

LONDON'S BEST PICNIC SPOTS

Summer is well and truly here, and what better way to appreciate the sunshine and warm weather this season than with an outdoor picnic. There are some wonderful gems of green spaces throughout the city and so this month we are delighted to have compiled a list offering you the best locations across the city. All of these locations are within close distance of The Wellesley either by foot or in our exclusive Rolls-Royce service.

HYDE PARK



We had to begin by including our neighbour and one of London's most iconic and spacious parks. One of eight Royal Parks in London, Hyde Park has a vast range of attractions. Beyond the gorgeous open grass, it also connects to Kensington Palace and Gardens by a bridge across the Long Water and the Serpentine. Perfect for setting out a picnic blanket followed by enjoying an afternoon of walking the many paths.

BLOOMSBURY SQUARE



This pretty little oasis is steeped in history as the oldest square in London, created by Lord Southampton as a plaza for his mansion. Now open to the public, it is still a beautiful place to retreat from the bustle of the streets and enjoy a picnic under the canopies of trees after visiting the nearby British Museum.

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THE REGENT'S PARK

This Royal Park is a little different to the others thanks to its boating lake, which offers boat and pedalo hire throughout the Summer. Rent a deckchair and soak up the rays or take a wander around the beautiful Queen Mary's Gardens and admire the many different flowers. There is plenty of space to park a rug and take in the view of London from Primrose Hill, which is second to none. After a lovely picnic, visit London Zoo, only a moments' walk from The Regent's Park.



TEMPLE GARDENS

The Temple Gardens are situated just off London Embankment and provide the perfect secluded spot for a leisurely lunch, surrounded by beautiful flowerbeds and historic buildings and features. Inspired by a combination of Dutch and English architecture, this little-known garden is a demonstration of British historical trends and is richly imbued with both culture and beauty for all to admire.

HOLLAND PARK AND KYOTO GARDEN



If you're looking for some slightly different scenery for your picnic excursion, there is no better place than Kyoto Garden in Holland Park. The small Japanese garden is one of the many places to explore in Holland Park, created to reflect the Japanese values of tranquility and serenity. Beautifully photogenic for that ideal Instagram shot, this oasis is the perfect place to relax and spend some time whilst enjoying al fresco bites.

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ST JAMES'S PARK



Situated in the heart of ceremonial London, St James's Park is perfect for viewing the many spectacular pageants that take place on The Mall and Horse Guard's Parade during the year. Take a walk across the Blue Bridge and see the spectacular views across St James's Park Lake to the west towards Buckingham Palace and to the east with the London Eye. It is the oldest of the Royal Parks and borders the historic Buckingham Palace Gardens and Green Park so there are plenty of paths to explore.

We will gladly point you in the right direction of the picnic spot for you whilst staying at The Wellesley. We can happily arrange transport to and from the spaces. If we can be of any assistance in the meantime, please contact us by emailing concierge@thewellesley.co.uk.

Until next time

Jim, Richard and David

The Wellesley Concierge team



JUBILEE GARDENS

Situated in the shadow of the London Eye, this simple park is a perfect green space in the bustling area of the South Bank. It was redeveloped in 2012 to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Summer Olympics. With plenty of places to sit down and enjoy the views across the Thames and a fantastic play area to keep the children occupied; this is a wonderful resting point for a picnic whilst you are out and exploring London's South Bank for the day.