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The Beaumont Hotel London

Returning from South Africa I planned a pre-Christmas layover in London knowing it would be fun. London is always exciting with iconic hotels and amazing store windows. The city is aglow with lights and festivities. This visit, I decided to stay at a hotel I had never visited. I chose The Beaumont, a luxury, five-star Mayfair hotel with 73 rooms and suites. This was a very meticulous refurbishing of an Art Deco building. After 6 years the hotel opened in the fall of 2014. The Beaumont's vintage Daimler is available on a complimentary basis for the use of hotel guests for drop-offs within Mayfair. I loved the neighborhood; the hotel is a short walk to Selfridges, many small boutique shops and restaurants

London has exceptional exhibits and activities all year long. I planned a visit to Kensington Palace; on view was an exhibition of Princess Diana's dresses. The Palace and gardens were beautifully decorated for Christmas.



Clockwise. 1. The hotel facade. 2. An elegant understated lobby features cherry walls and black-and-white checkerboard flooring that nods to the building's Art Deco past. 3. The hotel overlooks Brown Hart Gardens, a 10,000-square-foot public garden on top of a former electricity substation, formerly the Elephant House of Queen Victoria. 4. Seating area in the Art Deco lobby at Christmas.



There is a unique guest suite as part of the hotel, Antony Gormley's extraordinary inhabitable sculpture, the 'ROOM'. The 'ROOM' forms the bedroom of a single suite. An alluring, mysterious space, its creation allowed the artist to 'sculpt darkness', encouraging its guests to enjoy a meditative moment of withdrawal from the busy world outside. It is both a monumental cuboid sculpture based on the artist's body and an architectural extension of the hotel.



All rooms and suites have dual-line telephones, voice messaging, personally controlled air-conditioning and windows that can be opened, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access and local calls, complimentary interactive film and music on demand, complimentary soft drinks, coffee and tea, and a personal laptop safe. My favorite was the heated mirrors and tile floor in the bathroom.

The Beaumont is the first hotel from Corbin & King, the highly regarded restaurateurs behind The Wolseley, The Delaunay and a number of other leading restaurants in the capital.

Inside the Beaumont guests can choose from the glamorous Colony Grill Room restaurant, the stylish American Bar and the exclusive residents' lounge the Cub Room. The Colony Grill Room is the main dining space at the Beaumont, with a menu inspired by the traditional grill rooms of London and New York. The walls are lined with murals depicting American sporting life. The American Bar is the Beaumont's sophisticated answer to an old-school watering hole, with whiskey-hued interiors surrounded by black-and-white photographs of bygone eras. The intimate, guests-only Cub Room is available to those looking for a little privacy amid lush leather and velour seating.





Clockwise: Entrance to the Colony Grill Room and the American Bar. The American Bar. The Cub Room. The Colony Grill Room.





The fabulous Art Deco murals in the Colony Grill Room.





The viennoiseries and preserves in the Cub Room. The Cub Room with Residents' Bar and Lounge open every day, from early until late with Complimentary 'help yourself' morning coffee, tea, juices, fabulous home-made pastries.

If you have inquiries for London I am happy to assist with hotels and and curated tours. Up next is my new South Africa newsletter coming very soon.

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