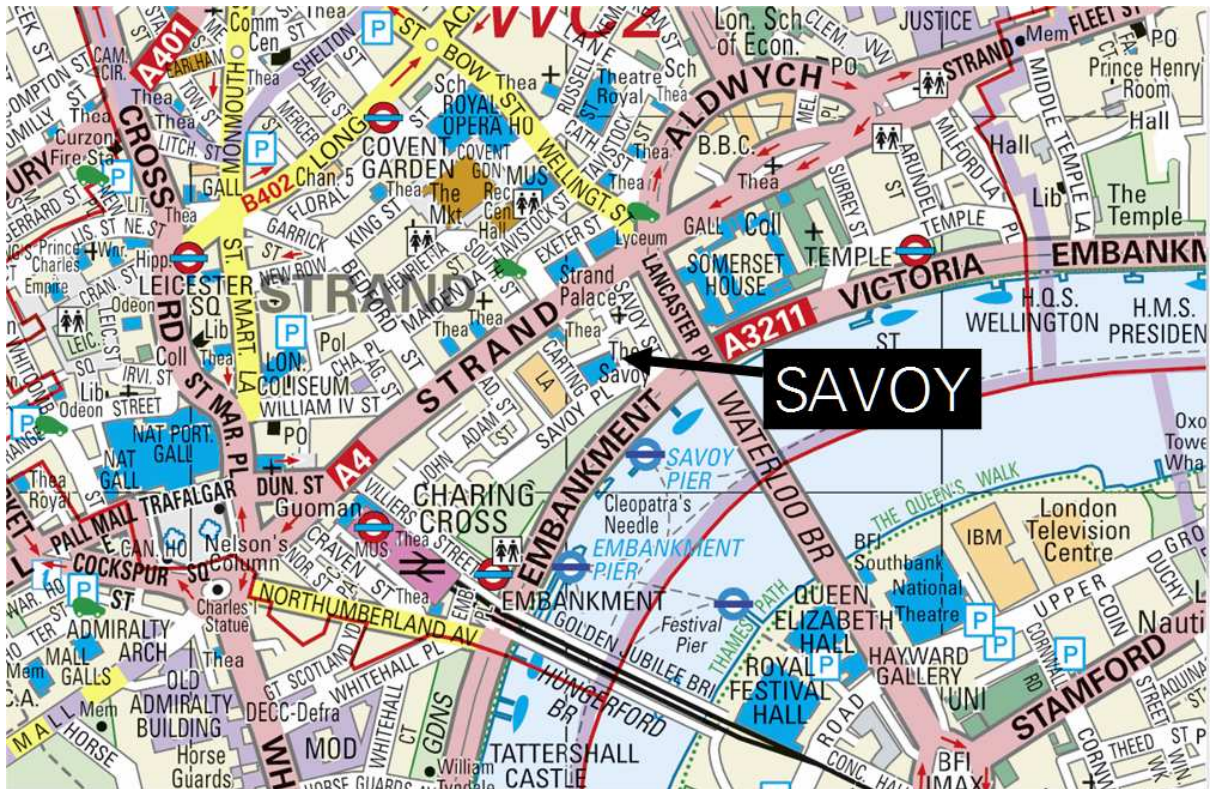




City of Westminster

Savoy Hotel



The **Savoy Hotel** is a hotel located on the Strand, in the City of Westminster in central London. Built by impresario **Richard D'Oyly Carte** with profits from his Gilbert and Sullivan operas, the hotel opened on 6 August 1889. It was the first in the Savoy group of hotels and restaurants owned by Carte's family for over a century. It was also the first luxury hotel in Britain, introducing electric lights throughout the hotel, electric lifts, bathrooms inside most of the lavishly furnished rooms, constant hot and cold running water and many other innovations. Carte hired manager **César Ritz** and French chef **Auguste Escoffier**, who established an unprecedented standard of quality in hotel service, entertainment and elegant dining, attracting royalty and other wealthy guests and diners. Winston Churchill frequently took his cabinet to lunch at the hotel.

The hotel became Carte's most successful venture. Claude Monet moved into the hotel at the end of the 19th century and famously painted views from his room of the River Thames. Its bands, Savoy Orpheans and the Savoy Havana Band, became famous, and other entertainers (who were also often guests) included George Gershwin, Frank Sinatra, Lena Horne and Noël Coward. Famous guests have included Edward VII, Enrico Caruso, Charlie Chaplin, Harry Truman, Judy Garland, Babe Ruth, Laurence Olivier, Marilyn Monroe, John Wayne, Humphrey Bogart, Elizabeth Taylor, Barbra Streisand, The Beatles and numerous others.



The hotel is now managed by Fairmont Hotels and Resorts. It has been called "London's most famous hotel" and remains one of London's most prestigious and opulent hotels, with 268 rooms and panoramic views of the River Thames across Savoy Place and the Thames Embankment. The hotel closed in December 2007 for extensive renovations and reopened in October 2010. The hotel blends Art Deco and Edwardian styles.

With a sought-after central London address and a glamorous ambiance, the hotel attracts business executives and sophisticated vacationers. Marble bathrooms and 268 guestrooms and suites include flat-screen TVs, complimentary wireless Internet access, and marble bathrooms with bathrobes and designer toiletries. This London hotel features a fitness center with an indoor pool, sauna, and steam room. During their stay, guests also have access to the glass-enclosed fitness center, complete with an indoor pool, sauna, and steam room. 3 restaurants and 2 bars are on-site; breakfast is complimentary.

After exploring London attractions, guests can enjoy traditional afternoon tea in the light-filled Thames Foyer or cocktails in the famous American Bar. The River Restaurant serves modern French cuisine, and the Savoy Grill serves traditional grilled dishes in an elegant setting.



