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# The Mayor's letter

## Welcome to London this March

This month we celebrate the success of women in our great city with International Women's Day. The Women of the World festival at the Southbank Centre (6-8 Mar) has inspiring speakers, performers and activists to discuss the future of gender equality and celebrate the milestones achieved by women.

Visit Tate Modern (from 12 Mar) to see Andy Warhol's work. Famous Pop Art images are on display, including portraits of black and Latino drag queens and trans women.

With the Tokyo 2020 Olympics just months away, watch Britain's best male and female boxers qualify to compete at the Games as they take on European opponents at the Copper Box Arena (14-24 Mar), which hosted events during London 2012.

Last but not least, enjoy St Patrick's Day festival (15 Mar), the largest celebration of Irish culture in London. Thousands line the parade route and enjoy a showcase in Trafalgar Square – everyone is welcome. But whatever you do, have a wonderful time.

**Sadiq Khan**

Mayor of London



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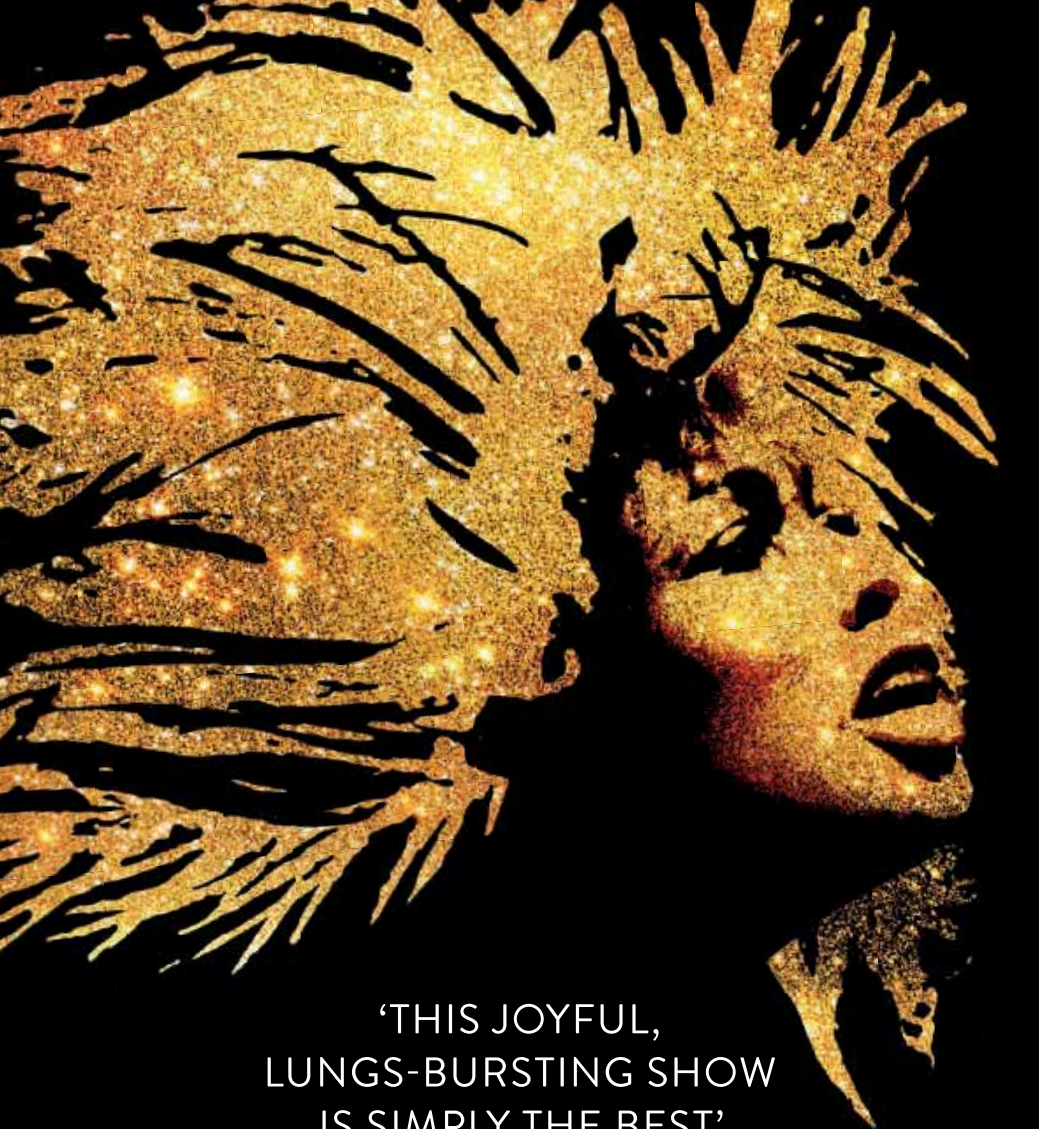
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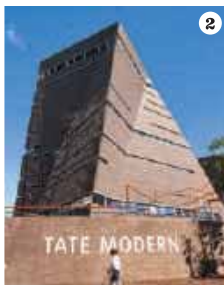
# Free Attractions

London's most popular free attractions compiled according to the latest visitor numbers.  
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## 1 The British Museum

Famous museum housing the Rosetta Stone, the Elgin Marbles and Egyptian mummies

## 2 Tate Modern

Former power station in Bankside containing a huge international modern art collection

## 3 The National Gallery

Priceless European art belonging to the nation, with works by Botticelli, da Vinci and van Gogh

## 4 Natural History Museum

Displays of the natural world, including dinosaurs, prehistoric fossils and taxidermy

## 5 Southbank Centre

Major arts centre hosting music, dance and arts events, plus the refurbished Hayward Gallery

## 6 Victoria and Albert Museum

Incredible artefacts spanning more than 3,000 years, including art, sculpture and fashion

## 7 Science Museum

Interactive, scientific fun for kids and grown-ups, boasting everything from rockets to steam engines

## 8 Somerset House

A neoclassical gem beside the River Thames that's home to contemporary arts and cultural events

## 9 Royal Museums Greenwich

Maritime history and world-class art at this immense UNESCO World Heritage Site

## 10 Royal Academy of Arts

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# G A N

## As vegan food continues to rise in popularity, Neil Simpson eats his way around the capital

**I** love to eat and that's why I live in London – there's nowhere better to do it. After years of scoffing everything this city has to offer, I recently made a radical decision: the animal products industry is one of the largest contributors to global carbon emissions, so now I'm a vegan. In many locations I'd be bored and hungry, but an army of talent is conjuring up culinary magic on London's vegan scene. I interviewed as many of them as possible to provide you with plenty of dining tips – regardless of whether you eat meat or not.

### NEIL RANKIN, founder of Simplicity Burger

 He made his name as a master of meat at Temper, but this London chef went in the opposite direction with his new Shoreditch burger joint.

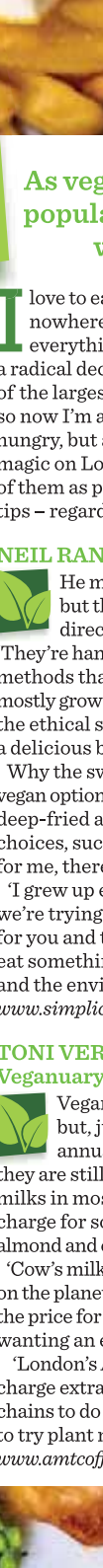
'They're hand-made, plant-based vegan patties, using methods that are zero-waste and ingredients you could mostly grow yourself,' Neil says. 'We haven't talked about the ethical side to veganism – it's just about making a delicious burger out of really good ingredients.'

Why the switch from steak restaurants? 'I was seeing vegan options in London that were either over-processed, deep-fried and excessively bad for you, or high-end choices, such as Rovi in Fitzrovia,' Neil explains. 'But, for me, there was nothing super-casual that tasted nice.'

'I grew up eating Big Macs – I love a Big Mac. What we're trying to do is take something that is really bad for you and the environment and show that you can eat something that tastes just as great, is good for you and the environment and doesn't cost much more.'

[www.simplicityburger.london](http://www.simplicityburger.london)

### TONI VERNELLI, Veganuary spokesperson

 Veganuary might be done and dusted for 2020 but, just like the vegan movement itself, this annual festival is expanding. Toni explains that they are still battling the extra charge applied to plant milks in most London cafés. 'Very few coffee places charge for soya milk now, but businesses argue that oat, almond and coconut milks still cost more to buy,' she says.

'Cow's milk might be cheaper, but the impact that it has on the planet is far greater than plant milk and we all pay the price for that. Customers shouldn't be penalised for wanting an environmentally friendly choice.'

London's AMT coffee stands at train stations no longer charge extra for plant milk; they were one of the first chains to do so. Le Pain Quotidien also encourage people to try plant milk and they have a great vegan range.'

[www.amtcoffee.co.uk](http://www.amtcoffee.co.uk); [www.lepainquotidien.com](http://www.lepainquotidien.com) ►

Vegan fish and chips at by CHLOE.

VEGAN



Vegan Nights

**LUKE MCLAUGHLIN,**  
co-founder of The Spread Eagle



Claiming the title of London's first vegan pub, The Spread Eagle in Homerton only serves food and drink derived from non-animal sources. 'Many people don't realise that beer and wine are frequently made using animal products,' Luke says. 'All of our drinks – the beers, wines and spirits – are vegan, along with all of the pub's fixtures, fittings, cleaning products and candles.'

'I've been passionate about veganism for a long time – as well as drinking, of course! My business partner Sherri-Lee Estabrook and I have been friends for over 20 years and we used to work together at music festival bars. When the opportunity came up, we jumped at the chance to do something different with this pub.'

[www.thespreadeaglelondon.co.uk](http://www.thespreadeaglelondon.co.uk)

**SIAN LAWSON,**  
Vegan Life Live spokesperson



This annual festival, which returns to north London's Alexandra Palace (14-15 Mar), is an opportunity to explore vegan products beyond food and drink. 'We've got vegan beauty and skincare products, clothing, protein supplements, health and fitness ideas and two food courts,' Sian says. 'There's a bit of everything.'

'I'm a vegetarian because of *The Game Changers*. It's a documentary about fitness and it shows you what happens to your blood when you eat meat – it's got more fat in it. You'll watch it and look at things from a different perspective.'

[london.veganlifelive.com](http://london.veganlifelive.com) ►



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# VEGAN




Baos at Eat Chay



Vegan Life Live

## JULIET SAMPSON, founder of Copperhouse Chocolate

 Drawing in chocoholics from north London and beyond, this Islington café was founded after Juliet spotted an opportunity. ‘There was a gap in the market for a chocolate café in general, never mind a vegan one,’ says the entrepreneur.

‘The chocolate aspect came before the vegan side of things. Mostly, I just wanted to open a chocolate shop and I’ve been vegan for about 20 years, so I wanted everything to be vegan. I don’t want to make a profit from dairy. It was initially about animal rights, then the environment and everything else came.’

‘Visitors should expect a lot of chocolate! You can have cakes, as well as chocolate in your food, like waffles or a chocolate weekend brunch; we do a black-bean chilli with chocolate in it, based on a traditional Mexican sauce. We also have cocoa nibs on our avocado toast.’ [www.copperhousechocolate.co.uk](http://www.copperhousechocolate.co.uk)




Clare Every is an influencer who specialises in vegan dining in London and beyond, from street stalls to Michelin-starred restaurants. Follow her on @thelittlelondonvegan



Nom Nom Hoxton

## LOUISA DAVIDSON, social media editor for Vegan Nights

 Vegan Nights is one of the biggest events held at The Old Truman Brewery. ‘It’s a food and drink festival that 4,000 people attend,’ says Louisa. ‘From seitan-filled Philly steak-style sandwiches, to ice cream made with cashews, you can feast on anything and it’s all vegan.’

‘Some of our traders have since moved on to opening restaurants: Eat Chay (“chay” means vegetables in Mandarin) has gone from a tiny stall to having a unit in Shoreditch’s Boxpark. I think their kimchi bao buns are the best. [www.vegannights.uk](http://www.vegannights.uk); [www.eatchay.com](http://www.eatchay.com)

## RUBY AMARTEIFIO, founder of Ruby’s Bakery

 This vegan bakery is one of many reasons to visit Greenwich Market at the weekend, but don’t just take my word for it – take it from Ruby. ‘There are loads of great vegan food stalls at Greenwich Market, including a vegan pizzeria,’ she says. ‘When I was younger, I couldn’t eat dairy due to allergies. But if I couldn’t kill it myself then I probably shouldn’t eat it. Ten years ago, you could just make a below-par product and say “well, it’s vegan” – now it has to be a great product.’ [www.rubysoftlondon.com](http://www.rubysoftlondon.com) ■

Vegan Nights



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# Irish charmers

Whether you're here to celebrate St Patrick's Day or not, you can still enjoy the craic, says **Sarah Riches**

**P**aainted your face green, white and orange? Donned an oversized hat and shamrock jumper? Then you're all set for St Patrick's Day. The day (17 Mar) marks the death of Ireland's patron saint, a British missionary credited for introducing Christianity to Ireland.

