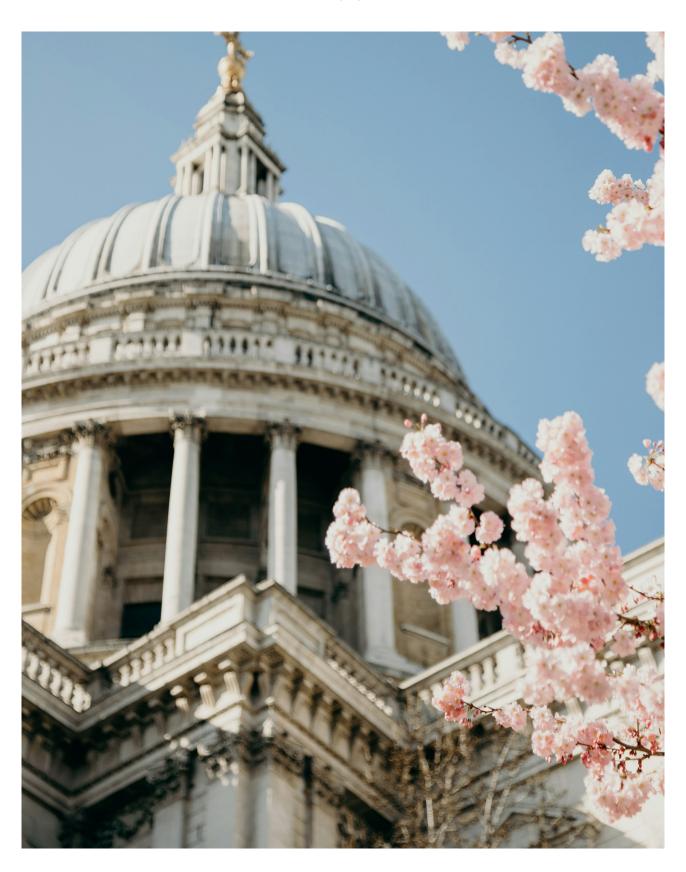
The Savoy Concierge's guide to London



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# WELCOME TO IONDON



Welcome to the March Edition of The Insider Magazine, where the charm of spring begins to unfurl across London. As winter softens into milder days, we invite you to celebrate its unique blend of tradition and renewal.

The streets of London burst into vibrant green as St. Patrick's Day arrives. Whether you're joining the lively parade on the 16th or enjoying traditional Irish music in a cozy pub, there's a sense of joy that lights up every corner of the city.

We also take a moment to celebrate International Women's Day—a time to honour the incredible strength, resilience, and creativity of women everywhere.

Mother's Day offers a special opportunity to show appreciation for the love that mothers and maternal figures bring into our lives. Whether it's a quiet brunch or a thoughtful gift, this day is all about celebrating the care and kindness that make our lives richer.

Let us be your guide as you navigate the exciting events and natural beauty of March in London.

Enjoy a March filled with green festivities, empowered voices, and cherished memories.

We look forward to welcoming you all soon!

Rahim Ismail, Head Concierge

# MEET The tfam

As one of the most iconic hotels in the world, The Savoy has the finest concierge team London has to offer who work tirelessly to ensure that every guest's stay is nothing short of perfect. We invite you to meet our team.



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# EVENTS

#### The BRIT Awards 2025 with Mastercard

The 02 Arena 1st March 2025

As the biggest night in the UK music calendar, the music industry will once again come together to celebrate the year's standout successes across both British and international music. The awards will continue to deliver another exciting night of live music and entertainment. JADE, Myles Smith, Shaboozey, Teddy Swims and The Last Dinner Party are the first artists confirmed to perform at this year's show.

#### Other Art Fair

The Truman Brewery 6th-9th March 2025

A vibrant celebration of independent artists, showcasing emerging and established talents across painting, sculpture, photography, and more. This immersive event offers a chance to meet artists, discover unique pieces, and experience interactive installations, DJ sets, and workshops. Whether you're a collector or simply looking for inspiration, this is one of London's must-visit art events this month.

#### Affordable Art Fair

Battersea Power Station 12th-16th March 2025

London's major spring edition of the Affordable Art Fair returns, bringing together top galleries from across the UK and beyond. With thousands of contemporary artworks priced, this fair makes collecting art accessible, whether you're searching for a statement piece or a small addition to your home. Discover inspiring works and connect with expert gallerists in a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere.

#### WOW at 15

Royal Albert Hall 8th March 2025

Celebrating 15 years of the Women of the World (WOW) Festival, this special event brings together founder Jude Kelly and activist Angela Davis for an inspiring conversation. The evening features musical performances, including a world premiere choral piece by Errollyn Wallen and a newly commissioned organ fanfare by Isobel Waller-Bridge, performed by Anna Lapwood.

