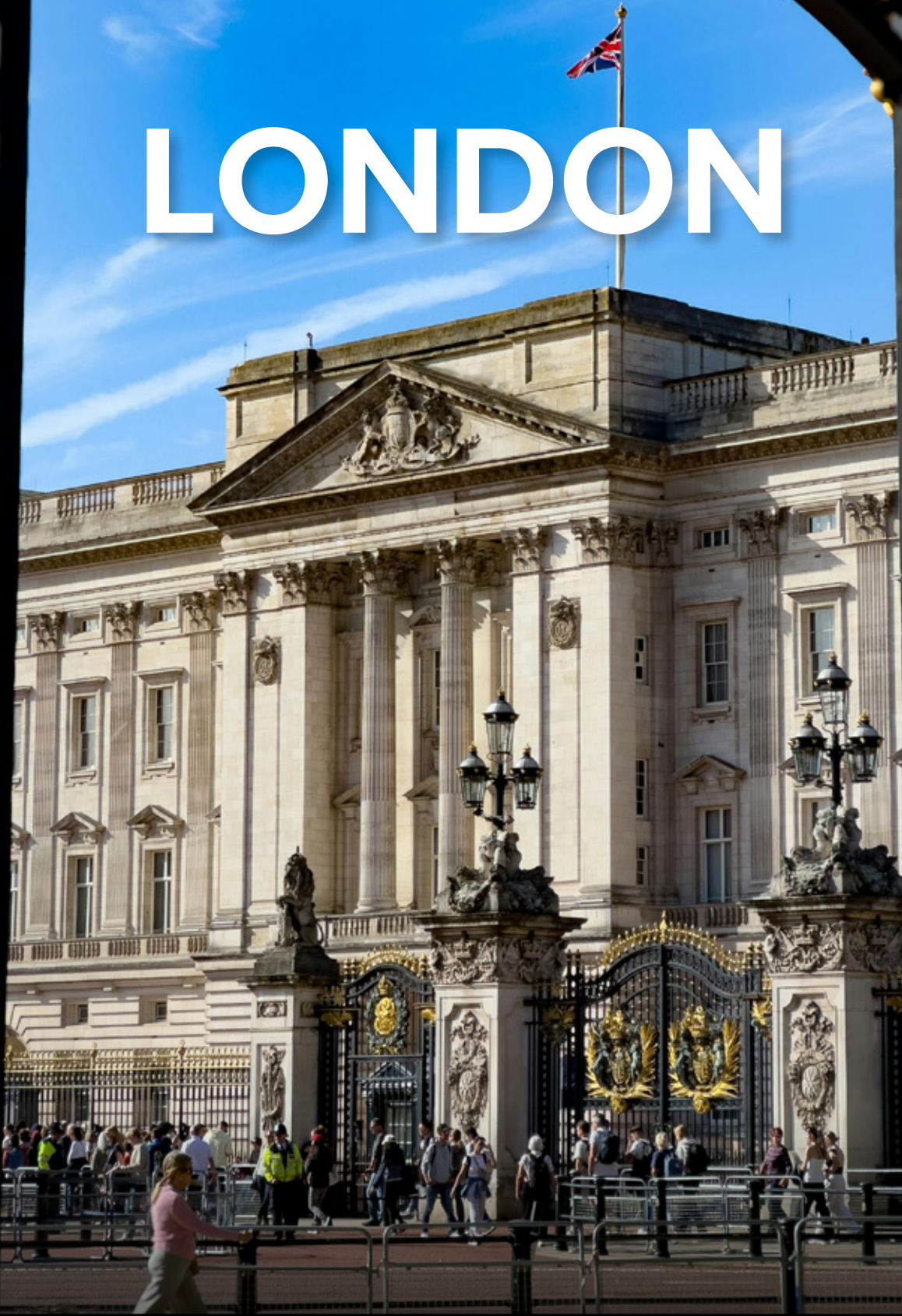




66th Grand Chapitre de Grande Bretagne
London, 24-27 September 2026

LONDON





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Dear Members, Chères Consoeurs, Chers Confrères

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us for Chaîne GB's 66th Grand Chapitre, by popular demand, in London the nation's capital.

The programme starts on Thursday, first with lunch in a prison – a unique experience in The Clink restaurant in Brixton prison – then, that evening, an exciting wine dinner in the Crypt of St Ethelreda's in Chancery. The next day, members have the chance of both a River Thames trip, including a visit inside Tower Bridge, then lunch in St Katharines Dock, and a visit to the State Rooms of Buckingham Palace in the afternoon. That evening, the Welcome Dinner will be held in the fabulous Fishmongers' Hall on the banks of the River Thames in the City.

