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ETO HANDEL *fest*

Commemorate the 250th anniversary of the death of Georg Frederic Handel with English Touring Opera this autumn. Five fully staged productions take to the road and with them they bring the highest achievement in opera in this country.

Totally immerse yourself in Handel and come along to a wide range of related events during the festival.

“if you find yourself somewhere within reach of English Touring Opera's orbit... don't think about it - just book and go.” Guardian Online

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In order to make your visit to London as effortless as possible, we have taken the care to compile a selection of accommodation, eateries, and places of interest which have been suggested to us by our local networkers and tourist information offices.

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Prince Consort Road
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Performance Schedule

15 October	<i>Flavio</i>
16 October	<i>Teseo</i>
17 October	<i>Tolomeo</i>
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23 October	<i>Alcina</i>
24 October	<i>Ariodante</i>

All performances start at 7.30pm

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Schedule of Events...

Date	Time	Event	Price	Venue
Wed 14th Oct	14:00	Masterclass with Michael Chance	FREE	Recital Hall RCM
Thu 15th Oct	18:30	Pre-show Talk 'Semi Serious' – Flavio in the context of the Royal Academy Operas	FREE	Recital Hall RCM
	19:30	FLAVIO		
Fri 16th Oct	18:30	Pre-show Talk - Love and succession – Setting Teseo among the Hanoverians	FREE	Recital Hall RCM
	19:30	TESEO		
Sat 17th Oct	18:30	Pre-show talk - Tolomeo – What is pastoral now?	FREE	Recital Hall RCM
	19:30	TOLOMEO		
Wed 21st Oct	18:30	Pre-show Talk 'Semi Serious' – Flavio in the context of the Royal Academy Operas	FREE	Recital Hall RCM
	19:30	FLAVIO		
Thu 22nd Oct	17:15-18:00	Talk with Donald Burrows	£8 inc. glass of wine	Outer Parry Room RCM
	18:00-18:30	Drinks		Parry Rooms
	18:30	'The Director's Cut' Concert given by Royal College of Music students		Inner Parry Room RCM
Fri 23rd Oct	18:30	Pre-show Talk - Alcina – Enchantment and History	FREE	Inner Parry Room RCM
	19:30	ALCINA		
Sat 24th Oct	18:30	Pre-show Talk - Ariodante – Goodness and its shortcomings	FREE	Recital Hall, RCM
	19:30	ARIODANTE		

Buy your Handelfest Pass for £8 and get access to all activities, or get a FREE Handel Passport when purchasing tickets to all 5 operas.

**Available to purchase from ETO 020 7833 2555
handel@englishtouringopera.org.uk**

Passport holders: Seats for some events are limited, please register your interest with ETO to avoid disappointment.

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By Underground: the nearest stations are South Kensington and Gloucester Road on the District, Circle and Piccadilly lines. The RCM is a short walk from each station.

By Bus: Numbers 9, 10, 52 and 452 stop outside the Royal Albert Hall.

By Car: The RCM is within London's central Congestion Charging Zone. The standard daily rate is £8 and the charge is enforced weekdays 7am - 6pm. Please see www.cclondon.com for more details.

By Air: The RCM is less than one hour's journey on the underground from Heathrow airport, and about one hour via rail and underground from Gatwick.

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Places to Stay...



Twenty Nevers Square Hotel

Earls Court

London SW5 9PD



Earls Court (*District and Piccadilly lines*)

Telephone: +44 (0) 20 7565 9555

<http://www.twentyneverssquare.co.uk/about.htm>

- Newly restored Victorian townhouse
- Secure haven overlooking garden square
- 20 individually styled bedrooms

'West London's Best Kept Secret'

- Hand carved furniture and four-poster beds
- 4 Star Townhouse Hotel, English Tourism Council
- Acclaimed by the Collection of Best Loved Hotels

'Recommended Hotel' Johansens

Single From £79
Double From £89



The Bulldog Club, The finest bed and breakfast in hand-picked private homes

Suite 192, 405 Kings Road

London SW10 0BB

Tel: +44 (0)870 803 4414

Email: stay@bulldogclub.com

Website: <http://bulldogclub.com/home.html>

For the last 20 years The Bulldog Club has been offering guests the unique opportunity to enjoy first class, luxury bed and breakfast accommodation in exceptional private homes. High standards of accommodation, genuine hospitality and impeccable personal service are the hallmarks which are key to The Bulldog Club's lasting popularity with tourists and businessmen of all nationalities.

Each property is chosen on its individual merits and each has a unique style and feel. So within our portfolio you'll find a range of properties.

