

# Best Suites



## The Ritz London

THE RITZ LONDON ([WWW.THERITZLONDON.COM](http://WWW.THERITZLONDON.COM)), A LEGEND SINCE its opening in 1906, has been restored over the past 12 years with no detail, either in the public areas or elegant guest rooms and suites, left untouched. William Kent House, an 18<sup>th</sup> century town house situated at 22 Arlington Street now adjoins the hotel. The historic mansion includes a collection of lavishly decorated rooms and suites carefully restored to their original Italian Renaissance style decor. In addition to the five banquet rooms available for private functions, three sumptuous new residential suites have been created on the upper floors of the house.

The Royal Suite is a one-bedroom, split-level duplex incorporating a magnificent drawing room with a 14-foot vaulted gilded ceiling and a separate formal dining room with seating for 10 people at a mahogany table. Both reception rooms have marbled fireplaces and park views. A hidden staircase leads to an oval bedroom, with a canopied bed covered in a hand-embroidered bedspread designed in France. Decorated with hand-painted panels and lighting fixtures and an intricate hand-woven circular carpet, this unique bedroom features a three-sided bay window overlooking Green Park. The suite also includes a pink and grey Italian marble bathroom, his and her dressing rooms, and a private study.



The Prince of Wales Suite is a spacious, seven-room, apartment-style penthouse measuring almost 2,000 square feet. The opulent drawing room features restored period woodwork, an original fireplace, and a large bay window from which to enjoy outstanding views over the park towards Buckingham Palace. A large, stately dining room accommodating up to 10 guests adjoins the main salon. The suite also has its own entrance hall and butler's kitchen and two connecting bedrooms decorated in delicate pastel upholstery, each with walk-in closets and marble bathrooms.

The Arlington Suite, overlooking the inner courtyard, is a charming one-bedroom suite with apartment-style accommodations comprising a lounge, a bedroom decorated in blue and green printed chintz, a walk-in closet, and two Italian marble bathrooms. This suite can be linked to the Prince of Wales Suite to create an apartment totalling 2,790 square feet for up to six guests.

The suites' decor skilfully incorporates contemporary technological facilities, including in-room laptop computers, high-speed Internet access, CD and DVD players, flat screen TVs, and cordless phones. The Royal and Prince of Wales Suites also offer an iPod docking station and a full CD and DVD library.

Guests in the residential suites in William Kent House can expect the same service for which The Ritz is renowned. For instance, residents in these specialty suites also enjoy the services of The Ritz Butler – guests in the Royal and Prince of Wales Suites do so on a complimentary basis. The Ritz maintains a staff-to-guestroom ratio of two to one, and 24-hour room service and concierge, as well as housekeeping services ensure the personalized attention to detail that epitomizes the luxury and comfort of every stay at The Ritz. ●



*Clockwise from top left: the Royal Suite bedroom; the Royal Suite living room; The Prince of Wales Suite living room; and the Arlington Suite bedroom*