



The hotel's website is okay and its photo gallery was one of the reasons why we booked the hotel. But when we arrived we were

completely blown away! The hotel lobby, restaurants and the hotel room are much more stylish than we expected. The stylistically confident selection of items, materials, colours and lighting effects is awe-inspiring.

Hotel: Park Plaza Hotel Westminster Bridge London

Reviewed by Walter Schaerer on 12th June 2011.  
 Summary: Excellent stay in central London!  
 Description: Despite its remarkable size the hotel offers boutique style atmosphere and contemporary design.  
 Rating: 5 (out of 5)

### Park Plaza Hotel Westminster Bridge London

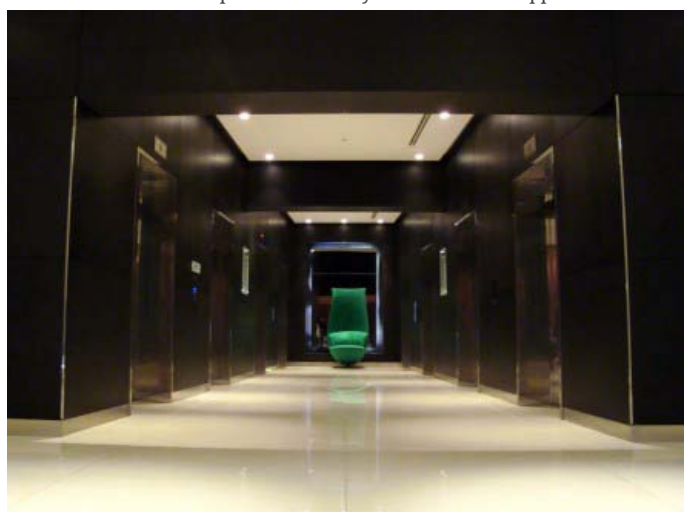
The hotel's website offers only a limited photo gallery that shows several rooms for conference and business needs. But the decor is the type of level you would expect from a **boutique hotel**: tasteful combinations of colours, materials and lighting make for a stunning **WOW effect**.

Check [availabilities and rates](#) here (this affiliate link opens in a new window, get's me a cent or two...).

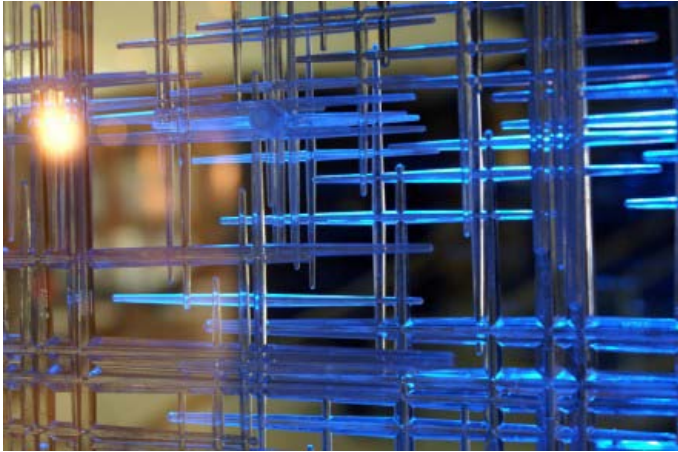
The hotel is situated next to Westminster Bridge and the rooms offer iconic views of Big Ben and the London Eye.



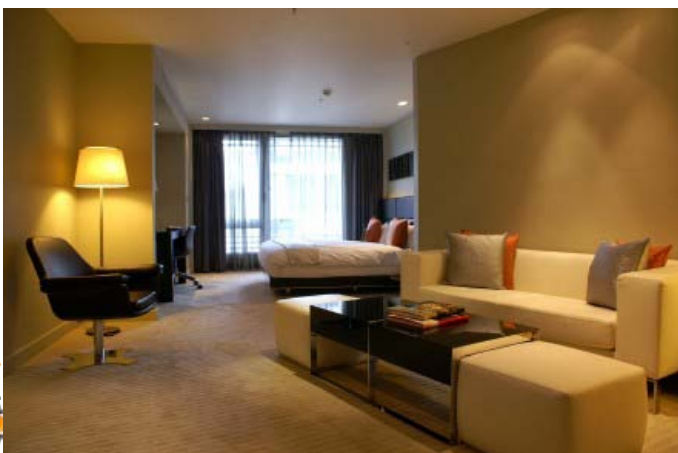
Reception at the lobby and entrance to upper floor elevators



Main elevators and 'their' chair



Close-up of illuminated lobby decoration



Studio room with view of the London Eye

## Visit London

We took the usual open top hop-on, hop-off [sightseeing bus tour](#) as it offers a good impression of the main attractions.