This year, 75,000 people will mark the occasion by cheering on a parade of floats, marching bands and Irish dancers along a 2.4km route from Piccadilly to Whitehall (15 Mar). There will also be a free festival in Trafalgar Square from noon to 6pm, with street food, craft stalls, roaming entertainers and a live music stage. Little ones can enjoy bubbles and face painting in a family zone on Pall Mall East.

Even if you miss the big day itself, you can still immerse yourself in Irish culture across London. Here are my top 10 spots.

### 1 MIGRATION MUSEUM

Start by visiting this museum, which opened in Lewisham Shopping Centre last month. While it's not specifically about Irish diaspora, the centre gives Irish migrants a voice. Read first-hand accounts of travelling by ferry across the Irish Sea in the 1950s, watch film clips and see a tea set inherited through generations. [www.migrationmuseum.org/lewisham](http://www.migrationmuseum.org/lewisham)

### 2 IRISH CULTURAL CENTRE

Established in 1995, this centre has a lively events programme, from live music to tea dances. Highlights include *Unveiled* (6 Mar), a dark play about physical, sexual and emotional abuse within the Catholic church. For something happier – you are on holiday, after all – then listen to traditional tunes by violinist Zoe Conway, accordion player



The Tipperary



St Patrick's Day Parade

Máirtín O'Connor and guitarist and bouzouki player Dónal Lunny, two of whom have performed with *Riverdance* (8 Mar). Later in the month Réalta, a quintet from Belfast, play pipes, whistles, banjos and a bodhran drum (28 Mar). [www.irishculturalcentre.co.uk](http://www.irishculturalcentre.co.uk)

### 3 KILBURN

This area in north London is nicknamed County Kilburn, as it has the capital's highest Irish population. Pop into the Sir Colin Campbell for a pint of Guinness and chances are you'll get chatting to an Irish person. The pub's resident band entertains



Dónal Lunny, Zoe Conway and Máirtín O'Connor play at the Irish Cultural Centre

with traditional Irish folk every Saturday and Sunday night. Visit the Kiln Theatre, which is showing *Pass Over* (to 21 Mar), a production inspired by Samuel Beckett's 1953 play *Waiting for Godot*. It follows two young African-Americans waiting for change that will never come. [www.thesircolincampbell.co.uk](http://www.thesircolincampbell.co.uk); [www.kilnthatre.com](http://www.kilnthatre.com)

### 4 THE TIPPERARY

Top of the morning to you! There's been a pub on this site since 1605, and an Irish one since 1700, making The Tipperary on Fleet Street London's oldest Irish pub. A solid oak bar, beams and wooden panelling run through the narrow space, which has shamrock-mosaic floor tiles and antique Jameson whiskey signs. Traditional Irish music tops off the ambience. [www.thetipperarypub.com](http://www.thetipperarypub.com) ▶



# IRISH LONDON



## 5 WAXY O'CONNOR'S

The Gothic interior of this huge Irish pub may have a pulpit and stained-glass windows, but the atmosphere is far from church-like. Sports fans can watch hurling, football and rugby on big screens, while live music is played every Wednesday to Sunday. For a more relaxed vibe, visit Waxy's Little Sister on nearby Wardour Street. [www.waxyoconnors.co.uk](http://www.waxyoconnors.co.uk)

## 6 THE PORTERHOUSE

If you think Waxy's is big, then visit this Covent Garden pub, which covers 12 levels.

It wins points for atmosphere, especially on Sunday afternoons when a live rock band plays in the basement. It serves stouts and ales, which it brews in Dublin. [www.theporterhouse.ie](http://www.theporterhouse.ie)

## 7 HOMEBOY

The Irish duo Aaron Wall and Ciarán Smith, who previously worked at The Dorchester, opened this bar in Angel to introduce Londoners to Irish hospitality. Vintage photos line the walls, Six Nations rugby plays and you can snack on boxty potato pancakes, Tayto crisps and Irish stew. You can also say 'sláinte' with an Emerald Collins made with Slane whiskey. [www.homeboybar.com](http://www.homeboybar.com)

## 8 CORRIGAN'S MAYFAIR

Michelin-starred chef Richard Corrigan, from County Meath, opened this restaurant near Hyde Park in 2008, and it's since won multiple awards. Order Irish classics such as oysters and game and try an Irish whiskey mixed with strawberry soda. [www.corrigansmayfair.co.uk](http://www.corrigansmayfair.co.uk)

## 9 CECIL SHARP HOUSE

This dance hall in Camden hosts folk dances and live music. This month, Peta Webb and Ken Hall sing satirical Irish songs (4 Mar), while the pianist, singer and songwriter Belinda O'Hooley sings folk (28 Mar). [www.cecilsharpshouse.org](http://www.cecilsharpshouse.org)

## 10 LONDON GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

This international club, established in 1896, offers traditional Irish sports for amateurs such as hurling, camogie, Gaelic football, Gaelic handball and rounders. [www.londongaa.org](http://www.londongaa.org) ■

### IRISH PHRASES TO FIT IN LIKE A LOCAL



**Craic** = fun  
**The jacks** = toilet  
**Fair play** = well done  
**I'm coddling ya**  
 = I'm joking  
**Bang on** = correct, accurate  
**Gat/The black stuff**  
 = Guinness  
**Wet the tea**  
 = make a cup of tea  
**Acting the maggot**  
 = messing around  
**Grand/deadly/fierce**  
 = great  
**Come round for a céili** = visit my house for a chat and cuppa  
**That's a fret**  
 = expressions of disbelief





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# Sightseeing

## Put a spring in your step

The mercury is rising and the days are getting longer, meaning one thing: spring is finally here! Nearly half of London is green space, so there's no better city to be in this season. From the trees that line the streets to the flowerbeds in the parks, the capital is in bloom.

If you're after a more concentrated dose of fresh florals, head to **Chiswick House and Gardens** for its 10th annual **Camellia Show** (from 12 Mar). On display in the Grade I-listed Conservatory will be 33 varieties of the vibrant flower, ranging from vivid pinks, deep reds, crisp whites and striped blooms.

There are also free camellia-themed tours during the show, where a garden expert will guide

you through the Italian Garden and Conservatory ([www.chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk](http://www.chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk)).

Meanwhile, **Florimania** returns to **Hampton Court Palace** – King Henry VIII's favourite residence – on Mother's Day weekend (20–22 Mar; p. 39). A celebration of the fine art of flower arranging, the festival will see the King's State Apartments filled with an array of floral displays.

The theme is 'Heraldry', so expect to see arrangements inspired by historic shields, banners and crests from well-known literary works and artworks, including *The Family of Henry VIII* portrait. Entry to **Florimania** is included in the palace admission.

This year marks the 25th annual **Orchid Festival at Kew Gardens** (until 8 Mar; p. 20).

Put a spring in your step with a visit to the festival, which this year centres around the wildlife and culture of Indonesia. Did you know that Indonesia is home to at least 4,000 species of orchid? The immersive event will showcase a selection of these beauties, with displays that include an erupting volcano crafted from these exotic flowers.



**Nupur Trivedi,**  
*Sightseeing Editor*





All images:  
*Florimania*  
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Court Palace

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## SIGHTSEEING

### BANQUETING HOUSE

This 17th-century building was designed by Inigo Jones for James I, with an exquisite painted ceiling by Baroque artist Rubens. Daily 10am-5pm; check for planned closures. Adult £7; child free. *Whitehall, SW1A 2ER. T: 020-3166 6000. www.hrp.org.uk. Station: Westminster. E8.*

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**NEW From 20 Mar:** *Hebrew Manuscripts.*

Exploring the history, culture and traditions of Jewish people. Check for times. Admission free; charges for tours, some exhibitions and events. *96 Euston Rd, NW1 2DB. T: 0330-333 1144. www.bl.uk. Station: King's Cross. C7.*

### BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The London residence and workplace of the British monarch has 775 rooms and is normally closed to the public. Check for tours. *The Mall, SW1A 1AA. T: 0303-123 7300. www.rct.uk/buckinghampalace. Station: Green Park. F6/F7.*

### CHANGING THE GUARD

Watch the changing of the Queen's Guard on the palace's forecourt (except in wet weather). From 10am; check for dates; free. *Buckingham Palace, The Mall, SW1A 1AA. T: 030-3123 7300. www.householddivision.org.uk. Station: Victoria/Green Park. F6/F7.*

### CUTTY SARK

**FAMILY** Climb aboard the world's last surviving tea clipper. Daily 10am-5pm. Adult £15; child £7.50. Book online to save. *King William Walk, SE10 9HT. T: 020-8312 6608. www.rmg.co.uk. Station: Cutty Sark/Greenwich. Map inset.*

### DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE

Dr Samuel Johnson compiled his English dictionary, first published in 1755, in this 18th-century home. Mon-Sat 11am-5pm; closed bank hols. Adult £7; child £3.50. *17 Gough Square, EC4A 3DE. T: 020-7353 3745. www.drjohnsons house.org. Station: Temple/Chancery Lane. D9.*

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## HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

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## THE JEWEL TOWER

This tower was built around 1365 to house Edward III's treasures. Sat-Sun 10am-4pm. Adult £5.70; child £3.40. *Abingdon St, SW1P 3JX*. T: 020-7222 2219. [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk). Station: Westminster. F8.

## KENSINGTON PALACE

This royal residence was Princess Diana's last home. Daily 10am-6pm; Queen's state apartments closed to 31 Mar. Adult £17; child £8.50. *Kensington Gardens, W8 4PX*. T: 0844-482 7777. [www.hrp.org.uk](http://www.hrp.org.uk). Station: High Street Kensington/Queensway. Off map.

## ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW

**FAMILY** Better known as Kew Gardens, this World Heritage Site contains plants from across the globe (p. 18). Daily 10am-6pm. Adult £13.50; child £4.50; charges for special exhibitions. *Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 3AB*. T: 020-8332 5655. [www.kew.org](http://www.kew.org). Station: Kew Gardens. Off map.

## KIDZANIA LONDON

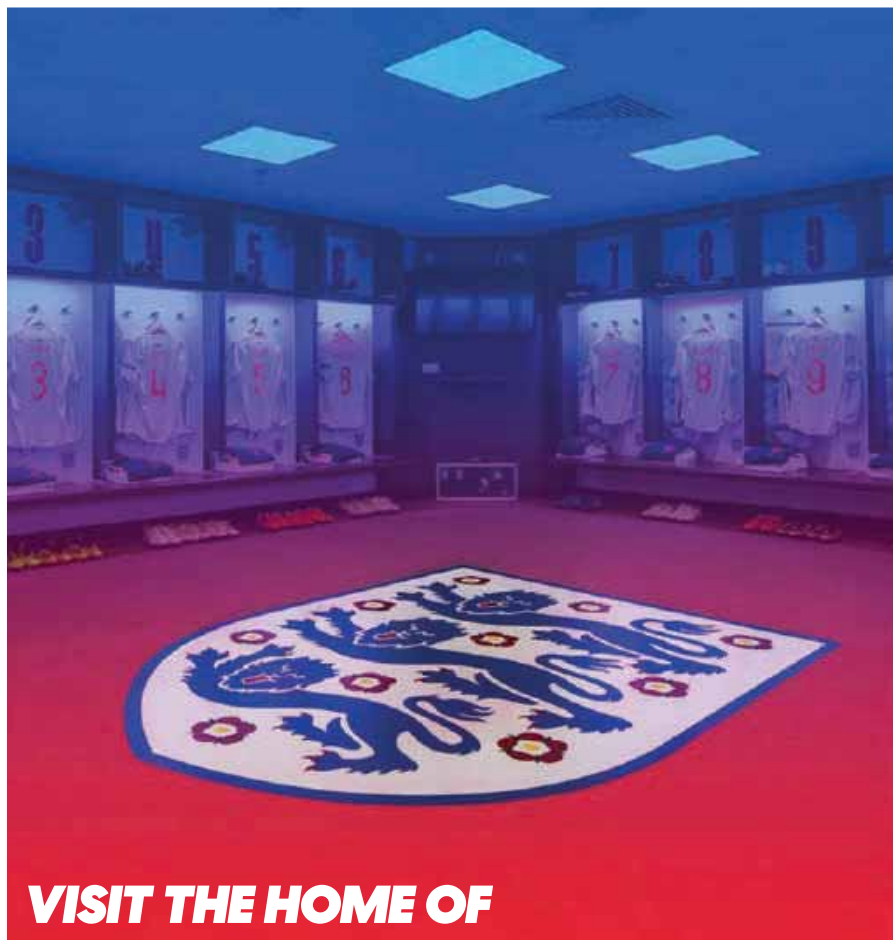
**FAMILY** Huge space where children can try different 'jobs', including ones in TV studios and an aviation academy. Check for times and prices. *Westfield London Shopping Centre, Ariel Way, W12 7GA*. T: 0330-131 3333. [www.kidzania.co.uk](http://www.kidzania.co.uk). Station: Shepherd's Bush. Map inset.



