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# The Mayor's letter

## A very warm welcome back to London this summer.

Our cultural and creative sectors have been hit hard by this pandemic, so I'm pleased that many of our world-leading retail, hospitality and cultural venues have opened their doors and are ready to entertain and inspire you once again.

We've launched **Let's Do London**, the biggest domestic tourism campaign our capital has ever seen, to bring visitors back, protect jobs and boost our city's recovery.

From family days out to festivals and exhibitions, there truly will be something for everyone in London this summer. You can enjoy some of the world's best cultural venues and events safely, while also providing them with the vital support they need and helping to kick-start London's recovery.

Among the performances to take in are *Breakin' Convention* at Sadler's Wells and *The Proms* at the Royal Albert Hall.

Exhibitions include *Alice: Curiouser and Curiouser* at the Victoria and Albert Museum and *Fantastic Beasts – The World of Nature* at the Natural History Museum.

And there are even late events like *Midnight Matinées* at the Globe and *Art Night*, allowing you to enjoy London by night.

I am delighted to welcome you back to London and wish you a safe and happy stay. **Let's Do London!**

**Sadiq Khan** | Mayor of London

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# THE GARDEN AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

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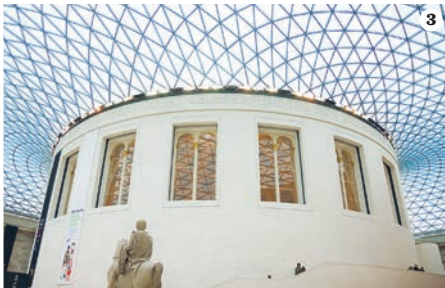


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# Free Attractions

London's most popular free attractions compiled according to the latest visitor numbers.  
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## 1 Tate Modern

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

## 2 Natural History Museum

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

## 3 The British Museum

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

## 4 The National Gallery

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

## 5 Victoria and Albert Museum

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

## 6 Science Museum

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

## 7 Somerset House

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

## 8 Southbank Centre

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

## 9 Horniman Museum & Gardens

A South London treasure dedicated to anthropology and natural wonders with stunning exhibits

## 10 Tate Britain

The world's biggest collection of British art including pieces by JMW Turner and David Hockney

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 Greenwich Pier  Cutty Sark  Greenwich (only 8 mins from London Bridge)

A person wearing a bright red puffer jacket is leaning over a black metal railing, looking out over a city skyline at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange glow. In the background, the London skyline is visible, including the Shard. Large, stylized white text is overlaid on the image.

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# LET'S DO

**London is back – it's time to experience the city and all the amazing things it has to offer!**

## **WELCOME BACK TO LONDON!**

From foodie adventures and summer festivals, to shopping, museums and world-class theatre shows, there are adventures waiting for you around every corner in the capital. So, whatever you're planning on doing, do it all safely in London.


# LONDON



Al fresco dining at Taste of London

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## LONDON EATS

 Discover the best of London's food scene through some of these famous Londoners' ultimate favourites and create your must-do list for food and drink in the city.



**Sadiq Khan**

*Mayor of London*

**Q: Where have you been a customer the longest?**

**A: You can't beat Dishoom!**

From opening the first store in Covent Garden, it's gone from strength to strength, and I've been a fan from day one. It'll always be one of my favourites. Make sure you try the gunpowder potatoes.



**Monica Galetti**

*Chef/proprietor of Mere restaurant*

**Q: When was the last time you went for afternoon tea?**

**A:** I go with my daughter – it's our mother and daughter treat, although my husband gets invited along now and then. She's 14 and I've been taking her out for afternoon tea since she was about six. We love it at **Claridge's**, and **The Langham** does a really fun one for kids.



**Angela Hartnett**

*Chef/behind restaurant Murano*

**Q: Do you have a Sunday lunch standby?**

**A:** If you don't want a traditional Sunday lunch, it's got to be **Bentley's** – it's fabulous. I love **Rochelle Canteen** too. ▶

# LET'S DO LONDON



## **Jimi Famurewa**

*Regular judge on MasterChef and food critic*

**Q: Where's the bar and restaurant neighbourhood that you visit most often?**

**A:** I travel a lot for the job, but I think it's probably between **Shoreditch** and **King's Cross**, increasingly the latter as you've got so much popping up around there with **Coal Drops Yard** and everything else that's going on in the area.



## **Asma Khan**

*Chef/proprietor behind Darjeeling Express*

**Q: Where do you go for coffee and what's your order?**

**A:** I'm more of an ice cream person – I go to **Amorino** in Covent Garden. They make ice cream shaped like a rose, and they always give me a free macaroon because I go so often.

## **Fred Sirieix**

*TV host and former General Manager at Galvin at Windows*

**Q: Where's your favourite table?**

**A:** José Pizarro (*pictured*) in Bermondsey, there's a table just by the kitchen. You can watch the chefs working and order a drink by just waving and get it straight away. It's the best table.



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**LetsDoLondon** for the full interviews  
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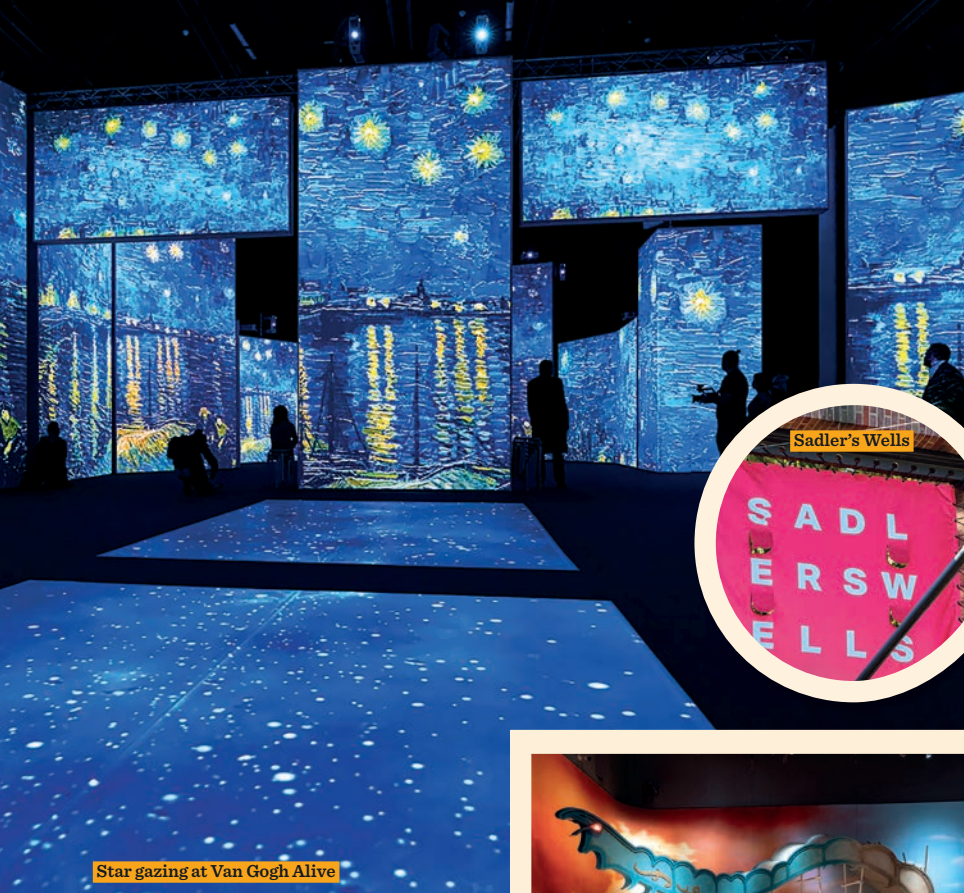
## ART IN ALL ITS FORMS

### III PERFORMANCES

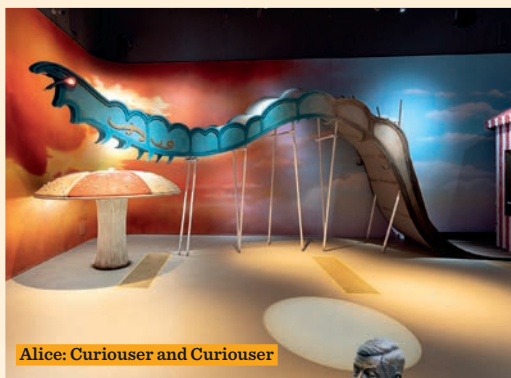
- London is known around the world for its iconic Theatreland – get tickets for one of the best musicals in the West End, including **Mamma Mia!**, **Pretty Woman** and **Come From Away**.
- Join **Breakin' Convention** at **Sadler's Wells** – one of the world's biggest hip-hop festivals, showcasing top artists from across the globe. **1-4 July**.
- The Royal Opera House takes over Covent Garden with **ROH Unlocked**, a mix of outdoor performances and installations. **10 July-10 August**.

### III ART AND MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

- In Leicester Square, relive iconic film scenes with **Scenes in the Square**, an interactive trail of statues including Paddington Bear and Harry Potter.
- Experience art like never before at **Van Gogh**



Star gazing at Van Gogh Alive



Alice: Curiouser and Curiouser



Mr Bean in Leicester Square

**Alive in Kensington Gardens.** This world-class multi-sensory exhibition combines some of the artist's most famous paintings with projections, smells and immersive rooms. **Until 26 September.**

- Immersive exhibition **Alice: Curiouser and Curiouser** at the V&A takes you to Wonderland to explore the evolution of Lewis Carroll's character, from its creation to its adaptations. **Until 31 December.**
- Embark on a mystical journey inspired by the films with the **Fantastic Beasts: The Wonder of Nature Exhibition** at the Natural History Museum, featuring wizards, myths and magical creatures. **Until 3 January.**
- Travel to different locations across the city to see **Inside Out** – an art project by French artist JR made up of 3,000 large-scale portraits of Londoners – during the EURO 2020 championships. **From 13 June.** ▶

# LET'S DO LONDON

## FAMILY FUN

### FAMILY EVENTS

- Take your pick from London's best musicals for children, including the **Lion King**, **Cinderella** and **Back to the Future**.
- During **Kids Week**, children aged 17 and under, accompanied by a paying adult, can see a great variety of London musicals, plays, comedies and shows for free. **Throughout August**.
- Take the little ones to their first-ever ballet with a special performance of **The Ugly Duckling** in Battersea Park. **4 July**.
- Or, **Be More Chill** is perfect for older kids.

### FAMILY DAYS OUT

- Learn about the **Tower of London's** history, see the Crown Jewels or say hello to a Beefeater.
- Visit the home of the most recent Champions League winners with the **Chelsea FC Stadium Tour & Museum**. The tour takes you behind the scenes at Stamford Bridge.
- Take the little ones – and not-so-little ones – to **ZSL London Zoo** for an encounter with more than 750 species, from Asiatic lions to loveable penguins.



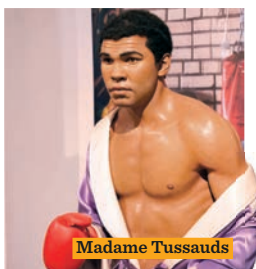
Up close at ZSL London Zoo



Historic Tower of London



Chelsea FC Stadium Tour



Madame Tussauds

- Let the kids meet some of their favourite stars in real life – or almost! **Madame Tussauds** features more than 150 lifelike wax figures.
- Take a trip through London's transport history at the **London Transport Museum**, which offers plenty of activities for children.
- Hear all about London's history at the **Museum of London**. Kids will love to walk the streets of Victorian London and marvel at the famous Lord Mayor's Coach.
- Explore 15,000 objects and interactive exhibitions at the **Science Museum**, one of the most visited museums in Europe.
- Brace yourself for an action-packed 90 minutes with **Up at The O2**, where you can climb over the roof of this popular entertainment venue.
- Have plenty of fun at walk-and-ride attraction **Shrek's Adventure! London**, which is close to many other great family attractions, including the **London Eye**, **SEA LIFE London Aquarium** and **The London Dungeon**.
- One of London's most famous toyshops, **Hamleys** has seven floors of games, toys and gadgets to explore.
- Let the kids run free at one of the eight **Royal Parks** in London.
- Or stroll around **Barbican's** tropical indoor oasis – London's second biggest conservatory.