London Eye in front of Big Ben

**Excellent online resource** for all things London: [LondonTown.com](#) is among the best websites about London. It features an amazing wealth of information with different navigation options by topics.

Since you can spend quite a lot of time travelling from one neighbourhood to the next you may want to check your London activities ahead of time and then choose the hotel based on your geographic

preferences for things to do or restaurants to go to. LondonTown is perfectly suited for exactly that.



### Eating out – Dining in London

No one knows for sure just how many restaurants there are in London. We were overwhelmed by the choice and it didn't help a lot to narrow down by several criteria, there are still plenty of places to choose from. But anyway, at some point we were hungry and followed a friend's recommendation to the

#### Les Trois Garçons in Shoreditch



Table at the Trois Garçons restaurant in Shoreditch

The French restaurant [Les Trois Garçons](#) offers a 'wild' collection of decoration items. Handbags, deers or a giraffe may all be discovered more or less easily. We had a nice fish dinner with very kind service. Value for money was good.

#### Gaicho near Piccadilly Circus

When at some point Katja felt like having some meat we figured an Argentinean place should do the job... Based on their website we ventured to [Gaicho Picadilly](#). They offer atmospheric rooms for private functions and the Chateaubriand was excellent, of course...



Private dining at Gaicho Piccadilly



Ground floor wine bar at Gaucho Piccadilly



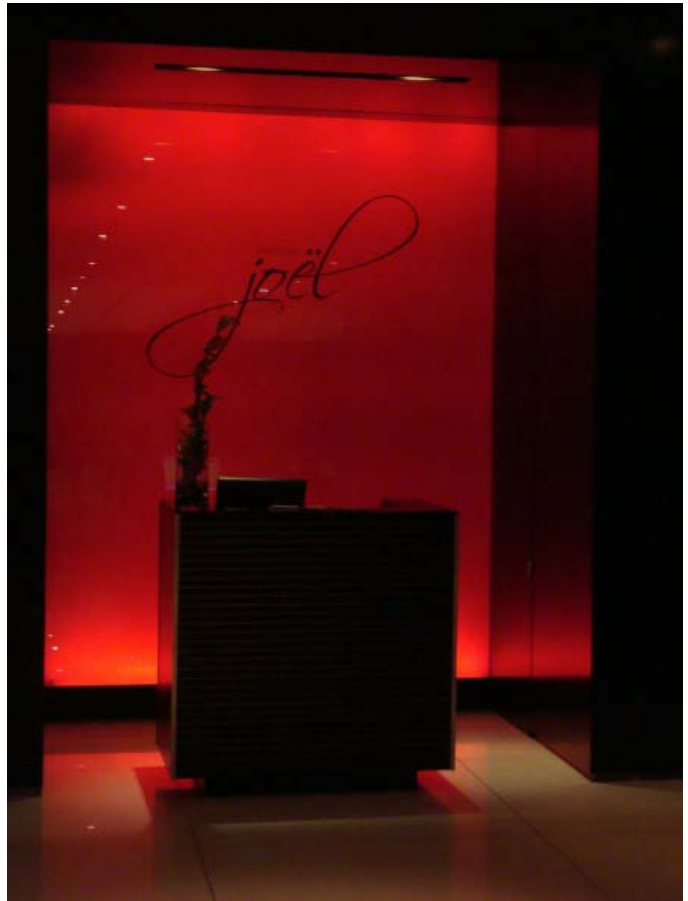
Table at Gaucho Piccadilly Argentinean restaurant

[Cavas de Gaucho](#), their associated wine boutique, with a note on the wine we had and its grape variety and origin. Well done!

### Brasserie Joël

And then there's a restaurant we didn't go to but we should: The hotel's own [Brasserie Joël](#). The Times' food critic Giles Coren gave the place a 9 out of 10 and several other critics praise Michelin Star winning Chef Joël Antunes' cuisine as well. That's for next time around...

Check out their website for an impression of the masterfully crafted menus!