## Garden guide

Get a rare glimpse behind the scenes of London's oldest botanic garden. For the first time, **Chelsea Physic Garden** is holding a behind-the-scenes tour with its head of plant collections, Nell Jones (19 Mar). See what goes into tending to and growing the sprawling garden that houses around 5,000 edible, useful, historical and medicinal plants. Having spent more than a decade either working or volunteering at the garden, Jones is the ideal insider tour guide. Plus, she'll probably even have some tips on how to keep your house plants alive! Lunch is served in the Physic Garden Café after the 90-minute tour. [www.chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk](http://www.chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk)





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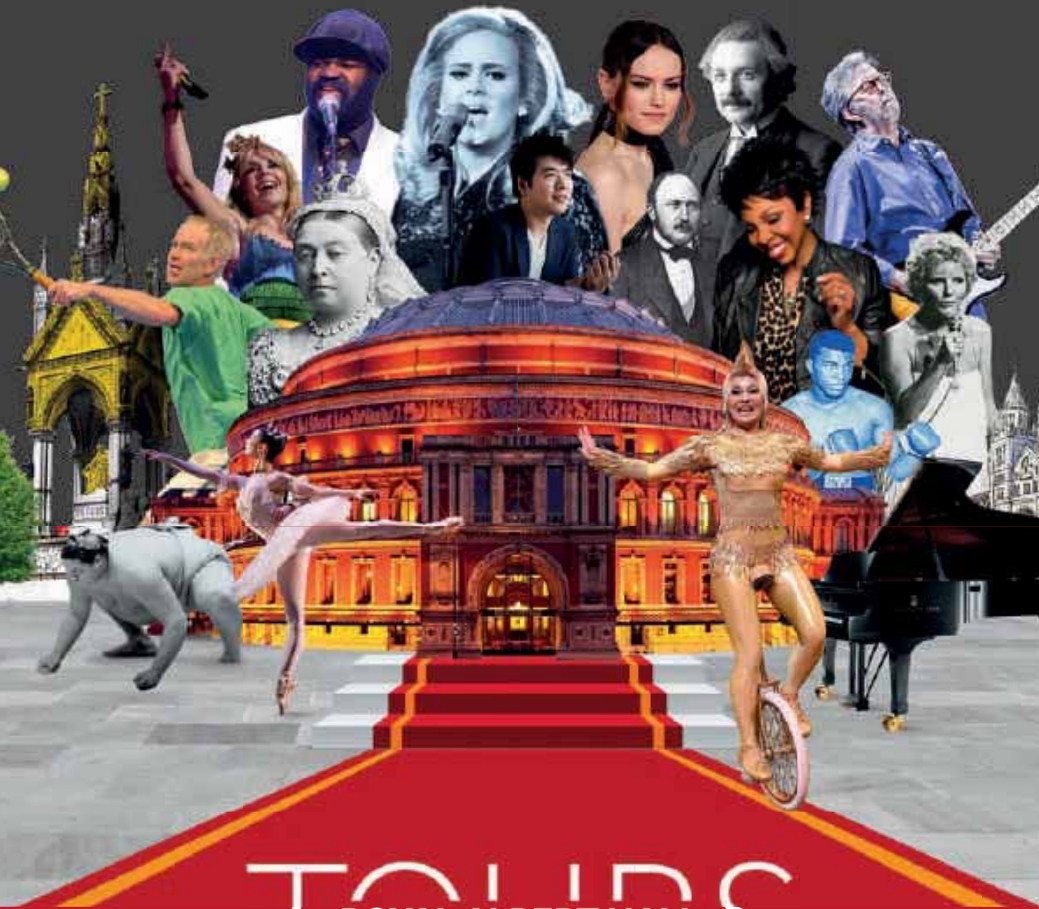
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Visit Westminster Abbey and its royal tombs (p. 30)

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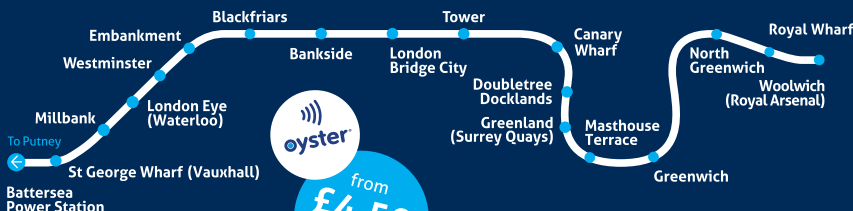
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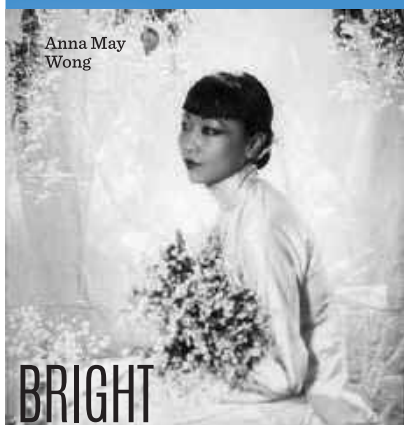


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# Museums & Galleries



Anna May Wong

## BRIGHT YOUNG THINGS

**G**lit, glamour, decadence and probably a touch of debauchery! This was all part and parcel of belonging to a certain set of London socialites in the 1920s and '30s. Known as the Bright Young Things, the group embodied the opulence of the Golden Age. Think a British Gatsby. Its elite members included writers, artists, poets, designers and aristocrats who all indulged in the excesses of the inter-war years. Among their ranks was portrait photographer Cecil Beaton, who not only participated in the group's antics, but also captured them with a keen eye.

A century on from the start of Beaton's long and prolific career, the **National Portrait Gallery** is celebrating with a major new exhibition: **Cecil Beaton's Bright Young Things** (from 12 Mar; p. 44). Featuring around 150 works, many of which rarely go on display, the exhibition gives us a first-hand account of a world we only ever really experience through novels or films.

Beaton's portraits are styled to perfection and you can clearly see why he went on to become a *Vogue* photographer. In his ethereal portrait of the actress Anna May Wong clutching a bouquet of flowers, it looks as though she's radiating light while being showered with more flowers. A personal favourite piece in this exhibition is Beaton's portrait of theatre director George 'Dadie' Rylands as the Duchess of Malfi.



Cecil Beaton by Paul Tanqueray



The Bright Young Things at Wilsford

Other notable portraits on show include one of socialite Stephen Tennant – who was called 'the brightest' of the Bright Young Things – as well as the set and costume designer Oliver Messel and modernist poets Iris Tree and Nancy Cunard. Shots of Beaton also appear, both through self-portraits and in photographs taken by others.

Letters, magazines, invitations, scrapbooks and other ephemera offer more fascinating insights into the Bright Young Things, an intriguing mix of high society and the avant-garde.

– *Nupur Trivedi*

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## MUSEUMS

### BANK OF ENGLAND MUSEUM

**FAMILY** The story of the bank from its foundation in 1694 to today. Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; closed bank hols. Admission free. *Bartholomew Lane, EC2R 8AH. T: 020-3461 5545. [www.bankofengland.co.uk/museum](http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/museum). Station: Bank. D10.*

### BODY WORLDS

**FAMILY** Hundreds of exhibits created from plastination technology show how human bodies work. Check for times and prices. *London Pavilion, 1 Piccadilly Circus, W1J 0DA. T: 033-0223 3233. [www.bodyworlds.co.uk](http://www.bodyworlds.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

### THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Discover priceless treasures from the Roman Empire, Egypt, ancient Iran and India.

**LAST CHANCE To 8 Mar:** *Troy: Myth and Reality*. Was Troy a real place? Sat-Thur 10am-5.30pm; Fri 10am-8.30pm. Admission free; charges for some exhibitions. *Great Russell St, WC1B 3DG. T: 020-7323 8299. [www.britishmuseum.org](http://www.britishmuseum.org). Station: Russell Square. D7/8.*

### CHURCHILL WAR ROOMS

Explore the fortified secret bunker where Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill worked during World War II. Daily 9.30am-6pm. Adult £23; child £11.50. *Clive Steps, King Charles St, SW1A 2AQ. T: 020-7930 6961. [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk). Station: Westminster. F7.*

## Pop star

Fans of Pop Art and celebrity culture shouldn't miss this major retrospective of **Andy Warhol's** iconic works – it is **Tate Modern's** first Warhol exhibition in almost two decades (from 12 Mar, p. 44). It showcases some of the American artist's best-known pieces, including images of Campbell's Soup Cans, Coca-Cola, Debbie Harry (pictured) and Marilyn Monroe, as well as works that have never been seen before in the UK. Also on display are screenprints from his subversive *Ladies and Gentlemen* series – daring images of transvestites in New York that reflected a more liberal mindset. An interactive element allows visitors to play with Warhol's immersive *Silver Clouds*, as well as experience the psychedelic installation *Exploding Plastic Inevitable*.

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### IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Huge displays relating to global conflicts. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free. *Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HZ. T: 020-7416 5000. [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk). Station: Lambeth North/Waterloo. F9.*

### LEIGHTON HOUSE MUSEUM

See paintings, drawings and sculptures. Sat-Sun 10am-5.30pm. Adult £9; child free. *12 Holland Park Rd, W14 8LZ. T: 020-7602 3316. [www.rbkc.gov.uk](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk). Station: Kensington Olympia. Off map.*

### LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM

**FAMILY** The story of the city's transport system. Daily 10am-6pm. Adult £18; child free. *Covent Garden Piazza, WC2E 7BB. T: 020-7379 6344. [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk). Station: Covent Garden. E8.*

### MUSEUM OF LONDON

The world's largest urban history museum. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free. *150 London Wall, EC2Y 5HN. T: 020-7001 9844. [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk). Station: Barbican. D10.*

### MUSEUM OF LONDON DOCKLANDS

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## NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

**FAMILY** The world's largest maritime museum. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free; charges for guided tours, events and exhibitions. *Romney Rd, SE10 9NF*. T: 020-8858 4422. [www.rmng.co.uk](http://www.rmng.co.uk). Station: Greenwich/Cutty Sark. Map inset.

## NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

**FAMILY** Dinosaurs, whales and more. Daily 10am-5.50pm. Admission free. *Cromwell Rd, SW7 5BD*. T: 020-7942 5000. [www.nhm.ac.uk](http://www.nhm.ac.uk). Station: South Kensington. F4.

## THE OLD OPERATING THEATRE

Learn about Victorian surgery. Check for times. Adult £6.50; child £3.50. *9a St Thomas St, SE1 9RY*. T: 020-7188 2679. [www.oldoperatingtheatre.com](http://www.oldoperatingtheatre.com). Station: London Bridge. E10.

## THE POSTAL MUSEUM

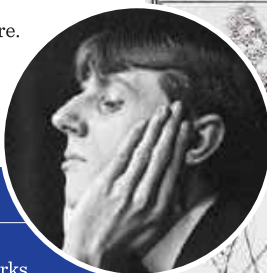
**FAMILY** Explore postal history and take a ride on the Mail Rail train. Daily 10am-5pm. Adult £17; child £10. *15-20 Phoenix Place, WC1X 0DA*. T: 030-0030 0700. [www.postalmuseum.org](http://www.postalmuseum.org). Station: Russell Square. C8.

## QUEEN'S HOUSE

Royal villa with art and architecture. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free. *Romney Rd, SE10 9NF*. T: 020-8858 4422. [www.rmng.co.uk](http://www.rmng.co.uk). Station: Cutty Sark. Map inset.

## Funny faces

Subversive and shocking are just two words used to describe the works of **Aubrey Beardsley**. In his short life and career, the prolific artist's pieces focused on the perverse and erotic, all tinged with his bizarre sense of humour. For the first time since 1923, **Tate Britain** is staging a Beardsley exhibition (from 4 Mar; p. 44), showcasing 200 of his unique works including illustrations of Oscar Wilde's controversial play *Salomé* and Beardsley's striking self-portraits. It will also explore his influences and his legacy.



## ROYAL AIR FORCE MUSEUM

National aviation museum. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free; charges for special experiences. *Grahame Park Way, NW9 5LL*. T: 020-8205 2266. [www.rafmuseum.org.uk](http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk). Station: Colindale. Off map.

## SCIENCE MUSEUM

**FAMILY** Science, technology and medical achievements. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Exhibition Rd, SW7 2DD*. T: 0333-241 4000. [www.science-museum.org.uk](http://www.science-museum.org.uk). Station: South Kensington. F4.

## SOMERSET HOUSE

Galleries, cafés and restaurants around a courtyard. Check for times. Admission free. *Strand, WC2R 1LA*. T: 020-7845 4600. [www.somerset-house.org.uk](http://www.somerset-house.org.uk). Station: Temple. E8.

## THE VAULT

See iconic rock 'n' roll memorabilia from around the world. Daily 11.30am-10.30pm. Admission free. *Hard Rock Cafe London, 150 Old Park Lane, W1K 1QZ*. T: 020-7514 1700. [www.hardrock.com](http://www.hardrock.com). Station: Hyde Park Corner. E6.

## VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM

Fashion, paintings, photographs and ceramics. Sat-Thur 10am-5.45pm; Fri 10am-10pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Cromwell Rd, SW7 2RL*. T: 020-7942 2000. [www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk). Station: South Kensington. F4/5.



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**NEW From 16 Mar:** *Titian: Love, Desire, Death.* See paintings showing classical myths. Sat-Thur 10am-6pm; Fri 10am-9pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN.* T: 020-7747 2885. [www.nationalgallery.org.uk](http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk). Station: Charing Cross. E7.

### NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

British people in paintings, drawings and photos.

**NEW From 12 Mar:** *Cecil Beaton's Bright Young Things.* Discover the lives of London's social elites of the 1920s and '30s (p. 40). Check for times. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *St Martin's Place, WC2H 0HE.* T: 020-7312 2463. [www.npg.org.uk](http://www.npg.org.uk). Station: Leicester Square. E7.

### THE QUEEN'S GALLERY

Gallery adjoining Buckingham Palace. **To 3 May:**

*George IV: Art & Spectacle.* Discover the king's collection of art. Daily 10am-5.30pm. Adult £13.50; child £6.70. *Buckingham Palace, SW1A 1AA.* T: 0303-123 7301. [www.rct.uk/queensgallerylondon](http://www.rct.uk/queensgallerylondon). Station: Green Park/Victoria. F7.

### ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS

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**To 13 Apr:** *Picasso and Paper.* Discover another side to Picasso. Sat-Thur 10am-6pm; Fri 10am-10pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *6 Burlington Gardens, W1J 0BD.* T: 020-7300 8000. [www.royalacademy.org.uk](http://www.royalacademy.org.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus/Green Park. E7.

### SAATCHI GALLERY

Contemporary art. **To 3 May:** *Tutankhamun: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh.* Check for times and prices. *Duke of York's HQ, King's Rd, SW3 4RY.* T: 020-7811 3070. [www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk](http://www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk). Station: Sloane Square. G5.

### TATE BRITAIN

Leading collection of British art (p. 42). Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Millbank, SW1P 4RG.* T: 020-7887 8888. [www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk). Station: Pimlico. G8.

### TATE MODERN

International modern art (p. 41). Check for times. Admission free. *Bankside, SE1 9TG.* T: 020-7887 8888. [www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk). Station: Southwark. E9.

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# Entertainment

## Love is in the air

**O**ld romantics won't want to miss a musical based on the 1993 film *Sleepless in Seattle*, which is coming to **Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre** (from 24 Mar; p. 50).

The world premiere of *Sleepless, A Musical Romance* recreates the plot of the 1993 romantic comedy, which starred Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

It follows widower Sam after he moves to Seattle with his eight-year-old son, Jonah. When Jonah phones a radio show, Sam is forced to talk about his broken heart and sleepless nights live on air. Sam soon becomes America's most eligible bachelor – and a top news story for Annie, a feisty journalist living on the opposite side of the country. Can Jonah bring the two together on the top deck of New York's Empire State Building?

Directed by Morgan Young (*Elf*, *White Christmas*, *Big*), the cast is yet to be confirmed but you can look forward to a new score of 14 songs by Robert Scott and Brendan Cull which includes *It Always Rains in Seattle*, *Dear Sleepless*, *Now or Never*, *Time* and *It's Out of My Hands*.

The show takes to the stage of the new 2,000-seat Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre in the former Fountain Studios – the former venue for reality-TV shows *Pop Idol*, *The X*

*Factor* and *Britain's Got Talent*. But why was the Troubadour chosen over a more traditional and central West End theatre?

Director Morgan Young explains: 'It's an amazingly versatile space. The width of the stage gives a wonderful sense of movement when travelling from Manhattan and Seattle for instance, which takes actors 20 seconds. The theatre also allows us to have table seating so the audience will be with Sam and Annie when they dine in the Aqua Room restaurant in Seattle, the Rainbow Room in New York or on Sam's houseboat deck. The set also has to encompass many timelines and other locations such as an attic, various kitchens and bedrooms and a street in Manhattan.'

Young adds: 'Because we visit so many locations, and some in only half a page of text, it's important that the video walls enhance the story and what's happening on stage instead of overwhelming it. As Sam is an architect, we decided to make the design echo his work. Therefore, the set and video

design will be borne from skeletal architects'

drawings – simple pathways and lines.'

A top director, a familiar story and a new score all point to a hit run – so you'll need to be quick off the draw

to bag yourself tickets.

– Sarah Riches

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for venues' complete listings



## That's the spirit

**Sarah Riches,**  
Entertainment Editor

Prepare to laugh as Noël Coward's **Blithe Spirit** arrives in the West End for a six-week run at the **Duke of York's Theatre** (from 5 Mar). Jennifer Saunders – best known for her hit 1990s TV comedy *Absolutely Fabulous* – plays psychic and medium Madame Arcati. Directed by Richard Eyre, *Blithe Spirit* tells the tale of an author who invites Madame Arcati to perform a séance as research for his new book – but chaos ensues when the ghost of his first wife is unleashed. Catch this comedy and you'll go home in high spirits. *St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4BG. T: 0844-871 7623. www.thedukeofyorks.com*



## MUSICALS & PERFORMANCES

### BE MORE CHILL

Quirky musical about a boy with a supercomputer in his head. Tue–Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm; Sun 4pm. Tickets from £19.50. *The Other Palace, 12 Palace St, SW1E 5JA. T: 0844-264 2140. www.theotherpalace.co.uk. Station: Victoria. F7.*

### THE BOOK OF MORMON

This controversial satire, from the writers of TV's *South Park*, follows the exploits of two hapless missionaries from the Church of Latter Day Saints. Check for times. Tickets £29.75–£100. *Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry St, W1D 6AS. T: 0844-482 5110. www.bookofmormonlondon.com. Station: Leicester Square/Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

### CITY OF ANGELS

**NEW From 5 Mar:** A musical love letter to the glamorous world of old Hollywood and film noir. Check for times. Tickets from £20. *Garrick Theatre, 2 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0HH. T: 0844-482 9673. www.garricktheatre.org. Station: Leicester Square. E7/8.*

### COME FROM AWAY

Locals on a Canadian island host 7,000 stranded passengers after 9/11. Check for times. Tickets £24–£108. *Phoenix Theatre, 110 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0JP. T: 0843-316 1082. www.phoenixtheatre.london.co.uk. Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.*

### EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE

Feel-good musical about a 16-year-old boy who overcomes prejudice. Mon–Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £20–£85. *Apollo Theatre, 31 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7ES. T: 0330-333 4809. www.everybodystalkingaboutjamie.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

### HAMILTON

Hip-hop musical based on the story of America's founding father, Alexander Hamilton. Check for times and prices. *Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria St, SW1E 5EA. T: 0844-248 5000. www.hamiltonthemusical.com. Station: Victoria. F6.*

### LES MISÉRABLES

The world's longest-running musical, adapted from Victor Hugo's classic novel, is set in post-revolutionary France. Mon–Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £31.63–£177.25. *Queen's Theatre, 51 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 6BA. T: 0844-482 5160. www.lesmis.com. Station: Leicester Square/Piccadilly Circus. D8.*

### THE LION KING

**FAMILY** Wonderful adaptation of the Disney film with ingenious costumes and inventive puppetry. Check for times. Tickets £23–£200.25. *Lyceum Theatre, 21 Wellington St, WC2E 7RQ. T: 0844-871 3000. www.thelionking.co.uk. Station: Covent Garden. E8.*



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## MARY POPPINS

**FAMILY** Fun tale about a nanny with magic powers. Check for times and prices. *Prince Edward Theatre, Old Compton St, W1D 4HS*. T: 0844-482 5151. [www.marypoppins.com](http://www.marypoppins.com). Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

## MATILDA THE MUSICAL

**FAMILY** Based on Roald Dahl's book about a girl with amazing powers. Check for times. Tickets £20-£122.50. *Cambridge Theatre, 32-34 Earlham St, WC2E 9HU*. T: 0844-412 4652. [www.matildathe-musical.com](http://www.matildathe-musical.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

## THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

A mysterious masked man haunts the Paris Opera House. Check for times. Tickets £25-£175. *Her Majesty's Theatre, 57 Haymarket, SW1Y 4QL*. T: 0844-412 2707. [www.thephantomofthe-opera.com](http://www.thephantomofthe-opera.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## PRETTY WOMAN THE MUSICAL

Romantic comedy based on the 1990 film. Check for times. Tickets from £15. *Piccadilly Theatre, 16 Denman St, W1D 7DY*. T: 0844-871 7630. [www.piccadillytheatre.org](http://www.piccadillytheatre.org). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## THE PRINCE OF EGYPT

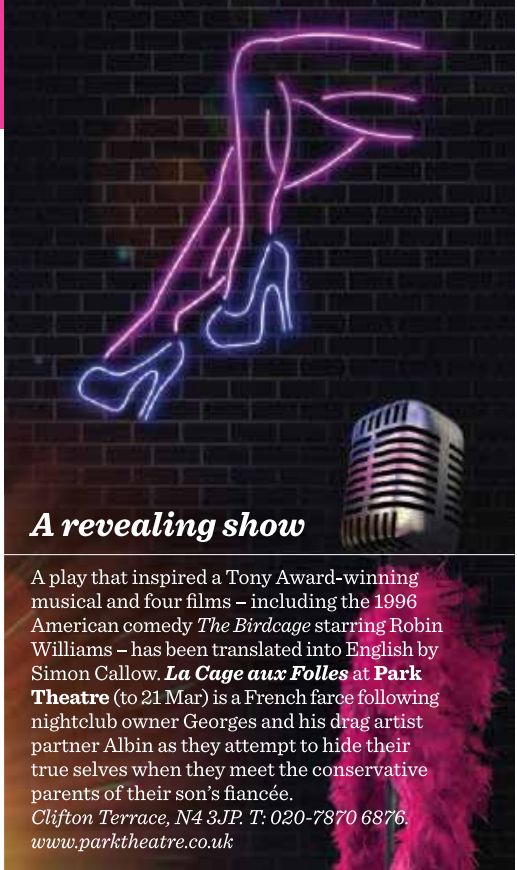
Musical about the life of Moses, based on the 1998 Disney film of the same name. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets from £19.50. *Dominion Theatre, 268-269 Tottenham Court Rd, W1T 7AQ*. T: 0845-200 7982. [www.nederlander.co.uk](http://www.nederlander.co.uk). Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

## SLEEPLESS, A MUSICAL ROMANCE

**NEW** From 24 Mar: World premiere based on the 1993 film *Sleepless in Seattle* (p. 46). Check for times. Tickets from £25. *Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre, 3 Fulton Rd, HA9 0SP*. T: 0844-815 4865. [www.troubadourtheatres.com](http://www.troubadourtheatres.com). Station: Wembley Park. Off map.

## THRILLER LIVE

Songs and dance celebrate Michael Jackson's career. Check for times and prices. *Lyric Theatre, 29 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7ES*. T: 0844-482 9674. [www.thrillerlive.com](http://www.thrillerlive.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.



## A revealing show

A play that inspired a Tony Award-winning musical and four films – including the 1996 American comedy *The Birdcage* starring Robin Williams – has been translated into English by Simon Callow. **La Cage aux Folles** at **Park Theatre** (to 21 Mar) is a French farce following nightclub owner Georges and his drag artist partner Albin as they attempt to hide their true selves when they meet the conservative parents of their son's fiancée. *Clifton Terrace, N4 3JP*. T: 020-7870 6876. [www.parktheatre.co.uk](http://www.parktheatre.co.uk)

## TINA – THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL

Musical based on the life of the legendary singer. Check for times. Tickets £10-£159.50. *Aldwych, 49 Aldwych, WC2B 4DF*. T: 0845-200 7981. [www.tinathemusical.com](http://www.tinathemusical.com). Station: Holborn. D8.

## WAITRESS

A woman dreams of a new life. Check for times. Tickets £19.50-£150. *Adelphi, 409-412 Strand, WC2R 0NS*. T: 0844-579 0094. [www.waitress-themusical.co.uk](http://www.waitress-themusical.co.uk). Station: Charing Cross. E8.

## WICKED

**FAMILY** The brilliant back story of the witches of Oz. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £24.25-£202.75. *Apollo Victoria, 17 Wilton Rd, SW1V 1LG*. T: 0844-871 3001. [www.wickedthemusical.co.uk](http://www.wickedthemusical.co.uk). Station: Victoria. F7.