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Underbelly Festival



Floating Film Festival



Museum of London



Taste of London



Lion King

## FESTIVALS & EVENTS

### ||| SUMMER EVENTS

- Get your vitamin-D fix on the **Royal Festival Hall's** terrace and enjoy the buzzing South Bank riverside this summer, which is hosting free concerts, art installations and more.
- Explore the city with the London Transport Museum's **Secrets of Central London walking tour**, unveiling some of the capital's most hidden secrets. **On select dates.**
- **Underbelly Festival** has a feast of pop-up bars, street food and entertainment at its new home in Cavendish Square. **1 July-26 September.**
- Join top restaurants and celebrity chefs at the ultimate alfresco feast in Regent's Park with **Taste of London. 7-11 and 14-18 July.**
- Feel like royalty during a visit to the **Buckingham Palace Garden** and explore the beautiful grounds, open to the public for the first time. **9 July-19 September.**
- Relax at the **Floating Film Festival** and watch screenings of recent cinema releases on a pontoon in St Katharine Docks. **13-25 July.**
- **London Wonderground** by Underbelly offers an exciting lineup of performances and shows

throughout summer, alongside a city beach and vintage rides. **15 July-26 September.**

- Sample delicious craft beer at the **London Craft Beer Festival** in Tobacco Dock, which brings together some of the best brewers in the world. **13-15 August.**
- Witness a celebration of music, dance, literature and art during **Summer Reunion at the Southbank Centre**, which offers events across its venues including indoor concerts and outdoor performances featuring top-class artists. **Until 30 August.**
- Take part in **Greenwich + Docklands International Festival** – one of London's largest free outdoor arts festivals, with open-air theatre, dance, art installations and music for all ages. **27 August-11 September.**
- View the city differently as the **London Design Festival 2021** transforms the capital into a giant art and design gallery. **18-26 September.**
- Wander through incredible floral displays and see colourful garden designs at the prestigious **RHS Chelsea Flower Show. 21-26 September.** ►

# LET'S DO LONDON



Soak up the views at Sky Garden

## ||| SUMMER LATES

- Peak at animal life as the sun goes down with **Twilight Tickets** at **ZSL London Zoo** – an adult-only opening featuring pop-up activities, fun experiences and international street food. **Thursdays and Fridays in July.**
- Stay tuned for an evening of free music with an outdoor London Symphony Orchestra concert, conducted by Sir Simon Rattle at **BMW Classics. 15 August.**
- Watch the sun set during **Sky Garden DJ Nights** and get ready for an evening filled with breathtaking views, music and tropical plants. **Tuesday to Saturday until 31 July.**
- The Guerrilla Girls' largest public commission in the UK comes to billboards in London as part of **Art Night. Various locations between 18 Jun-18 July.**

## NIGHTLIFE & SHOPPING

### ||| GOING OUT-OUT INSPIRATION

- Discover the capital's vibrant clubs, from legendary **Fabric** and **Heaven**, to edgy **Cargo** and **Egg London. (Check to see if reopened)**
- Munch on tasty food at an all-night restaurant, including lively spots in **Chinatown** and **City of London.**
- Explore the streets of **Soho** for LGBTQIA+ events, fun nights out, cool pubs and cocktail speakeasies.
- Explore London's exciting burlesque scene with a **cabaret show.**
- Sing you heart out at one of the **Lucky Voice karaoke** venues in London.
- Or, swing by a central London jazz bar to witness top artists perform, including **Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club** in Soho and **Nightjar** in Shoreditch.
- Reach for the sky at London's best rooftop bars – head to the well-hidden **The Rooftop** at **The Trafalgar St James**, enjoy cocktails at **Radio**



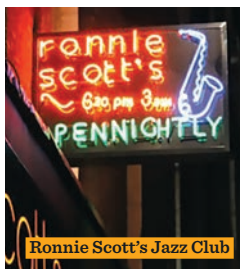
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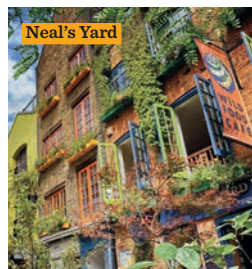
Iconic Harrods



Portobello Road Market



Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club



Neal's Yard

**Rooftop** or soak up breathtaking views over St Paul's cathedral at the **Madison rooftop bar**.

- Experience the **Illuminated River** installation as it paints 14 of London's iconic bridges with light, transforming the river into a glowing art piece after dark.
- Head to an **outdoor cinema** for all-time favourite film screenings when the sun goes down – try **Rooftop Film Club** for views over the city or **Pop Up Screens** in unique London locations.
- Attend a very special performance starting at 11.59pm during **Midnight Matinéés** at **Shakespeare's Globe**.

### ||| SHOPPING IN LONDON

- Find all your favourite brands on world-famous shopping streets, including **Oxford Street**, **Regent Street** and **Covent Garden**.
- In **St James's**, **Bond Street** and **Mayfair**, you'll find beautiful shops with plenty of luxury goods, designer brands and boutiques.
- Discover hidden shopping gems – wander off the high street to find **Neal's Yard**, **Seven Dials** and **St Christopher's Place** in the West End, **Marlybone Village** and **Gabriel's Wharf** in South Bank.
- Head to **Coal Drops Yard** for independent brands and boutique stores; or visit shopping oasis **Eccleston Yards** for original shops.

- Peruse **London's best markets** including **Portobello Road**, or browse gifts from local designers at **Greenwich Market**. Foodies head to chefs' favourite **Borough Market**.
- Soak up British tradition at **Fortnum & Mason** filled with jewellery, accessories, clothes and homeware. Plus, discover its food hall stocked with fine tea, patisseries and scotch eggs that are said to have been created by Mr Fortnum in 1738.
- Shop for designer fashion at **Selfridges**, or pick up on rare and luxury items from one of the 300 departments at **Harrods**.
- Spend an afternoon exploring **Liberty London** for indulgent skincare products, beautiful pieces of jewellery and the famous Liberty fabric in the haberdashery area.

### ||| LONDON HAS IT ALL

So, whether you're after some retail therapy, world-class performances, famous attractions, a top-notch meal, a family day out or an evening out-out, plan to do it all safely in London. ■



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# *The* ROYAL OASIS

*Experience an afternoon fit for royalty this summer, exploring Buckingham Palace Garden and enjoying a picnic on the lawn*



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**T**he glorious garden at Buckingham Palace will be open to visitors from July to September this year, allowing the grounds of Her Majesty The Queen's official London residence to be explored with unprecedented freedom for the first time.

Visitors will be free to explore a route through the garden that encompasses the 156-metre Herbaceous Border, plane trees planted by and named after Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, and views of the island and its beehives across the 3.5-



Left: Looking towards the island's beehives. Above: Known as Victoria and Albert, these trees were planted by the Queen and her consort more than 150 years ago. Top: The glorious Herbaceous Border is packed with an assortment of flowers.

acre lake. The unique opportunity to enjoy a picnic on one of the sweeping lawns overlooking the Palace will also be part of the visit.

Additional features in the south-west of the garden, including the Rose Garden, summer house and wildflower meadow, can be viewed through one of the many guided tours that will run each day.

### CELEBRATORY EVENTS

Buckingham Palace's 39-acre garden fulfils many roles. It is The Queen's private London garden, but it also plays a key part in the busy calendar of royal events. The most famous of these events are The Queen's Garden Parties, which in an

average year see around 24,000 guests from all walks of life welcomed into the garden each summer. For more than 200 years, the garden has been used by the Royal Family for official entertaining and celebratory events.

### NATURAL HABITAT

Described as 'a walled oasis in the middle of London', it is the largest private garden in the capital and boasts 325 wild-plant species, 30 species of breeding birds, and more than 1,000 trees, including 98 plane trees, 85 species of oak and the National Collection of Mulberry Trees.

The garden also provides a habitat for native birds rarely seen in London, including ►



The Rose Garden in full bloom.

◀ the common sandpiper, sedge warbler and lesser whitethroat, some of which use the area around its central lake as a nesting site.

Other areas of the garden include the 156-metre Herbaceous Border, wildflower meadow and Rose Garden. Structures in the garden include a wisteria-clad summer house, the enormous

Waterloo Vase made for George IV in Italy, and the Palace tennis court, where King George VI and Fred Perry played in the 1930s.

Hourly short talks will give further information about the history of the garden. Visitors can also learn more by reading the beautiful new book that follows a year in the life of the royal garden at Buckingham

Palace. Gardening insights and tips from Head Gardener, Mark Lane, are presented alongside atmospheric photography and an authoritative text, including royal anecdotes. The book can be purchased from any of the Royal Collection Trust shops or online at the web address below: [royalcollectionshop.co.uk](http://royalcollectionshop.co.uk)



### Masterpieces from Buckingham Palace

Sixty-five of the best paintings in the Royal Collection can also be viewed this summer in The Queen's Gallery, only a few minutes' walk from the entrance to the Garden. Discover masterpieces by Vermeer, Rubens, Titian and other Old Masters in this acclaimed new exhibition.

### HOW TO BOOK

**Book online** for guaranteed entry at:  
[www.rct.uk/buckinghampalace](http://www.rct.uk/buckinghampalace)

- **The Garden** at Buckingham Palace will open from Friday 9 July to Sunday 19 September 2021. Tickets are priced at £16.50 for adults. Garden Highlights Guided Tours should be booked with the main ticket and are priced at £6.50 for adults. Tours will run 12 times a day.
- **The State Rooms** and Garden Tour at Buckingham Palace will run six times a day on weekends from Saturday 10 July to Sunday 19 September 2021. Tickets are priced at £60 for adults.

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A unique Grade I listed building, visitors young and old will appreciate the station's plethora of arts and culture including 'The Meeting



Place' statue and Tracey Emin's 'I want my time with you' artwork. A visit is also never complete without tinkling the ivories on the station's public pianos which have welcomed performances by the likes of Elton John, Jeff Goldblum and Sara Bareilles.

### FRESH SUMMER FASHION

If you're in London to shop, the station's array of fashion brands are on hand to help piece together some fresh summer looks. From L.K. Bennett, Gant and Kate Spade to Oliver Bonas and Accessorize, stand out from the crowd with their bright and beautifully bold summer fashions. If you're unsure what to choose, brands such as Ted Baker and Jo Malone London are offering personal appointments to help you look and feel your best.

After rediscovering some offline shopping, drop

into Eyecandy, the station's beauty bar for a well-deserved and long-awaited pamper session.

### TAKE YOUR TASTEBUDS TO TOWN

The British weather can be pretty unpredictable, but thankfully, come rain or shine, the station's vast cast iron roof will help you stay dry, and you can still enjoy those 'outdoor' dining vibes on the indoor terraces.

Fuel up for the day with a hearty breakfast at one of the many eateries from a full English at The Barrel Vault to pastries and smoothies at Joe & The Juice. For something simpler, you can't go wrong with a classic sausage roll from Greggs.

Eating in or taking away, there's plenty of lunch and dinner choices. Le Pain Quotidien introduced a deliciously loaded, made-to- ▶

Clockwise from top left: St. Pancras International, dining at Sourced, Pasta Remoli, public pianos, sweet treats at EL&N, Summer cocktails at Searcy's Champagne Bar, and The Betjeman Statue





Clockwise from top left:  
Tea selection at Fortnum & Mason, Summer fashion at GANT, Staycation Afternoon Tea at Searcy's with Veuve Clicquot Champagne.



◀ order Picnic Box, available to takeaway in case you're in a hurry to get to your next destination. From bagels and breads, artisanal sandwiches and more, Sourced Market offer a great lunch using the finest ingredients. Warmer weather calls for their chilled fresh juices and smoothies including a few summer sizzlers, like the 'Heated Melon'. Trust us, it's a goodie! The station's newest arrivals Kineya and Pasta Remoli also offer indulgent food-on-the-go.

A trip to London isn't complete without a quintessentially British afternoon tea. Searcy's St. Pancras have launched a stylish Staycation Afternoon Tea, bringing delight to even the

shortest of journeys. Served in a suitcase with a choice of tea, guests also have the option to upgrade to limitless Veuve Clicquot champagne.

There's a lot of content at the station to fill your social media feed, but London's most Instagrammable cafe, EL&N, is renowned for giving you the best photo-worthy lattes and indulgent sweet treats. The likes of Fortnum & Mason and Ladurée also offer delectable treats to take home for loved ones.

With an ever-changing seasonal, British menu, craft

beers, extensive wine list and moreish cocktails, The Betjeman Arms is the perfect place for winding down at the end of a busy sightseeing day.

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Royal style on display at  
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# Royal celebrations

A trip to a royal palace is a must for any visitor and fashion lovers really shouldn't miss **Royal Style in the Making** in the newly-conserved historic Orangery at **Kensington Palace**. The exhibition explores the intimate relationship between fashion designers and their royal clients. The biggest draw is sure to be Princess Diana's iconic wedding dress. On loan from HRH The Duke of Cambridge and the Duke of Sussex and on display for the first time in 25 years. Another piece of fashion history featured is the rare surviving toile for the 1937 coronation gown of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, consort of King George VI. Glittering gowns, stylish tailoring and some surprises all await fashion fans.