Reception at Brasserie Joël in the Park Plaza Westminster Bridge hotel

With the bill (very good value for money) came a **clever thing**: They added a business card of the



Brasserie Joël's atmospheric illumination and decor

### Animated Photo Gallery



Glass-facade-reflecting-shining-sun



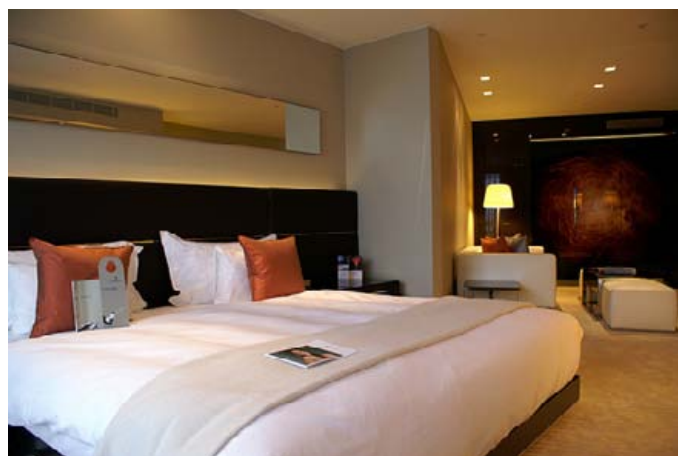
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hotel-room-park-plaza-westminster-bridge-london-eye-view



Bathroom-Park-Plaza-Hotel-Westminster-Bridge-London



Studio-room-bed-Park-Plaza-Westminster-Bridge-Hotel-London



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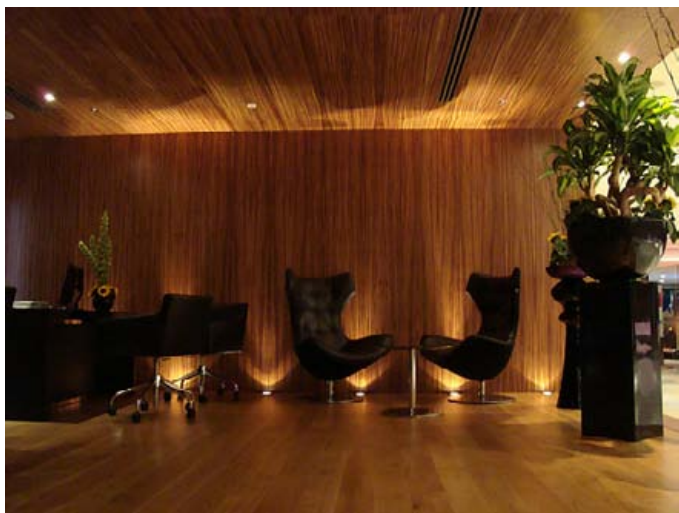


