



Have the most wonderful time at The Wallace

Get your culture fix and feel the festive spirit at The Wallace Collection, in the heart of the West End

An oasis of calm amid the hurly-burly of London's busy shopping districts, The Wallace Collection is a wonderful place to pause, gaze at beautiful artworks, eat something delicious and ease into that Christmas spirit, during a very special evening on Saturday 9 December.

Located in Manchester Square, just a few minutes from Oxford Street and Marble Arch, The Wallace Collection is renowned for its unsurpassed masterpieces of painting, sculpture, furniture, arms and armour, and porcelain. From 28 November, the home of one of the world's greatest art collections will be specially adorned with garlands, wreaths and Christmas trees. What better place to take a break from the hurly burly of Christmas shopping than this haven?

After admiring our sumptuous decorations, enjoying the lovely *Turner and Bonington: Watercolours* display and buying essential stocking-fillers, you're sure to have worked up quite an appetite. So, satisfy your rumbling tum with a festive lunch or traditional afternoon tea in The Wallace Restaurant's glamorous courtyard.

The fabulously well-stocked gift shop also has an incredible selection of Christmas tree decorations; from traditional beaded and hand-decorated baubles to a gorgeous woolly angelic poodle, a badger in a jaunty jumper and a little mouse wearing a snazzy waistcoat.

On Saturday 9 December, the museum will stay open until 8pm, offering you a chance to savour highlights of the Collection, such as Rembrandt's touching portrait of his son Titus and Jean-Honoré Fragonard's *The Swing*. You are also

invited to join one of our drop-in workshops to create your own signature wrapping paper, or listen to traditional carols before indulging yourself with a choice of nibbly gorgeousness. Our chefs have prepared a fabulous menu of small plates, including such delights as seasonal savoury bites, hearty festive dishes and incredible winter salads, plus a selection of artisanal charcuterie and cheese and winter cocktails. There will be extra vegan and vegetarian selections available also.

Dr Xavier Bray, Director of the Wallace Collection says: *“We are very fortunate to be located in Marylebone, one of the most charming areas of London and, in just a few steps you can feel like you’re a world away from some of London’s busiest streets. So, we’re very much looking forward to welcoming our visitors with our lovely new festive decorations, food and activities. Christmas at The Wallace is an opportunity to enjoy our free Collection, while spending quality time with friends and family throughout the Museum.”*

For more information, plus details about exhibitions and displays throughout Christmas and New Year, please visit www.wallacecollection.org and follow us on social media: Instagram: @wallacemuseum / Facebook: @wallacecollection / Twitter: @WallaceMuseum / YouTube: TheWallacecollection

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About the Wallace Collection

As one of Britain’s preeminent cultural institutions, the Wallace Collection is home to one of the most significant ensembles of fine and decorative arts in the world. Highlights include oil paintings from the 14th to the late 19th-centuries by artists such as Titian, Velazquez, Rubens and Van Dyck; princely arms and armour; and one of the finest collections of 18th-century French paintings and decorative arts. Visitors can also enjoy superb medieval and Renaissance objects, including Limoges enamel, maiolica, glass and bronzes. Displayed at Hertford House, former home to Sir Richard and Lady Wallace, this outstanding collection is displayed in a manner designed to evoke the lives and tastes of its founders, creating a special ambiance that remains an essential part of its charm. www.wallacecollection.org. The Wallace Collection is open daily, 10.00-17.00.

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