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South Bank & Bankside for families



Welcome to *South Bank* and *Bankside*

Use this guide to plan an unforgettable family weekend by the Thames

Teenagers love the 3D thrill of IMAX, kids never forget a 'flight' on the London Eye, and toddlers adore the free space of Tate Modern's Turbine Hall and the Millennium Bridge, but the stretch south of the Thames running between Lambeth and London Bridges has so much more to offer under-18s – and that's before you even get on to the river itself... From theatre workshops for teenagers to the chance for three-year-olds to sample their first dim sum, from free live music to interactive outdoor art, the whole family can enjoy the ever-changing programme of entertainment that South Bank and Bankside have to offer throughout the year.

OUTSIDE SPACES

Children love playing on the sculptures at **Gabriel's Wharf** (Upper Ground, SE1 9PP), there's a playground for younger kids at grassy **Jubilee Gardens** (South Bank, SE1 7XZ) and there's lots of skateboarding and free running action at **QEH Undercroft**, just off the Thames Path underneath Queen Elizabeth Hall (Southbank Centre, SE1 8XX). For a more restful time, there are lawns at **Bernie Spain Gardens** by Oxo Tower Wharf (Upper Ground, SE1 9EH), at **Southwark Cathedral Garden** (London Bridge, SE1 9DA) and at **Tate Modern North Landscape** (Bankside, SE1 9TG).



Gabriel's Wharf



'We've come down for the weekend. We enjoy a walk down the river – the atmosphere is just great.' *The Roule family*

Explore *South Bank*

Pack in a full day's entertainment for the kids on and around the river

10am Take the first 'flight' of the day on the London Eye, before the riverside gets really busy.

10.45am Juice on the Festival Terrace in front of the Royal Festival Hall.

11am Explore the gigantic installations of The Hayward's 'Walking in my Mind' exhibition (June 23-Sept 9). In the summer months get soaked in the fountains of Jeppe Hein's 'Appearing Rooms' water sculpture on Riverside Terrace at the Royal Festival Hall.

12.30pm Lunch at one of the many cafés and restaurants on the South



Bank, or bring a picnic to enjoy by the river.
2.15pm Take the London Eye River Cruise from the Millennium Pier down the Thames, for 40 minutes of relaxation and a live commentary taking in London sights including

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Big Ben and St Paul's. Or take a stroll among the fish through the amazing new glass walkway at the SEA LIFE London Aquarium. **4pm** A ride on the Golden Carousel (by the Golden Jubilee Bridges) and an ice cream to end the day.

Win fab prizes!

Visit www.southbanklondon.com to win family-friendly prizes and sign up for great offers. Enter now and you could win a two night family getaway at Park Plaza County Hall, plus tickets to the SEA LIFE London Aquarium, Dan Zane gŕ tickets and lots more.

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HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

At the **Florence Nightingale Museum** (right) find out how to use chocolate as a cure at Easter holiday drop-in sessions (until April 10; free with entry). During half-term (May 23-31) kids can create a family portrait here. At **Topolski Century** (right) kids of all ages can join Easter Animal Hunt drawing workshops, April 7-19. **Tate Modern** (below) runs a free fortnightly workshop on Fridays called 'We Are All Experts' for ages 15-23 (5-7pm, June 5-July 31, meet on Level 3 concourse). The **Golden Hinde** (below) has holiday workshops for 5-11s, such as a two-hour Maritime Workshop (Apr 7 & 14, May 26 & 28, £8.50) about Drake and life on board the galleon. Also look out for the Creative Learning projects for 8-25s at the **Old Vic** (right).

Places to visit *South Bank*

Stroll along the river to encounter a host of delights that will enchant all ages



BFI IMAX

Age 5+

Watch the latest Hollywood movies in super-size and 3D – the screen is a whopping 20 metres high! Summer highlights include 'Monsters vs Aliens 3D' (April); 'Star Trek' (from May 8); 'Transformers' (from June 26); and 'Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince' (late summer).
1 Charlie Chaplin Walk, SE1 8XR (0870 787 2525). Times, prices vary.

