

ROSÉ DU VAL DE LOIRE

ROMANTIC LONDON

Rosé du Val de Loire comes in many shades, from pale coral pink to deep salmon, all of which are delicious. Celebrate the romantic side to London with a cool glass and a lovely companion.

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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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The V&A

The Rosé route begins at the V&A, a fitting choice of venue given it is named for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, who were famously in love. So much so that Queen Victoria wanted to just call the V&A 'The Albert Museum' in honour of her beloved husband.

HYDE PARK

After a quick trip through your favourite galleries (we recommend the plaster sculpture hall), exit onto Exhibition Road and turn right, walking up to Hyde Park.

- **Albert Memorial**

To your left 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.

- **Serpentine Galleries**

Continue up through the park and you will reach the Serpentine Galleries, among London's most popular art venues showing modern and contemporary art. Perfect for a little hand holding and mutual musing on the meaning of things.

- **Pedalos & rowing boats**

Cross the bridge and turn right along the river to get to the pedalo and rowing boat area. Impress your beloved with your rowing skills! Or, just try not to drop your ice cream as you drift happily among the ducks.

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WELLINGTON ARCH

Leaving Hyde Park at Hyde Park Corner, you will pass the Wellington Arch. Originally built as an entrance to Buckingham Palace, it was repositioned in the 1880s. The southern pier was used as a park keeper's residence until 1937 and the northern pier as a police station until the late 1950s. The building can now be hired for intimate private dinners and parties.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Continue along Constitution Hill, bordered on the left by Green Park and on the right by Buckingham Palace Gardens. On reaching Buckingham Palace, it is traditional to spend a moment imagining living there, and wondering whether the Queen is at home and can see you (a good clue is whether you can see the Royal Standard flying).

ST JAMES' PARK

Our next stop is St James' Park, handily adjacent to Buckingham Palace. The 90 acre space is considered one of the prettiest Royal Parks.

- **Pelicans**

One of the distinguishing features of St James' Park is the population of pelicans. First introduced as a gift from the Russian ambassador, the flock has since grown to over 40 pelicans. You can watch them being fed fresh fish every day between 2.30pm and 3.00pm next to Duck Island Cottage.

- **Duke's Hotel picnic**

The obvious thing to do in a pretty park full of pelicans is to stop for a romantic picnic. You can win a Duke's Hotel picnic for two with butler service, thanks to the Loire Bucket List - simply visit www.loirebucketlist.com for more information and to enter.

When you're tired of Pelicans and finger sandwiches, walk north to the Mall, aiming for the Duke of York column (to the left of the ICA). Walk through Waterloo place, take a right onto Pall Mall and you will find the deliciously old fashioned Royal Opera Arcade on your left.

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PALL MALL FINE WINE

Created 5 years ago by a true wine lover, Pall Mall Fine Wine is a quirky little place situated in the historic Royal Opera Arcade just a grape's throw away from Trafalgar Square in the heart of London. In the wine shop, there is a selection of more than 100 wines including Fine Wine, Champagne and Sparkling. You can also choose from a selection of 40 wines by the glass and enjoy it in a traditional Cave atmosphere.

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Pierre Chainier 1749 Rosé d'Anjou 2017

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TRAFALGAR SQUARE

When you've had enough of people watching in the Royal Opera Arcade, return to Pall Mall and head east, towards bustling Trafalgar Square.

- **National Gallery**

On arrival at the National Gallery, you should obviously head straight to Room 18: Art, Invention & Thought: The Romantics. Though we suggest you don't follow their sartorial example by 'not shaving and wearing vests with heavily starched lapels', as it might not go down so well with your companion.

- **Portrait Gallery**

At the National Portrait Gallery, go on a hunt for the 18 Romantic poets in their collection, and learn about their lives along the way. Did you know that many of William Blake's publications sold fewer than 30 copies in his lifetime?

- **St Martin's in the Fields**

Pop into St Martins in the Fields, next to the National Portrait Gallery to have a little moment of enlightenment in front of the 'warped' window, created by Iranian artist Shairazeh Houshiary.

