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"I WANT TO INSPIRE WOMEN TO BE THE BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES." **VICTORIA BECKHAM** & OTHER EXTRAORDINARY LEADERS TALK TO VOGUE ABOUT BEING EMPOWERED & MAKING A DIFFERENCE

VOGUE VOYAGE



The elegant lobby of the Levin hotel in London's Knightsbridge.



The staircase to guest rooms at the Levin.

The boutique hotel

The Levin Hotel is less than a minute's walk to Harrods in Knightsbridge – guests can always find a black cab by hopping over to the Harrods taxi rank – and it's steps away from the nearest tube station, making it exceedingly well located.

The emphasis at the Levin is on the boutique: service is personal but discreet, and they know you by name. Breakfast at the downstairs Metro bistro is included in the room rate, and although it's an unassuming, charming space the food is stellar: hotelier David Levin is serious about dining – he owns a vineyard in the Loire Valley and he has a track record of hiring talented chefs (Outlaw's restaurant at the Capital, the Levin's sister property next door, is helmed by Michelin-starred chef Nathan Outlaw).

The establishment has only 12 rooms and suites, which are decorated in such an assured style that the place feels more like your devastatingly elegant cousin's London apartment than a hotel. When can we move in?

Go to www.thelevinhotel.co.uk.

Capital idea

Travelling to London? Base yourself in Knightsbridge to optimise your shopping expeditions and satisfy your cultural cravings.
By Zara Wong.

In the area

Everyone has an opinion on where to stay in London. There are the East London fans, and those who want to be in the centre of it all. But if it's unadulterated luxury fashion you're after it has to be Knightsbridge, home to Harrods, Harvey Nichols, stores such as Burberry and Dolce & Gabbana and high-street labels like the Kooples and Russell & Bromley.



The awe-inspiring Natural History Museum on Cromwell Road.

Museum mile

The Tates, the Natural History Museum, British Museum, Victoria and Albert, the National Gallery ... the choice can be overwhelming, so check exhibitions in advance. Some lesser known museums are filled with less hyped gems, such as the Wallace Collection, a former townhouse which has rare decorative arts and paintings by Titian, Rembrandt and more.



City style

Londoners are justifiably proud of their eclectic style: multi-brand boutiques are plentiful and each has their own spin. Browns, by the inimitable Joan Burstein, does rarefied luxury like no other; Dover Street Market is avant-garde cool; Matches Fashion is for the well-heeled jet set; and the Shop at Bluebird is for the waspy party girl. Selfridges has become a landmark shopping destination for its specialised departments, like a wellness and athleisurewear section with a Hemsley + Hemsley cafe.



Play time at Dover Street Market.

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