#### The Photography and Video Show

ExCeL London 8th-11th March 2025

The Photography & Video Show returns this year, bringing together thousands of creatives. Expect hands-on access to the latest camera gear, expert-led talks, and inspiration from industry leaders. Whether you're a professional or just starting out, this event is the perfect place to discover new tech, gain insights, and connect with like-minded creators.

## EVENTS

## St Patrick's Day

Trafalgar Square 16th March 2025

Trafalgar Square transforms into a vibrant celebration of Irish culture, music, and food for St Patrick's Day festival. The day kicks off with a spectacular parade from Hyde Park Corner, featuring Irish marching bands and dazzling pageantry. With live performances by the London Irish Centre, and plenty of great food and drink, it's the perfect way to honour the rich contributions of the Irish community.

#### Head of the River Race

River Thames 22nd March 2025

One of London's most prestigious rowing events. Crews from across the UK and beyond will take on the legendary 6.8km Championship Course, racing against the clock from Mortlake to Putney. Whether you're a rowing enthusiast or simply looking for an exciting day by the river, this historic event is a must-see on London's sporting calendar.

## Spring Market

Syon Park 22nd-24th March 2025

This brand-new Market brings together local talent, creativity, and seasonal charm in the stunning setting of The Great Conservatory. Explore a selection of independent brands offering artwork, fashion, beauty, skincare, candles, jewellery, and unique homeware. With delicious food and drink, both inside and outdoors, plus a vibrant marketplace to explore, this is a celebration of spring!

#### The Lindt Gold Bunny Hunt

Hampton Court Palace 29th March-21st April 2025

Step into the magic of Hampton Court Palace with the Lindt Gold Bunny Hunt. Families can wander through the stunning palace gardens, following a fun-filled trail to uncover hidden Lindt Gold Bunny statues, each linked to a historical figure from the palace's past. With a delicious chocolate reward waiting at the end, this adventure is the perfect way to add a touch of sweetness to your springtime.

#### Zoonormous Egg Hunt

ZSL London Zoo 29th March-14th April 2025

London Zoo is bringing back its Zoonormous Egg Hunt. Families can explore the zoo, following a trail of hidden eggs, solving clues, and learning about the incredible egg-laying creatures that call the zoo home. With craft activities, animal encounters, and a sweet reward for successful hunters, this is the perfect way to add a wild twist to your Easter celebrations!



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# EXHIBITIONS

## Siena: The Rise of Painting 1300-1350

National Gallery From 8th March 2025

Step back into medieval Italy with the National Gallery's landmark exhibition on the Sienese School. Bringing together over 100 masterpieces, including paintings, metalwork, and illuminated manuscripts, this show highlights the city's artistic revolution. A must-see for lovers of Renaissance art, it's a rare chance to explore the refined elegance of Siena's early masters.

## Arpita Singh: Remembering

Young V&A From 15th February 2025

For the first time outside India, Arpita Singh's visionary work will take centre stage at Serpentine Galleries. Known for her expressive, storytelling canvases, Singh explores themes of gender, motherhood, and political turmoil with a distinct colour palette and poetic symbolism. This exhibition promises to be a powerful introduction to one of India's most influential contemporary artists.

#### London Original Print Fair

Somerset House 20th–23rd March 2025

Celebrating 40 years of printmaking excellence, from Old Masters to contemporary printmakers, this fair offers a chance to browse, collect, and meet the artists behind the works. Whether you're a seasoned collector or new to the world of prints, this is a must-visit event for art lovers.

#### Vogue: Inventing the Runway

Lightroom King's Cross Until 26th April 2025

Watch the history of fashion unfold through immersive projections of significant runway events, from the intimate couture salons of the early 20th Century to memorable pop-culture moments today. Explore a cycle of thematic chapters, combining Vogue's extensive fashion archive, original animation and a score of classical and pop music that bring the world of fashion to life.

#### Leigh Bowery!

Tate Modern Until 31st August 2025

The bold, the bizarre, and the brilliant—Tate Modern unveils a retrospective on Leigh Bowery, one of fashion and performance art's most daring figures. This vibrant exhibition delves into Bowery's influence on club culture, drag, and contemporary art. Expect extravagant costumes, provocative performances, and a deep dive into a creative mind like no other.

