

WELCOME TO THE **LONDON** INSIDER COLLECTION

Truly memorable meetings and events with authentic local flavour – that is the inspiration behind the InterContinental Insider Collection.

Our network of hotels and resorts is global; our knowledge and expertise local, giving planners guaranteed choice, range and depth to add to any meeting or conference. With each hotel offering its own bespoke selection of services, and every experience designed around you, the InterContinental Insider Collection delivers unique events firmly rooted in their location with a rare, but tangible sense of place.

The options are limitless, the local knowledge rich, the service professional and faultless, the delegate experience enriching and rewarding every time.

Sample for yourself some of our wonderful London experiences.

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INSIDER LOCATIONS

Choose an InterContinental venue for your event and a world of possibilities opens up. As locals, your hotel team hold the key to a side of your locality tourists never see. What and who they know gives you an exclusive mix of authentic venues and experiences to play with.

INSIDER SPEAKERS

Bring your event to life with an inspirational speaker – someone who can really strike a chord with your delegates and enrich their experience beyond measure. Fascinating and engaging, motivating Insider Speakers range from celebrities and cultural experts to sporting heroes. Whatever their passion, they all have a local connection and you will discover that their unique insights and local know-how make your event one to remember.

INSIDER COMMUNITY

There's nothing quite like immersing yourself in the community to gain an added depth and understanding to your experience in a new destination. Insider Community has been designed to benefit local people and create truly memorable and meaningful experiences for your delegates too.

INSIDER INTERACTIONS

This team-building experience will help your delegates connect with each other as never before. Using the unique character, heritage or geography of your destination to inspire interaction, each experience, whether based on or off-site offers an original way to engage delegates and motivate them to build effective working relationships.

INSIDER BREAKS

With Insider Collection even your breaks are fulfilling experiences. From serving up a delicious lunch of provincial dishes for a taste of regional cuisine to spending some quality time with your Concierge team to get their best insider tips, a few minutes out of your busy schedule becomes a whole experience in itself.

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HOLD A STUNNING EVENT AT BEAUTIFUL HEDSOR HOUSE

Set in a picturesque 85 acre estate in Buckinghamshire just 40 minutes from London and with wonderful views over the Thames Valley, Hedsor House is a truly fabulous venue for an away-day, to hold part of your meeting, or for a special event such as a gala dinner or cocktail reception.

The manor is thought to date back to 1166 when it was owned by the de Hedsor family. Delegates can stroll in the beautiful 19th Century formal gardens, work in one of the 12 break out rooms leading off the main hall, and take advantage of all the latest modern conferencing facilities including wireless broadband and access to three phase power throughout.

With 12 commercial kitchens, the house is also adequately equipped to cater to all needs with ease.

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HOLD PART OF YOUR MEETING AT WELLINGTON ARCH

If you are looking for an unusual place to hold part of your meeting, a drinks reception or dinner, Wellington Arch, Hyde Park Corner's famous landmark with views across Buckingham Palace Gardens and Westminster, could fit the bill perfectly.

In its prestigious location, this popular London party venue is much sought after and can offer stunning facilities for your delegates to enjoy. Pre-dinner drinks can be served in the sophisticated Ante Room, while guests can take in the Arch's rich and sometimes controversial history in the stunning split-level Burton Room with its mezzanine gallery and permanent history exhibition.

At night the exterior of the Arch is dramatically lit making your delegates' first impression truly memorable. The bespoke service also includes matching the outside lighting to co-ordinate with your event theme.

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KNOW YOUR CHEESE WITH TOM, OUR CHEESE MASTER

You will learn about the history of cheeses, a presentation from our expert Cheese Master, as well as tasting the Cheese Master's selection of the finest Irish and British cheeses.

Set your taste buds tingling in this 90-minute session with our expert Cheese Master. During the presentation, delegates will learn about the history of cheese and have the opportunity to sample the Cheese Master's personal selection of fine Irish and British cheeses.

