

April
2023

number 63 newsletter



Ann Garvie, Chair

Welcome to our April newsletter. The Board met at Hotel 63 last week to review our position and plan the year. I will be able to tell you more about those plans shortly. One of the decisions we have made is to complete the bedrooms in the apartment on the fourth floor and have them available to book. We plan to be able to allocate funds to the completion of the kitchen and we still hope to have the apartment finished later in the year.

You will realise I am sure that the hotel is fully booked over the Coronation period and that there are lots of Bank Holidays coming up in May. I hope you think of visiting London and Hotel 63 at this lovely time of the year.

Have you stayed at Hotel 63? Have you any photos or stories that you could share about your visit? Please email boardadmin@number63.co.uk

As I always say, remember, legacies are a wonderful way for members who have stayed at Hotel 63 over the years to leave a gift so that current and future generations can enjoy staying there too. If you decide to do this, please make sure there is an instruction to transfer your shares to number 63 or another Soroptimist or Club and leave your legacy.

Please contact me if you have any other ideas for funding the number 63 building improvements at chairman@number63.co.uk.

Best wishes to you all,
Ann

500 Club update

Did you know that you do not need to be a Soroptimist to buy a ticket and there are no restrictions on the number of tickets you can hold? <https://number63.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/500-form.pdf>

We have heard of a few ways that the tickets are being used. One is to give tickets to speakers or gifts to VIPs. If you have heard of any other ways, please let me know.

Please remember to renew your tickets and check your numbers are still valid. You can renew using BACS or Standing Order. There is a form attached for your convenience.

Thank you for your continued support,
Pat



Pat Dale



Please return the entire form to: -

Pat Dale, 187 Addington Road, South Croydon, CR2 8LN
pat_dale@hotmail.com

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How does Hotel 63 appear to the outside world?

The majority of our bookings come from Booking.com. I hope you find it interesting to see how they advertise Hotel 63.

The screenshot displays the Booking.com interface for Hotel 63. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'We Price Match', 'Info & prices', 'Facilities', 'House rules', and 'Guest reviews (1,033)'. The search bar on the left contains 'London' and has fields for 'Check-in date', 'Check-out date', and '2 adults · 0 children · 1 room'. The main listing area shows the hotel name 'Hotel 63' with a 3-star rating and the address '63 Bayswater Road, Westminster Borough, London, W2 3PH, United Kingdom'. Below the address is a map and a 'Show on map' button. The listing includes several photos of the hotel's interior, such as a lounge area, a room, and a bathroom. A 'Reserve' button is visible in the top right corner.

Stay in the heart of London.

In a prime location in the centre of London, Hotel 63 provides a buffet breakfast and free WIFI throughout the property. This 3-star hotel offers a shared lounge and a 24-hour front desk. Guests can have a drink at the bar.

All units in the hotel are equipped with a kettle. Every room is fitted with a desk and a flat-screen TV, and certain units at Hotel 63 have a balcony.

Popular points of interest near the accommodation include Paddington Station, The Serpentine and Royal Albert Hall. The nearest airport is London City Airport, 11.8 miles from Hotel 63.

Couples particularly like the location — they rated it **9.6** for a two-person trip.

Hotel 63 has been welcoming Booking.com guests since 28 Jan 2019.

Most popular facilities

- Free WiFi
- Family rooms
- Non-smoking rooms
- 24-hour front desk
- Lift
- Bar
- Heating
- Daily housekeeping
- Luggage storage

Guest reviews

See availability

8.4 Very good · 1,033 reviews [Read all reviews](#)

Categories:



Select topics to read reviews:

+ Location + Breakfast + Room + Clean + Bed

See what guests loved the most:

J **Jonna**
United Kingdom

"This is a lovely hotel run by the Soroptimists, who work for women's rights, so proceeds are supporting a vital cause. It is very clean and comfortable, and although the staff team is quite clearly small, they are very friendly and helpful...."

[Read more](#)

H **Hubert**
Poland

"A really cosy hotel in a great location, just in front of the Hyde Park and next to the subway. The staff was particularly friendly, I arrived before my room was ready... and I got a free upgrade! Lovely. Plus a cab from the airport."