# SPORTING EVENTS

## 8 MAR

Premier League: Crystal Palace vs. Ipswich Selhurst Park

Premier League: Brentford vs. Aston Villa Gtech Community Stadium

## 9 MAR

Premier League: Chelsea vs. Leicester City Stamford Bridge

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspurs vs. AFC Bournemouth Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

Six Nations: England vs. Italy Allianz Twickenham Stadium

## 10 MAR

Premier League: West Ham United vs. Newcastle United London Stadium

## 15 MAR

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspurs vs. Fulham Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

## 16 MAR

Premier League: Arsenal vs. Chelsea Emirates Stadium

Carabao Cup Final: Liverpool vs. Newcastle United Wembely Stadium

## 22 MAR

UFC: Fight Night The 02 Arena



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# CONCERTS

## 6 MAR

Gracie Adams: The Secret Of Us Tour The 02 Arena

Annie Lennox and Friends Royal Albert Hall

## 8 MAR

Sabrina Carpenter: Short n Sweet Tour The 02 Arena

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## 11 MAR

JJ Lin: JJ20 Final Lap World Tour The 02 Arena

## 13 MAR

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## 18 MAR

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## 19 M A R

The Wombats: Oh! The Ocean Tour The 02 Arena

## 21 M A R

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## 23 MAR

Shane Gillis: Live The 02 Arena

## 24 MAR

Sex Pistols: Featuring Frank Carter Royal Albert Hall

25 MAR Tomorrow x Together: World Tour The 02 Arena

## 26 MAR

James Arthur: PISCES Royal Albert Hall

## 29 MAR

Usher: Past Present Future The 02 Arena



Vienna Reyes



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# NEW RESTAURANTS

#### Oorja

Covent Garden Open now

Oorja is all set to redefine North Indian Dining in London with the authenticity and warmth of India. They're bringing a fresh, contemporary touch to favorite Indian dishes. Experience bold flavours, innovative presentations, and a chic atmosphere. Whether you're craving classic curries, grilled specialties, or modern fusion dishes, expect modern twists on traditional flavours.

#### Himi

Soho

Open now

"Himi" is a name that combines "Hi" (representing Japan) and "Mi" (meaning flavour), symbolising Japan's natural abundance and rich culinary culture. Husband-and-wife chef duo Tamas and Tomoko invite you to the drinking and dining dens of Tokyo and Osaka—places where coworkers, friends, and family gather to unwind with delicious seasonal food and exceptional drinks.

## 3 Gorges

Fitzrovia

Opens March 2025

A contemporary, elegant Hubei and Cantonese restaurant. Chef Qian, one of London's best regarded Chef Qian, one of London's best-regarded Cantonese chefs, will be at the helm of the kitchen. The menu will feature the likes of: Eight Treasure Gourd Duck, Three Coloured Xiaolongbao and the signature Three Ways of Eating Geoduck. It's set to be an impressive new high end South Asian restaurant.

#### Alfonsina

Barbican

Opens March 2025

Born in Argentina, with Italian and Lebanese heritage, Chef Ricardo Younis has now landed in London where he opens Alfonsina - named after a beach in his home town of Mar del Plata, south of Buenos Aires. He says it will be exciting and no-nonsense at the same time Brutalist and bold - without losing details and character. Expect raw, unrefined aesthetic, warm, in a poetic form.

#### Tatar Bunar

Shoreditch

Opens March 2025

Two Ukrainian restaurateurs, Alex Cooper and Anna Andriienko, are getting ready to open Tatar Bunar in Shoreditch. The duo have multiple restaurants in Ukraine and throughout the war, they've been using these as food distribution points to help those affected by the conflict. The restaurant itself is inspired by Alex's hometown, Tatarbunary in southern Ukraine, with a focus on family recipes, specifically from his grandmother.



# BOODLES

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# TREATMENT OF THE MONTH

Indulge in a tranquil, rejuvenating experience at The Savoy Beauty and Fitness. Each month, we present a specially selected treatment to enhance your wellness journey. Please find below our selection for this month.

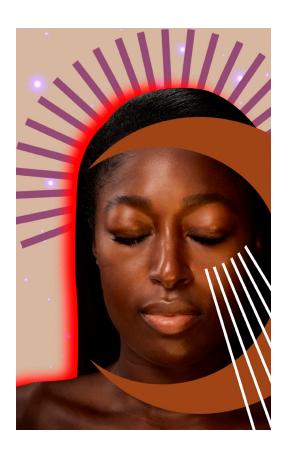
#### The Best Facial

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We are delighted to be partnering with skin and wellbeing clinic, Salon C Stellar. Salon C Stellar provide a range of treatments combining meditation and sound therapy to promote skin rejuvenation. Their signature treatment: The Best Facial is meticulously tailored to your skin's unique needs, seamlessly blending ancient wisdom with cutting-edge science.

