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The Savoy Concierge's guide to London



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# WELCOME TO LONDON

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Welcome to the April Edition of The Insider Magazine. As the days grow longer and the sun lingers, April arrives with a sense of renewal and fresh energy. London is stepping into spring and with it comes a calendar full of exciting events.

April brings Easter, a time for family, togetherness, and of course, plenty of chocolate. Whether you're planning a Sunday roast, heading out for an Easter egg hunt, or simply taking in the beauty of London's parks as they burst into bloom, it's a wonderful time to slow down.

One of the most inspiring events of the year, the London Marathon, takes over the capital, bringing with it thousands of runners and an electric atmosphere. Whether you're taking on the challenge yourself or cheering from the sidelines, the race is a true celebration of determination, resilience, and community spirit.

With the worst of winter behind us, London is waking up to milder temperatures and the first real signs of spring. We look forward to welcoming you all soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rahim Ismail'. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rahim Ismail, Head Concierge

# MEET THE TEAM

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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*Concierge Coordinator*

# EVENTS

## London Games Festival

*Various Locations*  
*2nd -13th April 2025*

An annual celebration of the gaming industry, featuring showcases, panels, and events across the city. From indie developers to major studios, the festival highlights innovation in game design, storytelling, and technology. Whether you're a passionate gamer or a creative professional, the event offers a unique chance to explore the future of interactive entertainment.

## Olivier Awards 2025 with Mastercard

*Royal Albert Hall*  
*6th April 2025*

First established in 1976, this year marks the 40th Olivier Awards since celebrated actor Sir Laurence Olivier gave his name to this annual awards for individuals involved in West End productions and other theatres based in London. Expect unique performances from the best new shows, a dazzling array of the biggest and brightest stars and plenty of surprises.

## Power Of Trees

*Kew Gardens*  
*From 12th April 2025*

The Power of Trees invites visitors to explore the enduring beauty of trees across art and culture. The exhibition showcases a diverse range of works, from intricate botanical illustrations to a groundbreaking video installation, which look at how trees have shaped human creativity. Finnish artist Eija-Liisa Ahtila's installation offers an awe-inspiring portrayal of a 30-metre-tall spruce in Finland's boreal forest.

## The Boat Race 2025

*River Thames*  
*13th April 2025*

This annual rowing competition between the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge dates back to 1829. It is one of the oldest and most prestigious sporting rivalries in the world attracting thousands of spectators along the Championship Course from Putney to Mortlake. The race is fiercely competitive with crews training intensively to claim victory in this historic showdown.

## The Passion of Jesus

*Trafalgar Square*  
*18th April 2025*

Supported by the Mayor of London, one hundred Wintershall players bring their electric and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus to this iconic location in the capital. The production is open air with visibility maximised using a large screen. There is a realistic interpretation of the crucifixion so parental guidance is advised. There are performances at 12 noon and 3:15 pm.

No tickets or bookings are required.

# EVENTS

## London Vaisakhi Festival

*Trafalgar Square*  
*19th April 2025*

Celebrate the rich culture of the Sikh community with an exciting line-up of entertainment, including music, dance, and live performances. Experience the thrill of Gatka, the traditional Sikh martial art, and feel the rhythm of energetic dhol drumming. Everyone is welcome and you can enjoy complimentary snacks and a cup of Indian tea (langar).

## St. George's Day

*Trafalgar Square*  
*20th April 2025*

St George's Day is traditionally celebrated on 23rd April each year, and is recognised as England's national day. Now in its 18th year, the Mayor of London's annual St George's Day festival is back to turn London's most iconic square red and white in honour of our patron saint.

## Brick Lane Jazz Festival

*Various Locations*  
*25th-27th April 2025*

A vibrant celebration of London's thriving jazz scene. Taking place across multiple venues around Brick Lane, the festival showcases an eclectic mix of emerging and established artists, blending jazz with influences from hip-hop, electronic, and world music. With an energetic atmosphere and a strong community feel, it's a must-visit event for jazz lovers and music enthusiasts alike.

## TCS London Marathon

*Central London*  
*27th April 2025*

The London Marathon is one of the world's most iconic long-distance races, held annually in the capital since 1981. It is one of the Abbott World Marathon Majors. The 26.2-mile route takes runners past famous landmarks, including Tower Bridge, the Houses of Parliament, and Buckingham Palace, before finishing on The Mall.



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# EXHIBITIONS

## Cartier

V&A Museum

From 12th April 2025

A major exhibition featuring more than 350 objects, including precious jewels, historic gemstones, iconic watches and clocks, that chart the evolution of Cartier's legacy of art, design and craftsmanship since the turn of the 20th Century. Highlights include – the Rose Clip brooch owned by Princess Margaret, a 1967 Cartier Crash, the Panthere brooch – sold to the Duke of Windsor, and much more.

