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The Hospital Club Rooms hotel, Covent Garden, London: review

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The Hospital Club Rooms is a Covent Garden hotel offering a retro vibe, sophisticated rooms, good food and helpful staff, near Holborn and Bloomsbury.

Expert Rating
9/10

Rooms from **£180**

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Home to 15 luxurious, cosy, retro-chic guestrooms on the third floor of a Covent Garden members' club for people in the creative industries.

Who goes?

A mix of 20- to 40-something hipsters in advertising, music, design etc etc, members in London for the night, and the rest of us wannabes.

Location 8/10

A 10-minute walk from the Covent Garden piazza and 10 minutes in the other direction to Holborn and Bloomsbury. It's handily opposite the Cross Keys pub and surrounded by theatres, clubs and shopping.

Style/character 9/10

The club, once a stained glass workshop, later a sexual health clinic, is like the Tardis: a relatively modest façade conceals bars, lounges, meeting rooms and a working TV studio in the basement. Contemporary art hangs on the walls, furniture is generally cool or distressed or both, and there are loads of spaces with worktables, perfect for informal meetings and hanging out. There are handsome smoking (or sun) terraces with chimney pot views. Don't miss Solomon & Wu's witty, medically themed resin murals lining the bedroom corridors.

Service 8/10

Staff are plentiful and helpful – my favourite being the mobile barman who arrives outside your room at 7pm with a roughened wood trolley stocked with lethal cocktails.

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There's a good room service menu from 7am until midnight and you can fill in a card to hang on the door handle for a speedy breakfast. One bonus is that guests automatically enjoy members' privileges such as movie screenings and live music.

Rooms 9/10

Russell Sage Studios have turned a collection of former offices and television dressing rooms into very cosy, very sophisticated rooms with more than a hint of the Seventies about them. The feel is private house – in Palm Springs, perhaps, or Santa Fe – with a pleasant clutter of books, clocks and Staffordshire china dogs. A contemporary timber canopy of polished decking runs up one wall to curve over the bed and all the rooms feature a variety of fine woods, seagrass panels, Roberts radios, groovy iPod docks and humungous TV screens set into the wall units. Even the two windowless rooms have charm, rather like cocooned ship's cabins, with ladders going nowhere up the walls.

Food & drink 8/10

Flexibility is the name of the game, with small plates, salads and deli choices as well as main dishes and a grill menu. There are lots of fresh, light options – fennel, pomegranate, walnut, pear and goat's cheese salad, or beetroot cured gravlax – alongside the heftier British offerings such as Scotch eggs, calves' liver and venison rump. Excellent mixed juices and fruit options at breakfast, and the coffee was good.

Value for money 9/10

Double rooms from £180 per night, excluding breakfast for non-members. Free Wi-Fi. Book ahead to take advantage of occasional Sunday night deals from £124.

Access for guests with disabilities?

There is one huge, wheelchair-friendly room with grab handles, a large wet room and shower with a groovy blue seat, low basin and mirror and a connecting door to the adjoining room for a carer or relative.

Family-friendly?

Children and families are welcome, though the atmosphere is adult. There are cots and roll out beds, with one suite connecting to a large room and another pair of interconnected large rooms.

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