Delegates will come away with a deeper appreciation of all things cheese and with some handy insider tips of which cheese goes perfectly with which wine. A must for anyone who is serious about cheese!

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MEET THE BURLINGTON BEADLE

We invite you to meet with the Head Beadle of Burlington Arcade for a tour designed to give a unique and authentic insider view of the history, happenings and characters that make the Arcade such a special place.

Burlington Arcade first opened for business in 1819 and was Britain's first shopping arcade. It is now widely recognised as a unique historic and architectural masterpiece. It represents Britain's longest covered shopping street and its recent multi-million pound renovation has ensured that its original beauty and splendour has not been lost.

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A HELPING HAND FOR SICK CHILDREN

For a great team-building event that is guaranteed to give your delegates a huge sense of satisfaction of a job well done, WellChild's Helping Hands project is one of a kind. This innovative UK children's charity has come up with a unique way of providing support to sick children and their families.

Caring for a sick child 24/7 puts intolerable pressure on any family and it can make even the simplest of tasks seem impossible.

The Helping Hands project works by recruiting willing volunteers from forward-thinking companies to roll up their sleeves to help sick children and their families in practical ways. From painting a room to re-designing a garden, your delegates will have fun working together to make a difference that counts.

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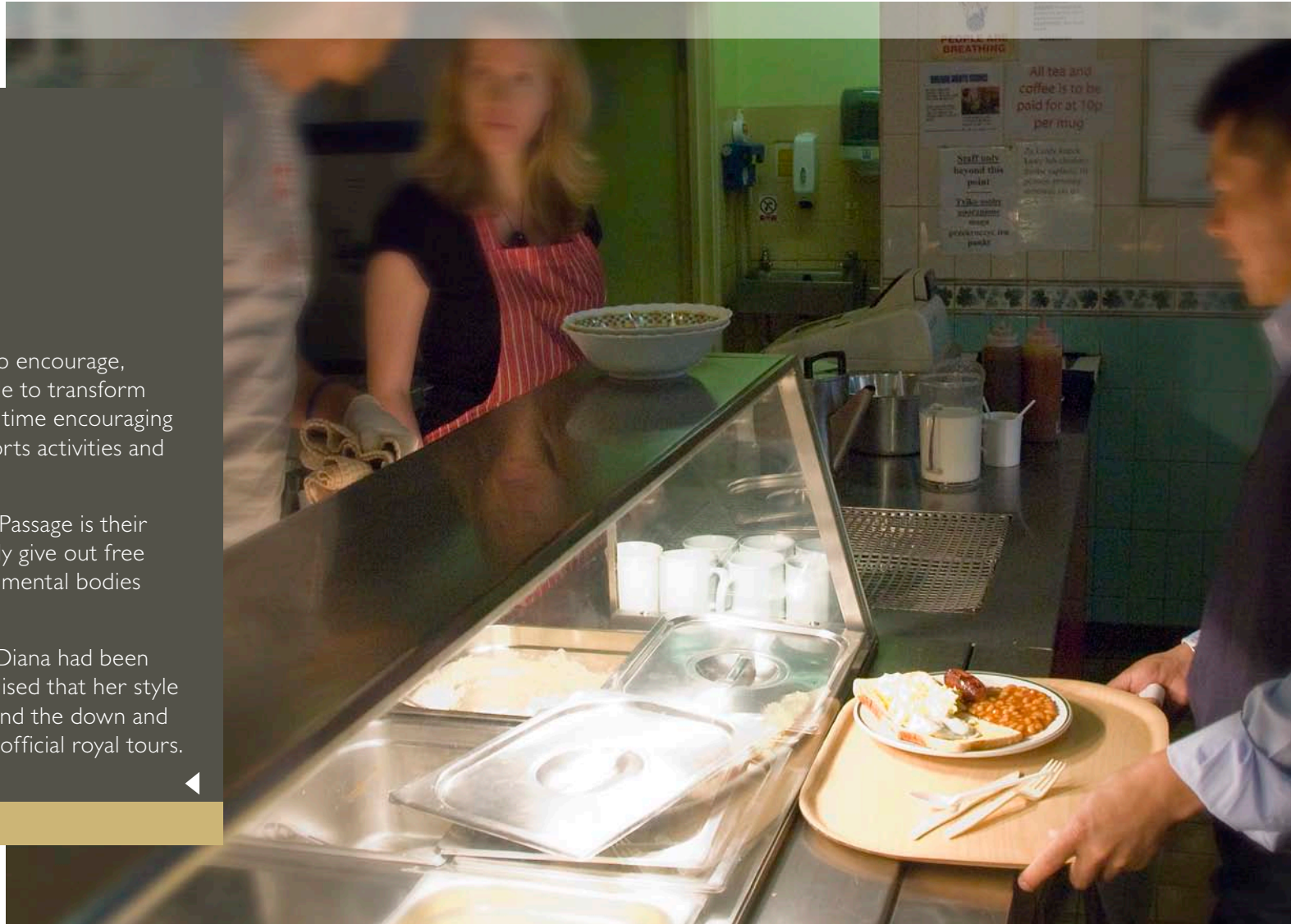
HEALING LIVES AT THE PASSAGE

