

COUR-TEA-SAN DELIGHT

Lingerie designer Modern Courtesan will be hosting a slightly different afternoon tea each month. Revamping the Metropolitan bar into a sensual boudoir with the help of interior designer Madame Sera, the event will be a ladies only seduction class. Designed for Hens and curious couples, from 2-4pm you will be entertained by guest speakers who will offer words of advice and interest in the world of burlesque. Guest speakers so far have included Stephen Bayley on his book 'Woman as Design' and erotic accessories designer JimmyJane, to name but a few. There will also be a performance by true blue burlesque darling Roxy Velvet as well as an introduction to the art of striptease. With aphrodisiacs scenting the room, butter and wheat-free cakes, as well as discounts on purchased pieces, tea-time will never be the same. The Ritz should be getting worried. Tickets are £50 and can be purchased in advance.

www.themoderncourtesan.com



THE PANTECHNICON ROOMS

The Thomas Cubitt has a Sister! The Pantechnicon at 10 Motcomb Street is a smart neighbourhood pub and dining room for Belgravia. The distinguished, listed, 1840s corner building is located on one of the area's most thriving streets and has undergone a remarkable renovation. There's a relaxed and informal bar on the ground floor that serves food all day and a more formal dining room on the first floor that offers dishes such as a prime Scottish beef cut and great fish. The Pantechnicon has already become a buzzy place to meet in the area, particularly on a summer's evening when the huge windows are opened. Make use of the 'August special offer', 20% off the food bill in the first floor dining room, by quoting 'August special offer'. The Pantechnicon Rooms, 10 Motcomb Street, London, SW1X 8LA.

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Each Deirdre Dyson carpet is produced by Nepalese experts, using Tibetan wool and the ancient skill of hand-knotting. Silk elements can also be added for a touch of pure luxury. Hand-tufted carpets are also available and are made in Scotland or Yorkshire from the finest New Zealand wool. Such natural materials are enhanced by a series of striking designs (and the option for bespoke commissions), making the finished carpet a unique work of art. Prices for hand-knotted Nepalese carpets start from £575 per sq m. Prices for hand-tufted British carpets start from £595 per sq m.

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A mere 90 minutes from LAX, the historic Ojai Valley Inn & Spa nestles at the foot of the majestic Topa Topa mountains, surrounded by 220 acres of golf course, beautiful gardens and mature oak trees. Fresh from a \$90 million renovation, the Inn's style preserves the original Spanish Colonial and Old California architecture. Separate one-storey haciendas are spread throughout the expansive property, giving a 'resort within a resort' experience, each with beautiful courtyards and gardens at their centre, tinkling fountains and a myriad of colourful plant life. At Spa Ojai, guests can choose from a wide variety of spa treatments, many of which use local, seasonal produce such as lavender, avocado and pumpkin. The Inn offers guests world-class golf on the classic 18-hole championship golf course, and also boasts a complete tennis centre with four hard courts. Other activities include guided lake fishing, horse riding and kayaking, with beaches, surfing and sailing just minutes away. Ojai Valley Inn & Spa 905 Country Club Road, Ojai, CA 93023. Room prices start from \$400 per night for a standard double.

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