On Saturday, the morning options are the Induction ceremony at St Clement Danes Church or a canal boat trip along the Regents canal to Camden Market. That afternoon we have two great options: a Cognac Masterclass lead by Julien Frison in the Cumberland Hotel; or a guided tour of the Wallace Collection followed by a Champagne afternoon tea.

Our Gala Dinner in the wonderful Intercontinental Hotel Ballroom will, as usual, include a raffle to raise funds for our chosen charity The Clink, for the encouragement and help to the less fortunate in life, particularly in the hospitality industry.

In the Chaîne tradition the teams in all these venues have planned great menus reflecting both location and time of year and you are ensured to leave saying 'wow'.

We look forward to giving you all the warmest of welcomes, and great camaraderie. This event is above all a meeting of friends to share experiences together.

Vive la Chaîne



Philip Evins
Bailli Délégué
Membre du Conseil Magistral



Darryl Thomson
Chancelier



Tony Wernham
Argentier



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

London



Credit: Pixabay

We are delighted to be back in London for our 66th Grand Chapitre by popular request. Not only our nation's capital, but a city with great history and enormous cultural wealth which, with each chapitre, we can sample something new. We are pleased to be based at The Cumberland Hotel at Marble Arch, giving immediate access to Hyde Park for your morning stroll, at the start of Oxford Street for your shopping and on the Central line tube for access from the airports.



Credit: Steven Duque

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER LUNCH – THE CLINK RESTAURANT

In support of our chosen charity – The Clink – we have arranged a unique experience of having lunch in the charity's restaurant within the walls of Brixton Prison in south London.

Here you will learn more of the Clink's work from the Head of Marketing, Simon Reeves, and experience the high level of culinary and service skills that their programme achieves for inmates prior to helping find them placements within the hospitality industry on release.

Mocktails will be served as no alcohol is allowed in prisons.



DINER AMICAL THE CRYPT OF ST ETHELDREDA'S



Credit: Bleeding Heart

The magical medieval Crypt in Ely Place, adjoining Bleeding Heart Yard, is our venue. With its History of Celebration, the 780 year-old Crypt beneath the ancient church of St Etheldreda's has been hosting celebrity parties in the heart of London ever since King Henry VIII hosted a three-day wedding feast there in 1509, dining on swans, stuffed with larks, stuffed with sparrows.

Proprietors Maître Restaurateur Robert and Robin Wilson will welcome us and, assuming the weather is clement, we meet for the reception in the adjacent Cloister Garden before dinner. Dinner will be accompanied by matching wines from two top New Zealand vineyards, and these will be introduced on the evening by the respective winemakers.

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

RIVER THAMES TRIP & DICKENS INN

We start at Millbank pier by Tate Britain and then travel by boat downstream to Tower Millennium Pier. Here we visit the iconic 140-year-old Tower Bridge where we have the opportunity to take the high level glass walkway across the river and also to go down to see the Victorian engine and lifting gear in the basement. Then a short walk to The Dickens Inn in St Katharine's Dock for lunch before returning to the hotel or the Buckingham Palace visit.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE STATE ROOMS VISIT



State Dining Room, Buckingham Palace

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Buckingham Palace is recognised around the world as the home of the British monarch, the focus of national and royal celebrations, as well as the backdrop to the regular Changing of the Guard ceremony. Recently the palace's magnificent State Rooms have been opened to the public and include the Throne Room, the State Dining Room and the Gallery, to see many superb paintings collected over hundreds of years. The visit uses audio guides so that you can go at your own pace. We have been able to acquire a limited number of tickets. Buses will take you there from either the Cumberland Hotel or the Dickens Inn.

Please note: Photography is not allowed inside the Palace.



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WELCOME DINNER FISHMONGERS' HALL



The Fishmongers' Guild is one of the twelve senior Guilds of the City of London. Being formed in 1272 it has over 750 years of continuous activity which includes both trading standards and charitable work. It also boasts the world's oldest continuous sporting event – Doggett's Coat and Badge. This is a race for single sculls held annually on the River Thames from London Bridge to Chelsea since 1715. The Fishmongers' Hall is a truly magnificent building on the river next to London Bridge.

Our reception will be held in the Court Room, overlooking the river and home to some world-famous paintings, before moving into the Banqueting Hall for Dinner. Executive Chef Maître Rôtisseur Stephen Pini, and his father before him, created the reputation of cooking one of the best Guild dinners in the City and we are sure that you will understand why. We will be welcomed by the Prime Warden who will give an overview of the Guild and the building in which we are dining.