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BERWICK ST MARKET

Head north up Charing Cross road, taking a left onto Little Newport Street and continuing onto Lisle Street. Turn right onto Wardour Street and continue until you reach Peter St. You will find Berwick Street and its famous market on your right. Dating back to 1778, you will discover traditional fruit, vegetable and florist stalls jostling with vibrant street food stands, on a street lined with an array of fabric retailers, from fine silks to novelty prints.

Continue up the road until you reach Oxford St, take a right then the first left and you will find yourself on Berners Street, the home of the famous Berners Tavern.

THE LONDON EDITION

The London EDITION offers both a reinvention of its landmark building and the luxury hotel experience. Located in Fitzrovia on the edge of Soho, the boutique hotel blends thoughtful design and intuitive service with excellent dining and nightlife in a space that boldly brings together the past with the present.

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PHOENIX GARDEN

Returning to Oxford Street and heading East, you will pass the historic 100 club on your left, one of the last remnants of the local area's rich musical heritage. Turn right down Tottenham Court Rd, then take a left onto Phoenix St, which will lead you to the Phoenix Garden, a cosy little secret garden nestled between Soho and Covent Garden.

Next, continue on down Stacey St, taking a left onto Shaftesbury Avenue and a right onto Mercer St, taking you to the picturesque Seven Dials. Take the third exit onto Earlham St, a right onto Neal St which becomes James St on crossing Long Acre. Pass through Covent

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Garden Market, taking a moment to enjoy the street performers and the quaint shops. Exit onto Southampton St, continuing south.

FROG BY ADAM HANDLING

Nestled into London's Covent Garden on Southampton Street, *Frog by Adam Handling* is Adam Handling's flagship restaurant site for the group. The dishes served at the restaurant showcase Adam's deliciously distinctive cooking style, combining technical savvy with the freshest seasonal produce, to deliver an elevated experience. Adam's ethos of marrying flavours with mind-boggling culinary techniques creates balanced, harmonious, and consistently outstanding dishes that are completely unique and guaranteed to leave an impression.

Frog by Adam Handling has a sizeable open-plan kitchen at its heart, and a stunning private dining room below, complete with its own private open kitchen. Designed in collaboration with Offbeat Interiors, the restaurant has been designed to be relaxed and luxurious yet modern and contemporary, in accordance with Adam's philosophy of providing fine-dining without the stuffy atmosphere.

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Chinon Domaine Jean Maurice Raffault Rose 2018
Cabernet d'Anjou Château La Tomaze Rose 2017

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EVE BAR BY ADAM HANDLING

Taking inspiration from its namesake, Eve combines life's greatest impulses – temptation, indulgence, and hedonism – all homed in luxurious subterranean surroundings.

The cocktail menu is divided into five sections – Innocence, Temptation, Indulgence, Antique, and Non-Intoxicating – promising a range of fresh, innovative concoctions all the way through to refined adaptations of classic cocktails. The menu also offerings an equally tantalising selection of non-alcoholic tipples that can compete with even the most sophisticated alcoholic offerings.

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The walls of the bar are adorned with bespoke art pieces commissioned by Adam and created by renowned London artist JJ Adams. Rapidly becoming one of the UK's most talked about artists, JJ Adams has featured in Vogue, GQ, and has worked alongside clients including Rolls Royce. JJ is a mixed media artist with a particular interest in pop culture whose work is a creative fusion that blurs the lines between new media, pop, fine art, digital art, and photography. Adam also commissioned artist Courty to create a bespoke neon piece, featuring the bar's mantra: Resist Everything Except Temptation.

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Continue onto the Strand, taking a left turn and walking East. You will pass the grand Art Deco entrance of the Savoy before following the road to the left as you reach the turning for Waterloo Bridge (as famously sung about by the Kinks in Waterloo Sunset). Continue past the Duchess, Novello and Aldwych theatres before taking a left and walking north towards Holborn station. Before you reach the station take right onto Remnant St, which leads you onto Lincoln's Inn Fields. Just ahead you will find Sir John Soane's Museum.