A day trip to **Windsor Castle** is always recommended, but may be of particular interest to those with a passion for sport, science, conservation and art.

A special display, **Prince Philip: A Celebration**, commemorates the life and legacy of His Royal Highness, Britain's longest-serving consort. Exploring his early life and naval career, his role as consort and his support for Her Royal Highness The Queen. There is also a focus on his wide-ranging patronages and associations, including sport, science and industry, conservation and the environment, art and collecting, and much more. Selected highlights include the Midshipman's Log Book which he updated while aboard the HMS Valiant, and The Coronation Robe and Coronet he wore during Her Majesty The Queen's Coronation on 2 June 1953 (until 20 Sep).



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**INFO** To dial the UK, remove the first 0 and add 44. Letters at end of listings (i.e. C7) are coordinates for our Central London map (p. 90). Prices listed here are for tickets bought in person – reductions may be available online

## SIGHTSEEING BIG BEN

The iconic clock tower may be closed for its most extensive conservation project ever, but it can still be viewed from Westminster Bridge and the other side of the River Thames. **Westminster Bridge, SW1A 0AA**. [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk). Station: **Westminster**. F8.

## THE BRITISH LIBRARY

The world's largest library, with exhibitions and events, some free. Check for times and prices. **96 Euston Rd, NW1 2DB**. T: 0330-333 1144. [www.bl.uk](http://www.bl.uk). Station: **King's Cross**. C7.

## BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The London residence and principal workplace of the British monarch has 775 rooms and is normally closed to the public. Check for special tours. **The Mall, SW1A 1AA**. T: 0303-123 7300. [www.rct.uk](http://www.rct.uk). Station: **Victoria**. F6/F7.

## CHANGING THE GUARD

Watch the changing of the Queen's Guard on the Palace's forecourt. Check for times, as postponed until further notice. **Buckingham Palace, The Mall, SW1A 1AA**. T: 030-3123 7300. [www.householddivision.org.uk](http://www.householddivision.org.uk). Station: **Victoria**. F6/F7.

## CHURCHILL WAR ROOMS

Visit the underground bunker from where the then Prime Minister ran the nation's WWII mission. Daily 9.30am-6pm. Adult £25; child £12.50. **Clive Steps, King Charles St, SW1A 2AQ**. T: 020-7416 5000. [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk). Station: **Westminster**. F8.

## CUTTY SARK

**FAMILY** The world's last surviving tea clipper. Daily 10am-5pm. Adult £15; child £7.50. Joint tickets with the Royal Observatory available. **King William Walk, SE10 9HT**. T: 020-8312 6608. [www.rmg.co.uk](http://www.rmg.co.uk). Station: **Cutty Sark/Greenwich**. Map inset.

## DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE

Eighteenth-century home where Dr Samuel Johnson compiled the English dictionary, published in 1755. Fri-Sat 11am-5pm. Adult £8; child £3.50. **17 Gough Square, EC4A 3DE**. T: 020-7353 3745. [www.drjohnsonshouse.org](http://www.drjohnsonshouse.org). Station: **Chancery Lane**. D9.

## HMS BELFAST

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only surviving World War II cruiser and was in service until 1965. Daily 10am–5pm from 8 July. Adult £25; child £12.50. *The Queen's Walk*, off Tooley St, SE1 2JH. T: 020-7940 6300. [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk). Station: London Bridge. E11.

## HYDE PARK

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## THE JEWEL TOWER

Built around 1365 for Edward III's treasures. Weds–Sun 10am–5pm. Booking essential. Adult £6.50; child £3.50. *Abingdon St*, SW1P 3JX. T: 020-7222 2219. [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk). Station: Westminster. F8.

## KENSINGTON PALACE

Currently the residence of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. **To Jan 2022:** *Royal Style in the Making*, featuring Princess Diana's wedding dress. Weds–Sun 10am–6pm; last admission 4:30pm. 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. Off map.

## ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW

Better known as Kew Gardens, this World Heritage Site contains plants from across the globe, with Victorian tropical greenhouses. Mon–Fri 10am–7pm; weekends and bank holidays 10am–8pm. Adult £17.50, child £5. *Richmond, Surrey*, TW9 3AE. T: 020-8332 5655. [www.kew.org](http://www.kew.org). Station: Kew Gardens. Off map.

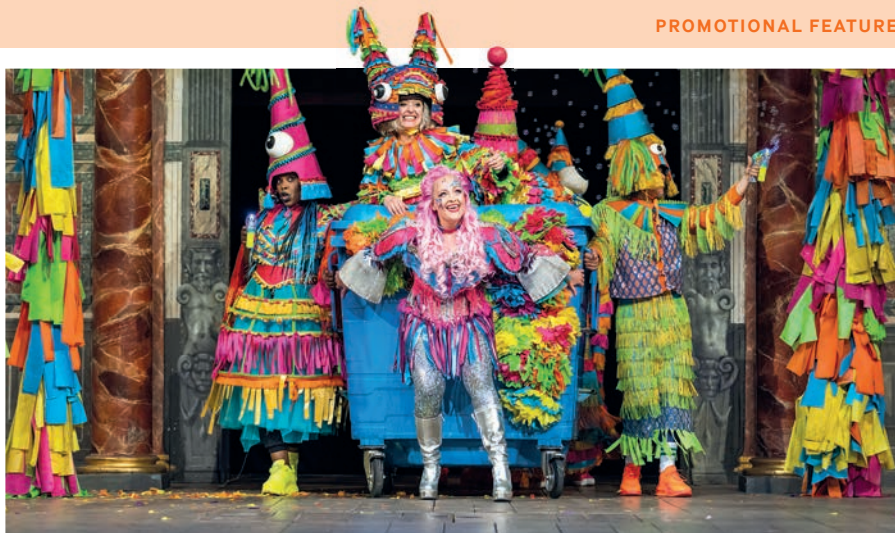
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Explore the reconstruction of the Elizabethan playhouse for which William Shakespeare wrote his plays.



nostalgia and soulful music of the world of Americana. There's a fresh production of the ill-fated *Romeo & Juliet*, featuring Alfred Enoch (*Harry Potter*). Enjoy *As You Like It* or *The Tempest*, both performed by the Globe's multi-talented touring company. Or try

*Metamorphoses*, a piece inspired by Ovid's myths, written for the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse.

On a Guided Tour, this iconic thatched roof theatre is brought to life by expert guides. Hear colourful stories of the 1599 Playhouse and how the building works today as an imaginative and experimental theatre space for all. Tours last for 50 minutes and make the perfect prelude to the new *Romeo & Juliet Afternoon Tea*, inspired by the play.

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home of George III and Queen Charlotte. Daily from 11am. Entry included in Kew Gardens entry. *Richmond, Surrey, TW9 3AE. T: 0333 320 6000. www.hrp.org.uk. Station: Kew Gardens. Off map.*

## KIDZANIA LONDON

**FAMILY** Huge space where kids can try different 'jobs'. Includes TV studios, a fire and rescue unit and aviation academy. Check for times and prices. *Westfield London Shopping Centre, Ariel Way, W12 7GA. T: 0330-131 3333. www.kidzania.co.uk. Station: Shepherd's Bush. Off map.*

## LEADENHALL MARKET

Harry Potter fans will recognise this covered Victorian market as Diagon Alley in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. Open daily. *Gracechurch St, EC3V 1LT. www.leadenhallmarket.co.uk. Station: Monument. D11.*

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**FAMILY** This attraction whisks you back through the capital's perilous past. Check for times and prices. *County Hall, Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7PB. T: 033-3321 2001. www.thedungeons.com. Station: Waterloo/ Embankment. F8.*

## THE LONDON EYE

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## LONDON MITHRAEUM

Immersive, multi-sensory experience showcasing an ancient Roman temple built here nearly 2,000 years ago. Check for times. Admission free, bookings required. *12 Walbrook, EC4N 8AA. T: 020-7330 7500. www.londonmithraeum.com. Station: Bank. D10.*

## ZSL LONDON ZOO

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## Family festivals, films and racing

If you're looking for some outdoor fun, spend some time at the **Royal Air Force Museum** this summer. Located on the former Hendon Aerodrome, it includes five buildings and hangars showing the history of aviation and the Royal Air Force. And with four different events through July and August, the museum is ready for the entire family to visit.

First up: **ActiveFest!** Take your family to conquer the Hercules, an outdoor obstacle course; tackle it together or compete for the top time. The free **Family Festival of Flight**, meanwhile returns 31 July-1 August, providing fun activities and information about the wonders of flight. For a more relaxing evening, hit the **Sundown Cinema**. From 20-22 August, films including *Moana*, *The Greatest Showman* and *Top Gun* will be on the big screen and joined by the museum's vintage fairground rides. *Grahame Park Way, NW9 5LL. T: 020-8205 2266. www.rafmuseum.org.uk. Station: Hendon. Off map.*

10am; early closure Thurs-Fri throughout July. Prices online. *Regent's Park, NW1 4RY. T: 020-7722 3333. www.zsl.org. Station: Camden Town. B6.*

## MADAME TUSSAIDS

Celebrated home of life-sized wax figures, from the Queen to Usain Bolt. Daily 10am-4pm. Adult £30.50; child £27.50. *Marylebone Rd, NW1 5LR. T: 020-7487 0351. www.madametussauds.com/london. Station: Baker Street. C6.*

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Entertainment and exhibitions. **To 26 Sept:** *London in the Sky*. London's most unique dining experience has returned for three months. *Peninsula Square, SE10 0DX*. T: 020-8463 2000. [www.theo2.co.uk](http://www.theo2.co.uk). Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.

## OLD ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE

Sir Christopher Wren's riverside masterpiece is home to a neoclassical chapel and the Painted Hall. Daily 10am-5pm; closing 4pm 17 July. Check for prices. *King William Walk, SE10 9NN*. T: 020-8269 4799. [www.ornc.org](http://www.ornc.org). Station: Cutty Sark/Greenwich. Map inset.

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**FAMILY** Stand astride the Prime Meridian and uncover the history of Greenwich Mean Time

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## THE VIEW FROM THE SHARD

Check online for times and prices. **3 & 31 Jul:** *Time Out's Silent Disco*, 10pm-2am. £37.50 pp. Over 18s only. *London Bridge St, SE1 9SG*. T: 0844-499 7111. [www.theviewfromtheshard.com](http://www.theviewfromtheshard.com). Station: London Bridge. E10.

## SOMERSET HOUSE

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## SPENCER HOUSE

This 18th-century palace was built by Earl Spencer, an ancestor of Princess Diana. Book a guided tour, Sun 10am-4.30pm. Adult £15; child £12. *27 St James's Place, SW1A 1NR*. T: 020-7514 1958. [www.spencerhouse.co.uk](http://www.spencerhouse.co.uk). Station: Green Park. E7.

## ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

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## ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Christopher Wren's 300-year-old cathedral has stunning mosaics. The Whispering Gallery is closed until further notice. Mon-Sat noon-4.30pm. Adult £17; child £7.20. *St Paul's Churchyard, EC4A 8AD*. T: 020-7246 8350. [www.stpauls.co.uk](http://www.stpauls.co.uk). Station: St Paul's. D9/10.

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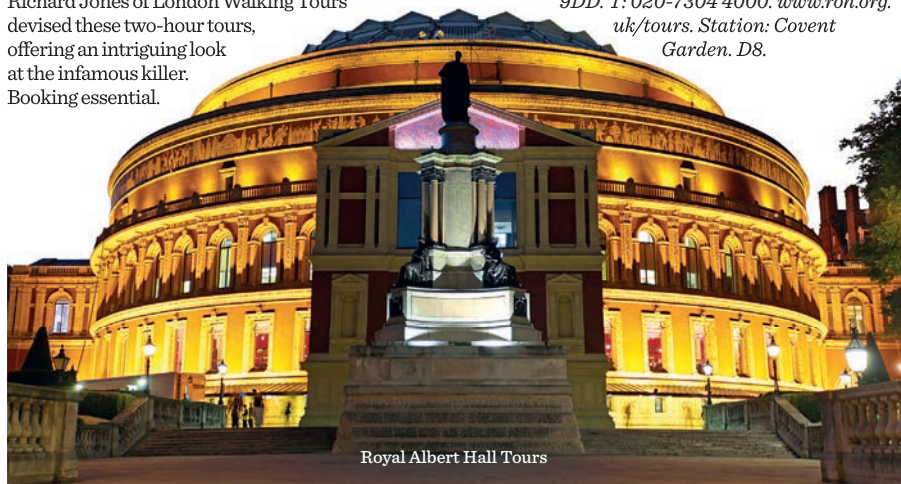
London's oldest walking tour company offers more than 300 walks. Each takes around two hours, departure points vary. Booking is recommended. Adult £15; child 8-15 years £5. *Departure points vary.* T: 020-7624 3978. [www.walks.com](http://www.walks.com).