Credit: The Fishmongers' Company

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER HISTORIC CANALBOAT TRIP TO CAMDEN MARKET

A bus will take us to the Little Venice basin – this is the southerly end of Britain's longest canal, the Grand Union. There board a classic historic narrowboat and set out on a leisurely trip along the Regent's Canal to Camden Market. This popular market has over a 1000 stalls, shops, and cafes. Time to browse before returning by bus, or independently, to the hotel.





Credit: Lawrence OP

INDUCTION CEREMONY

St Clement Danes, the Church of the Royal Air Force

The ceremony will be held in this famous church standing in the middle of the Strand. It was designed and built in 1681 by Sir Christopher Wren to replace an earlier church that stood since the tenth century. Incendiary bombs gutted the building in World War II leaving only the walls and tower standing. In 1953 the church was handed into the keeping of the Air Council and

was rebuilt to the original designs and is now the Church of the Royal Air Force.

The Chaplain-General of the Royal Air Force has graciously given us permission to hold our induction in this very special building. It has long been known to Londoners for its bells and through a centuries old rhyme – ‘oranges and lemons say the bells of St Clements’.



Credit: The Wallace Collection

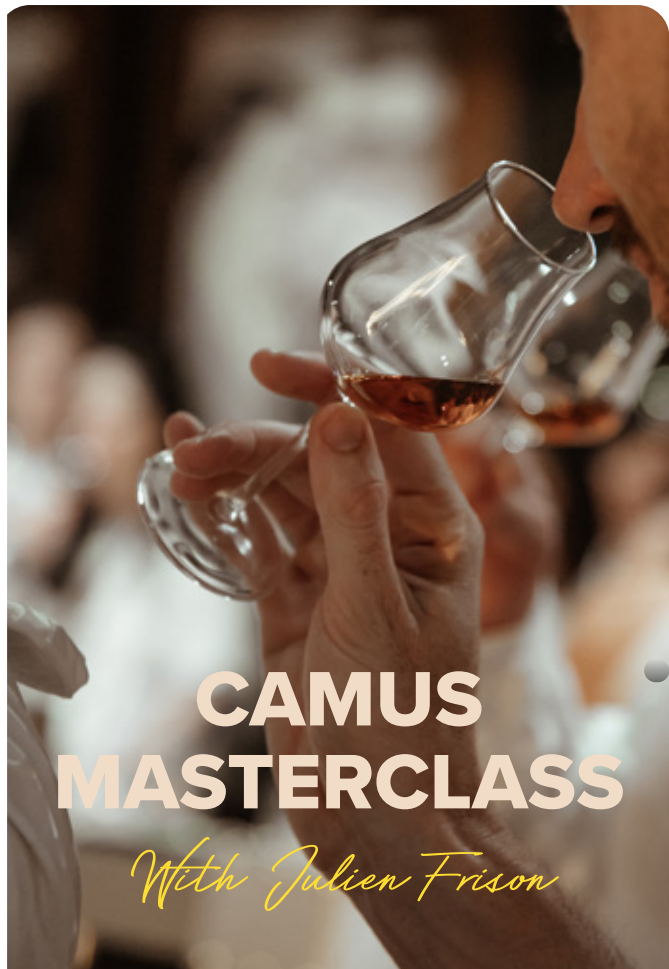
THE WALLACE COLLECTION AND CHAMPAGNE AFTERNOON TEA

Something quintessentially English – a private guided tour of the superb Wallace Collection, followed by a Champagne afternoon tea in the Atrium of Hertford House.

The Wallace Collection is a national museum which displays the art collections brought together by the first four marquesses of Hertford and Sir Richard Wallace, the likely illegitimate son of the 4th Marquess. It was bequeathed to the British nation by Lady Wallace, Sir Richard's widow, in 1897.

Among the Collection's treasures is an outstanding array of 18th-century French art, many important 17th and 19th-century paintings, medieval and Renaissance works of art and one of the finest collections of princely arms and armour in Britain.

The Wallace Collection is displayed at Hertford House, formerly the principal London residence of the marquesses of Hertford and Sir Richard Wallace. It was opened to the public as a museum in 1900.



CAMUS MASTERCLASS

With Julien Frison

Cognac enthusiasts are invited to join an exclusive masterclass exploring a curated selection of the House's most representative and characterful cognacs, showcasing the essence of its style while uncovering the craftsmanship, heritage, and stories behind each expression from Camus.