Lobby-illuminated-decoration-park-plaza-hotel-westminster-bridge-london

View-Park-Plaza-Hotel-Westminster-Bridge-Big-Ben-London



elevator-pitch-lobby-park-plaza-hotel-westminster-bridge-london



Wooden-Hotel-lobby-Park-Plaza-Westminster-Bridge-London



Atrium-view-Park-Plaza-Hotel-Westminster-Bridge



Orchid-decoration-hotel-lobby-park-plaza-westminster-bridge-hotel





Mask-white-armchairs-lobby-Park-Plaza-Hotel-Westminster-Bridge-London



Hotel-bar-lobby-seats



lamps-couch-vase-exhibition-park-plaza-hotel-westminster-bridge-london



Brasserie-Joel-restaurant-park-plaza-westminster-bridge



park-plaza-hotel-westminster-bridge-london-lobby-reception



GaUCHO-Piccadilly-restaurant-private-room



GaUCHO-Piccadilly-restaurant-wine-bar

Brasserie-Joel-restaurant-Park-Plaza-Hotel-Westminster-Bridge



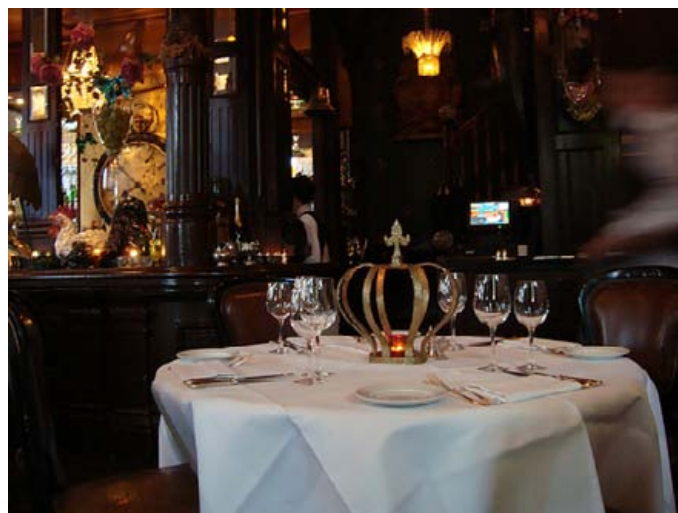


Entrance-Gauchos-Piccadilly-Argentinean-restaurant

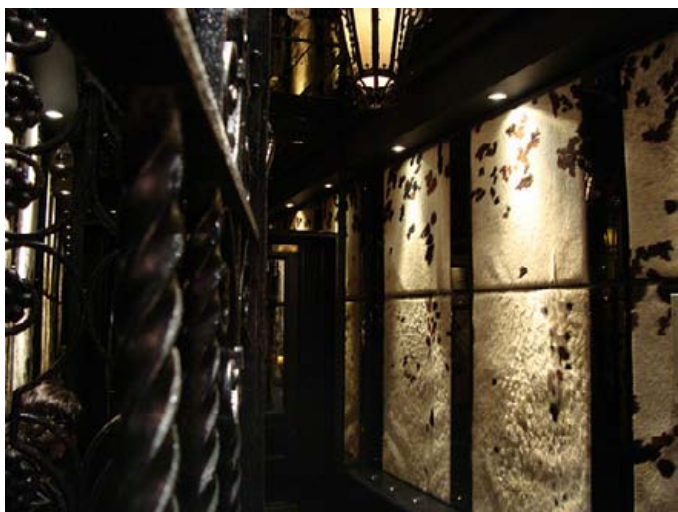


This-taxi-welcomes-visa-London

Gauchos-Piccadilly-restaurant-table-decoration-illumination

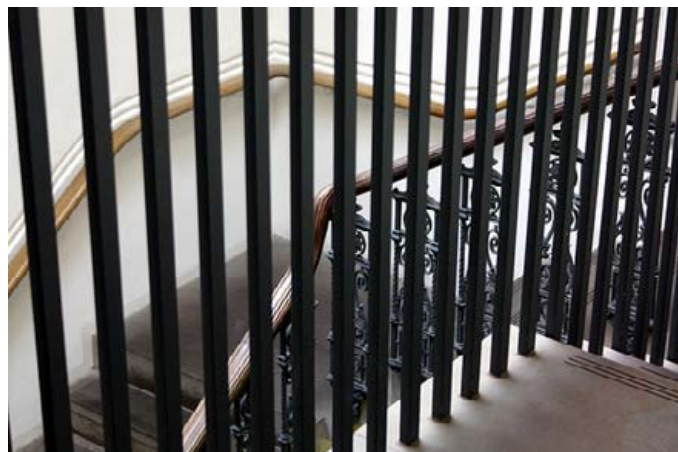


Les-Trois-Garcons-restaurant-table-London

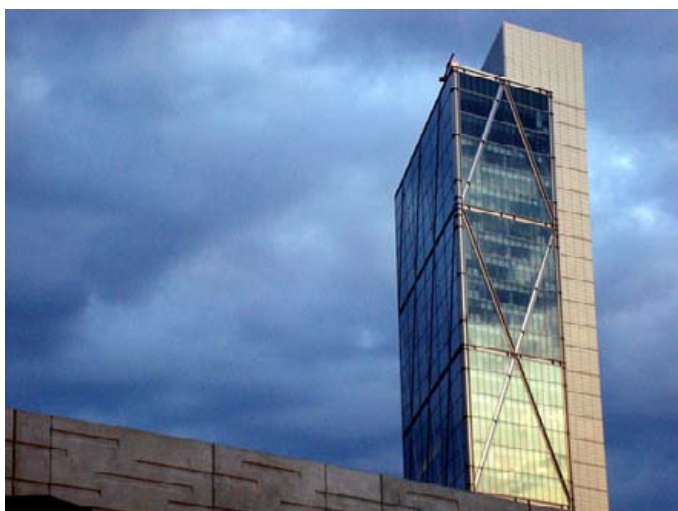




Les-Trois-Garcons-restaurant-london-shoreditch



Whitechapel-gallery-staircase



avantgardetower-apartment-tower-shoreditch-london



This-will-be-available-on-canvas-later-brick-wall-London-Shoreditch



Other stylish London hotels:

London-taxi-cab

If you enjoyed this you may want to check out the complete photo gallery on [Flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com).

### Other London Hotels on our Shortlist

- [The Hempel](#) – Small 5-Star boutique hotel
- [W Hotel Leicester Square](#) – Innovative and chic design
- [Hotel Verta Battersea](#) – Hotel at London’s Vertical Gateway...
- [Flemings Mayfair Hotel](#) – Boutique hotel in Georgian townhouses
- [Radisson Edwardian Bloomsbury Street](#) – Beguiling style and comfort
- [The Marylebone Hotel](#) – Understated and contemporary luxury
- [Sanctum Soho Hotel](#) – 6 distinctive mood schemes
- [Sanderson Hotel](#) – 5 star luxury hotel
- [Blakes Hotel](#) – hmm... see for yourself!

A friend’s restaurant recommendation included the [Criterion](#). We’ll have to personally check that the next time around...