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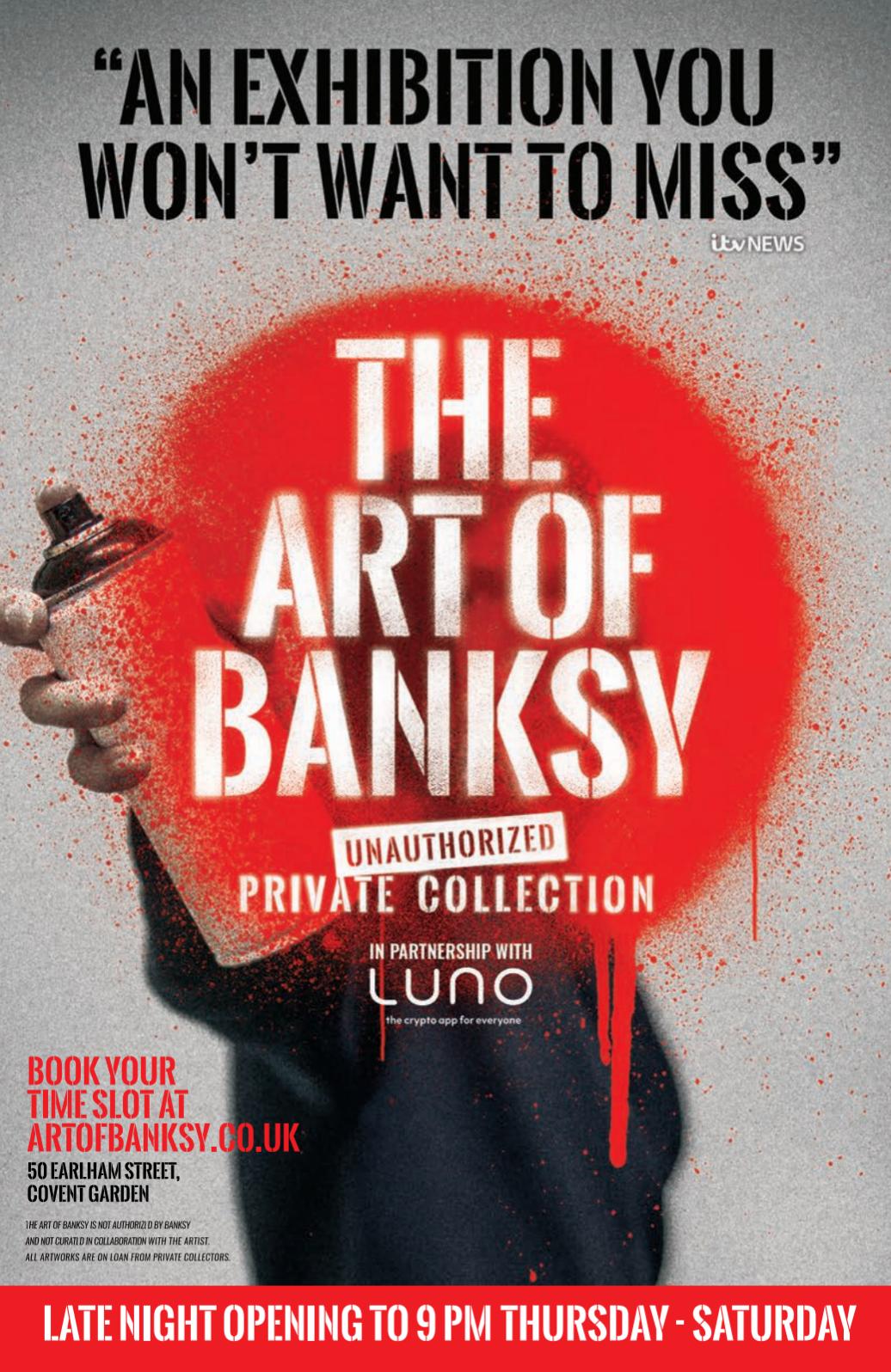


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## PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

The Queen's official residence in Scotland. Thurs-Mon 9.30am-6pm. Check closures. Adult £16.50; child £9.50. Canongate, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh, EH8 8DX. T: 0303-123 7306. [www.rct.uk](http://www.rct.uk). Station: Edinburgh Waverley. Off map.

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**FAMILY** A medieval castle now offering a **Medieval Glamping** experience from £47pp. Check for times and prices. Booking essential. Warwick, Warwickshire, CV34 4QU. T: 0192-640 6610. [www.warwick-castle.com](http://www.warwick-castle.com). Station: Warwick. Off map.

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# Museums & Galleries



Auguste Rodin's enigmatic sculpture *The Burghers of Calais*. Below: Rodin in his atelier photographed by Jules Richard.



## The making of a master

It's been a long year without our favourite museums and galleries. Now their doors are open, they are certainly delivering on entertainment. There are some huge, blockbuster exhibitions to catch this summer, showcasing the very best of art, history, and so much more.

Considered by many to be the founder of modern sculpture, Auguste Rodin is best known for his bronze and marble sculptures. You've probably heard of *The Thinker*, arguably his most famous artwork.

In collaboration with Musée Rodin, **Tate Modern** has been granted unprecedented access to more than 200 works that have not been seen outside of France before. ***The EY Exhibition: The Making of Rodin*** (to 21 Nov) is the first major exhibition to focus on Rodin's use of plaster, which he used along with clay to capture

movement, light and volume. Casts in all sizes are on display and demonstrate his constant experimentation with plaster. Some of his best-known works were influenced by this process, including *The Burghers of Calais*, which you can see at the exhibition in the form of the newly restored original plaster.

The atmosphere of the artist's studio is also considered, as well as the dynamics between the artist and his models and collaborators, including fellow sculptor Camille Claudel, the Japanese actress Ohta Hisa, and the German aristocrat Helene Von Nostitz.

A collection of experimental works reveals a new side to the sculptor and offers a rare insight into the master's process. This is an unrivalled opportunity to explore Rodin like you've never seen him before. Booking is essential and tickets cost £18 or are free for members.

**INFO** To dial the UK, remove the first 0 and add 44. Reductions may be available online. Many venues offer free admission, but charge for exhibitions. Letters at end of listings (i.e. C7) are coordinates for our map (p. 90)

The graceful Right hand of Pierre and Jacques de Wissant. Below Rodin's iconic The Kiss.



AUGUSTE RODIN MONUMENT TO THE BURGHERS OF CALAIS, 1889 MUSÉE RODIN; AUGUSTE RODIN RIGHT-HAND OF PIERRE AND JACQUES DE WISSANT 1885-86 MUSÉE RODIN; AUGUSTE RODIN THE KISS 1901-4, DATE, JULES RICHARD RODIN DANS SON ATELIER MUSÉE RODIN.

## MUSEUMS

### THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Priceless treasures from the Roman Empire, Egypt, ancient Iran and India. **To 22 Aug:** *Thomas Beckett: Murder and the Making of a Saint*. Mon-Sun 10am-5pm, last entry 3.30pm. Admission free; charges for some exhibitions. *Great Russell St, WC1B 3DG. T: 020-7323 8299. www.britishmuseum.org. Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7/8.*

### THE BRUNEL MUSEUM

Explore the lives and work of the engineers who changed the world, Marc Isambard Brunel and his son Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Sat-Sun 11am-5pm. Admission £6; families £10. *Railway Avenue, SE16 4LF. T: 020-7231 3840. www.thebrunelmuseum.com. Station: Rotherhithe. Off map.*

### CHURCHILL WAR ROOMS

Fortified bunker and the Cabinet War Rooms, where Winston Churchill worked during WWII. **To 12 Sept:** *Wartime London: Art of the Blitz*. Wed-Sun 9.30am-6pm. Adult £25; child £12.50. *Clive Steps, King Charles St, SW1A 2AQ. T: 020-7930 6961. www.iwm.org.uk. Station: Westminster. F7.*

### THE DESIGN MUSEUM

Delve into the design industry, its history and look ahead to the future's new talent. Daily from 9.30am. Admission free, extra for special exhibitions. Booking essential. 224-238 *Kensington High St, W8 6AG. T: 020-3862 5900. www.designmuseum.org. Station: High Street Kensington. F4.*

### GRANT MUSEUM OF ZOOLOGY

A fascinating collection of preserved animals spanning over 200 years. Part of University College London. Wed-Thurs 1pm-5pm; Sat 11am-5pm. Admission free, booking required. *Rockefeller Building, University College London 21 University St, WC1E 6DE. T: 020-3108 9000. www.ucl.ac.uk. Station: Euston Square. C7.*

### IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Powerful displays on global conflicts including World War I and the Holocaust Galleries. Suitable for children. **From 6 Aug:** *Generations: Portraits of Holocaust Survivors*. Wed-Sun 10am-6pm. Admission free. *Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HZ. T: 020-7416 5000. www.iwm.org.uk. Station: Lambeth North. F9.*

# Museums & Galleries

## LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM

**FAMILY** The fascinating story of the city's transport system, with vintage vehicles and artwork. Daily 10am-6pm. Adult £18.50; 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 FREEMASONRY

Discover the history of the Freemasons at home and abroad at this museum and library. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Admission free. *Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen St, WC2B 5AZ.* T: 020-7395 9257. [www.museumfreemasonry.org.uk](http://www.museumfreemasonry.org.uk). Station: *Holborn*. D8.

## MUSEUM OF LONDON

The world's largest urban history museum. **To 5 Sept:** *Dub London: Bassline of a City*. Celebrating dub music and its cultural and social impact on London and its people. Wed-Sun

10am-5pm; Mon-Sun from 26 July. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *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

The history of life, trade and culture along the River Thames from the 1600s to today. **To Jul 2022:** *Feeding Black: Community, Power & Place*. Exploring the central role food plays in Black enterprise and identity in South East London. Wed-Sun 10am-5pm; Mon-Sun from 26 July. Admission free. *No. 1 Warehouse, West India Quay, Hertsmere Rd, E14 4AL.* T: 020-7001 9844. [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk). Station: *West India Quay*. Off map.

## NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM

Interactive displays and exhibitions telling the stories of soldiers' lives, from Tudor



### Buried treasure

If you're looking for somewhere to explore, venture down to the **Museum of London Docklands** to see the largest Bronze Age hoard ever discovered in London. Over four hundred bronze objects were found including axe heads, spearheads, fragments of swords, daggers and knives, as well as other unusual items. The treasures are on display to the public for the very first time. Be one of the first to see the exhibit and consider, 'why were these buried here?' as historians have been wondering since the objects were found. Entrance is free but advanced booking is necessary. *1 Warehouse, West India Quay.* T: 020-7001 9844, E14 4AL. [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk).





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## NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

The world's largest maritime museum. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free; booking essential. **To 31 Oct:** *From Tudors to Windsors*. Charges apply. *Romney Rd, SE10 9NF. T: 020-8858 4422. [www.rmg.co.uk](http://www.rmg.co.uk). Station: Greenwich. Map inset.*

## NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

**FAMILY** Astounding collections, ranging from dinosaur fossils to a blue whale skeleton. Daily 10am-5.50pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. **To 1 Aug:** *Wildlife Photographer of the Year*. **To Jan 2022:** *Fantastic Beasts: The Wonder of Nature*. *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

A former hospital, now a museum dedicated to Victorian surgery. Fri-Sat 10.30am-5pm. Adult £7.50; child £4.50. *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** Fascinating exhibits exploring postal history, plus the Mail Rail train which was discovered recently. Thurs-Sun from 10.30am. Adult £16; child £9. 1 year unlimited pass included. *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 spectacular art, inspiring architecture and royal history. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free; charge for guided tour. Booking essential. *Romney Rd, SE10 9NF. T: 020-8858 4422. [www.rmg.co.uk](http://www.rmg.co.uk). Station: Cutty Sark. Map inset.*

## ROYAL AIR FORCE MUSEUM

National aviation museum focusing on the RAF, with more than 100 outstanding aircraft on show. Daily from 10am. 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.*

## THE SHERLOCK HOLMES MUSEUM

**FAMILY** Visit the home of the world-famous fictional detective at 221b Baker St. Wed-Sun



## Climate heroes

Can carbon capture help us fight climate change? That's the big question being asked at the free exhibition, *Our Future Planet*, now on at the **Science Museum**. Showcasing some of the cutting-edge technology and nature-based solutions being developed, explore the challenges scientists face and join the debate. And be sure to check out the 'Air Vodka' – now that's one way to fight climate change! *Exhibition Rd, SW7 2DD. T: 0333-241 4000. [www.sciencemuseum.org](http://www.sciencemuseum.org).*

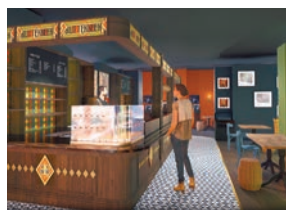


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The Exhibition will also showcase how the magic lives on in the Muggle world with areas dedicated to *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* and *Fantastic Beasts*.



