

Alliance alert

The Courthouse Doubletree by Hilton, London

The 5-star Courthouse Doubletree by Hilton is inviting reviews by Alliance members in the coming months.

The hotel is located in the one-time Great Marlborough Street Magistrate's Court.

Today the premises have been converted into a 112 room and suite hotel with the old cell block now a bar complete with 'VIP' rooms in the actual cells!

The former courtroom is the Michelin-recommended Pan-Asian restaurant 'Silk'.

Breakfast is served in what was once the pre-court waiting area, with the marble flooring and vaulted glass ceilings still remain intact.

The hotel also offers the world's only Lalique crystal penthouse, has a 94 seat private cinema and its Sanook Spa comes with a heated swimming pool and sauna.

The Courthouse's roof terrace bar opens in the summer of 2010.

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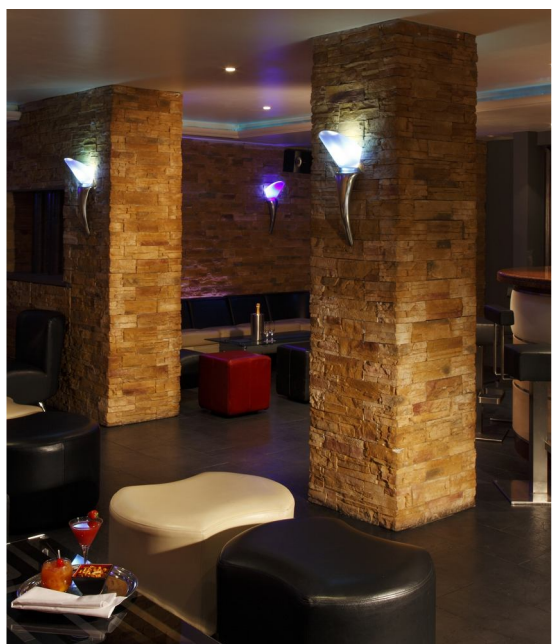
Location

The Grade II listed Courthouse Hotel is situated at 19 – 21 Great Marlborough Street, London in the heart of Soho.

Within walking distance are all central London locations including :

- Carnaby Street
- Covent Garden
- Soho and Chinatown
- Regent Street and Oxford Street
- The West End theatres
- The Houses of Parliament, and
- The Mall and Buckingham Palace

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History

The Great Marlborough Street Magistrate's Court set the scene for many famous cases over the years, which were either heard there or taken to full trial at Crown Courts such as the Old Bailey.

These include :

- 1835: Charles Dickens works as a court reporter for the Morning Chronicle.
- 1847: Napoleon is a witness in fraud case between attempts to establish a second empire in France
- 1895: Oscar Wilde takes the Marquess of Queensbury to court for criminal libel.
- 1963: Christine Keeler in court over sex allegations, which led to Profumo scandal becoming public.
- 1969: Mick Jagger is fined £200 for drugs charges.
- 1970: Case against John Lennon, for exhibiting pictures in the London Art Gallery claimed to be too sexually explicit, is dismissed.



Rooms & Suites

The hotel has 112 rooms and suites.

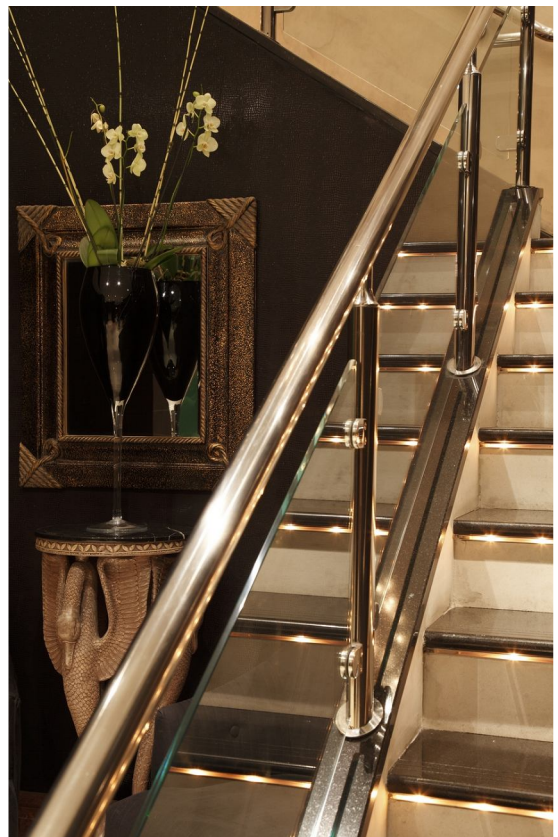
The Magistrates Suites occupy the high-ceiling Judges quarters on the first, second and third floor of the original building



The Lalique Penthouse

The Lalique Penthouse comprises a glass conservatory, living and dining space, kitchenette and 2 bedrooms each with an en-suite bathroom.

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