BFI Southbank

Age 5+

Monthly Family Fun Days and special Parent & Toddler/Baby screenings.
Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XT (020 7928 3232). Times and prices vary.

The Dali Universe

Age 5+

Sculptures, etchings and watercolours by the Spanish surrealist.
County Hall, SE1 7PB (020 7620 2720). Daily 10am-5.30pm. £14, concs £12, children from £7, under-sevens free.



SEA LIFE London Aquarium

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Florence Nightingale Museum

Age 5+

A small museum about the Crimean War nurse. There are free trails for kids over five and plenty of hands-on activities.
St Thomas' Hospital, 2 Lambeth Palace Rd, SE1 7EW (020 7620 0374). Daily 10am-5pm; £5.80, concs and children £4.80.

gallery@oxo

All ages

Exhibitions at this riverside gallery are free, so it's always worth a look: kids will enjoy shows such as Roger Hooper's animal photos (12-28 June).
Oxo Tower Wharf, Barge House St, SE1 9PH (020 7021 1686). Daily 11am-6pm; free.

London Eye

Age 5+

Take a trip on a 30-minute 'flight' and get a bird's-eye view of London – on a clear day you can see 40km.
Beside Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7PB (0870 5000 600). Open daily, times vary. £15.50, children £7.75, under-4s free.

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Florence Nightingale Museum

Old Vic

Age 11+

Persuade teens to enjoy Shakespeare with Ethan Hawke in 'The Winter's Tale' (from May 23).
The Cut, SE1 8NB (0870 060 6628).



Family days

'We've come for a walk down the river and to see the sights. Then we're going to get ice cream' Fredrik (5) and his parents

National Theatre

Age 10+

Older kids will enjoy the hour-plus backstage tour. Teenagers can claim free tickets with Entry Pass.
Upper Ground, SE1 9PX (020 7452 3000). Tours daily, times vary. £5.90, children/concs £4.90.

SEA LIFE London Aquarium

All ages

The new-look aquarium has a glass tunnel tropical walkway, feeding talks and a scary shark finale...
County Hall, Queen's Walk, SE1 7PB (020 7967 8000). Daily 10am-5pm (6pm weekends, school hols); £15.25, children £11.25.

Southbank Centre

Age 5+

The complex comprises the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room and The

Hayward. Family events include kids' rock group Dan Zanes & Friends (Apr 10-13), the Simón Bolívar Youth Orchestra of Venezuela (Apr 14-18) and 'Peter and the Wolf' (May 8).
Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX (0871 663 2500).

Topolski Century

Age 13+

Under the railway arches is Polish artist Feliks Topolski's huge mural. 150-152 Hungerford Bridge Arch, SE1 8XU (020 7620 1275). Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 12noon-6pm; free.

Young Vic

Age 3-5

Fevered Sleep presents 'Brilliant' on July 15-18. 66 The Cut, SE1 8LZ (020 7922 2922).



National Theatre

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Domoor Dumbo cup by Richard Hutton, £10; **motorised Mr Robot Head**, £20; **Nana bird**, £45; all Southbank Centre Shop (020 7960 5228). **Monopoly key ring**, £5, j-me, Oxo Tower Wharf (020 7928 8828). **Glow-in-the-duck bathroom light**, £7, Locomocean, Oxo Tower Wharf (020 7021 0396). **Leaf plates**, (24cm, pack of 20) £4.99, Ganesha, Gabriel's Wharf (020 7928 3444).

Enjoy Festivals and special events



Slow Food Festival

sessions at Shakespeare's Globe (age 3-6, 4-6 and 6+, Apr 18) and Young Vic (age 8-11, Apr 19). (020 7902 1400)

April 19 Shakespeare's Birthday Open Day

Age 8+

Free workshops, tours and entry at The Globe. (020 7902 1400)

April 9-13 Easter at the London Eye

Age 4-15

Flight plus a goody bag. (0870 5000 600).