Whether you're travelling for business or pleasure, your comfort and peace of mind is of the utmost importance to us. We offer a warm welcome in extremely comfortable and often lavish accommodation, and the fast track to the pulse of authentic local life: all at an excellent price.

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Millers Residence

111a Westbourne Grove
London W2 4UW



Bayswater
Notting Hill Gate

Tel: +44 (020) 7243 1024

<http://www.millersuk.com/index.html>

This is a small luxury 18th century style hotel in central London. It is the essence of a welcoming private residence. Miller's offers individual Rooms or exclusive Salon Rooms set in an atmosphere of a bygone era. Antique furnishings and exquisite decoration make each Room or Salon Room a romantic home from home.

Rates start at £150 per night.



Cranley Gardens Hotel

8 Cranley Gardens
South Kensington
London SW7 3DB



Gloucester Road

Phone: +44 (0)20 7373 3232

Email: enq@cranleygardenshotel.com

Web: <http://www.cranleygardenshotel.com>

Located in the heart of South Kensington, Cranley Gardens Hotel is regarded as a 3* Hotel in a 5* location. With views overlooking Private Gardens, Cranley Gardens Hotel is a Grade II listed building converted from 4 Victorian Houses: white columned entrance, high ceilings, carved cornices and French windows leading onto front balconies. Cranley Gardens Hotel is a family owned and operated hotel and prides itself in providing comfort without extravagance. Our motto is "Tradition, Service and Value".

Singles from £69
Doubles from £89

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22 Hyde Park Gate (*Virginia Woolf's birth place*)

London SW7 5DH



**Knightsbridge
High Street Kensington**

Phone: +44 (0)207 584 9404

<http://www.22hydeparkgate.com/>

Please mention English Touring Opera when booking

Quaint little B&B run by Jasmyne King-Leeder.
Great location, just around the corner from the Royal College of Music.

Double (ensuite): £75 per night

Places to Eat...



Bistro Fifteen

15 Cromwell Place

London, SW7 2LA

Tel: +44 (0) 20 7589 8288



South Kensington

Web: <http://www.pelhamhotel.co.uk/bistro.aspx>

Avg price £34-44

Light, bright and airy during the day, romantic and candlelit by night, Bistro Fifteen is a popular spot for hotel guests and local residents alike. You can call in at any time of day to enjoy a delicious breakfast, set lunch or superb dinner. Guests are served a menu of freshly sourced, beautifully cooked modern European food, with a wide selection of wines and champagnes sold by the glass. Alternatively, you can simply pop into the bustling bar to enjoy your favourite drink while you watch the world go by. Bistro Fifteen is a perfect venue for private parties and receptions, with its own private room for intimate & exclusive fun gatherings.

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Racine

239 Brompton Road
London SW3 2EP
Telephone: 0871 9612144



Knightsbridge
South Kensington

Avg price £34-44

Conveniently located between Knightsbridge and South Kensington, Racine is something of a legend on the London restaurant scene and over the years it has become well known for its consistently excellent French food and flawless service. The interior is in a style reminiscent of traditional Parisian brasseries, with leather banquettes and mirror-lined walls creating a clean and contemporary look. Flavourful, unpretentious dishes make this restaurant one not to be missed.



Babylon – The Roof Gardens

99 Kensington High Street
London W8 5ED
Telephone: 0871 3328508



High Street Kensington

Avg price: £45

On the 7th floor of 99 Kensington High Street, next to the old Barkers building, Babylon provides an oasis of calm amid the bustle at street level below. You look out across the terrace through the tree tops from the roof garden on the 6th floor at a rooftop landscape of south London that stretches for miles. The gardens on the floor below are beautiful and include a rivulet, which is home to two flamingos and other waterfowl, a very attractive feature to wander through, before or after your meal. Babylon is indeed a bit of an oasis and a great venue, for lunch or dinner, with excellent food, it is a must to visit.

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The Troubadour

265 Old Brompton Road
Earls Court
London SW5 9JA
Telephone: 020 7341 6333



West Brompton




The Troubadour is the last '50s coffee house in Earls Court with a proud history as a low temperature centre of courtesy, peace and artistic energy.

The menu is a mix of Troubadour classics - omelettes, burgers, steaks, salads - with daily specials. Worth mentioning is the fact that we pick our suppliers with great care - Our meat comes from Allens the Queens' butcher.


Maggie Jones

6 Old Court Place
London W8 4PL
 **High Street Kensington**


Pizza Express

7 Beauchamp Place
London SW3 1NQ
 **Knightsbridge**
South Kensington

Wagamama

26 High Street
Kensington
London W8 4PF
 **High Street Kensington**

Strada

29 Kensington High Street
London W8 5NP
Telephone: 020 7938 4648
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Local Attractions...



