

## London - The ATHENAEUM

Property: The Athenaeum

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Review of Property: Great apartments too!

Basics:

- Mayfair London location (SHOPPING!!!)
- Free wifi throughout hotel.
- Mini bar is complimentary for most rooms (except alcohol) alcohol for upper room rates.
- Small but great spa / gym facility. Very clean.
- Perfect location right on Picadilly across from Green Park.
- Whisky bar / Restaurant and Tea Room on property

Accommodations:

Ann and I experienced the Parkview Double Rooms which had spectacular views overlooking Green Park. Perfect size for either an individual, but still very comfortable for a couple. Rooms had free wifi, complimentary mini bar (except alcohol), flat screen and Bose ipod sound system. Bathrooms were very clean and nicely laid out.

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Overall:

Ann's Thoughts:

The first thing you notice about The Athenaeum is the building itself. It is a boutique hotel that may go unnoticed had it not been for its incredible vertical garden growing all the way up the front of the hotel. It's gorgeous and one of the many unique features that makes the Athenaeum special and memorable.

The Athenaeum is perfect for families. There are several nannies on staff to make sure children have as much fun as their parents. With activities, toys, bikes and endless games, children will beg their parents to come back. Also great for families are the homey apartments at the back of the hotel. I'm told there were a handful of children staying at the hotel while I was there, but I never saw nor heard them which, for me, is always a good thing!

There is FREE WiFi throughout the hotel for all guests and FREE mini bar for most rooms. The dining areas are delightful places for a casual breakfast, afternoon tea or a late-night drink at the beautiful Whisky Bar. The staff is incredibly knowledgeable and always willing to help out with directions or tickets to events or local sites.

I loved how calming the interior of The Athenaeum is. The great views of Green park, the beautifully decorated rooms with large, marble bathrooms made our stay comfortable and we felt at home immediately.

The Athenaeum staff is incredibly helpful and informative. Booking tickets and tours thru the Concierge was easy and convenient. It was so nice not having to stand in line for tickets at the more popular tourist destinations. The doormen were always able to tell us exactly which busses or trains to take to get to our destinations around town.

jw's thoughts:

A really REALLY comfortable stay with a welcoming staff. The atmosphere reminded me of the 5 star boutique hotels of New York. There is an intimate cosmopolitan feel for this property which, if you're expecting it to look like a traditional 'london' hotel (one that looks like they decorated it for your grandmother), this isn't it. That said, your grandmother would be very comfortable here.

There is a spa facility as well as a very clean gym with new equipment as well as a steam room (co-ed) and 2 wood hot tub Jacuzzis (also co-ed) all spa areas are very clean and modern.

What was shown to us that I didn't expect were the luxury residential apartments that can be booked for either one night or longer that are just around the corner (still adjacent to the hotel) that were fantastic and have all the benefits (housekeeping / room service) of the hotel, but a more 'I have a London flat' feel as you have your own kitchen. Rooms can host a single to family. Do check the link above as it's truly like having our own London apartment. So if your client is staying in London for longer than a few nights, and wants to feel at home don't even hesitate booking these.

## Apartment Living at the athenæum

apartment floorplan

