

# Jose's London



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London has kicked off the summer of 2013 with some great events and some of the best examples of art and culture in the world and its only getting bigger and better through July. Below are a few recommendations I have for your stay with us, including the very best of events happening across London this summer.

My team and I are here 24 hours a day at the Concierge desk ready and willing to assist you in any way we can, please feel free to pay us a visit, I very much look forward to meeting you.

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## EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

### WIMBLEDON TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

Southfields, 24<sup>th</sup> June – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013

The most anticipated British sporting event of the year is back and as with as much excitement as ever! After



coming so close last year UK star Andy Murray prepares for the Grand Slam of his lifetime but with so much talent on the Tennis scene at the moment, will it be enough? Demand for tickets this year has been higher than ever and there were few lucky enough to get seats through the ballot. If you would like the opportunity to see the stars in action, let us take care of sourcing you a ticket because as we like to say 'there is always a way!'. We would also love to assist you with any advice you may need on getting to and from Wimbledon.

### WIRELESS FESTIVAL

Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2013

The Olympic Park has seen another round of large scale refurbishment to carry out London 2012's vision of

making the park a new London venue and Wireless Festival will be one of the very first events in the amazing new space. This year's line up sees some of the World's most popular artists perform, acts such as Justin Timberlake and Emeli Sande will fill the park over 3 days. Come to us at the Concierge desk and we will be more than happy to source tickets for you.

### THE STATE ROOMS AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

From 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013 to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013

This year the British Monarchy has celebrated one of the most momentous occasions of this century with the anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's coronation, 60 years ago. To mark the occasion, this year the State Rooms will be exhibiting a large array of dresses, art, and memorabilia from the last 60 years, as well as showcasing one of the most elaborate palaces in the world.



### THE BBC PROMS 2013

Royal Albert Hall; 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013 to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Each year The Royal Albert Hall hosts the BBC Proms, a spectacular show of some of the World's best musicians and percussionists playing some of the World's greatest composers from past and present. True to tradition the Prom's start with a real bang, hosting the voices of a 450 strong choir. If you would like to see one of the best shows on Earth in one of the most stunning venues on Earth, please do contact us at the Concierge Desk.

## ART, MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITIONS



### SOU FUJIMOTO – THE PAVILION

The Serpentine Gallery; Hyde Park

The Eagerly awaited Pavilion at the Serpentine Gallery opened on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013 with great success. Designed by Japanese architect Sou Fujimoto, the pavilion now makes a bold statement in Hyde Park. Visitors are encouraged to interact with the pavilion and enjoy its light open spaces. The Pavilion also

encompasses a cafe, a great pit stop on a walk through Hyde Park.

#### **THE WALLACE COLLECTION**

*Manchester Square*

The Wallace collection is one of the best national museums for Eighteens and Nineteenth Century antiques. This extensive collection is the complete work of The Marquises of Hertford and the son of the fourth; Sir Richard Wallace. The museum has an amazing collection of Rembrandt paintings and one the rarest collections of furniture in the UK. Tip: The Cafe is not just your ordinary museum cafe; it's definitely worth a moment for a coffee.

#### **THE SUMMER EXHIBITION**

*Royal Academy of Arts; 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013 to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2013*



The Summer Exhibition at the Royal academy has been the benchmark of exhibits for centuries. Now in its 245<sup>th</sup> year the exhibit is the largest submission of art in the modern art world, showing over 1000 pieces across many styles and media including painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture, architectural models and film.

### **THEATRE AND THE PERFORMING ARTS**

#### **CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY**

*Theatre Royal Drury Lane*

After the amazing success of Matilda the Musical, once again the West End is looking to the legendary Roald Dahl for its next big hit musical. The musical tells the story of poor Charlie who dreams of meeting his idol, Willy Wonka and how instantly his life changes in a puff of magic! This is the summers eagerly anticipated musical so I would recommend making your booking early to avoid the rush.



#### **DIRTY DANCING**

*Piccadilly Theatre (From 13<sup>th</sup> July)*

Its back! This worldwide smash hit musical is back to tell the tale of Baby and Johnny in their fated summer. The

Classic Story on Stage is an unprecedented live experience, exploding with heart-pounding music, passionate romance and sensationally sexy dancing.



### **RESTAURANTS**

#### **BBAR**

*SOUTH AFRICAN*

Situated in the busy hub of Victoria with in a walking distance of Buckingham Palace, this unique restaurant serves the best examples of modern South African cuisine. It also showcases some of the best South African Wines there are. Great for a pre-theatre dinner when seeing Billy Elliot or Wicked.

#### **HAWKSMOOR**

*STEAK HOUSE*

This establishment has gained the reputation as the best in London. Hawksmoor source their meet from some of the best cattle farms in the UK and will let you choose your cut from their selections of the day. Make sure you pay a visit to their bar and sample one of the amazing cocktails before taking your seat.

### **BEST PLACES FOR.....**

#### **COFFEE WITH A FRIEND**

*Flat White; Soho W1*

Laze your day away in the bohemian heart of London. Trendy FLAT WHITE has some of the best beans around and a lovely place to watch the world go by. Try their Banana Bread, it's amazing.

#### **A NIGHT WITH THE STARS**

*The Electric Cinema; Notting Hill*

Unfortunately I can't guarantee the real thing but why not a good movie? London has some of the best independent cinemas in Europe. A personal favourite would be THE ELECTRIC CINEMA in local Notting Hill. The best place to be is on one of the sofas at the back with a Gin martini, a blanket and a few of James Bond's cheesy one liners.

#### **LUNCH IN THE SUN**

*St Christopher's Place*

This oasis of Al Fresco dining is a one of London's best kept secrets and a haven away from Oxford streets busy shoppers. There are many restaurants surround an inner cobbled courtyard. Look for the Victorian, Purple clock on Oxford Street to mark the entrance.