[Read more](#)

R **Ryoichi**
Japan

"All the necessary items equipped Compact sized but just for me I am happy with 4types of warm pastry and yogurt for breakfast. Kind staff welcomed me."

[Read more](#)

Property questions and answers

See availability

Browse questions from guests for anything extra you want to know about the property

The property usually replies within a few hours

Q is the hotel and bedrooms wheelchair accessible

A Yes! We have a lift and rooms which are literally next to it, so very accessible! We also have accessible toilets.

Answered on 21 August 2021

Q Hi, do you have an iron and ironing board available in the rooms/at reception? Thanks, James

A Hello, yes there is an iron and ironing board in the rooms.

Answered on 18 July 2022

Q Hi, do you have left?

A yes we have a lift

Answered on 13 May 2022

Hotel surroundings *

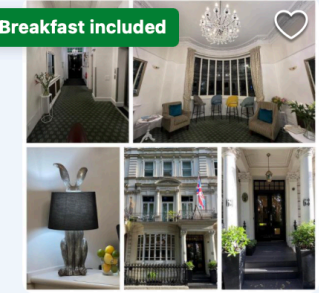
See availability

Guests loved walking around the neighbourhood! [Excellent location - show map](#)

What's nearby	Top attractions	Public transport
Sussex Gardens Open Space 200 yd	Natural History Museum 1.1 mi	Metro Lancaster Gate 100 yd
Talbot Square Gardens 400 yd	Madame Tussauds 1.3 mi	Metro Paddington (Circle & Bakerloo) 500 yd
Norfolk Square Garden 550 yd	Buckingham Palace 1.7 mi	Train Paddington Station 550 yd
Hyde Park Square 650 yd	Piccadilly Circus 1.9 mi	Train London Marylebone 1.1 mi
Hyde Park 700 yd	Trafalgar Square 2.1 mi	Bus Victoria Coach Station 1.8 mi
Kensington Gardens 700 yd	Churchill War Rooms 2.2 mi	
Floating Pocket Park 950 yd	British Museum 2.3 mi	Closest airports
Saint Mary's Square 1,050 yd	Big Ben 2.4 mi	London City Airport 10 mi
Perks Field 1,100 yd	Sky Garden 4.1 mi	RAF Northolt 11 mi
Kensington Palace 0.7 mi	Tower of London 4.4 mi	London Biggin Hill Airport 16 mi

It is always less expensive to stay at Hotel 63 if you use the Hotel 63 website to do the booking.
[https://direct-book.com/properties/number63hotelltdirect?locale=en&items\[0\]\[adults\]=1&items\[0\]\[children\]=0&items\[0\]\[infants\]=0&items\[0\]\[ratelid\]=491450¤cy=GBP&checkInDate=2023-04-17&checkOutDate=2023-04-18&trackPage=yes&selected=0](https://direct-book.com/properties/number63hotelltdirect?locale=en&items[0][adults]=1&items[0][children]=0&items[0][infants]=0&items[0][ratelid]=491450¤cy=GBP&checkInDate=2023-04-17&checkOutDate=2023-04-18&trackPage=yes&selected=0)

This is the booking for 1 person for 1 night on 17th April through Booking.com



Breakfast included

Hotel 63 ★★★

[Westminster Borough, London](#) · [Show on map](#) 2.1 miles from centre
Metro access

Standard Single Room with Shower
1 single bed

Breakfast included
Free cancellation
You can cancel later, so lock in this great price today.
Only 1 room left at this price on our site

Very good 8.4
1,033 reviews

Location 9.6


1 night, 1 adult
£150
Includes taxes and charges

[See availability >](#)

This is the booking for 1 person for 1 night on 17th April using Hotel 63 website.