## PLAYS

### THE COMEDY ABOUT A BANK ROBBERY

Play about incompetent crooks. Check for times. Tickets £10-£73.75. *Criterion, 218-223 Piccadilly, W1V 9LB*. T: 0844-815 6131. [www.thecomedyaboutabankrobbery.com](http://www.thecomedyaboutabankrobbery.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

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## HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD

Father-of-three Harry now works for the Ministry of Magic. Most tickets are sold out; check for returns and times. *Palace Theatre, 113 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 5AY. T: 0300-333 4813. [www.harrypottertheplay.com](http://www.harrypottertheplay.com). Station: Leicester Square. D7.*

## MAGIC GOES WRONG

**FAMILY** Comedy created with magic legends Penn & Teller. Check for times and prices. *Vaudeville Theatre, 404 Strand, WC2R 0NH. T: 0330-333 4814. [www.vaudeville-theatre.co.uk](http://www.vaudeville-theatre.co.uk). Station: Charing Cross/Covent Garden. E8.*

## THE MOUSETRAP

Agatha Christie's long-running whodunnit. Check for times and prices. *St Martin's Theatre, West St, WC2H 9NZ. T: 0844-499 1515. [www.themousetrap.co.uk](http://www.themousetrap.co.uk). Station: Leicester Square. D7.*

## THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

Slapstick comedy about a drama society staging a murder mystery. Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Sat 2.30pm; Sun 3pm & 7pm. Tickets £20-£72. *Duchess Theatre, 3-5 Catherine St, WC2B 5LA. T: 0844-482 9672. [www.theplaythatgoeswrong.com](http://www.theplaythatgoeswrong.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.*

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## WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION

Agatha Christie's drama. Check for times. Tickets from £10-£79.50. *County Hall, Belvedere Rd, SE1 7PB*. T: 0844-815 7141. [www.witnesscountyhall.com](http://www.witnesscountyhall.com). Station: Waterloo/Westminster. F8.

## THE WOMAN IN BLACK

Susan Hill's spooky ghost story. Check for times. Tickets £21.50-£52. *Fortune Theatre, Russell St, WC2B 5HH*. T: 0844-871 7626. [www.thewomaninblack.com](http://www.thewomaninblack.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

## FESTIVALS & EVENTS

### VAULT FESTIVAL

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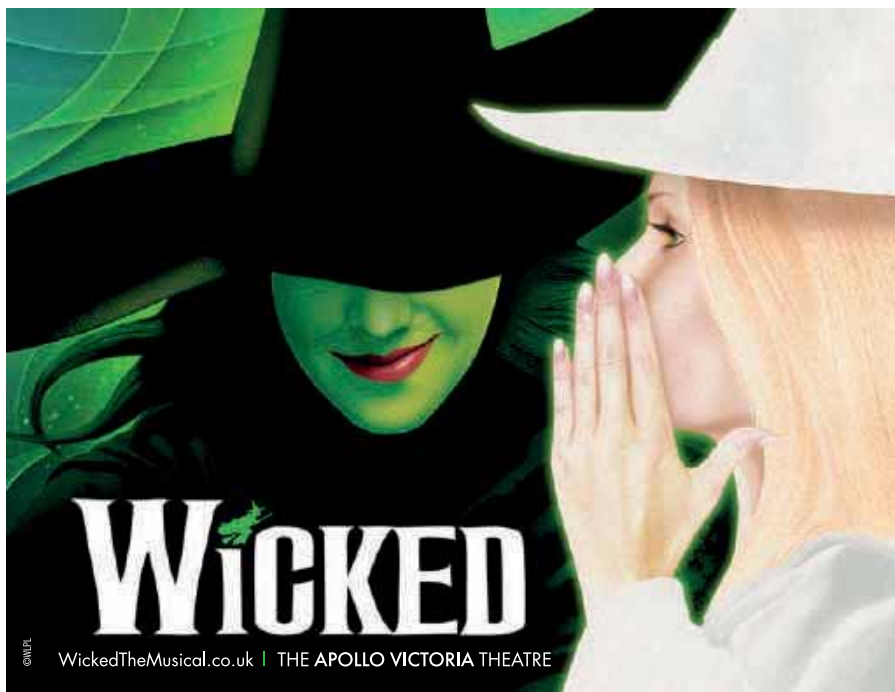
## IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

### FAULTY TOWERS:

#### THE DINING EXPERIENCE

Seventies-style dining and interactive comedy. Check for times. Tickets £75-£80. *Radisson Blu Edwardian, 9-13 Bloomsbury St, WC1B 3QD*. T: 0845-154 4145. [www.faultytowers-uk.com](http://www.faultytowers-uk.com). Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

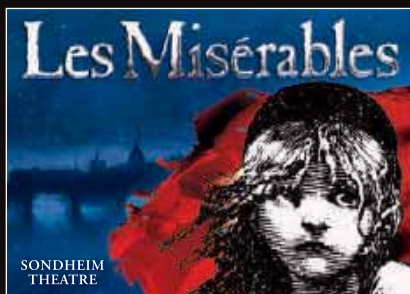
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10 Criterion .....	B1	22 Leicester Square	
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53 Barbican Hall .....	G	58 St James's Piccadilly	
54 London Coliseum .....	B2	church .....	B1
55 Peacock .....	A3	59 St Martin-in-the-Fields	
56 Ronnie Scott's .....	A1	church .....	B2
57 Royal Opera		60 Sadler's Wells .....	E
House .....	A2	61 Southbank Centre .....	C3

## JEFF WAYNE'S THE WAR OF THE WORLDS

Experience the Martian invasion from HG Wells' 1898 science-fiction novel. Check for times and prices. 56 Leadenhall St, EC3A 2BJ. [www.dotdot.london](http://www.dotdot.london). Station: Aldgate. D11.

## MAMMA MIA! THE PARTY

Popular ABBA hits are performed by costumed actors while you dine in a Greek taverna. Check for times. Tickets from £151.20. *The O2, Peninsula Square, SE10 0AX*. T: 0844-856 0202. [www.theo2.co.uk](http://www.theo2.co.uk). Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.

## CONCERTS: CLASSICAL

### CADOGAN HALL

**2 Mar:** *The Doctor's Orchestra*. Charity concert. Tickets £15-£32. 7.30pm. 5 Sloane Terrace, SW1X 9DQ. T: 020-7730 4500. [www.cadoganhall.com](http://www.cadoganhall.com). Station: Sloane Square. Off map.

## CONCERTS: POP, JAZZ & WORLD

### THE O2

**6 Mar:** Stereophonics. **7 Mar:** Michael Ball & Alfie Boe. Check for times and prices. *Peninsula Square, SE10 0AX*. T: 0844-856 0202. [www.theo2.co.uk](http://www.theo2.co.uk). Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.

## DANCE

### ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

**NEW From 5 Mar:** *Swan Lake*. A tale of doomed love with a score by Tchaikovsky. Check for times. Tickets £5-£145. *Bow St, WC2E 9DD*. T: 020-7304 4000. [www.roh.org.uk](http://www.roh.org.uk). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

## OPERA

### LONDON COLISEUM

*Madam Butterfly*. Puccini's opera about unrequited love. Check for times and prices. 33 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4ES. T: 020-7845 9300. [www.eno.org](http://www.eno.org). Station: Charing Cross. E8.

### ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

*La Bohème*. Puccini's tragi-comedy. Check for times and prices. *Bow St, WC2E 9DD*. T: 020-7304 4000. [www.roh.org.uk](http://www.roh.org.uk). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### HAMLET

**NEW From 30 Mar:** Shakespeare's classic. Check for times. Tickets £8-£15. *National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 9PX*. T: 020-7452 3000. [www.nationaltheatre.org.uk](http://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk). Station: Waterloo. E8.



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# Sport

## River racing

Last year when Olympic gold medallist James Cracknell, then aged 46, pulled on the deep-blue Lycra of the Cambridge rowing team, he was the oldest-ever competitor to take part in the historic Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race.

What began as a humble race at Henley-on-Thames in 1829, organised by friends at Oxford and Cambridge Universities, has become an annual fixture – barring the two World Wars – since 1856. The stakes are now high and it's taken extremely seriously by both universities.

The women's Boat Race had a rockier start. Founded in 1927, its first race on Oxford's River Isis drew 'large and hostile crowds gathered on the towpath', *The Times* reported. It was only in 2015 that the two were given equal billing.

Thankfully you don't have to don Lycra or be an Olympic champion to enjoy **The Boat Races** (29 Mar). The action-packed day, taking place on a 6.8km (four-mile) route between Putney and Mortlake on the River Thames, starts with the women's race at 3.44pm, with the men's starting gun going off one hour later.

With thousands of people expected to watch, where's the best place to be? If you prefer the waterfront, pick a spot along the route such



Victory celebrations

as Putney Embankment near the start line, Hammersmith and Barnes mid-course or Dukes Meadows and Chiswick Bridge at the finish. Alternatively, for food and drink stalls, family entertainment plus all the action on big screens, you can head to Bishop's Park and Wainwright fan parks.

If you're in London earlier in the month, watch rowing action on the same course in the opposite direction in **The Head of the River Race** (women 7 Mar, 2.30pm; men 21 Mar, 2.45pm). Rather than a contest between two crews, this sees more than 400 crews on each day from around the world setting off at 10-second intervals. It also shows off the famous Thames in all its competitive glory.

– Emma Levine  
[www.theboatrace.org](http://www.theboatrace.org)  
[www.horr.co.uk](http://www.horr.co.uk)

The Boat Race



## WATCH DIVING

**27-29 Mar:** FINA Diving World Series. *London Aquatics Centre, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, E20 2ZQ. T: 020-8536 3150. www.fina.org. Station: Stratford. Off map.*

## FOOTBALL

*Premier League fixtures (subject to change):*

**7 Mar:** Arsenal vs West Ham. *Emirates Stadium, see 'Arsenal Stadium Tour' for address.*

**7 Mar:** Chelsea vs Everton. **21 Mar:** Chelsea vs Manchester City. *Stamford Bridge, see 'Chelsea FC Stadium Tour' for address.*

**14 Mar:** Tottenham vs Manchester United. **21 Mar:** Tottenham vs West Ham. *Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, see 'Tottenham Hotspur Stadium Tour' for address.*

**14 Mar:** West Ham vs Wolves. **29 Feb:** West Ham vs Southampton. *London Stadium, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, E20 2ST. T: 020-8548 2748. www.whufc.com. Station: Stratford. Off map.*

## RUGBY UNION

*Six Nations:* **7 Mar:** England vs Wales. *Twickenham Stadium, see 'World Rugby Museum & Twickenham Stadium Tour' for address.*

## TOURS & MUSEUMS

### ARSENAL STADIUM TOUR & MUSEUM

Self-guided audio tours. Check for times, prices and Legends tours. *Drayton Park, N5 1BU. T: 020-7619 5000. www.arsenal.com. Station: Holloway Road/Arsenal/Finsbury Park. Off map.*

### CHELSEA FC STADIUM TOUR & MUSEUM

Choose from a range of tours. Check for times and prices. *Stamford Bridge, Fulham Rd, SW6 1HS. T: 0371-811 1955. www.chelseafc.com. Station: Fulham Broadway. Off map.*

### LORD'S TOUR & MCC MUSEUM

Tour the cricket ground. Check for times and prices. *St John's Wood Rd, NW8 8QN. T: 020-7616 8595. www.lords.org. Station: St John's Wood. C4.*

### KIA OVAL GROUND TOURS

Tour the cricket ground, home of Surrey County Cricket club. Please check for times. Adult £15; child £5. *Kennington, SE11 5SS. T: 020-3946 0100. www.kiaoval.com. Station: Oval. Off map.*

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## TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR STADIUM TOUR

See the new stadium. Check for times and NFL tour. Adult £30; child £15. *www.tottenhamhotspur.com/tours. 782 High Rd, N17 0BX. T: 020-3929 1882. Station: Seven Sisters. Off map.*

## THE WEMBLEY STADIUM TOUR

Go behind the scenes at this huge sports and music venue. Check for times and prices. *Olympic Way, HA9 0WS. T: 0800-169 9933. www.wembleystadium.com. Station: Wembley Park. Off map.*

## WORLD RUGBY MUSEUM & TWICKENHAM STADIUM TOUR

The world's largest rugby stadium. Check for times and prices. *Whitton Rd, Twickenham, TW2 7BA. T: 020-8892 8877. www.worldrugbymuseum.com. Station: Twickenham. Off map.*

## WIMBLEDON LAWN TENNIS MUSEUM & TOUR

The tour includes Centre Court. Daily 10am-5.30pm. Adult £25; child £15. *All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Church Rd, SW19 5AE. T: 020-8946 6131. www.wimbledon.com. Station: Southfields. Off map.*



**The road to Tokyo**  
*Emma Levine, Sport Editor*

Excitement continues to build for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The Copper Box Arena, which hosted memorable events for the London 2012 Games, is the venue for the **Boxing European Olympic Qualifier** (14-24 Mar). Watch boxers take to the ring to secure their place for this summer's event; with 50 men and 27 women competing from around Europe, there's plenty to cheer about. [www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk](http://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk)

# Shopping



## Picture perfect

Thanks to the ubiquity of smartphones, most of us now carry a camera in our pocket that we whip out to capture a special moment wherever we might be. It has made a world of image makers and our growing obsession with capturing the perfect picture is not lost on retailers. Step in Fujifilm, the company that made photography fun with the development of its Instax camera. It recently opened a concept store right here in the capital – its first in the world. Located in Covent Garden, the **Fujifilm House of Photography** is billed as a ‘sensory photography playground’ and offers three floors of retail-tainment for both serious snappers and shutterbugs alike.