April 14-17 Bond School

Age 9-14

BFI Southbank welcomes would-be film-makers. (020 7633 0274)

April 18, 19

FELT PEN

Various ages

Free the Word! literary festival family writing

May 1-3

Slow Food Festival

All ages

The Southbank Centre's celebration of fabulous food. (0871 663 2500)

May 22-25

UBS Openings: The Long Weekend 2009

All ages

Tate Modern's festival of free art events: films, music and performance with a DIY theme. (020 7887 8888)

May 23-25

Golden Hinde Family Pirate Fun Festival

Ages 8-11

Sword-fighting demos, treasure hunts and guided tours. (020 7403 0123)

May 27 July 19

E4 Udderbelly

All ages

Lively comedy, circus and music in an upside-down purple cow on Jubilee Gardens. (0871 663 2500)

June-September

(various dates)

Coin Street Festival

All ages

Free music, dance and kids' activities in and around Bernie Spain Gardens. (020 7021 1686)

June 13

Sam's Day

Age 8+

The Globe's celebration of founder Sam Wanamaker's birthday, with free events. (020 7902 1400)

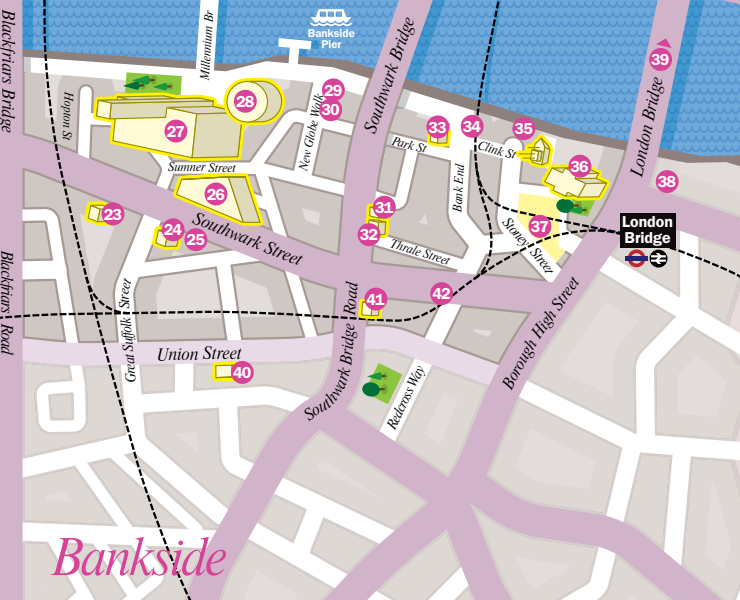
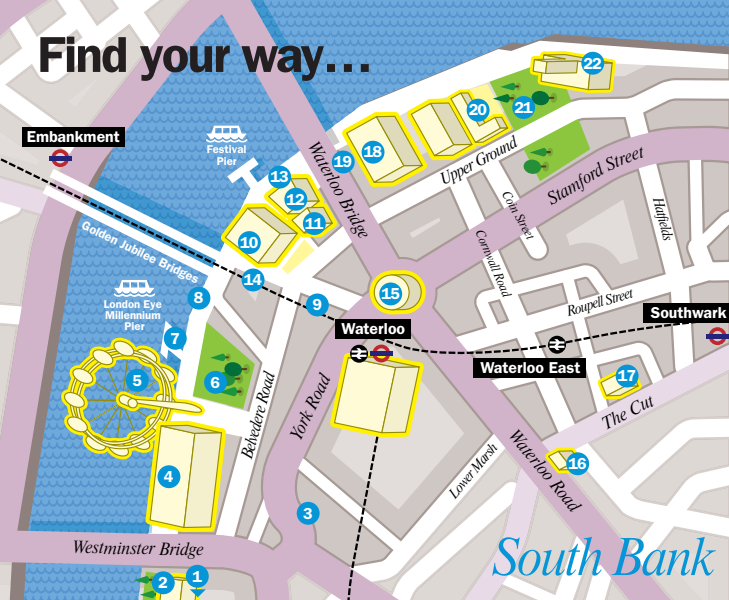
July 1-September 27

National Theatre: Watch This Space

All ages

Family-friendly alfresco theatre, circus, dance and music, all free. (020 7452 3400)

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'I've come with my parents to take photos for my A-level in Photography' Lottie (16) and her parents

Explore *Bankside*

A day of funky art, gory history and great food in London's Elizabethan quarter



Street Genius

9am Borough Market.

