

TAJ HOTELS LONDON MARKS QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S CENTENARY IN THE HEART OF THE CAPITAL'S ROYAL DISTRICT



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On 21 April 2026, Queen Elizabeth II would have celebrated her 100th birthday, a milestone that will place Britain, and especially London's royal district, firmly in the spotlight. With commemorations and cultural moments unfolding across the capital, few addresses are more naturally aligned with the centenary than [St. James' Court, A Taj Hotel](#) and [Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences](#), neighbouring sister properties both just a five minute stroll from Buckingham Palace.

In honour of this landmark moment, guests staying at these two Taj Hotel London properties can enhance their visit with a liveried horse and carriage ride through Westminster, a stunning optional extra that begins directly outside on Buckingham Gate. The route passes Westminster Abbey and Parliament Square, with sweeping views of Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, before continuing along Birdcage Walk, through Horse Guards Parade and down The Mall towards Buckingham Palace.

If desired, this unforgettable experience can also be twinned with a visit to *Queen Elizabeth II: Her Life in Style* at The King's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, running until 18 October. Spanning the late Queen's life and reign through fashion, the exhibition will explore how clothing helped shape one of the most recognisable public images in modern history.

Back at [TH@51](#), the signature restaurant and bar serving both hotels, **The Queen's Centenary Table** is a new, limited edition menu created for the occasion, whether enjoyed during a stay at either property or as a standalone dining option.

Available until the end of October, the menu has been created by **Executive Chef Sujoy Gupta** and will be served alongside the regular à la carte offering. Celebrating the enduring elegance of the British table, it draws on exceptional produce, landscapes and traditions closely associated with Her Majesty.

A starter of John Ross smoked salmon nods to Balmoral and to a supplier long associated with the Royal Household, while a composed salad of plant shoots, cress, English cheddar, blueberries, roasted pine nuts, pumpkin seeds and pomegranate brings a fresher, lighter touch.

For mains, there is a choice of either pistachio-crusted Welsh lamb rack with roasted potatoes, a dish that calls to mind the grandeur of state banquet dining, or grilled Portobello mushroom with asparagus and beurre blanc. Chocolate biscuit cake, widely known to have been one of the Queen's favourite desserts, provides a fitting final note.

A specially curated drinks list extends the theme, from Taj Signature London 51 Dry Gin, which balances London character with the warmth of Taj hospitality, to the Swan of Avon cocktail, a blend of gin, fruit tea, elderflower and tonic. Nyetimber Classic Cuvée also gives English sparkling wine its moment. From 15 May to 31 August, the menu can also be enjoyed in the TH@51 Courtyard alfresco dining area, bringing an outdoor summer dimension to the celebration in one of central London's most tranquil private courtyards.

Together, St. James' Court, A Taj Hotel, and Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences offer richly atmospheric and exceptionally well-placed bases from which to experience this landmark season. Framed by pageantry, remembrance and culture, the properties bring guests to the heart of the royal district at a time when the capital's ceremonial and historic character feel especially vivid.

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St. James' Court, A Taj Hotel, London

Set in the heart of Westminster, St. James' Court, A Taj Hotel, London is a landmark Victorian hotel known for its distinctive character, refined style and signature Taj hospitality. Just footsteps from Buckingham Palace and St. James's Park, the hotel is ideally positioned for guests looking to experience one of London's most storied neighbourhoods, whether visiting for business or leisure. Its dining collection includes Michelin-starred Quilon, award-winning Kona for afternoon tea, and TH@51 Restaurant, Bar and Courtyard, alongside a range of conference rooms and banqueting suites.

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