



# Jose's London

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This is a time when, once more, London starts to blossom and we can begin to enjoy some of the many green spaces and views that make this city one of the most lush and beautiful in the world.

Below are a few recommendations including the very best of events happening across London this spring.

My team and I are available 24 hours a day, ready and willing to assist you in any way we can. We would love to meet you so please feel free to pay us a visit; whether just for a chat on what the weather's likely to be doing or details about any of the events happening around London during your stay.

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## EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

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### ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

*Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014*

The London St Patrick's Day Parade and Festival is now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year and attracts over 100,000 people. It has become a destination event which showcases the best of Irish music, song, dance, culture and arts.

Suitable for all audiences, the festival aims to transfer the experience of Ireland's vibrant culture to all Londoners and visitors.

Organised by the Mayor of London with the support of a variety of Irish businesses, the festival also works closely with many Irish cultural organisations, musicians and artists. Held on the Sunday closest to the 17<sup>th</sup> March, St Patrick's Day, the 2014 event will take place on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March in London's iconic Trafalgar Square.

The parade celebrates both the deep roots of Irish communities in London and also the present-day energy and vibrancy of 'Irishness' in London and beyond.

### THE BOAT RACE 2014

*6pm on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014*



If you are looking to see something that portrays the true British spirit, then this traditional annual event is perfect. Two of London's oldest universities, Cambridge and Oxford, have been boat racing down the River Thames since the early 1800's to win the coveted title. To date, Cambridge is leading on 81 wins to Oxford's 77. Supporting their chosen team, the crowd create one of the best atmospheres and it's almost impossible not to be swept away. A good spot to watch the race is in Bishop's Park, maybe with a bottle of Champagne or a refreshing glass of Pimms.

See us at the Concierge desk and we will be happy to show you the best spots to catch all the action.

### HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II BIRTHDAY GUN SALUTES

*Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2014*

*Hyde Park and Gun Wharf at the Tower of London*



HM Queen Elizabeth II enjoys two birthdays a year. Her official birthday is the 21<sup>st</sup> April. The other is celebrated on one of the first three Saturdays every June, known as the Queen's birthday parade or Trooping of the Colour.

At noon in Hyde Park, there will be a 41 gun salute by the Kings Troop, Royal Horse Artillery.

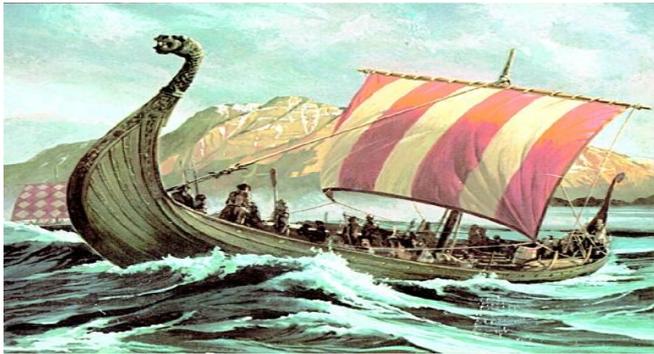
At 1.00pm, from Gun Wharf at the Tower of London there will be a 62 gun salute by the Honorable Artillery Company.

A wonderfully traditional ceremony not to be missed. Call at Concierge to learn more about the gun salute and where best to view it.

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## ART, MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITIONS

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### **VIKINGS: LIFE AND LEGEND**

*British Museum: 6<sup>th</sup> March to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014*

*Ticket Event*

It has been 30 years since the last Viking exhibition was held at the British Museum.

The Viking age ran for approximately 250 years from 800 to 1500. In Europe, the Vikings played an influential role in history through travel and exploration and they were able to connect cultures across four continents.

This special exhibition hosts a 37 metre long Viking warship, dating back to 1025 which is one of the greatest finds of the Viking era. Amongst the other finds in the collection are stunning pieces of Jewellery and weaponry and also the magnificent Vale of York Hoard that reveals a story of how the Vikings presented themselves and lived and how far their explorations took them.

Historians see this as an interesting period where such developments have shaped the modern world.

This is one exhibition not to be missed. Tickets can be booked through a member of the Concierge team.

### **BADA ANTIQUES AND FINE ART FAIR, LONDON**

*19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014*

*Duke of Yorks Square, Kings Rd*

The BADA Antiques and Fine Art Fair is the showcase for members of the British Antique Dealers' Association representing the UK's leading specialists in the fine and decorative arts. The artwork and antiques for sale will range from 16<sup>th</sup> Century furniture to contemporary art. All vetted to ensure quality and authenticity.

Entry to this event is complementary, however, directions and access tickets can be obtained from a member of the Concierge team.

### **THE BELL FOUNDRY MUSEUM**

*Open daily*

The Guinness Book of Records states that this bell foundry in Whitechapel is Britain's oldest manufacturing company. The foundry is more famously known as the makers of the Liberty Bell, currently displayed in Philadelphia, USA and Big Ben, here in London. There is no better place in the UK to explore Britain's historical link to the USA so please see us to find out the opening times and directions to this historical museum.

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## THEATRE AND THE PERFORMING ARTS

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### **THE WEIR**

*The Wyndham's Theatre*

Following a smash sell-out season at the Donmar Warehouse, this modern ghost story transfers to Wyndham's Theatre for twelve weeks only. When it first premièred in 1997, *The Weir* won the Evening Standard, Critics' Circle and Olivier awards for Best New Play and established Conor McPherson as one of our greatest living playwrights. This is the first major British revival of one of the all-time great modern classics.

TIP: This has been a sell out run at the Donmar Warehouse and is likely to take off at its new home in the larger West End theatre. I would highly recommend getting in early to see this fantastic production.

### **MATILDA**

*The Cambridge Theatre*

Inspired by the twisted genius of Roald Dahl, with original songs from comedian Tim Minchin, *Matilda* is the captivating new musical masterpiece from the Royal Shakespeare Company that revels in the anarchy of childhood, the power of the imagination and the inspiring story of a young girl who dares to change her destiny.

To make your evening that little bit extra special why not ask a member of the concierge team to book the Champagne theatre ticket package.

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## RESTAURANTS

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### **CHENESTON'S AT THE MILESTONE HOTEL**

*British Cuisine*

Cheneston's is our very own intimate restaurant offering the finest of modern British cuisine. Our menu features seasonal produce sourced from around the UK. I can highly recommend the Pot Roast Dover Sole and the Scallops.

TIP: A glass of Bouchard Finlayson Sauvignon Blanc is a perfect pairing with the scallops and Chardonnay with the Pot Roast Dover Sole. Florent, our Head Waiter and Sommelier, is highly knowledgeable so please don't hesitate to enquire about further recommendations.

### **BBAR**

*South African Cuisine, Victoria*

Situated in the bustling hub of Victoria within walking distance of Buckingham Palace, this unique restaurant serves tantalising examples of modern South African cuisine. It also showcases some of the best wines produced in South Africa.

TIP: Ideally located for pre-theatre dinner if you're seeing *Billy Elliot* or *Wicked*. Also a great spot for lunch when visiting Buckingham Palace for Changing of the Guard, Royal Mews and The Queens Gallery.