10am Spot the art: look for works curated by young people (working with the Street Genius project). Find 'In Situ' outside the Jerwood Space at 171 Union Street, and then walk to the 'Smarties' light sculpture under the bridge

on Southwark Street.
12noon Lunch break: buy takeaway sarnies, salads, pasta or sushi from the many places at Bankside Mix (on and behind Southwark Street) and eat them on the stone benches there.
1pm In Summer Street, by the Blue Fin Building, check out animatronic statue 'Monument to the Unknown Artist', which



Light sculpture

mimics your movements.
1.30pm Find the Ferryman's Seat in Bear Gardens, where ferrymen once waited for fares.
2pm Kids who like gore will enjoy the London Bridge Experience. Under-8s can play pirates on the Golden Hinde.
4pm See funky new art at the Novas Contemporary Urban Centre (73 Southwark Bridge Rd, SE1 0NQ, 020 7403 8495) or check out Tate Modern's art activities.
5pm End with a sweet treat from Southwark Cathedral Refectory.

Win fab prizes!

Visit www.visitbankside.com to win family-friendly prizes and sign up for great offers. Enter now and you could win a one night family stay at Novotel London City South, Golden Hinde Pirate Fun Day tickets, a Wagamama lunch and cookbook and lots more.

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A visit to Tate Modern is child's play...

Let your children's imagination run riot at Tate Modern! Whether it's your first visit with children or you've been before, there's loads to do for everyone.

Visit *UBS Openings: Family Zone*, or at weekends and during the holidays, check out *Start* for free games to play in the galleries.

Sign up for free families email bulletins to find out more:
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call
020 7887 8888

or visit
www.tate.org.uk/families

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Southwark
Bankside Pier

Open Sunday – Thursday, 10.00–18.00
Friday and Saturday, 10.00–22.00

UBS Openings: Explore Tate Modern Collection Displays



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Places to visit

Bankside

Big in Elizabethan times, experience the modern buzz of this ancient area

Golden Hinde

Age 5-11

This replica of Sir Francis Drake's 16th-century ship is a delight. There's plenty of nautical fun to be had; for an unforgettable experience, book the family on a summer sleepover (£39.99 per person) or have a party there. See box above for details of workshops or overleaf for its Family Pirate Fun Festival. *St Mary Overie Dock, Cathedral St, SE1 9DE (020 7403 0123). Daily 10am-5pm; £6, concs/children £4.50.*



Golden Hinde



London Bridge Experience

London Bridge Experience and The London Tombs

Age 7+ (11+ London Tombs)

Visitors take a tour through numerous sets, meeting various characters and helping them search for their misplaced heads. Each has their own creepy story; help them tear down the old Viking bridge, and apply to be 'Keeper of the Heads'. This Easter's special activity, The Easter Head Hunt, will amuse the kids. *2-4 Tooley St, SE1 2PF*

(0800 043 4666).

Mon-Fri 11am-5pm, Sat, Sun 10am-6pm; £19.95, children £14.95.

