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What's On

Friday 8 September 2017 – Sunday 10 September 2017

Many of you may be regular visitors to London and have your favourite hot spots, however, if you are not familiar with the city, or are looking for some inspiration, we have provided some ideas below to help you make the most of your weekend:

Visitors from around the world flock to Knightsbridge and Brompton Road which offer shopping opportunities for prestigious brands as well as high street trends. Knightsbridge is also home to famous department stores Harvey Nichols and Harrods.

If you need to refuel from all of your shopping, there is a vast range of eateries in the area from Harvey Nichols' Fifth Floor Restaurant for afternoon tea to Dinner by Heston Blumenthal, a fine dining option for a special meal, with many more options in between.

Closest station: Knightsbridge
Walk from Hotel: 50 mins
Taxi from Hotel: 20 mins



You can escape the hustle and bustle of the City in Hyde Park, parallel to Knightsbridge. Hyde Park is one of eight Royal Parks in London and covers 350 acres. A number of famous landmarks sit in the park including: the Serpentine Lake, Speakers' Corner and the Diana, Princess of Wales, Memorial Fountain.

Along with cafes and restaurants, there is plenty to do and see such as: boating on the Serpentine, hiring a bike to cycle around the park or you could hire a deck chair and watch the world go by. You may also witness preparations for BBC's Proms in the Park, which is taking place on Saturday 9 September.



More information on opening times and prices for activities can be found on the Royal Parks website:
www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/hyde-park.

Closest station: Hyde Park Corner
Walk from Hotel: 40 mins
Taxi from Hotel: 15 mins

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London's 'Theatreland' features the highest level of commercial theatre with famous screen actors frequently appearing on the London stages. Theatres are dotted all around London, however, a large cluster showing the most popular performances is located in Covent Garden, Leicester Square and Piccadilly Circus.

Some of the biggest shows available throughout the weekend are: 42nd Street, showing on the West End's biggest stage on Drury Lane, Annie in Piccadilly Circus Theatre, the show where Miranda Hart has made her West End debut, Disney's Aladdin has been brought to theatrical life at the Prince Edward Theatre, as well as the Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre, and Dreamgirls is currently showing at the Savoy Theatre having received critical and audience acclaim.

Spend an afternoon or evening with a meal and a show. Tickets start from £18 and more information, including show times, can be found on the London Theatre website:

www.londontheatre.co.uk/whats-on.

Closest station: Piccadilly, Leicester Square or Covent Garden

Walk from Hotel: 30 mins

Taxi from Hotel: 25 mins



Covent Garden is a trendy area in London, where all ages can shop, eat and play. Another popular shopping destination within the city, you can find unique gifts alongside the best in global brands. Even if you do not want to shop, there is plenty to see by just walking down the street, taking in the atmosphere and enjoying highly entertaining street performers.



Plenty of cafes, pubs, restaurants and bars line the streets for you to choose from.

If you would like to see a list of what is available in Covent Garden visit the dedicated website: www.coventgarden.london

Closest station: Covent Garden

Walk from Hotel: 30 mins

Taxi from Hotel: 25 mins

Golden Charter is offering a range of subsidised events throughout the day on Saturday 9 September for funeral directors and their families. Please continue to the next page to find out more.

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Houses of Parliament Private Guided Tour

Save 50%

Golden Charter price: £10

Date and time: Saturday 9 September, 10am – 11:30am

Please note: guests are required to arrive 20 minutes before the tour begins

Fully guided tours of the Houses of Parliament offer a unique combination of one thousand years of history, modern day politics and stunning art and architecture.

An expert 'Blue Badge' guide will accompany you throughout a 90 minute tour around the House of Lords and House of Commons, visiting Westminster Hall, the Queens Robing Room, Royal Gallery, the Lords Chamber and more.



Join your fellow Independents for a private tour of this iconic site.

Coca Cola London Eye

Golden Charter price: £30.00

Date and time: Saturday 9 September, 10am – 11am

Please note: Guests are required to arrive 15 mins before departure

Experience 360 degree views of London the ultimate way, in a private capsule with Golden Charter.

The 30 minute gradual rotation in one of the 32 high-tech glass capsules will give you an ever-changing perspective of London, lifting you high enough to see up to 40 kilometres on a clear day and keep you close enough to see the spectacular details of the city unfolding beneath you. With an interactive guide on board it is the quickest way to learn about 55 of London's most famous landmarks.



Afterwards, you also have the opportunity to visit the London Eye 4D cinema, for what is described as an “emotional and entertaining” experience.

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Thames Rockets – Ultimate London Adventure

Save over 30% from RRP
Golden Charter price: £30.00

Date and time: Saturday 9 September, 12pm – 12:50pm

Please note: thrill seekers have to arrive 15 minutes before we set sail

Blast your way from the iconic London Eye Pier for 50 minutes that will stay with you forever. Take in the incredible sights, from Big Ben to Tower Bridge, from an award winning guide handpicked from the stand-up and acting circuit.

Once under the Tower Bridge, it's time to tighten your grip on the Ultimate London Adventure Thames cruise. Hear the 630 horsepower engines rev up Rocket style and whoop as you whoosh up to speeds of 30 knots (35mph). By luck, you will also experience front row views of the Great River Race, which is taking place on the River Thames on the same day.



Big Bus Tour

Golden Charter price: only £10

Date and time: Saturday 9 September, 2pm – 4pm

Please be outside the Hotel 15 minutes before departure

Not attending the SAIFCharter AGM? Why don't you embark on an adventure with Big Bus Tours and Golden Charter?

Departing from right outside the Park Plaza London Riverbank Hotel, this bespoke London sightseeing tour will allow you to soak up the city's history and atmosphere. Passing more than 15 of London's top attractions, an experienced tour guide will take us past sights such as: Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park Corner, St Pauls Cathedral, Tower of London and the Shard.

Our half open top chartered bus will arrive back at the Park Plaza Hotel in plenty time before the Funeral Planner of the Year Awards in the evening.



To book spaces for any of these events, please contact our Field Support Team by emailing fpoy@goldencharter.co.uk or calling 0800 145 6520.