

TOURAINE SAUVIGNON BLANC

LONDON TERROIR

A delicious, expressive wine that reflects the diverse terroir of the Touraine region, making it a perfect match for a gentle stroll through some of London's loveliest green spaces.

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This route is designed for you to participate in it as much, or as little as you wish. You may wish to complete a particular section, or just visit one place that has caught your imagination.

Venue suggestions are intended to give you options along the route, we do not advise that you stop for a glass of wine in every single one. Please drink responsibly. For the facts, visit drinkaware.co.uk

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BATTERSEA PARK

We begin our route in leafy Battersea Park, a 200 acre green space on the south bank of the River Thames. Created in 1858, it plays host to a charming collection of diversions and entertainments.

- **Children's zoo**

While it's intended for children, few could resist the charm of the Children's Zoo, with its surprisingly broad range of inhabitants, from otters to hedgehogs to squirrel monkeys.

- **Boating lake**

Admittedly, if you stop at the beginning of the route to have a go on Battersea Park's fleet of rowing and pedal boats, you probably aren't going to get much further than the lake. But it's such a lovely experience we won't hold it against you.

- **Peace pagoda**

Intended as a space for quiet reflection, the Peace Pagoda is not only beautiful and interesting, it's also got terrific river views.

Exiting the Park in the northeast corner, turn left and cross the river via Chelsea Bridge, stopping to view Battersea Power Station on your right. Continue along Chelsea Bridge Rd and you will find Royal Chelsea Hospital on your left.

ROYAL CHELSEA HOSPITAL

Chelsea's Royal Hospital was established in 1681 by King Charles II and designed by Sir Christopher Wren. The land to the east of the Royal Hospital was the famous Ranelagh Pleasure ground in the 18th century. It is now a green retreat

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with shady walks, beside the site of the annual Chelsea Flower Show. Entrance is free, open Mon-Sat 10am to sunset, Sun 2pm to sunset.

CHELSEA PHYSIC GARDEN

Exit left onto East Rd, then take another left onto Royal Hospital Rd. When you reach number 66, you will find yourself at the entrance to the Chelsea Physic Garden.

London's oldest botanical garden, Chelsea Physic Garden was established as the Apothecaries' Garden in 1673 by the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries to grow plants to be used as medicines. Open Mon-Fri and Sun 11am - 6pm, admission £11 for adults.

Exiting onto Royal Hospital Rd, turn left and walk down to Chelsea Embankment Gardens. Turn right onto Chetne Gardens, left onto Oakley Gardens and left again onto Phene St.

THE PHENE

Tucked away in a leafy enclave just a short walk from the King's Road, you'll find iconic Chelsea pub, The Phene. With a heritage stretching back to 1853, this imposing three-floor clubhouse-style venue is renowned in SW3 for its cosy bars, wonderful entertaining spaces and charming garden – a twinkling oasis of calm that is as welcoming in the winter as it is charming in the summer.

Drop by for a Sauvignon Blanc on the terrace, or linger over dinner in the delightful Conservatory restaurant – serving quality food with a range of delicious options for vegans, vegetarians and coeliacs.

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Sauvignon de Touraine, Thierry Delaunoy Domaine, Val de Loire, 2017

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thephene.com - @ThePheneSW3 - /thephenechelsea

Return to Phene St, turning right onto Oakley St. Turn left when you reach Kings Road and walk down until you reach the junction with Beaufort St.

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BEAUFORT HOUSE

Beaufort House, with its home-from-home atmosphere, is everything you could possibly want from the best cocktail bar and brasserie in Kensington & Chelsea.

The award-winning ground floor brasserie & cocktail bar, open to all, serves delicious food from breakfast through to dinner and has an outstanding wine list. It is also wonderfully positioned for people watching.

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Sauvignon de Touraine, Croix des Champs / £8.00 per glass & £30.00 per bottle

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THE CHELSEA GARDENER

Return to Kings Road, heading East, and continue until you reach Sydney St. Take a left and you will find The Chelsea Gardener on your left hand side. Technically a posh garden centre, we enjoy it as a very pretty Chelsea pitstop, and opportunity to enjoy a moment in a verdant oasis before stepping back out into the city rush.

