

Blakes is situated in the leafy Borough of Kensington & Chelsea. The hotel is set in a peaceful garden square while being closely accessible to London's most famous attractions. There is no better location to enjoy a cultural city break.

Highlights

- Walking distance to Royal Albert Hall and South Kensington's famous museums.
- Nearby to South Kensington Tube Station
- Walking distance to Harrods and fashionable kings road

Airport Accessibility

Blakes lies within easy reach of London's major airports.

Heathrow

- 45 minutes by taxi
- 1 hour journey time by tube to the hotel exit Gloucester road

Gatwick

- 1 hour journey by taxi
- 10 minutes by taxi to London Victoria Station
(Gatwick's direct train service to central London)

Blakes Confidential & Concierge Tips

Retail Heaven

London is a world class shopping city. We recommend nearby Knightsbridge, as its home to the best department stores in the world; Harrods and Harvey Nichols will keep you busy for hours with gastronomic delights, designer wear and shoes.

For individual exclusive boutiques we would recommend a stroll down Sloane Street and king's road. Have lunch at Daphne's on Walton Street. Once you have had a little rest and recovery check out the Conran shop and Josephs flagship boutique which stocks the seasons most coveted designers; Celine , Isabel Marant, Pucci , Alaia.

The hotel is within walking distance to London's best museums and Art galleries.

The Natural History Museum

The Natural History Museum is the home of the national collections of living and fossil plants, animals, and minerals with many specimens on display. What attracts most attention are the dinosaur exhibits, including robotic life size examples. A full scale exhibit of a whale also leaves a lasting impression.

The Victoria & Albert Museum

The Victoria & Albert museum is one of the most acknowledged museums in the world devoted to decorative arts. Exhibits are drawn from around the world, both modern and ancient. The museum has the largest collection of Renaissance sculpture outside Italy, the largest collection of Indian art outside India, similarly Chinese and Japanese.

Saatchi Gallery

Opened by Charles Saatchi in order to exhibit his collection to the public. The gallery located on Kings road occupies 70,000 sq ft. . Showcasing up and coming contemporary artists - it's a must see.

Outdoor & Day trips

Richmond Park

The largest Royal Park in London, and home to 650 deer. This pastoral landscape of hills and woodlands offers a peaceful respite to visitors. We recommend lunch at critically acclaimed Petersham nurseries or an afternoon of horse riding.

Barclays Cycle Hire Hyde Park

London Mayor, Boris Johnson's bicycle scheme was introduced to the city a few years ago. There are miles and miles of cycling routes, so whether it's a trip along the river or a journey through Hyde Park, consider it an environmentally friendly way to explore the city.

Markets and local haunts

Portobello market

One of the most famous flea markets in the world, Portobello market is a destination for Londoners and tourist alike. Situated in the heart of trendy Notting Hill it's an ideal haunt for trinkets and antiques. Combine it with a lazy lunch at Electric brasserie or afternoon cinema session.

Borough Market

Borough Market is home to international produce and is a haven for anybody who cares about the quality and provenance of the food they eat - chefs, restaurateurs, passionate amateur cooks and people who just happen to love eating and drinking.

Consisting of up to 70 stalls and stands. Producers from all over the country bring a range of fresh produce to the market, including fish, meats, vegetables, ciders, cheeses, breads, coffees, cakes and patisseries. Open Wednesday to Saturday. Arrive early to ensure you do not miss out.

Restaurant Recommendations

Balthazar

New York outpost opened its second restaurant in London. French brasserie and bistro located in the heart of London's theatre district Covent Garden.

Coya

A modern Peruvian restaurant that brings together the tastes, sights and sounds of Latin America to the heart of London.

Hakkasan

A place to be seen, one of London's classic restaurants, a Michelin starred trendsetter with modern Cantonese cuisine.

Peyote

Serving traditional Mexican favourites with a modern twist, a multisensory dining experience with food bursting in flavour and originality.

Nobu

Nobu, the world's most recognized Japanese restaurant, is known for its innovative new style cuisine paired with a hip crowd and celebrity following.

Scott's

Located in Mount Street, Mayfair, Scott's is a seafood restaurant offering the finest oysters & fish. It's an opulent feel with pure foodie theatre.

Thali

Thali, a local Indian restaurant serves up authentic dishes from India with an appealing modern twist. Within walking distance to the hotel.

Tom's Kitchen

Located in a townhouse in Chelsea, Tom's Kitchen offers all day brasserie dining with a relaxed, informal environment



Zanis

Classic Sicilian cuisine, which offers delicious Italian food in a family run surrounding. Located close to the hotel and situated just off the kings road.