London Walks

Age 8+

'In the Far Off Time: The London of Shakespeare and Co' is a guided walk that leaves from Monument tube (Fish Street Hill exit). Suitable for families, especially teenagers who are doing Shakespeare at school. *Fish Street Hill, EC3R 6BR (020 7624 3978). Mon 10am. £7, under-15s with adult free.*



Family days

'We've been to Tate Modern. We also love walking over the bridge and looking at the river' *Amina Begum with Nasima (4), Halima (3) and Momena (6)*

Shakespeare's Globe

Age 8+

Learn about the Bard's life – including the costumes and music of the time – in a guided tour and exhibition. This year's season (April to October) features 'Romeo and Juliet', 'As You Like It', 'Troilus and Cressida' and 'Love's Labour's Lost', with special Child's Play sessions (£12.50) where children aged eight to 11 can join workshops themed around the plays and even sneak in as 'groundlings' for part of a matinee performance. *21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT (020 7902 1400). Daily 10am-5pm (Oct-Apr), 9am-5pm (May-early Oct); £10.50, concs £8.50, children £6.50.*

Tate Modern

All ages

The old power station with its huge turbine hall is geared up for families. Start (Sat & Sun, plus school holidays except Mondays, 11am-5pm) provides a pack of games for the over-fives, and the UBS Openings Family Zone on Level 3 includes art games for children. The exhibitions also have kids' audio tours; the summer show is 'Futurism', featuring work by Picasso and Duchamp. *Bankside, SE1 9TG, 020 7887 8888. Mon-Thur, Sun 10am-6pm. Fri, Sat 10am-10pm. Free except for major exhibitions.*



Tate Modern

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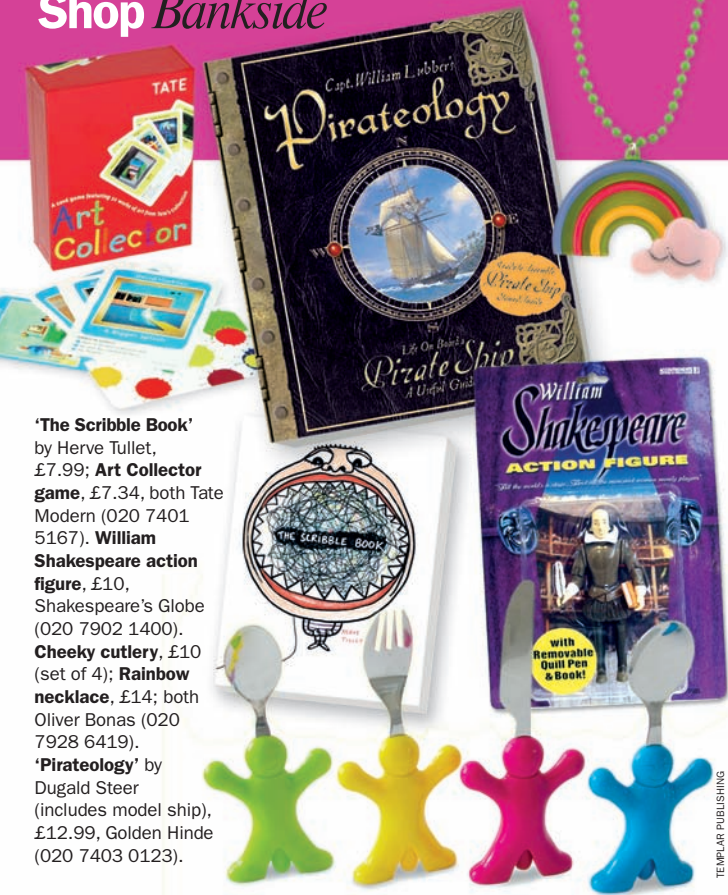
South Bank

At County Hall, the **Premier Inn** (0870 990 6402) has good-value rooms; at the **Marriott** there (020 7928 5200), a family package costs from £309. Under-12s stay free in the studio rooms at **Park Plaza County Hall** (020 7034 4835) with 'Mini VIP' treatment including tea parties and dressing up. **Park Plaza Riverbank** (020 7958 8000) is a little further south.

Bankside

In Southwark, **Express by Holiday Inn London** (0871 423 4931) and **Premier Inn London** (0870 990 6402) are solid budget options. **Novotel London City South** (020 7089 0400) has family B&B rates and at the **Southwark Rose Hotel** (020 7015 1480) a family room is £150. At **Mercure London City Bankside** (020 7902 0800) under-15s stay free.

