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Loving LONDON



CENTRAL: Trafalgar Square and inset, The Strand Palace Hotel

YVONNE GORDON finds the perfect base for a city break

DUE TO Sterling being a lot cheaper right now, it's a great excuse to visit one of the most exciting cities in the world, London.

With so many hotels to choose from, it can be baffling trying to find one that is central, high quality and decent value.

The Strand Palace Hotel has long been a favourite with Irish visitors and its location in the heart of the West End on The Strand, right beside Covent Garden Market, is hard to beat for shopping and nightlife.

The hotel first opened in 1909 as an art-deco gem and it's just a few minutes' walk from the big West End shows. Also nearby are cultural landmarks like St Paul's Cathedral, Trafalgar Square and the River Thames with the London Eye on its banks.

The Strand Palace is also within walking distance of Regent Street and just one Lon-

don Underground stop from Oxford Street with shops like John Lewis, Selfridges and a large branch of Topshop.

If you're taking in an evening show, some of the best are The Lion King at the Lyceum (two minutes' walk from the hotel), Aladdin at the Prince Edward Theatre (10-15 minutes' walk) and The Phantom Of The Opera at Her Majesty's Theatre (10 minutes' walk).

At the hotel itself, as well as having a dinner and pre-theatre menu, Dawaat Indian Restaurant also serves an Indian afternoon tea, with a selection of lightly spiced nibbles like Bombay burgers, lamb samosas and sweet Indian pastries. There's also a carvery and grill, Gin Palace cocktail



bar and Sacred Café.

A double room at the Strand Palace costs from £150 per room (approx €175) and advance bookings get 15 per cent off the stay. Book online and get a

complimentary bottle of prosecco plus a £15 voucher for the hotel's restaurants and bars. For information and to book, see www.strandpalacehotel.co.uk.

If you're traveling to London for shopping and will have luggage, check out CityJet's fares to London which start at €35 one way, include a 15kg check-in bag plus snacks and drink on board, and bring you right to London City where you can take the Docklands Light Rail and London Underground to the hotel (fares from £2.80 with an Oyster card), see www.cityjet.com

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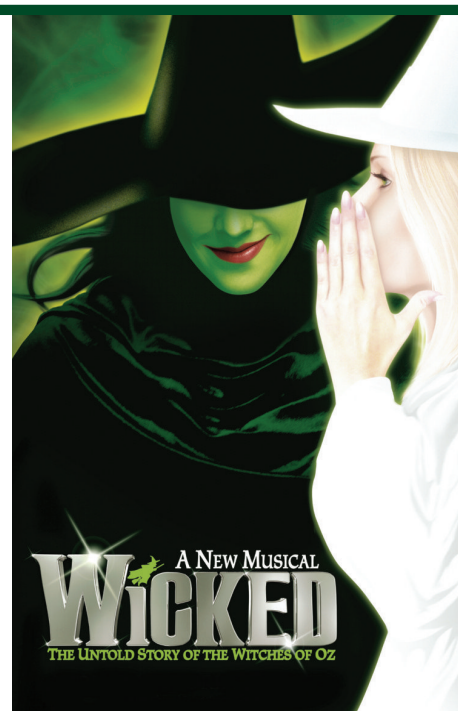
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