GBP 130.00 total

Mon, 17 Apr 23 – Tue, 18 Apr 23 1 night
1 room, 1 guest

Single Room - Standard rate 

1 guest 1 night GBP 130.00

Total GBP 130.00

Book now, pay later!
Outstanding balance: GBP 130.00

[Book](#)

We do advise you that to get the best rate use the website to make your bookings. You will save money and so will Hotel 63 as the hotel has to pay a commission on every booking from Booking.com. if an SI member or an SI Club or Region visits it would be welcome if you could provide a photo and a few words. We will hope to feature them in the Newsletter.

Unmissable London events April 2023



Vaisakhi Festival in Trafalgar Square. Image courtesy of Greater London Authority

1. **Discover new music acts at [Camden Rocks](#):** This independent festival showcases hundreds of the best new and established bands across Camden Town. **1, 29 Apr**
2. **Take a London [walking tour](#):** Uncover the history of the [Great Fire of London](#), learn all about [royal coronations](#), and go behind the scenes at the [Houses of Parliament](#).
3. **Join the joyous [Vaisakhi Festival](#) in Trafalgar Square:** Mark the start of the Sikh New Year at this vibrant event in the centre of London. **14 Apr**.

Theatre shows in London

1. **Be dazzled by the spectacular musical [Moulin Rouge](#) at Piccadilly Theatre:** Sparkling costumes, colourful cabaret and sensational music await.
2. **Experience the magic of [Wicked](#) at the Apollo Victoria Theatre:** Be mesmerised by the spellbinding prequel to the Wizard of Oz.
3. **See the sensational [Dirty Dancing](#) at the Dominion Theatre:** Enjoy breathtaking dance moves and a sizzling soundtrack.
4. **Expect the unexpected at [The Play That Goes Wrong](#) at the Duchess Theatre:** Watch the hilarious antics of the accident-prone Cornley Drama Society.
5. **Laugh out loud at [Matilda The Musical](#) at the Cambridge Theatre:** Follow Roald Dahl's much-loved tale of a young girl who discovers she has magical powers.
6. **Sing along to top hits at [Choir of Man](#) at The Arts Theatre:** This lock-in at your new local for the night will be like no other.
7. **Discover the story of The Temptations at [Ain't Too Proud](#) at the Prince Edward Theatre:** Follow the tale of five boys who dream of music and success.
8. **Don't miss the dazzling [Moulin Rouge! The Musical](#) at the Piccadilly Theatre:** See the beloved movie come to life on stage.
9. **See the drama unfold from the jury box in Agatha Christie's [Witness for the Prosecution](#) at London County Hall:** Take your seat in the courtroom to witness a gripping murder trial.
10. **Celebrate girl power with [SIX](#) at the Vaudeville Theatre:** Hear the Tudor tales of Henry VIII's wives as they come together as pop princesses.

Where can I see spring flowers in London?



Image courtesy of RBG Kew.

1. **Take a stroll through [Kew Gardens](#):** Explore the beautiful botanic gardens and glasshouses as you admire trees and flowers from all over the world.
2. **Get your spring flower fix in the Memorial Gardens of [Buckingham Palace](#):** Admire a stunning seasonal array of flowers in this picturesque spot.
3. **Be charmed by the world-famous gardens of [Hampton Court Palace](#):** See brilliant displays of spring flowers in the spectacular Pond Garden and the Wilderness Garden.
4. **Visit the Sunken Garden and wildflower meadow at [Kensington Palace](#):** Follow in the footsteps of royalty in the beautiful palace gardens.
5. **See spring flowers in London's majestic [Royal Parks](#) and [gardens](#):** Connect with nature and watch the world go by in beautiful and historic surroundings.

Exhibitions in London

1. **Discover [Ai Wei Wei: Making Sense](#) at the Design Museum:** The artist and activist share his first design exhibition mixing recent works with commissioned pieces. **From 7 Apr**
2. **Explore [Donatello: Sculpting the Renaissance](#) at the V&A:** Visit the first major UK exhibition to showcase the exceptional talents of this Renaissance master.
3. **TV meets comics at [Gerry Anderson's Century 21](#) at the Cartoon Museum:** See classic comic artwork based on the worlds imagined by Gerry Anderson.
4. **Visit [Alice Neel: Hot Off The Griddle](#) at the Barbican:** Lose yourself in the vivid portraits of this talented American artist.
5. **Go on a journey into space at [Science Fiction: Voyage to the Edge of Imagination](#):** Board a spaceship and be at the heart of an epic science fiction story.

