



London Syon Park

At this luxurious resort experience a pastoral playground just moments away from the city

CITY slicker or country-loving adventurer? Why not both? Spend a day enjoying the hustle and bustle of London with its numerous attractions and pulsating pace before retiring to idyllic, fresh and serene surrounds. How? The answer is London Syon Park. The recently opened Waldorf Astoria hotel is around 11 kilometres from both Knightsbridge and Heathrow Terminal 5 and boasts the vivacity of a city hotel within the environs of a tranquil country retreat.

Driving up through the stunning, sprawling grounds of Syon Park to be greeted by smartly dressed staff, you'll soon forget that this majestic estate is a mere hop and a skip away from central London. Stepping into the lobby you'll be greeted by a surprising sight, a tall glass atrium housing exotic, delicate butterflies that flutter among lush flora. The hotel's pièce de résistance pays homage to the London Butterfly House that used to rest here.

With impeccable service and meticulous attention to detail from the decor to its creative cuisine, the resort is a covetable base for the plentiful outdoor activities on its doorstep and the cosmopolitan pastimes of London life.



SLEEP

The hotel's 137 rooms are all bedecked with charming English accents that complement their nature-rich surroundings, while ornate pieces like chandeliers lend an elegant feel. All rooms have a spectacular view, overlooking either gardens, pools, terraces, greenhouses or trees as far as the eye can see and most feature a private balcony.

The rooms also offer high-speed Wifi internet access and flatscreen TVs with state-of-the-art Apple in-room entertainment systems, as well as traditional amenities, rain showers and deep soak tubs. Heated floors, plush mattresses and lavish bedding ensure a truly comfortable night's sleep.



SPA

The Kallima spa is as unique as the butterfly it's named after, with an exceptional range of treatments including non-surgical services from renowned cosmetic surgeon Alex Karidis MD FRCS. The spa uses top of the range products and bespoke offerings developed by acclaimed beauty specialists. Its custom-loving philosophy means that guests simply book an amount of time at an hourly rate and specify how they'd like to emerge, rather than choosing a treatment. Trained experts then design a tailor-made spa journey for each individual. The spa has 11 treatment rooms including a double VIP suite and hydrotherapy facilities, Vichy shower, nail spa, swimming pool, whirlpool spa, sauna, steam room and gym.

IMBIBE

An edible garden on the grounds means that the freshest herbs, fruits, vegetables and teas are at the chefs' disposal. Beehives, a trout lake and meat and fish smokers are also located within the estate. Executive Chef Lee Stratton combines the premise's fresh and flavoursome ingredients with other locally sourced produce to create standout "town meets country" cuisine. Inventive rustic and seasonal dishes are served alongside Waldorf Astoria classics with a twist at The Capability restaurant. The Clubhouse's tapas-style Mediterranean menu is perfect for an informal bite and you can even watch the chefs prepare dishes in the open kitchen. A little bit *Alice in Wonderland*

with its mismatched china and a tiny bit *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* with its playful creations, the quirky Brownie's Sundae Bar will delight anyone with even a hint of a sweet tooth. In the evening, glamorous Peacock Alley's decor and tipples hark back to the Waldorf Astoria's heritage, while the Sun Deck Terrace is a picturesque destination for those looking to chill out with a refreshing drink and tasty BBQ bite.

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Experience

From trout fishing, cycling and foraging trails to punting and shooting, there is no shortage of things to do on the grounds. A "secret garden gate" leads to the historic parkland year-round. Those with itchy feet can easily fly to and from other destinations thanks to the hotel's purpose-built helipad, while London's theatres, museums, shopping, dining and nightlife are just a short drive away. It's the best of both worlds. ■

FAST FACTS

- Syon Park, Syon House and the conservatory have been featured in films such as *Gosford Park* and *Bhaji on the Beach*. The area also inspired English poet Geoffrey Hill's highly acclaimed book-length poem, *The Orchards of Syon*.
- Kew Gardens lies across the river Thames from Syon Park.
- The park and lake were designed by Lancelot "Capability" Brown in 1760 and The Capability restaurant is named after him. The area contains more than 200 species of rare trees, many of which were planted by Henry Percy, the 11th Duke of Northumberland.

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London Syon Park
From AED 5,580 per person

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 - 3 nights accommodation in a Syon room with daily breakfast
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