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To elevate the experience, we incorporate advanced modalities such as radio frequency, renowned for its skin-tightening benefits, and the Dermalux MD LED system, which enhances cellular renewal. The result is a revitalised, radiant, glowing complexion that



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# OUR THEATRE RECOMMENDATIONS

#### The Years

Harold Pinter Theatre Until 19th April 2025

Five brilliant actresses (including the wonderful Gina McKee and Deborah Findlay) play out the tale of one woman, depicting her at different points in her story from the swinging 60's through to the early 21st century. It's masterfully put together, roaring through the woman's life, sometimes hilarious, sometimes intensely moving. And it's certainly explicit, truthful and sensitive. A wonderful tale of womanhood, which doesn't shy away from reality.

#### Unicorn

Garrick Theatre Until 26th April 2025

A new play by Mike Bartlett (he who wrote the TV series Doctor Foster starring Suranne Jones) is always good news. This is an intimate study of a troubled couple who decide to open up their marriage in a bid to bring back some sparkle. The leads (Nicola Walker and Stephen Mangan) have, weirdly, just finished playing a troubled couple on TV in 'The Split'. They are both superb actors – extremely subtle, detailed, both moving and funny. In short they are a joy to watch, and it's a privilege to see them on stage together.

#### Oedipus

The Old Vic Until 29th March 2025

Bizarrely, this version of the Greek classic follows hot on the heels of another very recent production of 'Oedipus' which starred Mark Strong and Lesley Manville and garnered much praise. This version at the Old Vic promises excellence also, with an extremely strong team involved. It's conceived and developed by the powerhouse that is Matthew Warchus (he directed 'Groundhog Day'), and stars Rami Malek (won an Oscar for 'Bohemian Rhapsody') and Indira Varma (Olivier Award for 'Present Laughter' at the Old Vic).

#### Oliver! The Musical

Gielgud Theatre Until 28th September 2025

What a brilliant revival. The story is grippingly told – you forget what a chilling tale it is – and the cast are uniformly strong: Simon Lipkin is living the role of Fagin, and loving it; Shanay Holmes as Nancy brings the house down with her rendition of 'As Long As He Needs Me'; and the kids are a joy to watch. Then there's the choreography, with the big numbers, such as 'Oom Pah Pah', leaving you exhausted just watching them.

#### Cabaret

Kit Kat Club at the Playhouse Until 4th October 2025

The show envelops you from the moment you're offered a schnapps on the way to your seat! This is an inventive, intriguing, sexy new version of the decadent musical. Exhilarating from start to finish, it's a must-see. You really do feel like you're in a nightclub, surrounded by captivating performers. There's a sense of confrontation and mischief about the whole thing, as events in the pre-war Berlin bar track Germany's descent into darkness. Astounding. It now stars Billy Porter (from 'Pose') and Marisha Wallace (the best of the 'Dreamgirls').

# tour of the Month

With Mother's Day falling in March, why not go beyond the usual flowers and chocolates and treat her to a truly regal experience? This specially curated royal-themed tour offers a glimpse into the grandeur of British heritage, followed by an elegant afternoon tea fit for a queen.

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## Private Tour of Windsor and Afternoon Tea

9.00am-6.00pm Duration: 9 hours (including transfers)

This wonderful day out will introduce you to the Royal Town of Windsor - its beauty, majesty and legendary status as the capital of Royalty in Britain. Your day will begin with a tour of Windsor Castle - the oldest and largest occupied castle in the land. Nearly 1,000 years old, built by William the Conqueror, the castle has played a key role in the Royal dynasty for generations. On this tour we will show you the castle precincts, the chapel (the location of the recent Royal weddings and HM Queen Elizabeth II's final resting place) and the incredible State Apartments - the personal rooms of the Royal family, as well as the famous Queen Mary Doll's House. Please note that no guiding is permitted in the State Apartments, but your guide will escort you in and point you towards clerks who can give you more information. The guide will share with you stories of the staff that maintain the castle, their relationship with the Royals and the famous Monarchs who inhabited the castle over the centuries.

We will then take you to enjoy some of the best afternoon teas in the country - traditional and delicious. Your guide will join you and explain the history of the tea, the origin of the famous sandwiches, the correct etiquette, the place of tea in the British psyche and a thorough understanding of how to win any future "milk before or after" debates. Depending on availability, we will either take you to Cliveden House or the Fairmont Windsor.

Cliveden House is one of the most beautiful stately homes and country estates in the land, home to the Astor family. This famous house is also the site of many period films and TV shows including Downton Abbey, Sherlock Holmes and Cinderella - quintessentially English. This is a National Trust property so after your tea you can enjoy a wonderful walk through the award-winning Grade 1 listed gardens and woodlands. The Fairmont Windsor, on the other hand, is an elegant and upmarket 5-star hotel situated in beautiful, landscaped grounds. The building exudes grand luxury and the team room was once the room in which the original owners of the house stored and displayed their vast collection of orchids from around the world.

For an unforgettable London Tour, or for more information, please contact us on svy.concierge@fairmont.com



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