## Sony World Photography Awards 2025 Exhibition

Somerset House

From 17th April 2025

Uncover remarkable images from the past year and delve into powerful, universal stories - both big and small - from across the globe. Discover what lies beyond the lens and be captivated by the full spectrum of photography: from wildlife to architecture to sport, and everything in between.

## Flowers – Flora in Contemporary Art and Culture

Saatchi Gallery

Until 5th May 2025

This exhibition seeks to reveal the myriad ways that flowers continue to be depicted by artists and their omnipresence within our contemporary culture. Occupying two floors and over nine gallery spaces, this exhibition features large-scale installations, original art, photography, fashion, archival objects and graphic design exploring the ongoing influence of flowers on creativity and human expression.

## Alison Watt: From Light

Pitzhanger Manor

Until 15th June 2025

The exhibition will mark Alison Watt's first major public gallery exhibition in London since 2008. *From Light* includes 18 new paintings created specifically for Pitzhanger. The title reflects the centrality of light in both Watt's work and that of Sir John Soane, in harnessing light to shape space and create atmosphere. For Watt, light is the 'very substance of painting', while for Soane, it defined the architecture.

## 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

1 APR

Premier League: Arsenal  
vs. Fulham  
Emirates Stadium

3 APR

Premier League: Chelsea  
vs. Tottenham Hotspur  
Stamford Bridge

5 APR

Premier League: Crystal Palace  
vs. Brighton & Hove Albion  
Selhurst Park

Premier League: West Ham United  
vs. AFC Bournemouth  
London Stadium

6 APR

Premier League: Brentford  
vs. Chelsea  
Gtech Community Stadium

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur  
vs. Southampton  
Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

12 APR

Premier League: Chelsea  
vs. Ipswich Town  
Stamford Bridge

Premier League: Arsenal  
vs. Brentford  
Emirates Stadium

13 APR

Vertu EFL Cup: Birmingham City  
vs. Peterborough United  
Wembley Stadium

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above events are subject to change.

19 APR

Premier League: Brentford  
vs. Brighton & Hove Albion  
Gtech Community Stadium

Premier League: Crystal Palace  
vs. AFC Bournemouth  
Selhurst Park

Premier League: Fulham  
vs. Chelsea  
Craven Cottage

Premier League: West Ham United  
vs. Southampton  
London Stadium

21 APR

Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur  
vs. Nottingham Forest  
Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

26 APR

Premier League: Chelsea  
vs. Everton  
Stamford Bridge

26 APR

Women's Six Nations: England  
vs. France  
Allianz Twickenham Stadium

Premier League: Arsenal  
vs. Crystal Palace  
Emirates Stadium

Boxing: Chris Eubank Jr.  
vs. Conor Benn  
Tottenham Hotspur Stadium



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# CONCERTS

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Usher:  
Past Present Future  
The O2 Arena

10 APR

Sugababes:  
'25  
The O2 Arena

12 APR

Gary Barlow:  
The Songbook Tour 2025  
Royal Albert Hall

13 APR

Gary Barlow:  
The Songbook Tour 2025  
Royal Albert Hall

Michael Ball & Alfie Boe:  
Together at Home  
The O2 Arena

16 APR

Eason Chan:  
Fear and Dreams World Tour  
The O2 Arena

17 APR

Eason Chan:  
Fear and Dreams World Tour  
The O2 Arena

18 APR

Gabrielle:  
The Hits Live  
The O2 Arena

19 APR

Ghost:  
Skeletour World Tour  
The O2 Arena

20 APR

Jeff Wayne's The World Of The  
Worlds - Alive On Stage  
The O2 Arena

24 APR

Central Cee:  
Can't Rush Greatness World Tour  
The O2 Arena

26 APR

Incubus:  
Morning View  
The O2 Arena

Gladiator:  
Live In Concert  
Royal Albert Hall

27 APR

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Live In Concert  
Royal Albert Hall

27 APR

Gregory Porter  
Royal Albert Hall

28 APR

Gregory Porter  
Royal Albert Hall

29 APR

Gregory Porter  
Royal Albert Hall



Vienna Reyes



The O2 Arena [www.o2.com](http://www.o2.com)

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# NEW RESTAURANTS

## Nina

*Marylebone*

*Opens April 2025*

Nina follows the path taken by the group's other restaurants in focusing on Mediterranean food. This time their attention is turning to Italy and family-style feasts. There will, of course, be tiramisu for dessert and you should be just as excited about the burnt cheesecakes made with stracciatella or the brown butter and hazelnut cannoli. And as for the wine list, that's a purely Italian love affair.

## Crunch

*Soho*

*Opens April 2025*

Started in 2022 in a local Shoreditch pub, the team has built nearly everything from scratch. The sandwich slingers sell over 15,000 of their brioche butties every month. So it feels appropriate that the outfit upgraded from its humble stall in Spitalfields Market to a bona fide café, sandwiched (rather appropriately) between Old Compton St and Dean St in Soho.