SIR JOHN SOANES' MUSEUM

A house/museum that was formerly the home of neo-classical architect Sir John Soane, it holds many drawings, models, paintings and antiquities that he assembled in his lifetime. It has been described as 'a crazy labyrinth of art, architecture and curios', and is always a wonderful discovery for anyone who hasn't visited before. It is free to visit, and you can also win tickets for a private after hours candlelit tour thanks to Loire Valley Wines - see www.loirebucketlist.com for more information.

Emerge blinking into the modern world and exit Lincoln's Inn Fields via the southeast corner, down Serle St. Turn left onto Carey St and enjoy a gentle stroll along the rear of the Central London County Court. Turn right down Chancery Lane, right again onto Fleet St and take the first left onto Middle Temple Lane, which takes you past Middle Temple itself. On reaching the river, turn left and on weekdays between 11.30 and 3pm you can gain access to the Inner and Middle Temple Gardens.

INNER & MIDDLE TEMPLE GARDENS

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Inner Temple Garden is a haven of tranquility and beauty with sweeping lawns, unusual trees and charming woodland areas. The award winning gardens of Middle Temple consist of a series of courtyards and one larger formal garden.

NUMBER 15 ROUTEMASTER

Return to the Strand, where you can pick up the Number 15 bus. This route is particularly lovely because it uses the old Routemaster buses, only of only two routes in London to do so. Hop on, enjoy the ride and hop off at St Paul's Cathedral.

ST PAULS

- **The Whispering Gallery**

Not to state the obvious, but where better to whisper sweet nothings to your beloved than at the Whispering Gallery at St Paul's?

- **Postmans Park**

From St Pauls head north through Paternoster Square , which becomes Rose Street. Turn right along Newgate St then left onto King Edward St. On your right you will find Postman's Park. A sweet little park, it is made remarkable by a monument there: the Memorial to Heroic Self-sacrifice. Each tile on the monument tells the story of one of sixty two individuals who gave up their lives for others.

- **One New Change**

Exit Postmans Park at the eastern end, taking a right to St Martins Le Grand. Follow the road as it curves to the left and you will find One New Change on your right. Follow the signs for the roof terrace and you will end up with an unparalleled - free - skyline view across St Paul's and the city.

- **Love Lane**

Once the view at One New Change has worked its magic, return to Cheapside, heading north on Wood St, which crosses Gresham St. On your right you will find the ultimate romantic couples selfie spot: Love Lane.

Continue north up Wood st, turning right onto London Wall. Follow the road until you reach Old Broad StL a right then a left will lead you to historical oddity the Victorian Bath House.

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VICTORIAN BATH HOUSE

Built in 1895, the Victorian Bath House has survived both the Blitz and the aggressive redevelopment of the local area. Originally a Turkish Bath for city gentlemen, it has had many incarnations before being lovingly restored by Camm & Hooper. Primarily a private hire venue, you can visit By Appointment Only every Friday from 5pm until late.

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Walk up to Liverpool St Station, and take the exit onto Broad St Place. Continue onto Eldon St, then South Place, with Finsbury Circus Garden to your left. Continue onto Ropemaker St, take a left onto Moor Lane and a right onto Silk St, where you will shortly find yourself at the Barbican Centre. A fascinating place in its own right - and a Bauhaus love letter to concrete - follow the signs for the Conservatory.

BARBICAN CONSERVATORY

The Conservatory is open every Sunday in June. Home to exotic fish and over 2000 species of tropical plants and trees, the Conservatory is an urban oasis on a grand scale.

If you're not visiting on a Sunday, relax by the Barbican lake instead, with its multiple layers, fountains and low level seating areas.

20 CLERKENWELL GREEN

If you are following the Route on the 21st or 22nd of June, continue on to 20 Clerkenwell Green, where you can join us for a free tasting of Rosé du Val de Loire. You can pre-book spaces at www.loirebucketlist.com or see if any of the drop in spaces are available on arrival.

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