The Passage Centre in Victoria has a mission to encourage, inspire and challenge London's homeless people to transform their lives. Your group will be invited to spend time encouraging interaction and stimulation by helping with sports activities and arts and crafts groups.

One of the most impressive things about The Passage is their focus to heal and rehabilitate. They don't simply give out free food, but work very closely with all the governmental bodies to encourage rough sleepers back into society.

In the late eighties and early nineties Princess Diana had been making secret visits to The Passage, having realised that her style of ambassadorship, visiting the less fortunate and the down and out, could often have greater impact than her official royal tours.

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PARTICIPATE IN LONDON'S VIBRANT ART SCENE

Experience London's vibrant art scene first-hand in association with Grandy Art. The InterContinental Park Lane aims to promote British art and emerging British artists, and debuts Jeremy Houghton, a vibrant and exciting young painter, as its 'Artist in Residence'.

Enjoy a tailor-made tour to key London galleries and places of significant art interest. See London through an artist's eye as, together with Jeremy, you will visit famous London landmarks, and if of interest, discuss how to capture such scenes on paper.

Back at the hotel, Jeremy will encourage your group to either create their own individual works of art, or work together as a team to design a short series of perfectly tailored artwork – creating their own limited edition, signed print!

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A KITCHEN PARTY AT THE COOKBOOK CAFE

Make exclusive use of our popular Cookbook Cafe and enjoy our signature interactive cooking event, which includes live cooking stations and workshops led by our expert chefs.

Start your evening with a champagne reception before your private group dinner with our Executive Chef learning new cooking skills and discovering the culinary secrets behind cooking that perfect dish.

Our event includes 4 key elements:

1. One hour Champagne reception and canapés from Chef's selection
2. Cooking masterclass for starter and dessert courses
3. Three Course meal from our Cookbook Cafe menu selector
4. House wines with dinner

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CHOCOLATIER BREAK

This naughty but delicious meeting break consists of a gorgeously rich chocolate fountain complete with fluffy marshmallows and:

Double choc and chocolate chip muffins

Super indulgence chocolate chip cookies

Chocolate éclairs

'Jaffa cake' ice creams

White chocolate truffles

Hot chocolate and chocolate milk shake

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GARDEN OF ENGLAND BREAK

For an authentic taste of England this break is sure to inspire. The tempting menu includes:

Whitstable oysters, vinegar and shallots

Romney Marsh lamb sausages

Broadstairs cod, pickled onion sauce

Cauliflower fritters from the Isle of Thanet

Caraway dressing

Kentish apple tarts

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TASTE OF THE NORTH BREAK

We bring the real and honest taste of the wonderful north of England to you in this charming break.

The authentic northern menu includes:

Yorkshire pork pies with piccalilli

Mini cottage pies

Sage and onion chicken

Scarborough fish and chip cones

Fruit cake

Scones and clotted cream

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