## 27 Old Compton Street

*Soho*

*Opens April 2025*

The new spot is focusing on quick pasta - think of this as the perfect Soho pitstop for a bowl of pasta and a glass of wine, whether that's pre-theatre, post club or just in the middle of the day. For the interior, expect high tables (or the odd booth) with some freshly made pasta. To go with this there will be plenty of Italian wines by the glass along with some special Italian-accented cocktails.

## The Lavery

*South Kensington*

*Opens April 2025*

Taking over what used to be Cromwell Place, right opposite the Natural History Museum, The Lavery will be an events space, restaurant and cafe. Yohei Furuhashi was senior chef at the River Cafe and head chef at Toklas for the past three years. Furuhashi's menu roams around the Mediterranean but also has a touchpoint in Scotland, most particularly produce from Scotland's Balcaskie Estate.

## Lilli by Akira

*Mayfair*

*Opens April 2025*

Lilli by Akira offers a modern take on British cuisine with hints of global influences. Led by Michelin-starred chef Akira Back, the menu masterfully blends his Korean heritage with contemporary Japanese techniques, celebrating seasonal, locally sourced ingredients. Set in a luxurious space, Lilli by Akira is an immersive dining experience making it a must-visit destination in London's vibrant culinary scene.



# BOODLES

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# TREATMENT OF THE MONTH

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## The Best Facial

45 minutes	£145.00
75 minutes	£195.00
90 minutes	£235.00

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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# OUR THEATRE RECOMMENDATIONS

## Richard II

*Bridge Theatre*  
Until 10th May 2025

This is playing at the relatively newly built Bridge Theatre and is directed by the brilliant Nick Hytner who gave us 'Miss Saigon', 'One Man Two Guvnors' and much more. Plus, it stars Jonathan Bailey, of 'Bridgerton' and 'Wicked' fame. He is magnetic in the role, delighting the audience with his extravagant speeches. We get fabulous doses of Richard's charisma, flamboyance and eloquence, whilst witnessing his dishonesty and utter incompetence. It's a modern account of power – absolute and abused.

## The Score

*Theatre Royal Haymarket*  
Until 26th April 2025

Big names here: it's directed by Trevor Nunn, and stars Brian Cox as Johann Sebastian Bach. The play centres around a meeting between the religious Bach and the godless Prussian monarch Frederick the Great. The style of the piece is quite 'Amadeus'-like and Brian Cox is enthralling to watch on stage. The 3 hour run time might feel long but it's more than worth it.

## Clueless

*Trafalgar Theatre*  
Until 27th September 2025

A new KT Tunstall musical based on the iconic film from the 90's. It's along the lines of 'Heathers' and 'Mean Girls' - portraying the angst of teenage girls in an American High School. There is some thought behind this one. It's a modern spin on Jane Austen's 'Emma', and there is strong direction and choreography throughout. Good, commanding lead performances mean that much of the audience feel it's way cool. I'm like: wha'ever!

## Six - The Musical

*Vaudeville Theatre*  
Until 28th June 2025

Divorced, beheaded, live. The six wives of Henry VIII take to the microphone to tell their tales and rewrite 'her-story'. It's uplifting, crowd-pleasing British musical theatre with some nice lines ('I tried to elope but the Pope said nope'). The cast are packing the shows in with performances on a nightly basis and to huge popularity. So, don't miss out on your seat and make sure to add it to your list.

## Cabaret

*Kit Kat Club at the Playhouse*  
Until 4th October 2025

The show envelopes 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

In April, Spring is in full swing, the days are getting longer and warmer and we can head out and enjoy the city. Take time to enjoy the wonderful gardens, child-friendly playground and world-famous maze at Hampton Court Palace. In case of any April showers, head inside the wonderfully preserved Tudor palace, once home to King Henry VIII.

## Private Tour of Hampton Court Palace

1.30pm-6.30pm  
Duration: 5 hours



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Just outside of London Town lies the remarkable Hampton Court Palace, a preserved treasure of living history. On this tour, accompanied by your private guide and chauffeur driver, you will step back in time into the era of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. It was a world of decadence, danger and treason. We will walk through opulent Tudor banqueting halls, preserved Tudor Kitchens, the King's Private Royal Apartments, Henry VIII's doomed wives' dwellings and much more as we share the stories and wonder of the tangible history that lives here.

Classical artworks and enormous intricate wall tapestries will transport you to a bygone era of dining room beauty and culture. Some of the finest Classical Renaissance Art in the world is exhibited in the Great Hall and the masterpieces of Holbein, Caravaggio and Rembrandt await your gaze.

What's more, there is the Alice-in-Wonderland-like gardens, the secret playground and a magic park to help you forget time and the modern world. Lose yourself in a 320 year old garden maze commissioned by King William III.

We will explore the Tudor tennis courts (still in use), the King's Dressing Room and infamous Bedchamber, a Back Stairway, a Haunted Gallery and hidden secret annexes that all tell the story of the intrigue, murder and scandal that pervaded this fascinating and turbulent world.

Step inside with us and touch living history on this insightful half day journey into the Tudor world.

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