The Photographic Exhibition will also be home to London's only bottled Butterbeer bar! Fans can enjoy the wizard's drink of choice served in a souvenir tankard at the exhibition's Butterbeer bar or take a bottle away to enjoy at home.

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**Harry Potter Photographic Exhibition, including the bottled Butterbeer bar, will open to fans on 12th July.** Tickets are available to purchase now at [harrypotteronlocation.co.uk](http://harrypotteronlocation.co.uk) and must be booked in advance.

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## SCIENCE MUSEUM

**FAMILY** Dedicated to science, technology and medicine. Check times; booking essential. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Children 13-16 must provide parents' or guardians' contact details for NHS Test and Trace. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Exhibition Rd, SW7 2DD*. T: 0333-241 4000. [www.sciencemuseum.org.uk](http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk). Station: South Kensington. F4.

## TWININGS MUSEUM

Twinings' flagship store is the oldest tea shop in London with over 300 years of history. Tues-Fri 11am-6pm; Sat 10am-5pm. Admission free. 216 Strand, WC2R 1AP. T: 020-7353 3511. [www.twinings.co.uk](http://www.twinings.co.uk). Station: Temple. D9.

## VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM

Outstanding collection of fine and applied arts spanning 3,000 years. **To 12 Sep:** *On Point: Royal Academy of Dance at 100*. **To 31 Dec:** *Alice: Curiouser and Curiouser*. Wed-Sun 10am-5.45pm. Admission free; charges for some exhibitions. *Cromwell Rd, SW7 2RL*. T: 020-7942 2000. [www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk). Station: South Kensington. F4/5.

## THE WALLACE COLLECTION

An internationally outstanding collection of masterpieces from paintings and sculpture to arms, armour and porcelain. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free. *Hertford House, Manchester Square, W1U 3BN*. T: 020-7563 9500. [www.wallacecollection.org](http://www.wallacecollection.org). Station: Bond Street. D6.

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### THE NATIONAL GALLERY

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### THE QUEEN'S GALLERY

Gallery adjoining Buckingham Palace with temporary exhibitions from the Royal Collection. **To 31 Jan 2022:** *Masterpieces from Buckingham Palace*. Thurs-Mon 10am-5.30pm. Adult £16; child £8. *Buckingham Palace, SW1A 1AA. T: 0303-123 7301. www.rct.uk. Station: Green Park/Victoria. F7.*

## Wizardry and wonder

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### SAATCHI GALLERY

Contemporary art in a huge, renovated Georgian building. **To 3 Oct:** *JR: Chronicles*. The largest solo museum exhibition to date of the internationally recognised French artist, JR. Wed-Sun 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. Booking essential. *Duke of York's HQ, King's Rd, SW3 4RY. T: 020-7811 3070. www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk. Station: Sloane Square. G5.*

### TATE BRITAIN

Tate Britain holds the largest collection of British art in the world. Walk through the history of British art from 1500 to the present day. See masterpieces by JMW Turner, John Constable and John Everett Millais. **To 12 Sep:** *Turner's Modern World*. Explore his painting transformation. Daily 10am-6pm. Booking essential. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Millbank, SW1P 4RG. T: 020-7887 8888. www.tate.org.uk. Station: Pimlico. G8.*

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### WILLIAM MORRIS GALLERY

Visit the family home of William Morris, the designer, craftsman, writer, conservationist and socialist. Tues-Sun 10am-5pm. Booking recommended, no groups larger than 6. Admission free. *Lloyd Park, Forest Rd, E17 4PP. T: 020-8496 4390. www.wmgallery.org.uk. Station: Walthamstow Central. Off map.*



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### HOW TO BOOK

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**T**he Southbank Centre is hosting 15 consecutive weekends of free art, music and open-air fun on the Riverside Stage Terrace this summer. *The Summer Reunion*

programming marks the 70th anniversary of the Royal Festival Hall. Chief Executive of the Southbank Centre, Elaine Bedell, comments how poignant it is to be reopening '70 years after the building was first opened as part of the Festival of Britain celebrations in 1951 when it provided a much-needed tonic for the nation'.

You can find entertainment from DJs and dancing to comedy, craft and workshops. As you arrive, you'll probably spot the work of visual artist Ilke Gers first. The white chalk lines have taken over the outdoor spaces, fading and reappearing throughout summer. *Street Games* is a composition of reimagined games for the public to play.

Next, you'll likely hear poetry read by Linton Kwesi Johnson across an audio installation, and

music ranging from the noughties bangers that Scottee has promised, to a selection of young performers presented by British reggae legend, Dennis Bovell. All events are a celebration of the diversity within British arts, including disabled, queer and artists of colour.

Fans of award-winning comedian Nish Kumar may want to clear their diaries for 23-25 July, as he will be hosting a number of performances. *Lockdown Laughs* is a showcase of work produced by comedians during lockdown, while *Comedy Skits & Bits* will put performers of colour on centre stage.

There are also a number of art installations, both indoors and outside, including work by Malawi-born artist, academic and author, Samson Kambalu. His work adorns the building and can be seen from the riverside. Providing a tonic for the nation once again, the Southbank Centre's *Summer Reunion* is guaranteed feelgood fun until 30 August.



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(L-R) Hadley Fraser, Lily Allen, Julia Chan and Jake Wood

2:22

## Can you keep a secret?

Audiences at **2:22 – A Ghost Story** are politely asked not to reveal the surprise revelations in the brand-new, edge-of-your-seat supernatural thriller arriving at the **Noël Coward Theatre** on 3 August. The play will be the West End debut for many stars. Firstly, the award-winning writer of **A Ghost Story**, Danny Robins. Lily Allen also makes her debut starring as Jenny, one half of the husband-wife duo whose new home may or may not be haunted... According to Allen, it is 'a brilliant investigation into the ghosts that haunt us [...] It's everything I love; wit, a meditation on marriage and relationships and family all hinging on a frightening plot'. Get set for an adrenaline-filled night where secrets will emerge and ghosts may appear!

*St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4AU. T: 0844-482 5138. [www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk](http://www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk)*

## MUSICALS & PERFORMANCES & JULIET

**From 24 Sep:** What if Juliet's famous ending was really her beginning? Check for times. Tickets £22.50-£75. *Shaftesbury Theatre, 210 Shaftesbury Ave, WC2H 8DP. T: 020-7379 5399. [www.shaftesburytheatre.com](http://www.shaftesburytheatre.com). Station: Tottenham Court Road/Holborn. D8.*

### BE MORE CHILL

A quirky musical about a boy with a supercomputer in his head. Check for times. Tickets £19.50-£87.50. *Shaftesbury Theatre, 210 Shaftesbury Ave, WC2H 8DP. T: 020-7379 5399. [www.shaftesburytheatre.com](http://www.shaftesburytheatre.com). Station: Tottenham Court Road/Holborn. D8.*

### COME FROM AWAY

**NEW From 22 July:** A community on a Canadian island hosts 7,000 passengers after 9/11. Check for times. Tickets from £24. *Phoenix Theatre, 110 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0JP. T: 0844-871 7629. [www.phoenixtheatrelondon.co.uk](http://www.phoenixtheatrelondon.co.uk). Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.*

### DEAR EVAN HANSEN

**From 26 Oct:** A teenage boy suffers social anxiety. Check for times and prices. *Noël Coward Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4AU. T: 0844-482 5140. [www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk](http://www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk). Station: Leicester Square. E8.*

### EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE

Set in northern England, teenage Jamie overcomes bullies and prejudice. Check for times. Tickets from £20. *Apollo Theatre, 31 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7EZ. T: 0330-333 4809. [www.everybodystalkingaboutjamie.co.uk](http://www.everybodystalkingaboutjamie.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

### HAMILTON

**From 19 Aug:** This award-winning hip-hop musical is based on the story of America's founding father, Alexander Hamilton. Check for times and prices. *Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria St, SW1E 5EA. T: 0844-482 5138. [www.hamiltonthemusical.co.uk](http://www.hamiltonthemusical.co.uk). Station: Victoria. F6.*

### LA BOHÈME

**To 6 Jul:** Puccini's most enduring opera, sung in Italian with English subtitles. Check for times. Tickets £58-£230. *Royal Opera House, Bow St, WC2E 9DD. [www.roh.org.uk](http://www.roh.org.uk). Station: Covent Garden. D8.*

### LES MISÉRABLES

The world's longest-running musical, adapted from Victor Hugo's classic novel. Check for times. Tickets from £22.50. *Sondheim Theatre, 51 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 6BA. T: 0844-482 5160. [www.lesmis.com](http://www.lesmis.com). Station: Leicester Square. E7.*

### THE LION KING

**FAMILY From 29 Jul:** Wonderful adaptation of

the Disney film with ingenious costumes and puppetry. Check for times. Tickets from £20. *Lyceum Theatre, 21 Wellington St, WC2E 7RQ.* T: 0844-871 3000. [www.thelionking.co.uk](http://www.thelionking.co.uk). Station: Covent Garden. E8.

## MAMMA MIA! THE MUSICAL

**From 28 Aug:** Fun musical with ABBA hits. Mon, Wed-Sat 7.45pm; Thur and Sat 3pm; Sun 2.30pm. Tickets from £17.50. *Novello Theatre, Aldwych, WC2B 4LD.* T: 0844-482 5115. [www.mamma-mia.com](http://www.mamma-mia.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

## MARY POPPINS

**FAMILY From 7 Aug:** Famous tale about a London nanny with magic powers. Check for prices. *Prince Edward Theatre, Old Compton St, W1D 4HS.* T: 0844-482 5151. [www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk](http://www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk). Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

## MATILDA THE MUSICAL

**FAMILY From 16 Sep:** 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, WC2H 9HU.* T: 0844-412 4652. [www.matildathemusical.com](http://www.matildathemusical.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

## 9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL

**19-23 Oct:** Fun Dolly Parton musical. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £20-£125. *New Wimbledon Theatre, 93 The Broadway,*

*SW19 1QG.* T: 0844-871 7646. [www.9to5themusical.co.uk](http://www.9to5themusical.co.uk). Station: Wimbledon. Off map.

## ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES: THE MUSICAL

**From 1 Oct:** Based on the much-loved British sitcom about a wheeler-dealer. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £16.80-£175. *Theatre Royal Haymarket, SW1Y 4HT.* T: 020-7930 8800. [www.trh.co.uk](http://www.trh.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

**From 27 Jul:** A mysterious masked man haunts the Paris Opera House. Check for times. Tickets from £22.50. *Her Majesty's Theatre, 57 Haymarket, SW1Y 4QL.* T: 0844-412 2707. [www.thephantomoftheopera.com](http://www.thephantomoftheopera.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## PRETTY WOMAN

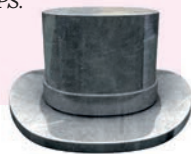
**From 8 Jul:** Romantic comedy based on the film. Tickets from £15. Please check for times. *Savoy Theatre, Savoy Court, Strand, WC2R 0ET.* T: 0844-871 7687. [www.thesavoytheatre.com](http://www.thesavoytheatre.com). Station: Charing Cross. E8.

## PRINCE OF EGYPT

Stage show about the life of Moses. Check for times and prices. *Dominion Theatre, 268-269 Tottenham Court Rd, W1T 7AQ.* T: 0845-200 7982. [www.theprinceofegyptmusical.com](http://www.theprinceofegyptmusical.com). Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

## 4D family fun

This year has given everyone a chance to hone their family game-night skills. Put those talents to the test at the brand-new **Monopoly: Lifesized, opening 14 Aug.** Everything you love about the classic game can now be found on a life-size board providing a bigger and better 4D experience. Travel around the board led by one of the game pieces and when you land on a property, complete challenges such as staging a heist in Mayfair or solving a murder mystery to acquire it. After you've won the game, continue the fun at the themed bar and restaurant, **The Top Hat**, for some signature cocktails and a small-plates menu. *213-215 Tottenham Court Rd, W1T 7PS.* [www.monopolylifesized.com](http://www.monopolylifesized.com)



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## Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!

