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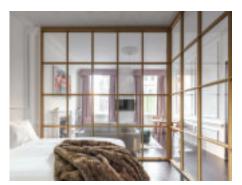
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# London **Staycation:** The Moorgate



There's something obscenely lavish about overnighting in a hotel in your home city, a seemingly unnecessary extravagance when you could just as easily catch an Uber ride back to your own bed. But the home-city staycation is a thoroughly enjoyable way to get a fresh perspective on a town you think you know inside out and also to enjoy a property you might otherwise have missed out on. QX spent two nights at **The Moorgate** (www.themoorgate. com) and decided that tourists shouldn't have all the fun - here are our favourite things about the recently renovated property.









#### Your Pied À Terre In The City

This boutique property offers 27 elegant suites and apartments in the heart of The City of London. The Moorgate has taken all the comforts and flexibility of your own home and combined them with the very best of serviced apartment living, to create the perfect home away from home for discerning travellers – in an enviable part of town. The Grade II listed building has been completely transformed from the previous offices with design by architect James Parkin of LDS Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands

### The Neighbourhood

The Moorgate offers you the opportunity to be one of the few people who live within The Square Mile, a prestigious part of central London. This is a wonderfully, almost unbelievably central location. It is located within the Bank Conversation Area, known as the commercial heart of the City of London and originally designated as an area of special interest in 2012, due its architectural characteristics and a number of nationally significant, well-known buildings. It's a stunning area to explore on foot. Also within walking distance you'll find The City, Old Street and vibrant Shoreditch, with their delectable eateries, upmarket bars, traditional pubs and independent shops.

## **The Rooms**

The Moorgate provides the option of staying in one of their Superior Suites or One Bedroom Apartments. We opted for one of their Superior Suites with fully-fitted kitchen and even more

room to unwind, including a bath to soak in after a long day. Smart yet minimalist design creates an atmosphere of elegance. The living area has all the mod-cons that every discerning traveller expects - including Smart TV, Google Chromecast and super-fast free WiFi. A well-equipped kitchen offers everything you need to prepare your favourite supper, and a sumptuous lounge area to work (yeah right!), relax, or even entertain guests in. Snacks and Nespresso machine (with pods) provided, RESULT! Our suite had a king-sized bed for the ultimate night's sleep as well as an elegant bathroom, complete with shower, bath and underfloor heating. As with the public areas, the apartments have been furnished to a very high specification, with lovely flooring and wall finishes, limited print artwork by Artig, custom-made furniture by Gubi and Saba Italia, and feature lighting by Flos. Each air-conditioned apartment is double-glazed to a high spec, soundproofing it from the busy area that surrounds the property – creating a real sense of peace and tranquillity.

#### **The Verdict**

Whether you're looking at taking in another perspective of our lovely city or needing a centrally-located long weekend break away from home then this is most certainly the place for you. The Moorgate is contemporary yet homely and will undoubtedly meet all of your needs.

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