Shop *Bankside*



'The Scribble Book'
by Herve Tullet, £7.99; **Art Collector game**, £7.34, both Tate Modern (020 7401 5167). **William Shakespeare action figure**, £10, Shakespeare's Globe (020 7902 1400). **Cheeky cutlery**, £10 (set of 4); **Rainbow necklace**, £14; both Oliver Bonas (020 7928 6419). **'Pirateology'** by Dugald Steer (includes model ship), £12.99, Golden Hinde (020 7403 0123).

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Take a break *Pit stops*

A host of family-friendly eating options have sprung up in the area recently

South Bank

There are lots of places to eat here. **Canteen** (Southbank Centre Square, Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX, 0845 686 1122) serves British fare, while the terrace in front of the Royal Festival Hall has **Giraffe** (Festival Riverside, SE1 8XX, 020 7928 2004) with global food and a kids' menu, and **Strada** (Festival Riverside, SE1 8XX, 020 7401 9126) for pasta and pizza. Try dim sum at **Ping Pong**



(Festival Terrace, SE1 8XX, 020 7960 4160) or enjoy hot food or sarnies at **benugo@BFI** (Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XT, 020 7401 9000), with a kids' menu.



Café 2



benugo@BFI

At Gabriel's Wharf (56 Upper Ground, SE1 9PP), there's **The Gourmet Pizza Co** (020 7928 3188), **House of Crepes** (020 7401 9816) and Mediterranean restaurant **Riviera** (020 7401 7314). In the Oxo Tower itself (Barge House St, SE1 9PH), you have **Caffè Alba** with panini and ice creams or, for a real treat, the **OXO Tower Restaurant** (020 7803 3888) with its river views. The **Young Vic** does good food, too (66 The Cut, SE1 8LZ, 020 7928 4400).

Bankside

Foodie heaven **Borough Market** has become a top tourist destination. On Saturdays it gets too crammed to negotiate by 11am, but if you arrive at 9am when stalls open you can pick up some tasty treats. There are family-friendly options in the area

if you want to sit down: **Wagamama** noodle bar (1 Clink St, SE1 9BU, 020 7403 3659), **Nando's** (215-217 Clink St, SE1 9DG, 020 7357 8662) and a **Pizza Express** on the river (Bankside, SE1 9DS, 020 7401 3977). If you have fidgety children, try the speedy and informal **Leon** (7 Canvey St, SE1 9AN, 020 7620 0035), or **The Table** (88 Southwark St, SE1 0HX, 020 7401 2760) for soups and risottos. The superb **Café 2** at Tate Modern (Bankside, SE1 9TG, 020 7401 5014), has a junior menu and crayons (look out for 'kids eat free' deals at the Tate's restaurants). Or **Southwark Cathedral Refectory** (London Bridge, SE1 9DA, 020 7407 5740) has soups, sandwiches and cakes.

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Borough Market

THE RIVER



Mudlarking

Age 5+ (with an adult)

All manner of centuries-old finds have been made on the muddy banks of the Thames. If you want to explore the foreshore check the tide times at the Port of London Authority (www.pla.co.uk). Steps just below *Shakespeare's Globe*.

Beach

All ages

When the tide is out, there are spots where you can get on to the 'beach' and even make sand sculptures! The best stretch is in front of Gabriel's Wharf and Oxo Tower Wharf, but check tide times first (www.pla.co.uk).

London RIB Voyages

All ages

Great for teens, this high-speed 50-minute round trip from the Eye to Canary Wharf is an exciting zip down the river in true James Bond style. *London Eye Millennium Pier, SE1 7PB (020 7928 8933). £32.50, under-16s £19.50. Booking essential.*

River trips

All ages

Regular boat services run daily. From London Eye Millennium Pier head east towards Greenwich and beyond. Services at Bankside Pier link you with piers east to Woolwich Arsenal and west to Tate Britain. www.tfl.gov.uk.