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GALA DINNER



BALLROOM OF THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, PARK LANE

We are pleased to hold our Gala event for the Grand Chapitre in the Intercontinental Hotel on Hyde Park Corner. It has the space to allow us all to meet and mingle, first for a reception in the Park Lane Suite overlooking Hyde Park. This will include a Jamon Iberico carving demonstration by the world-renowned Mastercarver, Officier Jose Sol. Our dinner has been designed by Exec Chef Maître Rôtisseur Amador Parada and during dinner we hold our traditional raffle for The Clink.



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Sunday 27 September

FAREWELL LUNCH HARVEY NICHOLS RESTAURANT, OXO TOWER

The Oxo Tower is a building with a prominent tower on the south bank of the River Thames in London. Originally a power station, it was rebuilt in the 1920s as a wharf and offices for a food producer and windows spelt OXO, the name of a food product manufactured by the owners.

The brasserie is on the roof-top level with fine views north across the River Thames – from the Houses of Parliament in the west across to St Paul's Cathedral and the city in the east. General Manager, Maître Restaurateur Max Hastings and his team, will make this a spectacular conclusion to the Grand Chapitre..



THE CLINK CHARITY

'Changing attitudes, transforming lives and creating second chances'

The Clink Charity, founded in 2009, works to prevent and reduce reoffending through training, rehabilitation and support. We deliver hospitality and horticulture training in prisons and the community, creating environments where people can gain skills, confidence and recognised qualifications to rebuild their lives.

To date, we have trained around 5,000 people in prison and delivered more than 2,600 City & Guilds qualifications across hospitality and food-related courses. What makes **The Clink** unique is our holistic post-release mentoring programme, which supports people back into society through help with housing, health and mental health, employment, and rebuilding family and social connections.

The charity operates an award-winning restaurant inside HMP Brixton, training kitchens, horticulture projects at HMP Send and HMP Erlestoke, a commercial bakery, and **Clink Events**, our social enterprise catering business. We also operate a prevention project called **The Clink Café**, working with young people who could be at risk of offending.



The Clink is Chaine GB's chosen charity and we support it through raffles at major events, donations, visiting **The Clink** restaurant and through assistance provided by our professional members.

To find out more about making a donation to support The Clink Charity's work, please visit:

www.theclinkcharity.org



PROGRAMME 24 – 27 September 2026



REGISTER ONLINE

www.chaine.co.uk/grand-chapitre/register



REGISTRATION

£40/person

Please check-in at the Welcome Desk in the Cumberland Hotel, Marble Arch

Thursday	14.00 – 16.30
Friday	09.00 – 11.00 and 14.00 to 16.00
Saturday	09.00 – 15.00

BUSES

These depart from the Cumberland Hotel only

Members not staying in the hotel, please be at or before the appointed time as the buses will depart promptly.

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Lunch – The Clink Restaurant

£70/person (inclusive of bus transport)

11.30	Bus leaves the hotel
12.15	Register at Brixton Prison
12.30	Lunch
14.15	Depart for hotel

Dress code: Smart casual

Diner Amical – The Crypt of St Etheldreda's

£150/person (inclusive of bus transport)

18.40	Bus leaves the hotel
19.15	Reception
20.00	Dinner
22.30	Depart for hotel

Dress code: Smart casual with Chaîne ribbons

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

River Thames Trip & Dickens Inn

£95/person (inclusive of bus transport)

09.00	Bus departs hotel
09.40	Boat departs Millbank Pier Visit Tower Bridge Walk to Dickens Inn
12.00	Lunch at Dickens Inn
13.30	Bus departs for Buckingham Palace and the hotel

Dress code: Casual

Buckingham Palace State Rooms Visit

£60/person (inclusive of bus transport)

14.00	Bus departs the hotel
14.30	Start of visit
16.30	Bus departs for the hotel

Dress code: Casual

Welcome Dinner – Fishmongers' Hall

£240/person (inclusive of bus transport)

18.15	Bus departs the hotel
19.15	Reception in Court Room
20.00	Dinner in Banqueting Hall
23.00	Bus departs for the hotel

Dress code: Business suits with Chaîne ribbons

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SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Historic Canalboat Trip to Camden Market *

£40/person (inclusive of bus transport)

09.45	Bus departs hotel
10.00	Arrive at Little Venice
11.00	Arrive at Camden
11.45	Bus departs for hotel

Dress code: Casual

Induction Ceremony at St Clement Danes Church *

£40/person (inclusive of bus transport)

09.50	Bus departs the hotel
10.30	Arrive at St Clement Danes
11.00	Ceremony
12.15	Reception
13.00	Bus departs for the hotel

Dress code: Business suits with Chaîne ribbons

The Wallace Collection & Champagne Afternoon Tea †

£95/person

13.45	Depart hotel on foot
14.00	Arrive at Hertford House Guided Tour
15.00	Champagne Afternoon Tea
16.30	Return to the hotel

