

5 THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE CAPITAL

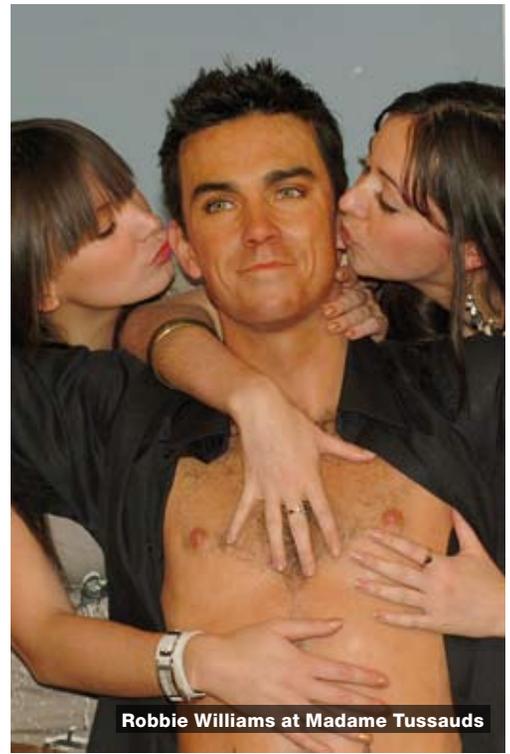
Scarlet lets you in on a few of London's secrets

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1 Waterloo Bridge is also known as 'The Ladies' Bridge' because it was built predominantly by women during the Second World War when most of our men were off fighting for Queen and country.

2 The chic myhotel chain (Chelsea branch pictured) is offering 'mysaucy' one-night packages for visitors who prefer chocolate body paint to the usual chocolate on their pillow. On arrival you'll

also find a complimentary Blue Bella silk blindfold and tie-ups, massage oil, naughty dice and a huge ostrich feather to tickle your fancy, plus a chilled bottle of Laurent Perrier champers to help get you in the mood. And if your lover fails to rise to the occasion, the cocktail list will certainly cheer you up. Prices start at just £209 for two people sharing a double room. Call 020 7637 2000 or visit myhotels.com for more info.



Robbie Williams at Madame Tussauds



myhotel foyer: Pretty in pink



myhotel's bar and restaurant





The Ladies' bridge (Waterloo)



Bag Blue Bella overnight goodies



Ginglik



myhotel: Buddha boudoir

3 The capital used to be far wilder than it is today. Fossils of hippos and elephants have been found under Trafalgar Square, woolly mammoth fossils have been unearthed in The Strand, reindeer fossils were discovered at South Kensington Station, and woolly rhinoceros remains were excavated beneath Battersea Power Station.

4 At London's Madame Tussauds on Marylebone Road, Brad Pitt's model has a bottom made of soft silicone instead of hard wax so visitors can give it a squeeze, and Robbie Williams' model had to be remade after his chest was worn away by so many people feeling him up. If you'd like to join them tickets cost £19. Book queue-free tickets online at Madame-Tussauds.co.uk.

5 The Ginglik bar in Shepherds Bush Green (020 8749 2310, www.Ginglik.co.uk) used to be a public loo. The funky ex-crapper now serves up cool cocktails and features live bands, and comedy and film nights. The unusual name is actually Cantonese for 'explosive power', which in toilet terms is something we'd rather not think about. 🍷