Next, return to Sydney St and resume your journey north. When you reach Fulham Rd, turn right and continue until you get to the junction with Crescent Place.

THE HOUR GLASS

The Hour Glass is an independently owned pub only a stone's throw from South Kensington tube. Open since the 1930s, they're all about bringing you the best of the best today.

The Hour Glass works with the award-winning Harviestoun Brewery to bring you some of the highest quality beers in the world. The master brewer makes the

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frequent trip down from Scotland ensure our beers taste exactly as intended. Local Chelsea specialists, Haynes Hanson and Clark, help curate our wine list to make sure we've always got a great selection of interesting wines, including an excellent Tourain Sauvignon Blanc. Lastly, their artisan food is hand-crafted on site by our lovely chef, Frederico. We highly recommend his scotch eggs.

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2017 Touraine Sauvignon, Domaine de la Bergerie

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WILDLIFE GARDEN

Continue along Brompton Rd, turning left onto Cromwell Rd. You will pass the V&A on your right, then the Natural History Museum. At the junction with Queen's Gate you will find the Science Museum Wildlife Garden - a tranquil haven for plants and animals (more than 3,130 species) in the heart of the city.

KENSINGTON GARDENS

Return to Queen's Gate and walk north. You will soon find yourself in Kensington Gardens. The 265 acres space was originally part of Hyde Park but was section of and enlarged by successive monarchs. At one point it featured a 'ha ha' or concealed ditch to divide it from Hyde Park and was only open to the public on Sundays if they were 'respectably dressed'.

- **Albert Memorial**

To your right you will see the Albert Memorial, one of London's most ornate monuments, commissioned to commemorate the death of Prince Albert in 1861, from typhoid. He is shown holding the catalogue of the Great Exhibition, which he inspired and helped to organise.

- **Kensington Palace**

The birthplace and childhood home of Queen Victoria, and home to young royals for over 300 years. The sunken garden was planted in 1908, creating a tranquil ornamental garden of classical proportions.

Continue north through Kensington Gardens, exiting in the north west corner onto Bayswater Road. Walk westwards until you reach Ladbroke Terrace, at which point a right turn followed by a left will bring you to Ladbroke Rd.

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LADBROKE ARMS

A charming pub set in a beautiful residential area, close to the hustle and bustle of Notting Hill, yet tucked away in a secret enclave all of its own. Popular with locals and tourists alike, the Ladbroke Arms is something of a destination pub. You will be greeted by an award winning display of hanging-baskets, a pretty terrace, perfect for sunny days and balmy evenings, and a traditional bar, all cared for by a dedicated team of happy and hard-working staff. Whether you fancy a quick drink after work, an evening with friends and family, or a meal guaranteed to leave a great impression, the Ladbroke has a unique quality to make all who visit feel not only special, but eager to return.

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Sauvignon Blanc de Touraine, Domaine Guy Allion, 2018 / £26.50 per bottle, £6.70 per small glass & £9.50 per large glass

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NOTTING HILL & PORTOBELLO

Walk back to Ladbroke Terrace, and turn left (north). Take a right onto Ladbroke Rd, a left onto Kensington Park Rd and a right onto Chepstow Villas. You should now be on the famous Portobello Rd, heart of Notting Hill.

- **Portobello Rd Market**

Notting Hill. Portobello Rd market is open Monday to Saturday, from around 8am to 6.30pm (can vary). The big market day is Saturday, when the whole road is bustling with people and stalls. Antiques are at the south end of the road, fashion at the north and everything else is in between! On Sundays the shops are

open

but the market is not there.

- **JM Gallery**

If you are following this route on the 29th or 30th of June, you have the opportunity to join us for a free Touraine Sauvignon Blanc tasting at JM Gallery, on Portobello Rd. You can pre-book at

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www.loirebucketlist.com or drop in to try to grab one of the walk-in spaces.

