





Number Sixteen, London

One can easily miss the Number Sixteen hotel – it sits quietly among a row of elegant mid-Victorian houses, with nothing more than its house number to reveal that this is indeed the five-star boutique hotel in the heart of South Kensington.

A stay here feels more like visiting a charming English home that marries understated luxury with sophisticated modern design by owner and award-winning design director Kit Kemp. A colourful blend of classic and contemporary accents can be found in each of the 41 bedrooms, as well as the library and drawing room, where guests can read and relax.

But the crown jewel of this design hotel has to be the stunning tree-lined garden and orangery. Featuring a stylish wooden gazebo and an ornamental lily pond, the secluded garden provides a serene space for guests to enjoy London's sunny days.

Surrounded by birdsongs and a tranquil atmosphere, it's hard to believe you are only steps away from the city's vibrant bars, cafes and restaurants, while major cultural landmarks such as the Natural History Museum and Royal Albert Hall, as well as Brompton Cross and Harrods, are all within easy reach. Before beginning your day of adventure, go for the scrumptious yet healthy organic breakfast. And if you're after an authentic British experience, the hotel's famous afternoon tea is served all day in the private garden, orangery, library or drawing room. www.numbersixteenhotel.co.uk