**From 28 Aug:** One of the West End's longest-running shows is back and bringing a bit of Greek glamour to the stage at the **Novello Theatre**. *Mamma Mia!* is the world-famous story of a mother, her daughter and three possible dads told via the timeless storytelling songs of ABBA. If you're looking for the ultimate feel-good show full of love, laughter, friendship and an unbeatable soundtrack, this is it. The entire family will have the time of their lives. For memories that'll last a lifetime and tunes that'll stay in your head for almost as long, you know where to go. *Aldwych, WC2B 4LD. T: 0844-482 5155. [www.mamma-mia.com](http://www.mamma-mia.com)*



## SISTER ACT

**Postponed to 2022:** The smash-hit Broadway musical about the power of friendship, sisterhood and music is coming to London. Check for times and prices. *Eventim Apollo, 45 Queen Caroline St, W6 9QH. T: 0844-249 1000. [www.sisteractthemusical.co.uk](http://www.sisteractthemusical.co.uk). Station: Hammersmith. Off map.*

## TINA - THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL

**From 28 Jul:** Musical based on the life of singer Tina Turner. Check for times and prices. *Aldwych Theatre, 49 Aldwych, WC2B 4DF. T: 0845-200 7981. [www.tinathemusical.com](http://www.tinathemusical.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.*

## WAITRESS

**4-11 Sep:** Pie-maker Jenna dreams of a way out of her small town. Mon-Wed, Fri 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Tickets from £20. *New Wimbledon Theatre, 93 The Broadway, SW19 1QG. T: 0844-871 7646. [www.waitressthemusical.co.uk](http://www.waitressthemusical.co.uk). Station: Wimbledon. Off map.*

## WICKED

**FAMILY From 15 Sep:** The brilliant back story of the witches of Oz. Tues-Sat 7.30pm; Sat & Sun 2.30pm. Tickets from £19.50. *Apollo Victoria Theatre, 17 Wilton Rd, SW1V 1LG. T: 0844-871 3001. [www.wickedthemusical.co.uk](http://www.wickedthemusical.co.uk). Station: Victoria. F7.*

## CONCERTS: POP, JAZZ & WORLD ALL POINTS EAST

**27-30 Aug:** Performances by London Grammar, Jorja Smith, Celeste, Jamie XX, Tom Misch, Foals and more. *Victoria Park, Grove Rd, E3 5TB. T: 0203-481 5509. [www.allpointseastfestival.com](http://www.allpointseastfestival.com). Station: Mile End. Off map.*

## HAMPTON COURT PALACE FESTIVAL

**13-24 Aug:** Performances by Nile Rodgers & Chic, Tom Jones, Keane, Björn Again. *Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, Surrey, KT8 9AU. T: 0844-844 0444. [www.hamptoncourt-palacefestival.com](http://www.hamptoncourt-palacefestival.com). Station: Hampton Court. Off map.*

## KALEIDOSCOPE FESTIVAL

**24 Jul:** Groove Armada, The Coral, Norman Jay MBE and more. *Alexandra Park and Palace, Alexandra Palace Way, N22 7AY. T: 020-8365 4343. [www.kaleidoscope-festival.com](http://www.kaleidoscope-festival.com). Station: Alexandra Palace. Off map.*

## RONNIE SCOTT'S JAZZ CLUB

**17-18 Jul:** Liane Carroll. **27-29 Jul:** Rick Wakeman presents Strictly Wakeman with Wakeman. *47 Frith St, W1D 4HT. T: 020-7439 0747. [www.ronniescotts.co.uk](http://www.ronniescotts.co.uk). Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.*

## IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

### THE MURDER EXPRESS: AN IMMERSIVE DINING EXPERIENCE

Dining and immersive theatrical experience on board a luxury train. Enjoy the journey, but don't forget: everyone is a suspect! Check for times. Tickets £60-£65. *Pedley St Station, Arch 63, Pedley St, E1 5BW.* [www.funicularproductions.com](http://www.funicularproductions.com). Station: *Whitechapel/Bethnal Green.* Off map.

### JEFF WAYNE'S THE WAR OF THE WORLDS

Experience the Martian invasion from HG Wells' 1898 science-fiction novel, with interactive adventures. Check for times and prices. 56 *Leadenhall St, EC3A 2BJ.* [www.thewaroftheworldsimmersive.com](http://www.thewaroftheworldsimmersive.com). Station: *Aldgate.* E11.

### MAMMA MIA! THE PARTY

Popular ABBA hits performed by costumed actors while you dine in a Greek taverna. Check for times. Tickets from £99. *The O2, Peninsula Square, SE10 0AX.* T: 0844-856 0202. [www.theo2.co.uk](http://www.theo2.co.uk). Station: *North Greenwich.* Map inset.

## PLAYS

### THE COMEBACK

**7-25 Jul:** The debut play from award-winning Ben Ashenden and Alex Owen tells the story of two

double acts wrestling control of the most chaotic, farcical and high-stakes gig of their careers. Check for times. Tickets from £15. *Noël Coward Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4AU.* T: 0844-482 5151. [www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk](http://www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk). Station: *Leicester Square.* E8.

### THE DUMB WAITER

**7-10 Jul:** Two hitmen await details of their next target when things start to unravel in Harold Pinter's darkly funny, insidiously menacing play. Check for times and prices. *The Old Vic, The Cut, SE1 8NB.* T: 0844-871 7628. [www.oldvictheatre.com](http://www.oldvictheatre.com). Station: *Waterloo.* F9.

### LEOPOLDSTADT

**From 7 Aug:** Tom Stoppard's play about a Jewish family in the early 20th century. Check for times. Tickets from £20. *Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0DA.* T: 0844-482 5120. [www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk](http://www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk). Station: *Leicester Square.* E7.

### MAGIC GOES WRONG

**From 21 Oct:** A gang of magicians presents a charity event. Check for times. Tickets from £20. *Vaudeville Theatre, 404 Strand, WC2R 0NH.* T: 0330-333 4814. [www.nimaxtheatres.com](http://www.nimaxtheatres.com). Station: *Charing Cross.* E8.

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# Entertainment

## THE MOUSETRAP

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

## THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

Slapstick comedy about a drama society staging a murder mystery. Check for times. Tickets from £22. *Duchess Theatre, 3-5 Catherine St, WC2B 5LA. T: 0844-482 9672. [www.theplaythatgoeswrong.com](http://www.theplaythatgoeswrong.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.*

## WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION

**From 14 Sep:** Agatha Christie's gripping courtroom drama. Check for times and prices. *County Hall, Belvedere Rd, SE1 7PB. T: 0844-815 7141. [www.witnesscountyhall.com](http://www.witnesscountyhall.com). Station: Waterloo. F8.*



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## Divorced, beheaded, live!

The critically acclaimed musical, *SIX*, has arrived on stage at the **Lyric Theatre** for a limited time only this summer. You know the rhyme: divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived. Now it's being reimagined as Henry VIII's six wives take to the mic to tell their stories — from Tudor Queens to Pop Princesses. British history, musical theatre and 21st-century girl power combine to create a 80-minute performance of musical magic. Hurry, tickets will go quickly! Prices start from £23 and shows run until 29 August. *Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7ES. T: 0330-333 4812. [www.sixthemusical.com](http://www.sixthemusical.com)*

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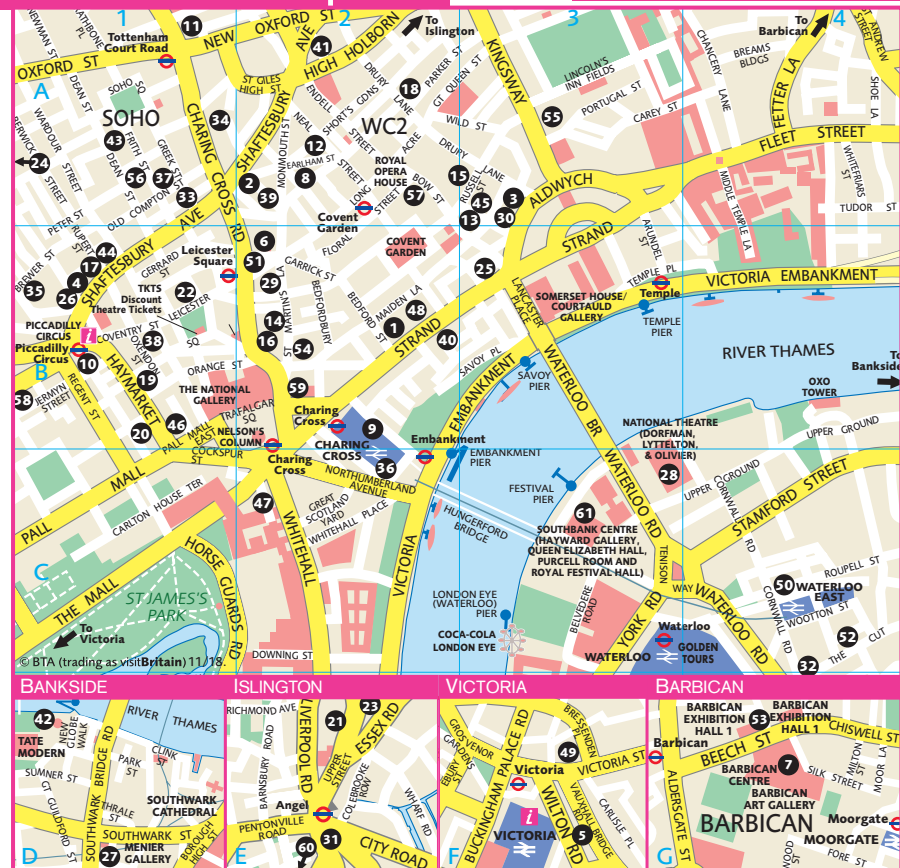
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# Theatreland map

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- ▶ London's major theatre and music venues can be located on the map above using the grid reference in the key below.
- ▶ Visit London has a secure online booking service for all major current and forthcoming theatre productions.

## Key to Theatres

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6 Arts .....	B2	19 Harold Pinter .....	B1
7 Barbican Centre .....	G	20 Her Majesty's .....	B1
8 Cambridge .....	A2	21 King's Head Theatre .....	E
9 Charing Cross Theatre .....	B2	22 Leicester Square Theatre .....	B1
10 Criterion .....	B1	23 Little Angel Theatre .....	E
11 Dominion .....	A1	24 London Palladium .....	A1
12 Donmar Warehouse .....	A2	25 Lyceum .....	B3
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38 Prince of Wales .....	B1		
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## Key to Dance, Music and Multi-arts Venues

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# Sport

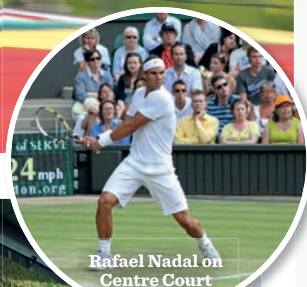
## Let the games begin!

**A**udiences are being welcomed back for the first time in a very long year and it's a busy summer for British sport.

The **Wimbledon Championships** are back until 11 July with tennis greats like Andy Murray and Serena Williams taking to Centre Court. Although running with a reduced capacity, the atmosphere will no doubt be on top form after a year away and we can't wait for Wimbledon to be back on our screens. Finishing up that same weekend is the **2020 UEFA European Championship** with the Final at Wembley Stadium on 11 July.

Football fans have just over one month to recover from whatever Euro 2020 brings, as the Premier League kicks off on 14 Aug with Chelsea vs Crystal Palace at Stamford Bridge, and Spurs vs Manchester City at Tottenham Hotspur stadium (15 Aug).

Next up, the **F1 British Grand Prix** is at Silverstone from 16-18 July. Get to the track within one hour 45 minutes with trains running from London Euston. While racing is of course the focus, the festival also has world-class live music and entertainment making it fantastic for a family day trip. It's good to have a summer of sport again!



