the abundance of natural light, giving the new rooms and suites a bright and airy feel that ultimately creates a 'home away from home' environment.







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 by 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-à-tête 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".



ALICE'S QUEEN OF HEARTS AFTERNOON TEA

The brand-new Queen of Hearts Afternoon Tea features hand-crafted 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 hand-made 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 Vishramā – a deep muscular massage for profound relaxation; Sushupti – an indulgent treatment for dreamless sleep and glowing skin; and Pehlwān Mālīsh – 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 glamorous 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.



MEETINGS, EVENTS & PRIVATE DINING ROOMS

Tipping their hat to the hotel's rich history, the elegant banqueting suites are inspired by Edwardian England. The regal décor of the suites provide an opulent ambience for any occasion and have played host to many high profile guests including Her Majesty The Queen, Sir Winston Churchill and many Lords and Ladies of the Court.

From fully equipped conference rooms and luxury banqueting spaces to a historical Shakespearean courtyard, St. James' Court, A Taj Hotel is a perfect location for all your event needs. Each room offers complimentary business wifi, a dedicated business centre with a team of experts on call to ensure the smooth running of all events.

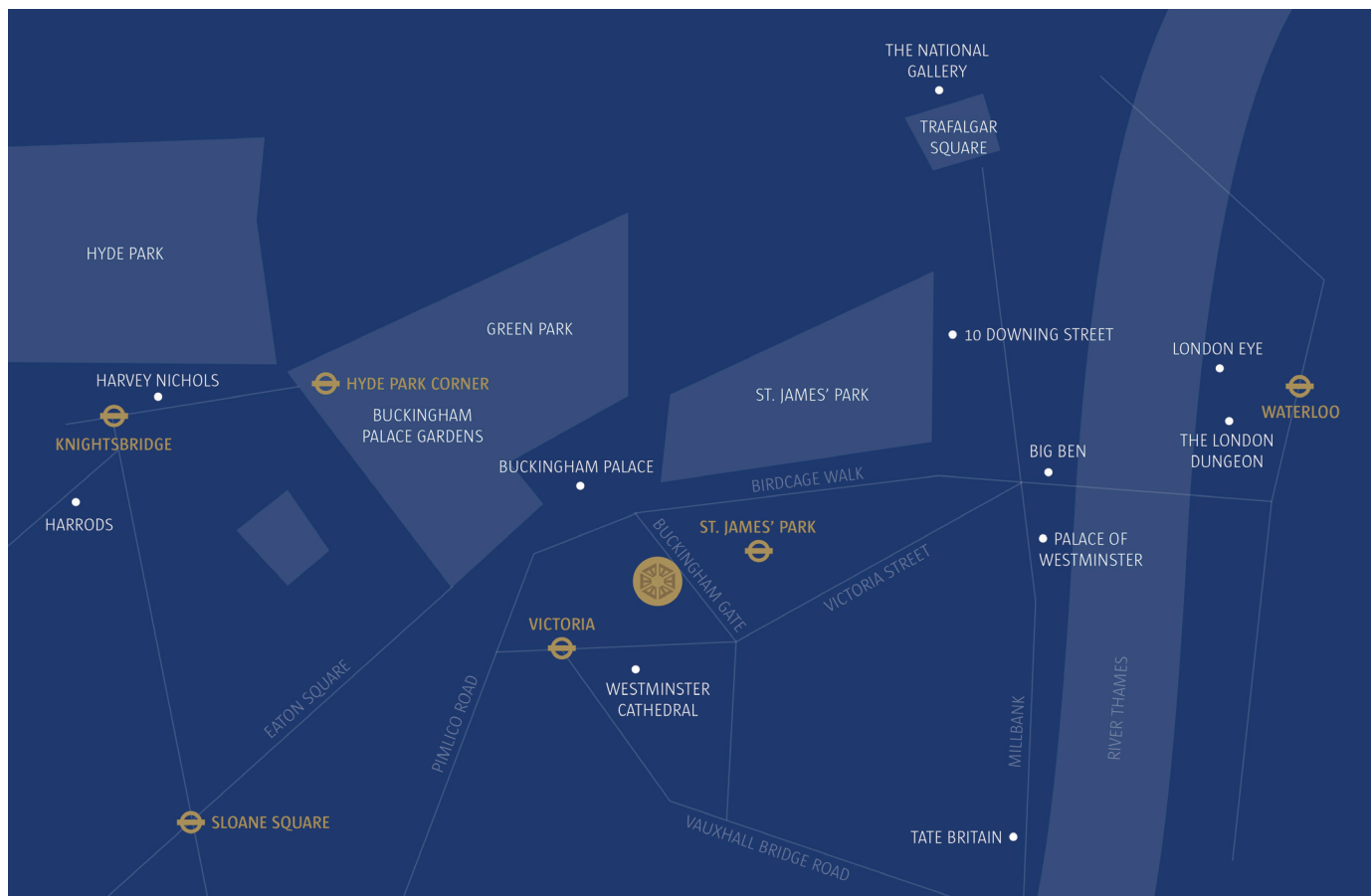
BANQUETING SUITES

Capacities range up from an intimate two-person dinner to 140-person banquet and from 45 to 250 people for a reception set up. A private street entrance and delicious cuisine coupled with exceptional levels of service and attention to detail by a consummately professional banqueting team make these suites stand out as one of London's premier event locations.

CONFERENCE ROOMS

Incorporating The Director's Boardroom, the Executive Boardroom, George VI and Edward VIII, the hotel offers more than a dozen conferencing rooms. Ideal for seminars, sales or press presentations, junkets or private celebrations, guests can benefit from the on-site team as well as facilities in the dedicated business centre, including photo copying and printing.





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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