On the ground floor, a living wall filled with exotic plants and flowers makes the perfect

backdrop for anyone looking to post a selfie on Insta, while various themed areas help you get hands-on with Fujifilm’s tech. For those who like the permanency of print, for example, the Wonder Photo Shop in the creative quarter offers a variety of printing services to help immortalise your favourite snap on mags and cushions – you can turn them into jigsaw puzzles, too.

Head up to the first floor and you’ll find a number of free-to-use studio spaces where you can channel your inner David Bailey, particularly as kit can be hired so you can try before you buy. This floor also features a gallery space where past displays have included an exhibition of photographs of David Bowie by Markus Klinko. Check out the House of Photography app for details of the latest events.

For avid fans of the brand, the Long Acre Lounge in the basement is a dedicated space where professionals and Fujifilm enthusiasts





can hang out and collaborate. So, if you're looking for ways to get even more out of your GFX 100 camera, you can discuss the options over a cup of coffee and then show off your prowess behind the lens in the dedicated studio. Happy snapping!

– Kathryn Conway  
8-9 Long Acre, WC2E 9LH. T: 020-3486 4610.  
[www.fujifilm-houseofphotography.com](http://www.fujifilm-houseofphotography.com)

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## MAJOR STORES

### FORTNUM & MASON

This iconic store opened in 1707. 181 Piccadilly, W1A 1ER. T: 0845-300 1707. [www.fortnumandmason.com](http://www.fortnumandmason.com). Station: Green Park. E7.

### HARRODS

Famous department store with top fashion labels and jewellery, plus a food hall and spa. 87-135 Brompton Rd, SW1X 7XL. T: 020-7730 1234. [www.harrods.com](http://www.harrods.com). Station: Knightsbridge. F5.

### JOHN LEWIS

Popular store with a huge range of hats, gifts, beauty and electrical items. 300 Oxford St, W1A 1EX (and branches). T: 020-7629 7711. [www.johnlewis.com](http://www.johnlewis.com). Station: Oxford Circus. D6.

### LIBERTY

Browse beauty, haberdashery and unique fabrics in a landmark, Tudor-revival building. Great Marlborough St, W1B 5AH. T: 020-7734 1234. [www.liberty.co.uk](http://www.liberty.co.uk). Station: Oxford Circus. D7.

### PETER JONES

Explore seven floors of retail heaven, with clothes, cookware, accessories and interiors. Sloane Square, SW1W 8EL. T: 020-7730 3434. [www.peterjones.co.uk](http://www.peterjones.co.uk). Station: Sloane Square. Off map.

## MALLS & FACTORY OUTLETS

### COAL DROPS YARD

New canalside development in restored railway arches, with an eclectic mix of clothing, art, contemporary design and cafés. Stable St, NIC 4DQ. T: 020-3664 0200. [www.coaldropsyard.com](http://www.coaldropsyard.com). Station: King's Cross St Pancras. Off map.

### ICON AT THE O2

Large discounts on designer brands, including fashion and leisurewear. The O2, Peninsula Square, SE10 0DX. T: 020-8463 2000. [www.iconattheo2.co.uk](http://www.iconattheo2.co.uk). Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.

### LONDON DESIGNER OUTLET

Find discounts of up to 70 per cent off big brands. Wembley Park Boulevard, HA9 0QL. T: 020-8912 5210. [www.londondesigneroutlet.com](http://www.londondesigneroutlet.com). Station: Wembley Park/Wembley Stadium. Off map.



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## WESTFIELD STRATFORD CITY

A cinema, bowling, restaurants, bars, cafés and 270 stores. *2 Stratford Place, Montfichet Rd, E20 1EJ. T: 020-8221 7300. [www.uk.westfield.com](http://www.uk.westfield.com). Station: Stratford. Map inset.*

## SPECIALIST STORES

### BUCKINGHAM PALACE SHOP

Royal souvenirs and jewellery. *7 Buckingham Palace Rd, SW1W 0PP. T: 020-7839 1377. [www.royalcollectionshop.co.uk](http://www.royalcollectionshop.co.uk). Station: Victoria/St James's Park. F6.*

### HAMLEYS

**FAMILY** One of the world's biggest, most-varied toy shops, with entertainers and demonstrations. *188-196 Regent St, W1B 5BT. T: 0371-704 1977. [www.hamleys.com](http://www.hamleys.com). Station: Oxford Circus. D7.*

### THE HARRY POTTER SHOP

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**FAMILY** Browse souvenirs and limited-edition collectibles. *King's Cross Station, N1 9AP. T: 020-3196 7375. [www.harrypotterplatform934.com](http://www.harrypotterplatform934.com). Station: King's Cross. Off map.*

## ROCK SHOP – OLD PARK LANE

Hard Rock clothing and accessories. *1 Old Park Lane, W1K 1QZ. T: 020-7514 1700. [www.shop.hardrock.com](http://www.shop.hardrock.com). Station: Hyde Park Corner. F6.*

## ROCK SHOP – PICCADILLY CIRCUS

The world's largest Hard Rock store has a huge range of lines. *225-229 Piccadilly, W1J 9HR. T: 020-7287 4600. [www.shop.hardrock.com](http://www.shop.hardrock.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. F6.*

## IT'S ONLY ROCK 'N' ROLL

Rock memorabilia. *230 Baker St, NW1 5RT. T: 020-7224 0277. [www.itsonlyrocknrolllondon.co.uk](http://www.itsonlyrocknrolllondon.co.uk). Station: Baker Street. C5.*

## JAPAN CENTRE

Japanese food, ceramics and origami. *35b Panton St, SW1Y 4EA. T: 020-3405 1246. [www.japancentre.com](http://www.japancentre.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

## LONDON BEATLES STORE

New and vintage memorabilia. *231-233 Baker St, NW1 6XE. T: 020-7935 4464. [www.beatlesstorelondon.co.uk](http://www.beatlesstorelondon.co.uk). Station: Baker Street. D5.*

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Browse pieces for sale, created on the premises. *62-66 Bermondsey St, SE1 3UD. T: 020-7403 2800. [www.londonglassblowing.co.uk](http://www.londonglassblowing.co.uk). Station: London Bridge. F11.*

## A celebration of scent

Scent is hugely evocative; the simple act of walking past someone wearing the fragrance of a loved one is often enough to bring a memory of them to life. This month, the wonderful world of perfumery comes into focus with its third **National Fragrance Week**

(16-22 Mar), in the run-up to Mother's Day. The Fragrance Foundation is the linchpin behind a series of events that put perfume and perfumers in the spotlight, with exclusive offers, one-to-one consultations and masterclasses at participating retailers across the city. Last year's highlights included Roja Dove discussing fragrance through the decades, so you can expect another exciting schedule.

[www.fragrancefoundation.org.uk](http://www.fragrancefoundation.org.uk)





### THE NOBLE COLLECTION

Harry Potter and The Lord of the Rings items.  
26-28 Neal St, WC2H 9PS. T: 020-3795 6298. [www.noblecollection.co.uk](http://www.noblecollection.co.uk). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

### RED BUS SHOP

This souvenir gift shop has a huge range of London-themed goods. 59-61 York Rd, SE1 7NJ

## Glow getter

Savvy shoppers know that South Korea leads the pack when it comes to beauty trends – the country is even responsible for spawning a whole new category: 'K-Beauty'. The UK now has its first standalone K-Beauty store: **Nature Republic's** elegant boutique offers an extensive collection of own-brand products that feature ingredients such as baobab tree seed, deep-sea water and snail mucus. In fact the Snail Solution line features an intensive skin booster, skin essence, emulsion and eye cream that promise to leave skin looking healthy and luminous while also fighting those pesky fine lines and wrinkles and helping to repair scarring. Thanks, Mother Nature. 64-66 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0BT. T: 020-7379 9682. [www.naturerepublicuk.com](http://www.naturerepublicuk.com)

(and branches). T: 020-7401 7033. [www.redbusshop.co.uk](http://www.redbusshop.co.uk). Station: Waterloo. F8.

### TWININGS

A huge range of teas and infusions, as well as a small museum. Enjoy a tea tasting, too. 216 Strand, WC2R 1AP. T: 020-7353 3511. [www.twinnings.co.uk](http://www.twinnings.co.uk). Station: Temple. D8.

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# Eating out

## Sweet tooth

If Christmas treats are a distant memory and Easter chocolate can't come soon enough, then treat your sweet tooth at one of London's dessert restaurants.

While it may seem as if the capital has Instagrammable freakshakes and cookies on every corner, **Cakes & Bubbles** looks and feels more like a restaurant, with cloth napkins on well-spaced tables. Pastry chef Albert Adrià – who formerly ran the world's best restaurant, El Bulli in Spain – is behind its signature dish: cheesecake designed to look like a round of gooey cheese in rind. It's a trick of the eye though, as it tastes of white chocolate and hazelnut. I like that it's playful, just as a dessert should be ([www.cakesandbubbles.co.uk](http://www.cakesandbubbles.co.uk)).

Cakes & Bubbles is known for its Champagne, while **Basement Sate** beneath the streets of Soho pairs desserts with cocktails. Its menu has no main dishes, only puddings inspired by countries around the world, from Sicilian pastry filled with ricotta to American-style s'mores – marshmallow ice cream on Graham crackers. The Japanese Garden, a green tea parfait served with cherry

sorbet, will no doubt satiate your sweet tooth ([www.basementsate.com](http://www.basementsate.com)).

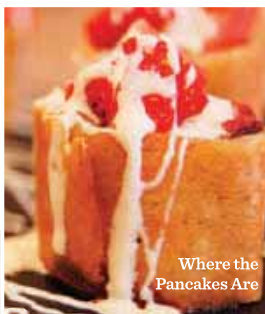
**Where the Pancakes Are**, under a railway arch near London Bridge, has a different vibe to Basement Sate, as it bursts with natural light thanks to tall ceilings and a glass wall. The clue to its menu is in its name. Founder Patricia Trijbits says: 'I was raised in Holland, I studied in Paris, then I moved to California – that's three pancake-loving nations in a row. When I moved to London I had a pancake epiphany, realising everyone loves pancakes but nowhere puts them centre stage. One of our bestsellers is the Hummingbird – cinnamon-poached pineapple, lime, pomegranate and toasted almond flakes, inspired by my love for piña coladas' ([www.wherethepancakesare.com](http://www.wherethepancakesare.com)).

**Crème de la Crêpe** in Covent Garden meanwhile has a more compact menu but its sweet dishes are just as inventive – I bet you've never had a Mars bar and Baileys crêpe before ([www.cremedelacrepe.co.uk](http://www.cremedelacrepe.co.uk)).

– Sarah Riches



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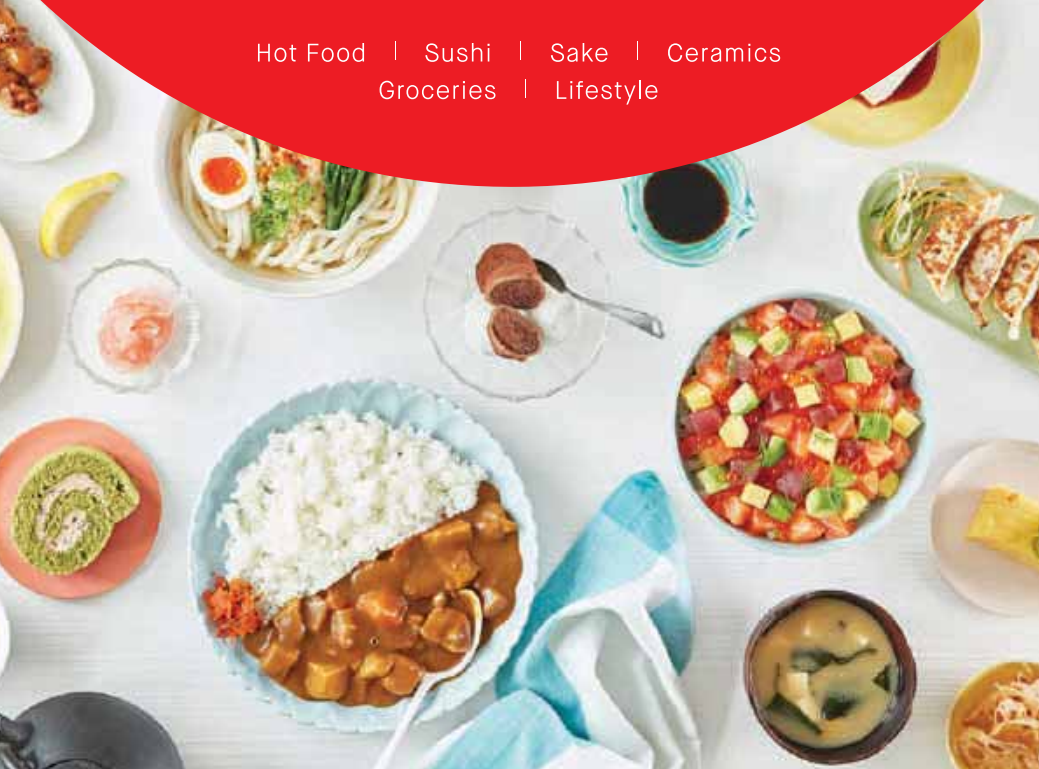
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## AMERICAS

### BUBBA GUMP SHRIMP CO.

This fun seafood restaurant is themed around the film *Forrest Gump*. Daily L & D. ££. 13 Coventry St, W1D 7AB. T: 020-3763 5288. [www.bubbagumpshrimp.co.uk](http://www.bubbagumpshrimp.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

### HARD ROCK CAFE LONDON

**FAMILY** The original London branch of this burger bar is decorated with rock memorabilia. Daily L & D. ££. 150 Old Park Lane, W1K 1QZ. T: 020-7514 1700. [www.hardrock.com](http://www.hardrock.com). Station: Hyde Park Corner. E6.

