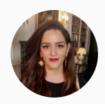
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Where To Stay In Chelsea, London's Poshest Neighborhood



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Eating and Drinking In Chelsea:

It's not just its classic-cool design and shimmering five-star service that makes The Cadogan the best hotel in town, it's also the food. With visionary, award-winning Chef Patron Adam Handling at the helm, serving everything from flawless, freshly baked breakfast pastries and afternoon tea, to extraordinarily creative cocktails and highly memorable dinners at The Cadogan's flagship, Adam Handling, Chelsea, there is little reason to leave the hotel for a bite to eat.

Even if you don't stay overnight at The Cadogan, a drink or a meal is practically mandatory while in Chelsea. Breakfast, for both guests and locals, is served in a part of the hotel that was once a former bank and now features high-design lighting and an almost Parisian vibe, with bistro curtains and outdoor seating. In the evenings, the same space transforms into a glowing, atmospheric bar, where the custom illustrated menus are presented in hallowed-out books and come complete with a welcome tipple hidden inside. Drinks are exquisite and legitimately creative. Try the whip-smart Royal Mistress (another nod to the Jersey Lilly) made with mezcal and cynar. The magic of the drinks are only surpassed by the magic of the dining room, located just behind the bar in what was once Langtry's apartment. Dishes range from the daring (see: Mother, a nest of ribboned celeriac, truffle and crisp apple, made for Handling's vegetarian mother) to the classic (see: the perfectly seared beef of rib for two with fat fluffy chips). Don't skip on dessert, which is presented on the menu as a trio of ingredients (i.e. "new season carrot, sea buckthorn, olive" or "English rhubarb, hibiscus, bayleaf"), which Handling alchemizes into more magic.

Elsewhere in Chelsea, one of the best ways to explore the neighborhood is to find the local pub. The Surprise makes for a good contender for a pint, attracting locals with its newly refreshed country-chic interiors and indie spirit. The dessert hotspot, Peggy Porschen Chelsea is a favorite with the international set, drawing crowds with its pretty-in-pink, photogenic stylings. Daphne's is an old-school British haunt with an English-garden-inspired conservatory; and the casual, farm-to-fork Rabbit is another local Chelsea gem.