Dress code : Casual

Camus Masterclass †

£40/person

15.00	Studio 5, The Cumberland Hotel
16.00	Finish

Dress code: Casual

***† Please note: Saturday morning and afternoon events run concurrently, so it won't be possible to attend both events on this day.**

Gala Dinner – Intercontinental Hotel

£260/person (inclusive of bus transport)

19.00	Bus departs the hotel
19.15	Reception in Park Suite
20.00	Dinner in the Ballroom
23.30	Depart for the hotel

Dress code: Black tie and evening dresses with Chaîne ribbons

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Farewell Lunch – The OXO Tower

£125/person (inclusive of bus transport)

12.00	Bus departs the hotel
12.30	Reception
13.00	Lunch
15.00	Bus departs for the hotel

Dress code: Smart casual with Chaîne ribbons

The Grand Chapitre closes after lunch.

We wish you a safe journey home and look forward to seeing you in York in September 2027 for our 67th Grand Chapitre.



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THE CUMBERLAND

*An iconic London stay with vibrant dining
and stylish comfort*



Perfectly positioned at the crossroads of Oxford Street and Park Lane, The Cumberland Hotel offers guests an energising and design-driven stay in one of London's most iconic neighbourhoods. With modern rooms, warm social spaces, and elevated hospitality, the hotel blends convenience, comfort, and style for travellers looking to make the most of the capital. Situated at Marble Arch, just steps from Hyde Park, the hotel places guests within easy reach of premier shopping, cultural landmarks, and the West End. Its central position makes it an ideal base for both leisure and business stays.

The hotel is home to Lírca, a vibrant Spanish tapas restaurant offering small plates designed for sharing, built around authentic flavours and lively, welcoming dining. Expect dishes inspired by the rich culinary traditions of Spain, from Iberico ham croquetas and classic tortillas to gambas, gazpacho, padrón peppers, and pan con tomate. The restaurant also features a bar with Spanish wines, sangria, and signature cocktails.

The Cumberland takes a blazing centre-stage bow as the home of Gordon Ramsay's first-ever Hell's Kitchen in the UK: a fiery spectacle worthy of the spotlight.

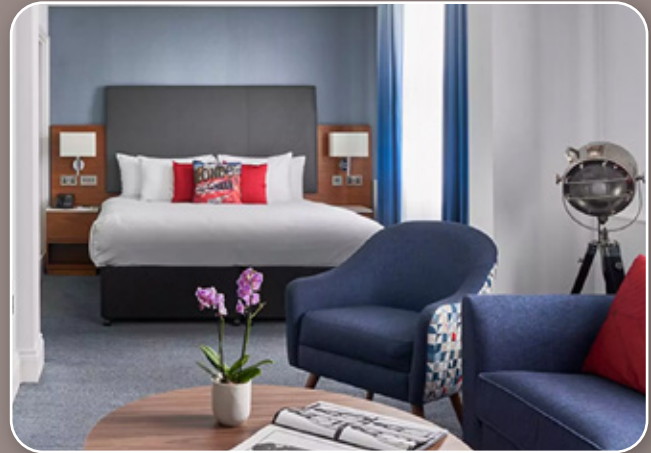
For drinks, guests can unwind at SOUND, the hotel's energetic bar offering handcrafted cocktails, beers, and a vibrant atmosphere, perfect for relaxing after a day in the city or raising a glass with friends.



THE CUMBERLAND HOTEL CHAÎNE ROOM RATES

	B&B single	B&B double
Deluxe King Bed	£330	£340
Deluxe Park View Room	£350	£360
Executive King Room	£360	£370
Studio Suite	£390	£400
Star Suite	£410	£420

Note: all rates are bed and breakfast, including VAT



RESERVATIONS:

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/100250?groupID=5025975>

LOCATION & BOOKINGS

The Cumberland Hotel
Great Cumberland Place
Marble Arch
London W1H 7DL

Contact:

Phone: +44 020 7523 5053

Email: stay@thecumberland.com

PARKING

The hotel does not have a garage however we do have an agreement with Care Car Park next door to the hotel offering 25% off their pricing. Pre Booking is available via this link: [VIP](#)

Getting there

The Cumberland is exceptionally well-positioned for quick and easy travel:

Underground:

Marble Arch – 2-minute walk (Central Line)
Baker Street – 18-minute walk

Rail:

Bond Street – 10-minute walk
Paddington Station – 20-minute walk
Victoria Station – 40-minute walk

By Car:

Travel to/from London City Airport or Heathrow in around 40 minutes using a car service.





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