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## BRITISH

### BILL'S

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### CAFÉ IN THE CRYPT

Underneath a landmark church, this café serves traditional English dishes. Mon-Sat B, L & D; Sun 11am-6pm. £. St Martin-in-the-Fields, corner of Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JJ. T: 020-7766 1158. [www.smitf.org](http://www.smitf.org). Station: Charing Cross. E8.

### ST PANCRAS BRASSERIE

High-ceilinged dining room plus a Champagne bar overlooking the trains. Daily B, L & D. ££. Upper Concourse, St Pancras International, N1C 4QL. T: 020-7870 9900. [www.searcys.co.uk](http://www.searcys.co.uk). Station: King's Cross St Pancras. C7/8.



## Spread your wings

In four years, Adam Handling has gone from leading someone else's kitchen to launching his own family of restaurants. He thanked Mother Nature during this impressive journey by opening the sustainable Shoreditch café, Bean & Wheat, and now he has launched a zero-waste restaurant. **Ugly Butterfly** uses leftover food from the nearby Adam Handling Chelsea restaurant. Each dish has a story that's explained by passionate staff: our Scotch eggs used up spare black pudding, while lobster shells flavoured our lobster soup. It's time to toast this food revolution. 55 King's Rd, SW3 4ND. T: 020-7730 7161. [www.uglybutterfly.co.uk](http://www.uglybutterfly.co.uk)

## SOPHIE'S

Modern steakhouse with an open kitchen and a large covered terrace. Daily L & D. ££. 42-44 Great Windmill St, W1D 7ND (and Chelsea branch). T: 020-7836 8836. [www.sophiessteakhouse.co.uk](http://www.sophiessteakhouse.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## CHINESE

### DIM T

Dine on dim sum and noodles with views of Tower Bridge. Daily L & D. £. 2 More London Place, Tooley St, SE1 2DB (and branches). T: 020-7403 7000. [www.dimt.co.uk](http://www.dimt.co.uk). Station: London Bridge. E11.

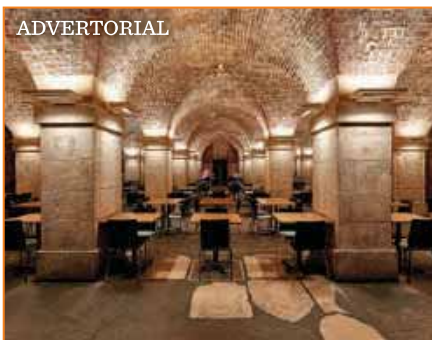
## FISH & SEAFOOD

### THE SEA SHELL

This decades-old fish and chips restaurant has an aquarium. Daily L & D. ££. 49-51 Lisson Grove, NW1 6UH. T: 020-7224 9000. [www.seashellrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.seashellrestaurant.co.uk). Station: Marylebone. C5.



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# Eating Out

## Island life

Eating at Soho's new Sri Lankan restaurant **Paradise** is a lesson in the island's history, as its cuisine reflects its past as a Portuguese, Dutch and British colony before it gained independence in 1948. Chef Charith Priyadarshana has created a regional menu: highlights include curry leaf hoppers with coconut sambol and jackfruit and cardamom biriyani. Our reviewer said: 'I sat at the counter, then moved to a comfy booth. Expect dishes made with coconut and spice, such as the fiery chilli and chocolate tart.' 61 Rupert St, W1D 7PW. [www.paradisесоho.com](http://www.paradisесоho.com)



Review

## GASTRO PUBS

### THE PORCUPINE

Popular pub dating back to 1725. Mon-Sat B, L & D. £-££. 48 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0BS. T: 020-7379 9855. [www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk](http://www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk). Station: Leicester Square. E7/E8.

### WHITE HORSE

Soho favourite. Check for times. £-££. 16 Newburgh St, W1F 7RY. T: 020-7494 9748. [www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk](http://www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk). Station: Oxford Circus. D7.

## WHITE SWAN

Fish and chips, grilled dishes and mezze. Mon-Sat B, L & D; Sun L & D. £-££. 14 New Row, WC2N 4LF. T: 020-3077 1129. [www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk](http://www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk). Station: Leicester Square. E8.

## INDIAN

### AMAYA

Michelin-starred dishes. Daily L & D. £££. Halkin Arcade, 19 Motcomb St, SW1X 8JT. T: 020-7823 1166. [www.amaya.biz](http://www.amaya.biz). Station: Knightsbridge. F6.

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A longstanding favourite in Mayfair, El Pirata, celebrated its **25<sup>th</sup> anniversary** last year! Loyal locals and visitors love its authentic Spanish tapas menu, with favourites such as chorizo, fiery padron peppers, Jamon Iberico, and myriad types of seafood dishes such as Mediterranean prawns and calamari. It even offers a set tapas menu to make your choices easier. The ambience here is truly magical, a mixture of Mayfair elegance with a cozy, friendly feel, plus superb service.

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## FARZI CAFÉ

Enjoy unusual dishes such as avocado chaat. Daily L & D. ££-£££. 8 *Haymarket, SW1Y 4BP*. T: 020-3981 0090. [www.farzilondon.com](http://www.farzilondon.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## MASALA ZONE

A vibrant restaurant known for its street food and thalis. Daily L & D. £. 48 *Floral St, WC2E 9DA (and branches)*. T: 020-7379 0101. [www.masalazone.com](http://www.masalazone.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

## VEERASWAMY

Opulent, Michelin-star restaurant with six-hour cooked lamb shank. Daily L & D. £££. 99 *Regent St, W1B 4RS*. T: 020-7734 1401. [www.veeraswamy.com](http://www.veeraswamy.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## INTERNATIONAL

### THE CAVENDISH

European menu with truffle oil flatbreads. Daily L & D. ££-£££. 35 *New Cavendish St, W1G 9TR*. T: 020-7487 3030. [www.35newcavendish.co.uk](http://www.35newcavendish.co.uk). Station: Baker Street. D6.

## THE TERRACE

This smart restaurant and bar dates back 150 years. Daily B, L & D. ££. *Amba Hotel Charing Cross, Strand, WC2N 5HX*. T: 0800-330 8397. [www.amba-hotel.com](http://www.amba-hotel.com). Station: Charing Cross. E8.

## ITALIAN

### CAFFÈ CONCERTO

Go for breakfast, a cream tea or Italian classics at this popular chain. Daily B, L & D. ££. 88 *Kensington High St, W8 4SG (and branches)*. T: 020-7494 6850. [www.caffeconcerto.co.uk](http://www.caffeconcerto.co.uk). Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.

## GRANAIO

**FAMILY** This spacious restaurant serves Italian classics in grand surroundings. It has pre-theatre and set menus. Daily L & D. ££. 224 *Piccadilly, W1J 9HP*. T: 020-7930 1459. [www.ristorantegranaio.co.uk](http://www.ristorantegranaio.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## VERDI ITALIAN KITCHEN

**FAMILY** Dine on authentic pizzas and pasta or afternoon tea in this family-friendly restaurant in an iconic venue. Tue-Sun L & D. ££. *Door 12, Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP*. T: 020-7070 4401. [www.royalalberthall.com/verdi](http://www.royalalberthall.com/verdi). Station: South Kensington. F4.

## WILDWOOD

Tuck into pasta, pizza and risotto, wild boar and chorizo burger or a vegan Philly cheese sandwich. Daily L & D. £-££. 35-36 *Bow St, WC2E 7AU (and branches)*. T: 020-7836 8640. [www.wildwoodrestaurants.co.uk](http://www.wildwoodrestaurants.co.uk). Station: Covent Garden. E8.

## JAPANESE

### BENIHANA

**FAMILY** Chefs grill dishes at your table and perform tricks: great fun for kids. Try the Wagyu beef. Daily L & D. £££. 37 *Sackville St, W1S 3EH (and branches)*. T: 020-7494 2525. [www.benihana.co.uk](http://www.benihana.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## ICHIBA

This casual spot in a mall is ideal for a quick bowl of ramen, rice or noodles. Daily, check for times. £. *Level 2, Westfield London, W12 7HB*. T: 020-3405 9410. [www.ichibalondon.com](http://www.ichibalondon.com). Station: White City. Map inset.

## SAKAGURA

This izakaya-style 'Japanese pub' has sharing dishes, along with sake and craft beers. Daily L & D. ££. 8 *Heddon St, W1B 4BS*. T: 020-3405 7230. [www.sakaguralondon.com](http://www.sakaguralondon.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.



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### LONDON SHOWBOAT

Have lunch, afternoon tea or dinner with jazz. Booking essential. Boarding at 7.30pm. £££. *Westminster Pier, SW1A 2JR. T: 020-7740 0400. [www.citycruises.com](http://www.citycruises.com). Station: Westminster. F8.*

### R.S. HISPANIOLA

Moored restaurant boat serving European dishes. Daily L & D. ££. *Victoria Embankment, WC2N 5DJ. T: 020-7839 3011. [www.hispaniola.co.uk](http://www.hispaniola.co.uk). Station: Embankment. E8.*

## SOUTH EAST ASIAN

### THAI POT

This casual spot offers good-value dishes such as stir-fried beef and sticky rice. Mon-Sat L & D. £. *1 Bedfordbury, WC2N 4BP. T: 020-7379 4580. [www.thaipot.biz](http://www.thaipot.biz). Station: Covent Garden. E8.*

### YUU KITCHEN

Warm up over sharing plates of spicy tuna tostada and salt-beef gyoza. Tue-Sat L & D; Sun L. £-££. *31-33 Heddon St, W1B 4BN (and branches). T: 020-7478 8910. [www.yuu-kitchen.com](http://www.yuu-kitchen.com). Station: Oxford Circus. E7.*

## SPANISH

### EL PIRATA

Mayfair restaurant serving tapas for 25 years. Mon-Fri L & D; Sat D. ££. *5-6 Down St, W1J 7AQ. T: 020-7491 3810. [www.elpirata.co.uk](http://www.elpirata.co.uk). Station: Green Park. E6.*



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Up to 16 players – eight per team – compete to slide pucks across a shuffleboard: a narrow wooden surface. There are 10 shuffleboard lanes spread throughout and three games to choose from.

Co-founder Steve Moore explains: 'In the Amplifier, players aim to score the highest number of points based on the five score zones on the table. Eclipse requires players to focus their aim on a target between zones two and three; the closer you get, the higher you score. The Territory table is split into hexagons; players then throw their pucks to claim as many hexagons as possible.'

Technology identifies the final position of the pucks and the scores are displayed on a screen. The bar glows invitingly, but if you're focused on a game then you can order food or drink from your lane via a touchscreen.

If you've never played before, fear not as a staff member will show you the basics, and there's a touchscreen to demonstrate the three games on offer before you slide your first puck. It brings out a competitive edge you may never knew you had.

The lengthy bar menu offers plenty of cocktails, wines and beers. Among the British heroes are Wild Beer's salted caramel stout, Magic Rock's gooseberry beer and Symonds cider.

The food menu is just as inviting. Order small plates such as jackfruit croquettes and curry mayo, or pork belly tacos with chilli jam. Ravenous? Then order thin-crust pizzas to share, and end with hazelnut-filled doughnuts. You can also bring the kids in the afternoon – we think they'll love it.

10 Calbot Square, E14 4EY. T: 020-8059 4163.  
[www.electricsuffle.com](http://www.electricsuffle.com)



Review







## Against the grain

Sarah Riches, Nightlife Editor

Review

Those with an adventurous palate should seek out **Moto**, an intimate new Japanese bar that specialises in artisan sake, or rice wine. The name, translating as 'origin', is also the ingredient that kick-starts the sake fermentation process. Perch on a bar stool and a sommelier will advise you; alternatively, try a tasting flight of three sakes or use the menu's tasting notes. Try rare sakes that haven't yet been exported from Japan, some of which have notes of lychee, plum and marmalade. You can order snacks such as chicken tempura, grilled miso salmon and aubergine on rice. 7 Maiden Lane, WC2E 7NA. T: 020-8076 9512. [www.motoldn.com](http://www.motoldn.com)

### TRADITIONAL PUBS

#### MAGPIE & STUMP

This cosy pub dates back to the 1500s. Mon-Fri. 18 Old Bailey, EC4M 7EP. T: 020-7248 5085. [www.magpieandstump.com](http://www.magpieandstump.com). Station: St Paul's. D10.

