

London treat



PORTRAITS: Diana, Princess of Wales by Mario Testino. This book is launched by Taschen Publishing

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A royal occasion

KENSINGTON five-star hotel, The Royal Garden, is offering guests a Royal Portrait package to celebrate the opening of Diana, Princess of Wales by Mario Testino at Kensington Palace.

The exhibition, which opened last week, includes 15 of the iconic images from Testino's famous 97 shoot, some of which will have their first ever showing in public.

Also on display will be nine of the gowns worn by Diana and famously auctioned for charity in New York.

The Royal Portrait package – which includes exhibition tickets – allows guests to book into the hotel and freshen up before taking the short walk to the Palace through the beautiful Kensington Gardens.

After a tour of the exhibition, visitors can return to the hotel for tea, followed by a visit to the hotel's facilities.

These include a soma spa, the brainchild of the Princess's former personal trainer Carolan Brown, and a variety of therapies are available.

In the evening there is the choice of dining at the hotel's Tenth Restaurant or venturing out to enjoy many of London's hotspots.

After breakfast, explore the shops of Knightsbridge or the Albert Hall and the Victoria, and Albert Museum, just minutes away.

The Royal Portrait package includes one night's accommodation with breakfast, afternoon tea for two and two tickets to the exhibition, all for £175 (inc VAT) per room per night, giving visitors a saving of more than 50 per cent.

The offer is available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights only and runs until April 30 2006.

For reservations, visit www.royalgardenhotel.co.uk or call the hotel on 020 7937 8000.