Unmissable London events May 2023



Georgi Mabee. Image courtesy of the Press Office.

1. **Marvel at stunning horticultural displays at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show:** Pick up the latest gardening trends and rehome a plant or two. **23-27 May**
2. **Bring beloved characters to life at Disney Wonder of Friendship The Experience:** Mark 100 years of Disney and enjoy enchanting installations at this AR experience. **12-21 May**
3. **Get a ticket for the Women's FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium:** Or join football fans in **pubs** all over London to cheer on your favourite team. **14 May**
4. **Start your spring at the annual Tulip Festival at Hampton Court Palace:** Admire spectacular displays of rare and historic flowers all across the gardens. **14 Apr-1 May**
5. **Enjoy great food and music at Pub in the Park:** Award-winning pubs bring incredible dishes to this foodie festival happening at various locations on select dates this May. **12 May-21 May**
6. **Discover Grand Designs Live at ExCel.** **29 Apr-7 May**
7. **Go dancing at the Jazz Cafe for Soul City: House & Disco:** Bust out your best moves at this iconic venue in Camden. **6, 13, 20 and 27 May**

London Theatre in May



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1. Be spellbound by **Wicked** at the Apollo Victoria
2. Meet the world's most hilarious housekeeper **Mrs Doubtfire** at the Shaftesbury Theatre: Based on the beloved film, this musical promises a night of fun for all.
3. See the bizarre **TONY! The Tony Blair Rock Opera** at Leicester Square Theatre: Discover the story of one of the UK's most famous modern-day prime ministers. **15 Apr-21 May**
4. Discover the exhilarating **Ain't Too Proud** at Prince Edward Theatre: The creators of Jersey Boys bring you the tale, and fantastic tunes, of The Temptations.
5. Meet the inspiring **Shirley Valentine** at the Duke of York's Theatre.
6. See the Hollywood classic **Pretty Woman** at the Savoy Theatres.
7. Join the immersive **Mamma Mia! The Party** at The O2: The ultimate dinner with a show featuring ABBA's most catchy hit songs.
8. Laugh out loud at live comedy shows at **West End Comedy Club**: See veteran acts and up-and-coming performers at this iconic club.

Family activities in May



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1. Plan a **Harry Potter-themed day out**: Have a magical adventure at **Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter**, where the iconic films were made.
2. Spend special moments together and see multiple attractions in one go: Pick up a sightseeing pass, such as the **London Pass**, the **London Explorer Pass** or the **Merlin Attractions Pass**.
3. Head outdoors and explore London: Tour the city on an open-top or hop-on hop-off **bus tour**, or take to the river on a special **Thames tour or cruise**.
4. Take the family on a **Paddington Bear Walking Tour**: Be on the lookout for iconic locations from the films and storybooks of London's most beloved bear. **13, 20, 27 and 30 May**
5. Explore the **Cutty Sark**: Bring out your inner adventurer as you discover London's iconic ship and its many workshops and events this spring.

London exhibitions in May



Photo by Bruno Bruchi.

1. Discover the captivating **Thin Air** exhibition at The Beams: A vast space with interconnecting installations from seven global contemporary artists. **17 Mar-4 Jun**
2. Climb onboard a spaceship for **Science Fiction: Voyage to the Edge of Imagination** at the Science Museum: Travel through the cosmos for a once-in-a-lifetime immersive adventure. **Until 4 May**
3. Marvel at **Magdalena Abakanowicz's** famous Abakans at Tate Modern: See the ambiguous woven fibre sculptures in a towering forest-like display, **Until 21 May**
4. Don't miss **Donatello: Sculpting the Renaissance** at the V&A: Explore the life and talents of one of the Renaissance's grand masters.
5. Explore **Hallyu! The Korean Wave** at the Victoria and Albert Museum: Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of South Korea.