#### WAXY O'CONNOR'S

Huge Irish-themed pub with live music, a food menu and four bars. 14-16 Rupert St, W1D 6DD. T: 020-7287 0255. [www.waxyoconnors.co.uk](http://www.waxyoconnors.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

#### WAXY'S LITTLE SISTER

A smaller, quieter sister venue to the huge Waxy's, with traditional Irish beers. 20 Wardour St, W1D 6QG. T: 020-7287 0255. [www.waxyoconnors.co.uk](http://www.waxyoconnors.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

**INFO** Most bars are open 11am-11pm, most nightclubs are open 10pm-3am. The UK's legal drinking age is 18 years old. ID may be required. Letters at end of listings (i.e. C7) are coordinates for our central London map (p. 82)

### YE OLDE CHESHIRE CHEESE

Expect snug 17th-century rooms and narrow, atmospheric passageways. 145 Fleet St, EC4A 2BU. T: 020-7353 6170. Station: Blackfriars. D9.

### BARS & CLUBS

#### CITY GARDEN BAR

Enjoy great views and free entrance at the 'Walkie Talkie' building's roof terrace. *Sky Garden*, 20 Fenchurch St, EC3M 8AF. T: 0333-772 0020. [www.skygarden.london](http://www.skygarden.london). Station: Monument. D/E11.

#### THE BACK ROOM

Next door to the Hard Rock Cafe, this bar has vintage and iconic music memorabilia, including a door from Apple Studios signed by The Beatles. 148b Old Park Lane, W1K 1QZ. T: 020-7514 1700. [www.hardrock.com](http://www.hardrock.com). Station: Hyde Park Corner. E6.

#### BELOW ZERO ICE BAR

Wrap up in faux fur capes and gloves at this basement bar made from ice. 31-33 Heddon St, W1B 4BN. T: 020-7478 8917. [www.belowzeroicebar.com](http://www.belowzeroicebar.com). Station: Oxford Circus. E7.

#### GORDON'S WINE BAR

Enjoy a big selection of global wines in this brick-walled basement, which opened in 1890. 47 Villiers St, WC2N 6NE. T: 020-7930 1408. [www.gordonswinebar.com](http://www.gordonswinebar.com). Station: Charing Cross. E8.

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

#### RONNIE SCOTT'S

Soho jazz club with nightly performances. 47 Frith St, W1D 4HT. T: 020-7439 0747. [www.ronniescotts.co.uk](http://www.ronniescotts.co.uk). Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

#### STRINGFELLOWS

One of the world's best-known gentlemen's clubs. Free entry when dining. 16-19 Upper St Martin's Lane, WC2H 9EF. T: 020-7240 5534. [www.stringfellows.co.uk](http://www.stringfellows.co.uk). Station: Leicester Square. E8.

### CASINOS

#### HIPPODROME CASINO

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## CROESO I CAERDYDD *(that's Welsh for 'Welcome to Cardiff')*

There's more to Welsh cuisine than leeks and lamb.

**Nick Smith** munches his way around Wales' capital city, Cardiff

**W**ith its dramatic coastline, rugged hills and tumbling rivers, Wales is one of the most beautiful places in Britain, famous the world over for its rugby, poetry and music. And it should come as no surprise that the 'Land of Song' is also the land of good food, because Wales offers a culinary feast of local dishes to tempt the palate.

Despite Welsh cuisine becoming trendy, there's nothing modern or new about it – just a warm, wholesome and welcoming tradition. A thousand years ago, the historian Gerald of Wales wrote 'the Welsh consider hospitality among their first virtues'.

This is never more true than in Cardiff which, at just two hours on the train from London, is the best place to start your exploration of Wales. The Welsh capital city is buzzing with fantastic restaurants and cafés where you can sit back, relax and get to know the flavours of

a land that is as famous for its cooking as it is for its majestic castles and coasts.

In Cardiff, you can try everything that the Welsh kitchen has to offer, from an ancient dish called cawl (the Welsh word for 'soup') to crumbly white cheese from nearby Caerphilly. On the savoury side, Wales is famous for its leeks (the Welsh have adopted them as their national symbol to wear in their button-holes on St David's Day) and cockles.

If you have a sweet tooth, there's nothing tastier or more authentic than piping hot bara brith ('speckled bread') fresh from the oven, or spicy, currant-filled Welsh cakes that

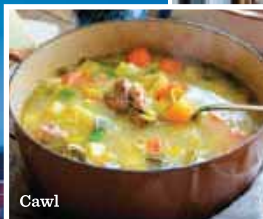
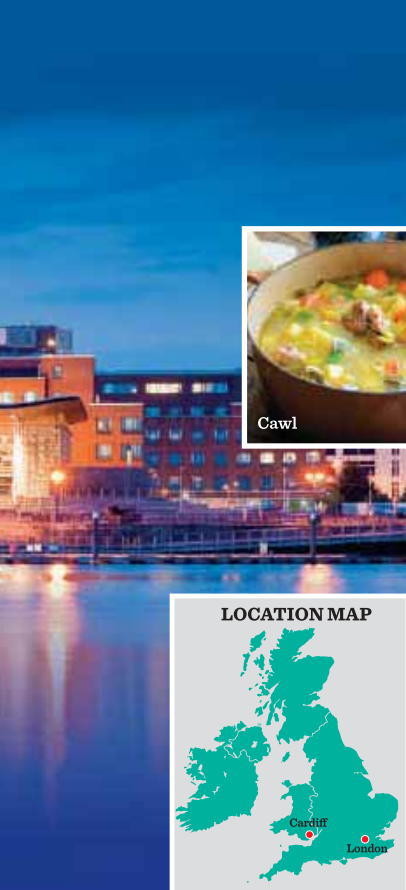
you'll find everywhere from market cafés to exclusive restaurants.

You couldn't do better than having your first taste of this delicacy at the Fabulous Welshcakes bakery in the Castle Arcade. Try a traditional cake with sultanas and nutmeg, or be adventurous and try one flavoured with maple pecan or lime and coconut.

### ST DAVID'S DAY (1st March)

The national St David's Day Parade – a celebration of Welsh heritage and culture – starts at noon on 1 March at Cardiff City Hall.

Welsh folk group Calan join the National Orchestra of Wales to perform traditional Welsh songs and tunes at St David's Hall. More activities take place at St Fagans National Museum of History



Cawl



Castle  
Arcade



LOCATION MAP



Cardiff Castle



Welsh  
cakes



## THE WELSH BREAKFAST

Start the day with a full Welsh breakfast. It's a favourite with rugby supporters when Wales are playing, but you'll find it served all day in pubs and bars. The Welsh breakfast fry-up, or brecwast llawn Cymreig, is different from the English version, mainly because it is a celebration of coastal cuisine. You'll find shellfish in the form of cockles (often fried in bacon fat) and nutritious laverbread patties (where local seaweed is mixed with oatmeal and then fried), as well as golden Welsh eggs and gallons of the national brew, strong tea.

If you're a vegetarian, try Glamorgan sausages, meat-free and stuffed with cheese and leeks (vegans should head for The Greenery in Cardiff's central market). Plus, there's the option of the old favourite, Welsh rarebit (or 'rabbit'), a take on the 'cheese on toast' recipe which uses spices such as mustard and pepper, mixed with flour and beer. Kick-start your day with your first genuine 'full Welsh' extravaganza at Garlands in Duke Street Arcade opposite the castle. ▶

Fish dish  
at The  
Potted Pig





## TIME FOR LUNCH, TIME FOR CAWL

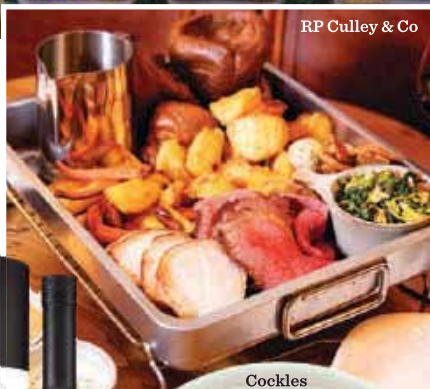
If you really want to eat like a local, you can't go to Cardiff and not have cawl for lunch. It's one of the most traditional of all Welsh dishes and you won't get two cooks to agree on how best to make it. Some say you can only use Welsh lamb, while others say you can put in beef or bacon. You can bulk it out with potatoes, roots such as carrots or parsnips, and plenty of onions. And don't even get me started on whether you're allowed to season it with salt, pepper, butter or parsley. But one thing is certain: authentic cawl will always contain leeks. The flavour they add to Wales' favourite meal is so important that the vegetable can only be added at the very last minute of cooking. If you want to try this sumptuous stew, head for the Pitch Bar & Eatery, where Paul's Nan's lamb cawl is slow-cooked to perfection for 12 hours and served with grilled cheese on toast (of course).

## EVENING EATING, WELSH STYLE

In the evening, you can take your pick. You could try Welsh chargrilled steaks from Cwm Ciddy farm at The Potted Pig, where you can also sample Welsh gin. There's local mussels or salmon at RP Culley & Co near Cardiff Central Station, aged Welsh beef fillet at Bully's (the à la carte menu is also available on 'rugby days'), and exquisite modern Welsh produce at Milkwood bistro, where fillet of pollock sits on the menu next to saddle of rabbit. If you've still got any room left after all that food, there are also Cardiff's famous Brains beers and nearby Penderyn Distillery's range of gins and whiskies to try. But that's another story.



RP Culley & Co



RP Culley & Co



Cockles

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



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

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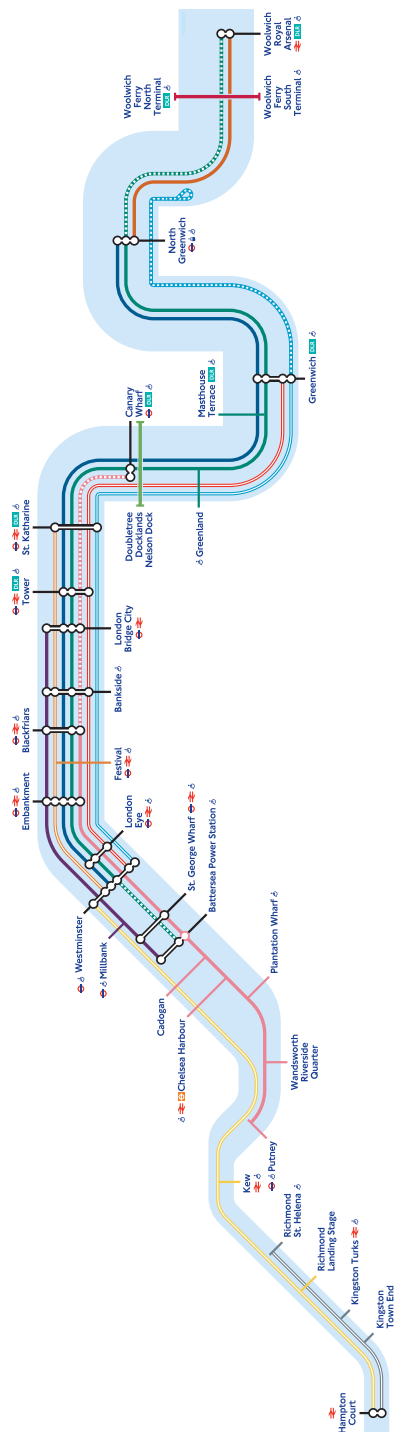








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**RB1** Westminster to North Greenwich  
Daily

**RB2** North Greenwich to Woolwich Royal Arsenal  
Limited service: morning peak only

**RB3** Westminster to Battersea Power Station  
Weekends only

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Weekdays only

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Daily

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**RB6** Doubletree Docklands Nelson Dock  
Daily

**RB7** Canary Wharf  
Daily

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**RB9** Putney to Blackfriars  
Weekday morning and evenings only

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Weekday morning and evenings only

**RB11** PPH services only

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London Eye Pier

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**Woolwich Ferry**  
Daily

**Woolwich Ferry**  
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- Interchange piers
- Docklands Light Railway
- Emirates Air Line
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- London Underground
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## Key bus routes in central London







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plague-era skeletons  
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contains  
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Artist Rick Buckley has attached  
**35** **HIDDEN NOSES**  
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Charlie Chaplin lived at  
**15 Glenshaw Mansions**  
in Brixton



Carlton House has  
a grave from

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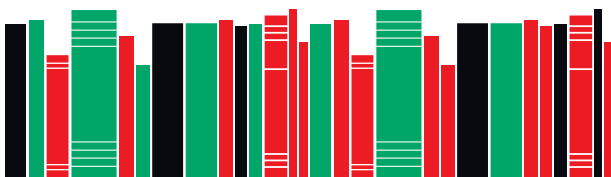


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