

LONDON - 51 Buckingham Gate

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Review of Property: Elegance without pretention

First the basics:

- 51 Buckingham Gate is a 5 star hotel that is part of the Taj Hotel Group and we have a wonderful contact / relationship with both the US rep, Melinda Anderson-de-Regil and the Manager and sales staff at the actual property who are Semiha Askin and Jeroen Suijker. Please contact them directly and let them know you are part of ACPA, as they WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU!
- The property is literally a 3 minute walk from Buckingham Palace. Yet, it's set off the street so privacy is a guarantee.
- Primarily a 'residential suite' hotel, but suites can be booked for one night to extended stays lasting more than a year or longer. All have fully-equipped kitchens, full suite wifi, spectacular bathrooms and insanely comfortable beds!
- 51 Buckingham Gate can please the single traveler, a couple, family with children of any age or dignitaries with an entourage. Suites are available in a variety of sizes, up to a 4 bedroom suite. Butlers, drivers, nannies, PA's, all can be provided if they are not part of your traveling group. Kitchen can be fully stocked with any item be it from Tesco's to Harrods.
- Lounge / Bar off lobby. Gym and Spa across the courtyard.
- Michelin star restaurant – The Quilon Restaurant – Indian cuisine
- Perfect location if media / paparazzi need to be kept at bay as the entrance is through a private courtyard.

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Accommodations:

Ann and I experienced a 3 bedroom suite of which we both had a spacious bedroom with king size bed and full bath. There was also an additional bedroom with 2 full beds with its own designated bath. The suite also had a full dining room and an enormous living room with fireplace, huge TV, and a/v system. The kitchen was fully-equipped with a washer/dryer unit, as well. The overall suite had a large entry and spacious hallways; not what you expect in London. The décor was tastefully modern, but not to the extent of 'sterile.' All furnishings were incredibly comfortable and inviting! Hardwood floors with area rugs in the hallways and clean carpeting in the rooms. Bathrooms are modern with full bathtub, separate shower and televisions! Bathroom amenities are currently Molton Brown.

Overall:

I was absolutely floored. Generally when you walk into a London brownstone the accommodations may be spectacular, but it will be on the 'small' side. Upon entrance to our suite, I was overwhelmed by the amount of space and immediate 'you are home' feeling. When in London, I generally cannot wait to walk and explore the city. Never had I sat in a room (much less such a spacious living room) and felt 'I'm good just hanging out here for a while.' Personally, I feel this type of atmosphere is crucial as the point of a residential property is to feel that it's 'home' be it for a night or 6 months. Honestly, I'd have no problem calling this home, but more importantly, I would have no hesitation at all placing my client at 51 Buckingham Gate.

In addition to a luxury Spa at 51 facility that will tailor the menu to pamper your client (and if needed, in-room service can be provided), is a large gym / aerobic area with top notch equipment with locker rooms with steam and changing areas. If your client is in need a trainer one can be provided for any specific type of regiment needed.

Ann strongly felt in addition to the magnificent suites, the restaurants are part of the incredible Taj Experience. We had the pleasure of dining at The Quilon which features South Indian cuisine. Ann thought by far it was the best meal of the entire trip. She's still dreaming about each flavorful bite and rightfully so! If Indian food is not for you, there are several other dining options including Courtyard at 51 which has a beautiful bar and is surrounded by windows and doors that open up to the fountain in the courtyard. During the summer months, there are outdoor barbeques and musical performances. Also, in the library each evening is complimentary beverages and canapés for hotel guests.

51 Buckingham Gate pays very close attention to all the details and your clients are guaranteed to be very well taken care of here.