Rafael Nadal on Centre Court



Spectators arrive at Wimbledon



England fans celebrate

Harry Kane leads the line in the Euros while the British Grand Prix roars back into Silverstone



## Bowled over

Cricket fans prepare to be bowled over by the new competition launching this summer. **The Hundred** combines world-class, fast-paced cricket with incredible entertainment. It's simple: 100 balls per team, most runs wins, so every ball counts. Eight new teams from seven cities around England will compete, with men's and women's matches taking place side-by-side. Each team features some of the best international and domestic cricketers from around the world. Bowling begins on 21 July at **The Kia Oval**, with the Oval Invincibles (London) and Manchester Originals competing first. The men's and women's finals will both be played on 21 August at **Lord's**. Tickets are available online: [www.thehundred.com](http://www.thehundred.com)

## WATCH FOOTBALL

**6, 7 and 11 Jul:** Euro 2020 Semi-Finals and Final. *Olympic Way, HA9 0WS*. T: 0800-169 9933. [www.wembleystadium.com](http://www.wembleystadium.com). Station: Wembley Park. Off map.

**14 Aug:** Chelsea vs. Crystal Palace, 3pm. See *Chelsea FC Stadium Tour & Museum* for address.

**15 Aug:** Tottenham Hotspur vs. Manchester City, 4.30pm. 782 High Rd, N17 0BX. T: 0344-844 0102. [www.tottenhamhotspur.com](http://www.tottenhamhotspur.com). Station: White Hart Lane. Off map.

## HORSE RACING

**9-10 Jul:** Summer Mile Racing Weekend at Ascot Racecourse. See below for details.

**23-24 Jul:** King George Diamond Weekend. High St, Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 7JX. T: 0844-346 3000. [www.ascot.co.uk](http://www.ascot.co.uk). Station: Ascot. Off map.

**31 Jul:** Evening racing and live entertainment from UB40. *Lingfield Park, Racecourse Rd, Surrey, RH7 6PQ*.

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T: 0134-2834 800. [www.lingfieldpark.co.uk](http://www.lingfieldpark.co.uk). Station: Lingfield. Off map.

## TOKYO OLYMPICS 2020

**23 Jul-8 Aug:** Coverage of the 2020 Summer Olympics, officially the Games of the XXXII Olympiad, broadcast on TV on BBC One and Two. Check pubs and sports bars in *Nightlife* for coverage. The Paralympic Games get under way in Japan on 24 August.

## TOURS & MUSEUMS

### ARSENAL STADIUM TOUR

Self-guided audio tours. Check for times, and prices. The museum is temporarily closed. *Drayton Park, N5 1BU*. T: 020-7619 5000. [www.arsenal.com](http://www.arsenal.com). Station: Holloway Road/Arsenal/Finsbury Park. Off map.

### CHELSEA FC STADIUM TOUR & MUSEUM

Go behind-the-scenes at the home of the European Champions. Self-guided tour. Please check for times and prices. *Stamford Bridge, Fulham Rd, SW6 1HS*. T: 0371-811 1955. [www.chelseafc.com](http://www.chelseafc.com). Station: Fulham Broadway. Off map.

### LORD'S TOUR & MCC MUSEUM

Guided cricket tour. Check for dates and times. *St John's Wood Rd, NW8 8QN*. T: 020-7616 8595. [www.lords.org](http://www.lords.org). Station: St John's Wood. C4.

### KIA OVAL GROUND TOURS

Tour the first ground to host Test cricket in England. It is known as the birthplace of the Ashes. Check for times. Adult £15; child £5. *Kemington, SE11 5SS*. T: 020-3946 0100. [www.kiaoval.com](http://www.kiaoval.com). Station: Oval. Off map.

### TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR STADIUM TOUR

Follow the players' journey by walking out of the changing rooms, through the tunnel and into the dugout. Check for times. Adult £26.25; child £13.15; under-fives free. [www.tottenhamhotspur.com/tours](http://www.tottenhamhotspur.com/tours). 782 High Rd, N17 0BX. T: 020-3929 1882. Station: Seven Sisters. Off map.

### WORLD RUGBY MUSEUM & TWICKENHAM STADIUM TOUR

The world's largest rugby stadium. Check for times and prices. *Whitton Rd, TW20 7BA*. T: 020-8892 8877. [www.worldrugbymuseum.com](http://www.worldrugbymuseum.com). Station: Twickenham. Off map.



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## Serenity at Liverpool Street



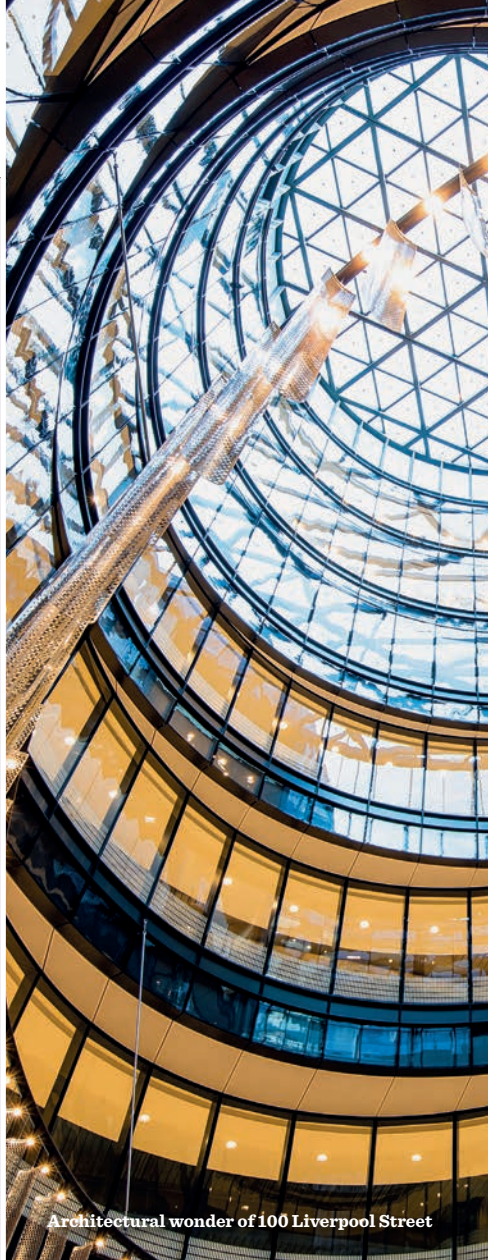
Had enough of shopping online and want to wander around the shops again? Lucky for you, there's a hot new shopping destination perfect for those who would rather avoid the hustle and bustle of Oxford Street. **100 Liverpool Street** is located in Broadgate, the Capital's largest pedestrianised neighbourhood, and is set to become one of the most exciting shopping destinations featuring favourites in fashion, beauty, wellbeing and plenty more.

After an incredibly tough year for the high street, brands are going all-out with their in-store experiences and that's certainly the case at 100 Liverpool Street. Wellbeing brand **NEOM** encourage you to discover your wellbeing needs in the 'Scent Discovery' experience, before you explore their four ranges: Sleep, De-stress, Energy and Mood Boosting. Meanwhile, skincare brand **Kiehl's** have opened its largest store to date, complete with a special treatment room where you can indulge in consultations and luxury facials. You can also find a number of skin, hair and beauty salons as well as the 'pay-as-you-train' gym, **1Rebel**. For fashion lovers, **Dune London**, **Gant** and **Watches of Switzerland** are among those who will have you looking sharp for the season.

There's an abundance of dining options too, from laid-back drinks and dinner at **All Bar One** through to dim sum at **Yautcha City**. After hours, head to **Mrs Fogg's Dockside Drinkery & Distillery**. Gin lovers, check out the **ENGINe** room downstairs – you don't want to miss the distillery, complete with tastings and masterclasses!

Designed with outdoor space, wellbeing and creativity at the heart, 100 Liverpool Street offers a serene shopping experience just a moment away from Liverpool Street station and in the heart of the City action.

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



Architectural wonder of 100 Liverpool Street





**INFO** To dial the UK, remove the first 0 and add 44. Letters at end of listings (i.e. C7) are coordinates for our Central London map (p. 90). Normal opening hours are approximately 10am-6pm (Sun 11am-5pm); some stores open until late on Thur

## MAJOR STORES

### FORTNUM & MASON

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

### HARRODS

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

### HARVEY NICHOLS

Fashion collections for men and women, accessories, beauty products, wine and food. 109-125 Knightsbridge, SW1X 7RJ (and branches). T: 020-7235 5000. [www.harveynichols.com](http://www.harveynichols.com). Station: Knightsbridge. F5.

### JOHN LEWIS

Browse 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

Beauty, haberdashery and unique fabrics in a 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 in this department store, 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.

### SELFRIDGES

Six floors of stylish and luxury shopping. 400 Oxford Street, W1A 1AB. T: 0800 123 400. [www.selfridges.com](http://www.selfridges.com). Oxford Circus. D7.

## MALLS & FACTORY OUTLETS

### ICON AT THE O2

Discounts on designer brands. The O2, Pensinsula 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: 020-3744 4470. [www.londondesigneroutlet.com](http://www.londondesigneroutlet.com). Station: Wembley Park/Wembley Stadium. Off map.



# Shopping

## WESTFIELD LONDON

This huge mall has luxury and high-street shops. *Ariel Way, W12 7GF. T: 020-3371 2300. [www.uk.westfield.com](http://www.uk.westfield.com). Station: Shepherd's Bush. Map inset.*

## WESTFIELD STRATFORD CITY

Cinema, bowling, restaurants, bars and stores. *2 Stratford Pl, 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

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 AT PLATFORM 9½

Souvenirs and Harry Potter collectibles. *King's Cross Station, N1 9AP. T: 020-3196 7375. [www.harrypottershop.co.uk](http://www.harrypottershop.co.uk). 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.hardrockcafe.com](http://www.hardrockcafe.com). Station: Hyde Park Corner. F6.*



## Shopping reimagined

For a one-stop, high end experience, visit Anya Hindmarch's **The Village**. Located on Pont Street, the original home of Hindmarch's brand, The Village is made up of five stores creating a reimagined retail concept where you can experience the brand's collaborations and collections all in one place. *The Labelled Shop* features cases and bags that are (quite literally) labelled to keep you organised – perfect for while you travel. Then, take a break at *The Anya Cafe*, a classic British café reimagined in the brand's style, before hitting *The Bespoke Shop* for personalised gifts to take home to your loved ones. *Pont Street, SW1X 9EH. T: 020-4529 0929. [www.anyahindmarch.com](http://www.anyahindmarch.com).*





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# Shopping

## ROCK SHOP - PICCADILLY CIRCUS

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

## JAPAN CENTRE

Over 3,100 authentic Japanese food, drink and lifestyle products. 35a Panton Street SW1Y 4EA. T: 0870 820 0055. [www.japancentre.com](http://www.japancentre.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## LONDON GLASSBLOWING STUDIO

Browse spectacular hand-blown pieces for sale. 62-66 Bermondsey Street, SE1 3UD. T: 0207 403 2800. [www.londonglassblowing.co.uk](http://www.londonglassblowing.co.uk). Station: London Bridge. F11.

## THE NOBLE COLLECTION

Licensed treasures from *Harry Potter* and *The Lord of the Rings*. 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

Souvenir gift shop with London-themed goods. 59-61 York Rd, SE1 7NJ (and branches). T: 020-7401 7033. [www.redbusshop.co.uk](http://www.redbusshop.co.uk). Station: Waterloo. F8.

## TWININGS

With more than 300 years of history, the flagship store is the oldest tea shop in London. A huge range of teas and infusions. 216 Strand, WC2R 1AP. T: 020-7353 3511. [www.twinnings.co.uk](http://www.twinnings.co.uk). Station: Temple. D8.



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## From the heart

Bespoke fine jewellery has a new home in Covent Garden. **Vashi** has opened its new flagship store, making it even easier to take a one-of-a-kind gift back home to your loved one. Inside, customers are invited to the very heart of the jewellery making process, with the makers visible in the front windows, the state-of-the-art workshop on the shop floor and the casting and laser labs also on full view. "I have always believed that buying and creating jewellery should feel extraordinary. With our new Covent Garden store, we're taking customers behind the scenes for an experience they'll never forget," says CEO and Founder, Vashi Dominguez. 12 The Piazza, WC2E 8HD. T: 0800 530 0541. [www.vashi.com](http://www.vashi.com).





# Read all about it

Hatchards at St Pancras International

In defiance of our obsessive screen scrolling, bookshops have become cultural oases; sanctuaries that can expand the mind and let the imagination run wild – often with a good cup of coffee to hand.

This is certainly the case at **Stanfords**, which continues to satisfy wanderlust more than 165 years after it was founded. Its new premises in Covent Garden's Mercer Street sees coffee and pastries served alongside atlases, globes, maps, guidebooks and travel literature. And, with a reputation as the world's largest map retailer, having attracted custom from explorers such as Ranulph Fiennes, it has an on-demand print service that makes customised maps at the touch of a button ([www.stanfords.co.uk](http://www.stanfords.co.uk)).

