

Fine TASTES

Whether you want to experience London's vibrant West End, or breathe easily after a hectic day, *Penelope M Walsh* finds the perfect place to do so in style and luxury

Hidden away on a quiet cul de sac, amidst London's busy West End and prestigious Mayfair, St James's Hotel and Club offers a peaceful home away from home. Formed in 1857 by the international political elite, St James's has seen a wide variety of high profile and impressive members walk its halls, from Winston Churchill and Ian Fleming to Al Pacino.

After two years of extensive renovation and redesign, the hotel has created an easy marriage of tradition and modernity, with exquisite décor by Anne Maria Jagdfeld and a gourmet restaurant by Michelin-starred chef, William Drabble. This five-star hotel offers 60 rooms in an elegant Victorian townhouse – each equipped with the latest technology, – including a penthouse suite with large roof terrace, so that you can make the most of your stay.

Voted one of the Best Business Hotels in the world by both *Wallpaper* and *Fortune* magazines, St James's offers excellent facilities for business guests, including state-of-the-art meeting rooms, and a peaceful atmosphere that will allow you to kick back after a tiring day.

The newly launched gourmet restaurant, Seven Park Place, has been awarded three AA Rosettes in as many months and alternatively, Drabble, offers modern French cuisine using the finest seasonal, British ingredients, in an intimate and exclusive setting. It also offers gourmet delights for private dining and business meetings, ideal for making the right impression with clients.

The stylish interiors are both contemporary and complimentary to the hotel's grand Victorian architecture. It features elegant details such as handmade silk wallpaper and handcrafted Murano glass chandeliers, as well as decadent touches added with the use of marble, velvet, silk and leather.

The Club also houses the Rosenstein collection, an impressive collection of 20th century paintings, including Impressionist, Expressionist and Cubist work from all over Europe, which guests can even enjoy in the privacy of their own suite. ■

SPECIAL OFFERS

Only a short walking distance from the Royal Academy of Art, St James's is offering an exclusive Real Van Gogh package until 18 April combining your stay with the Academy's ground-breaking Real Van Gogh exhibition, featuring rarely seen letters.

And for stylish ladies, in hot anticipation for *Sex and the City 2* St James's is offering the Sex and the City Chic package, including a luxury overnight stay, dinner, Cosmopolitans and even cocktail classes from the barman.

For further information about the hotel and packages available, call 020 7316 1600 or visit www.stjameshotelandclub.com