Handel House Museum

25 Brook Street

Mayfair

London W1K 4HB

Telephone +44 (0)20 7495 1685



Bond Street (*Jubilee and Central lines*) - walk down South Molton Street;

Oxford Circus (*Victoria, Central and Bakerloo lines*) - Regent Street, Hanover Street then Brook Street.

Opening Times

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10am - 6pm

Thursday 10am - 8pm

Sunday 12pm - 6pm

Closed Mondays, including bank holidays, except Easter Monday 2009.

Last admissions half an hour before closing.

During busy periods, tickets may be timed.

Admission charges

£5.00 adults

£4.50 concessions

£2.00 children

Children get FREE ENTRY on Saturdays

The **Handel House Museum** was home to the baroque composer George Frideric Handel from 1723 until his death in 1759. This landmark address is where Handel composed some of the greatest music in history including *Messiah*, *Zadok the Priest* and *Music for the Royal Fireworks*, and died on 14 April 1759.

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Exhibition Road



South Kensington (*Picadilly, Circle and District*)

Just a stone's throw away from the Royal College of Music you will find Exhibition Road. Home to some of London's most famous museums and cultural institutions, you are just a short walk away from Hyde Park and the busy shopping area of High Street Kensington.

Victoria & Albert Museum *10:00 to 17:45 (22:00 closing Fridays many galleries)*

The Victoria & Albert museum is the acknowledged greatest museum 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.

In stark contrast the British Galleries house furniture, ceramics and sculpture unfolding the story of British design from 1500.



Natural History Museum *10:00 to 17:50*

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.

From the outside the museum looks more like a palace and is truly impressive. The museum was built between 1873 and 1881.

Science Museum *10:00 to 18:00*

The Science Museum traces the development of science and industry and their influence on life. There is something here for everyone, including plenty of hands on exhibits and workshops for the kids. Over 300,000 exhibits covering the entire history of western science, technology and medicine.

Serpentine Gallery *10:00 to 18:00*

Serpentine Gallery is one of London's best-loved galleries for modern and contemporary art. Its Exhibition, Architecture, Education and Public Programmes attract approximately 750,000 visitors a year and admission is free. In the grounds of the Gallery is a permanent work by artist and poet Ian Hamilton Finlay, dedicated to the Serpentine's former Patron Diana, Princess of Wales. The work comprises eight benches, a tree-plaque, and a carved stone circle at the Gallery's entrance.

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Southbank & More London

Visit the southern bank of the River Thames, home to some of London's most iconic landmarks and cultural institutions stretching between Westminster Bridge and Tower Bridge. The South Bank continues to be at the forefront of art and culture with the Southbank Centre, Royal National Theatre, British Film Institute, Tate Modern and Shakespeare's Globe. As you reach London Bridge, Dickensian London meets the clean lines and glass surfaces of Norman Foster's More London, home to City Hall at the striking GLA building.

Hayward Gallery



Waterloo (*Bakerloo, Northern, Jubilee and Waterloo and City lines*)
Embankment (*Circle and District lines*)

The Hayward is at the heart of the visual arts at Southbank Centre, which includes the Royal Festival Hall and Queen Elizabeth Hall. In addition to putting on major exhibitions and commissioning new artworks in the gallery, The Hayward also organises projects, installations and talks across the site.

HMS Belfast



London Bridge (*Northern and Jubilee Line*)
Tower Hill (*District and Circle Line*)

HMS *Belfast* served throughout the Second World War, playing a leading part in the destruction of the battle cruiser *Scharnhorst*, and also the Normandy Landings. In service with the Royal Navy until 1965, she was saved for the nation in 1971 as a unique reminder of Britain's naval heritage.

Greater London Assembly – City Hall



London Bridge (*Northern and Jubilee Line*)
Tower Hill (*District and Circle Line*)

City Hall is home to the Mayor of London, the London Assembly and the GLA, who in July 2002 became tenants of this striking rounded glass building on the south bank of the Thames near Tower Bridge. Members of the public may visit parts of City Hall Monday to Friday from 8am to 8pm.



Other things to see on the south bank:

London Eye
Royal Festival Hall
National Theatre
British Film Institute (BFI)
OXO Tower
Tate Modern

Shakespeare's Globe
Southwark Cathedral
Hay's Galleria
Tower Bridge
Shad Thames

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Useful Information...

Britain and London Visitor Centre (BLVC).

1 Lower Regent St, SW1 4XT

Tube: Piccadilly Circus

Tel: 08701 566 366

<http://www.visitlondon.com/>

London Travel Information

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/>