LITTLE VENICE

From Portobello Rd, walk east on Westbourne Park Rd, turning onto Westbourne Park Villas and taking the footbridge over the railway line. You will find yourself on Alfred Rd - take a left, then a right onto Harrow Rd, which will take you to the Regents Canal where you can join the footpath. Continue east along the footpath until you reach the footbridge. You have now arrived in the heart of Little Venice, so named for its pretty, tranquil canal-side streets.

THE WATERWAY

The Waterway is a stylish bar and restaurant in Maida Vale, West London. The menu is predominantly French and Modern European and focuses on delivering classic brasserie dishes. They also have a large, south-facing outdoor terrace that is open throughout the summer period. The Waterway is known for its excellent wine list, which includes a Touraine Sauvignon Blanc.

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Sauvignon de Touraine, Domaine de Pierre 2015 / £30.00 per bottle

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thewaterway.co.uk - @thewaterway_ - /TheWaterwayW9

- **Clifton nurseries**

Another posh garden centre, Clifton Nurseries is a pleasure to browse through, creating your imaginary dream garden.

- **Rembrandt Gardens**

A lovely public garden for a quick pit stop, look out for happy bees among the lavender, meadow geraniums and 'love-lies-bleeding'.

REGENT'S PARK

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Follow the riverside path and in around half an hour you will arrive at Regent's Park.

- **Regents Park Open Air Theatre**

An award winning outdoor theatre and London landmark in the heart of Regent's Park. During June you can win tickets to a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream at regent's Park Open Air Theatre, thanks for Loire Valley Wines. Visit www.loirebucketlist.com for more information

- **Zoo**

The world's oldest scientific zoo, it opened in April 1828 and the same year the animals of the Tower of London menagerie were transferred to the zoo's collection. It didn't open to the public until 1847. The Burmese python scene in Harry Potter & The Philosopher's Stone was filmed in the reptile house. If you're planning on visiting the Zoo as part of your route, there is a direct boat service from Little Venice that drops you off at a special waterside entrance. Boat tickets include zoo entry.

LA FERME PRIMROSE HILL

La Ferme London in Primrose Hill is the brainchild of head chef Guillaume Dunos and founder Francois Guerin, bringing traditional French food with a twist to diners in North London. From snails to charcuterie, from bistro to gourmet, you'll find it all inside.

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- **Regents Park Rose Garden**

The Regent's Park Rose Garden was planted in the 1930s and showcases 12,000 rose bushes in landscaped grounds. In the summer it is a haven of colour and scent, often bypassed by visitors because they don't know it's there.

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PERCY & FOUNDERS

Percy & Founders is a bar and restaurant in Fitzrovia, open every day for breakfast, lunch, dinner, Saturday brunch and Sunday roasts. Our seasonal all-day menu showcases delicious, warming dishes that can be enjoyed alongside seasonal cocktails, craft beers and a meticulously curated wine list. Percy & Founders has a range of beautiful dining rooms that are perfect for any occasion, from an elegant breakfast meeting to the ideal space for your wedding reception.

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Sauvignon Blanc de Touraine, Le vin de Levin, 2017 / £8.50 per glass & £24 per bottle

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NOIZÉ

Mathieu Germond, former co-owner and restaurant manager of Pied à Terre restaurant, launched Noizé with the aim of bringing a French, rustic and convivial atmosphere to London's Fitzrovia.

Mathieu was brought up in the Loire Valley region in France. His grandparents ran a farm in the tiny village of Noizé. His formative years were filled with what he learnt during that time, developing his love of wine and the sheer pleasure of sharing food around a table. Mathieu brings some of these sensations, tastes and experiences to Noizé.

The menu features seasonal dishes, bold combinations served in a straightforward but elegant style. Given Mathieu's vast knowledge of wine and sommelier at Pied à Terre, the wine list is broad, expressive and creative, with featured combinations and tastings.

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