Meanwhile, if you're about to hop on a train and are keen to get lost in a good yarn, make a pitstop at the new **Hatchards** store at St Pancras International station. Its flagship on Piccadilly lays claim to being London's oldest

bookshop and, as you might expect from a Royal Warrant Holder, it's a bookworm's dream. Want a copy of any British book in print? How about a rare first edition or an out-of-print title? Make Hatchards your first stop. ([www.hatchards.co.uk](http://www.hatchards.co.uk)).

**Daunt Books** is an Edwardian bookshop on Marylebone High Street that is nothing short of glorious, with long oak galleries and soaring windows. Books are arranged by country, rather than alphabetically, so guides, maps, non-fiction and fiction all sit alongside one another, for a unique browsing experience that will take your breath away ([www.dauntbooks.co.uk](http://www.dauntbooks.co.uk)).

Browse your way around 6.5km of book shelves, housing 200,000 titles at the world-famous London bookshop, **Foyle's**. This vast bookshop has four floors crammed with every kind of book imaginable. As well as stocking the UK's largest range of books, this flagship store has a cafe, auditorium and gallery, and hosts literary and music events ([www.foyles.co.uk](http://www.foyles.co.uk)).



Daunt Books

# Eating out



Street burgers by  
Gordon Ramsay and  
freshly-cut noodles by  
Marugame

## Let's get messy

The Entertainment District at **The O2** has recently welcomed a brand-new dining destination. Opening its doors in July is **Street Burger** (*The O2, Greenwich Peninsula, SE10 ODX. T: 020-7352 2512. [www.gordonramsayrestaurants.com](http://www.gordonramsayrestaurants.com)*), the newest location for world-renowned chef Gordon Ramsay. Guests can enjoy milkshakes and one of seven signature burgers including the spicy Hell's Kitchen or the #BAE Burger in the neon-lit dining rooms, or the terrace.

For something different, head to **TOCA Social** (*The O2, Greenwich Peninsula, SE10 ODX. T: 0330-331 4800. [www.toca.social](http://www.toca.social)*), the world's first football-based entertainment and dining experience, also at The O2. Play a variety of interactive football-based games, then after playing refuel from a world-class menu created by chef Ross Clarke.

Across the river in Spitalfields, you'll find the world's largest noodle restaurant, **Marugame**. Japan's favourite noodle restaurant, famous

for its Sanuki udon recipe, Marugame chose London as its first UK location to show off its exciting menu. All noodles are made in-house daily, freshly cut at precisely 60cm and served in steaming hot bowls. Try Kama Age, the most traditional way to eat udon, or Beef Nikutama with sweet short-rib beef and a soft poached 'onsen' egg. Especially for its new London location, chef Kouhei Honkawa has created the brand's first vegan menu. *1-3 Widegate St, E1 7ES. [www.marugame.co.uk](http://www.marugame.co.uk).*



Shoot to score  
at TOCA Social

**INFO** To dial the UK, remove the first 0 and add 44. Map: refers to the grid coordinates on our Central London Map (p. 90). Prices shown are for a three-course meal. £: up to £20 per person. ££: £20-£40 per person. £££: £40 or more per person.

## AMERICAS

### BUBBA GUMP SHRIMP CO.

This fun seafood restaurant is themed around the film *Forrest Gump*. Load up on ribs, Cajun shrimp and mac and cheese. 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.

### CREAMS CAFÉ

Dessert heaven. Sundaes, waffles, cookie dough, milkshakes and more. Be warned the portions are huge. Check times. £. 2-4 Tooley St, SE1 2SY (and branches). T: 020-7357 9530. [www.creamscape.com](http://www.creamscape.com). Station: London Bridge. E10.

### COQBULL

A mouthwatering menu of delicious rotisserie chicken and gourmet beef burgers, plus an array of tantalising cocktails and local craft beers. Tue-Sun L & D. £. 17-19 Denman St, W1D 7HW. T: 020-7846 1189. [www.coqbullsoho.com](http://www.coqbullsoho.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

### HARD ROCK CAFE LONDON

**FAMILY** The original London branch of this burger bar is decorated with rock memorabilia. Save room for the apple cobbler. 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.

### HARD ROCK CAFE PICCADILLY

**FAMILY** London's legendary burger bar has rock memorabilia and an extensive menu including jumbo wings, nachos and hickory-smoked ribs. Daily L & D. ££. Criterion Building, 225-229 Piccadilly, W1J 9HR. T: 020-7287 4600. [www.hardrock.com](http://www.hardrock.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

### RAINFOREST CAFE

**FAMILY** Busy all-day dining in a mock rainforest jungle, with life-size animatronic animals. Menu includes steaks, their famous rack of ribs, classic steak burgers, pasta dishes and American style salads. Daily L & D. ££. 20-24 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7EU. T: 020-7434 3111. [www.therainforestcafe.co.uk](http://www.therainforestcafe.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

### RUDY'S VEGAN DINER

All-vegan diner serving mind-blowing meat-free burgers, giant seitan hot dogs and plant-based pastrami sandwiches. Daily L & D. £. 206 Upper St, N1 1RQ (and branches). [www.rudysvegan.com](http://www.rudysvegan.com). Station: Highbury & Islington. Off map.

## BRITISH

### BILL'S

Buzzing European brasserie with all-day dining including fish pie and steaks. Daily B, L & D. ££. 36-44 Brewer St, W1F 9TB (and branches). T: 020-4512 6666. [www.bills-website.co.uk](http://www.bills-website.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

### CAFÉ IN THE CRYPT

Underneath a landmark church, this café serves traditional English dishes. Wed-Sun L & D. £. 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.

### CHENESTON'S RESTAURANT

Classic British fare in a wood-panelled dining room. Daily B, L & D. £££. The Milestone Hotel, 1-3 Kensington Court, W8 5DL. T: 020-7917 1000. [www.milestonehotel.com](http://www.milestonehotel.com). Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.

### CORE BY CLARE SMYTH

Core is the debut restaurant of Clare Smyth, the first and only female chef to run a restaurant with three Michelin stars in the UK. Celebrating the finest British ingredients for an exceptional and relaxed dining experience. Tue-Wed D, Thur-Sat L & D. £££. 92 Kensington Park Rd, W11 2PN. T: 020-3937 5086. [www.corebyclaresmyth.com](http://www.corebyclaresmyth.com). Station: Notting Hill Gate. Off map.

### DINNER BY HESTON BLUMENTHAL

Elegant, contemporary dining room in opulent hotel, with a menu inspired by British culinary history. Daily L & D. £££. 66 Knightsbridge, SW1X 7LA. T: 020-7201 3833. [www.mandarinoriental.com](http://www.mandarinoriental.com). Station: Knightsbridge. F5.

### HÉLÈNE DARROZE AT THE CONNAUGHT

Three Michelin starred dining with each dish using seasonal produce sourced from the farmers, makers and growers carefully chosen by Hélène. Tue-Sat L & D. £££. The Connaught, Carlos Place, W1K 2AL. T: 020-3147 7200. [www.the-connaught.co.uk](http://www.the-connaught.co.uk). Station: Bond Street. D5.

### HIDE

Three floors and three distinct venues serving Michelin-starred British cuisine for every occasion. Above at HIDE offers tranquil views over Green Park and a light-filled dining room. Daily B, L & D. £££. 150 Piccadilly, W1J 9BR. T: 020-3146 8666. [www.hide.co.uk](http://www.hide.co.uk). Station: Green Park. E6.

# Eating Out

## FORMER MAYFAIR BY SOFIAN

Brand new for 2021, this quintessentially British 1930s-inspired restaurant is the first solo project by exciting young chef, Sofian Msetfi. Wed D, Thur-Sat L & D. £££. 17-12 Half Moon St, W1J 7BH. T: 020-7016 5601. [www.flemings-mayfair.co.uk](http://www.flemings-mayfair.co.uk). Station: Green Park. E6.

## THE RITZ

Michelin-starred dining with sparkling chandeliers, marble columns and views over the oasis of Green Park. Check availability. £££. 150 Piccadilly, W1J 9BR. T: 020-7300 2370. [www.theritzlondon.com](http://www.theritzlondon.com). Station: Green Park. E6.

## RULES

Established in 1798, Rules is the oldest restaurant in London. Expect traditional British food, such as game, oysters, pies and puddings. Wed-Sun L & D. ££. 35 Maiden Lane, WC2E 7LB. T: 020-7836 5314. [www.rules.co.uk](http://www.rules.co.uk). Station: Charing Cross/Covent Garden. E7.

## ST PANCRAS BRASSERIE

High-ceilinged dining room plus a Champagne bar. Daily B, L & D. ££. Upper Concourse, St Pancras

International, N1C 4QL. T: 020-7870 9900. [www.searcs.co.uk](http://www.searcs.co.uk). Station: King's Cross St Pancras. C7/8.

## SOPHIE'S

Modern steakhouse with an open kitchen. 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 a short walk from London's main theatre area. Daily L & D. £. 56-62 Wilton Road, SW1V 1DE (and branches). T: 020 7834 0507. [www.dimt.co.uk](http://www.dimt.co.uk). Station: Victoria. F6.

## FISH & SEAFOOD

### J.SHEEKEY

Serving the finest fish, shellfish and seasonal game in the heart of Theatreland since the 1890s. Daily L & D. £££. 28-35 St. Martin's Court, WC2N 4AL. T: 020-7240 2565. [www.j-sheekey.co.uk](http://www.j-sheekey.co.uk). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

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# Eating Out



## Japanese birthday extravaganza

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aquarium. Tues-Sun L & D. ££. 49-51 *Lisson Grove*, NW1 6UH. T: 020-7224 9000. [www.seashellrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.seashellrestaurant.co.uk). Station: Marylebone. C5.

### GASTROPUBS

#### BEAR & STAFF

Order classic comfort food at this central pub. Daily L & D. £-££. 10-12 *Bear St*, WC2H 7AX. T: 020-7321 0814. [www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk](http://www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk). Station: Leicester Square. E7.

#### THE PORCUPINE

Pub dating back to 1725. Daily 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

This Soho pub still boasts its original stained glass. Daily L & D. £-££. 16 *Newburgh St*, W1F 7RY. T: 020-7494 9748. [www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk](http://www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk). Station: Oxford Circus. D7.

### INDIAN

#### AMAYA

This Michelin-starred restaurant has an open grill kitchen and is known for its small sharing

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

#### CHUTNEY MARY

Fine-dining Indian with regional dishes such as Kerala fish curry. Mon-Sat L & D. ££. 73 *St James's St*, SW1A 1PH. T: 020-7629 6688. [www.chutneymary.com](http://www.chutneymary.com). Station: Green Park. E6.

#### FARZI CAFÉ

Modern restaurant with 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.

#### KAHANI

Fine dining Indian restaurant with vegan options. Mon-Sat L, Sun L & D. ££. 1 *Wilbraham Place*, SW1X 9AE. T: 020-7730 7634. [www.kahani-london.com](http://www.kahani-london.com). Station: Sloane Square. 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.masala-zone.com](http://www.masala-zone.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

## VEERASWAMY

Michelin-starred restaurant with six-hour lamb shank. Daily L & D. £££. *Victory House, 99 Regent St, W1B 4RS. T: 020-7734 1401. www.veeraswamy.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

## INTERNATIONAL

### ALAIN DUCASSE AT THE DORCHESTER

Modern, light and informal contemporary French dining, awarded three Michelin stars. Wed-Fri L & D, Sat D. £££. *53 Park Lane, W1K 1QA. T: 020-7629 8866. www.alainducasse-dorchester.com. Station: Hyde Park Corner. E6.*

### 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. Station: Bond Street/Baker Street. D6.*

### THE LAST TALISMAN

British-Asian fusion small plates with a focus on skewered meat, fish and vegetables. Tues-Sun L & D. £. 171-173 Bermondsey St, SE1 3UW. T: 020-8189 9546. *www.thelasttalisman.com. Station: London Bridge. D6.*

### SKETCH

Four restaurants each with their own stunning Instagrammable design and menu. Check times and availability. £££. *9 Conduit St, W1S 2XG. T: 020-7659 4500. www.sketch.london. Station: Oxford Circus. D7.*

### RESTAURANT GORDON RAMSAY

Ramsay's flagship restaurant serving polished French dishes from carefully chosen ingredients. Tues-Sat L & D. £££. *68 Royal Hospital Rd, SW3 4HP. T: 020-7352 4441. www.gordonramsayrestaurants.com. Station: Sloane Square. E7.*

### THE WOLSELEY

All-day European café restaurant in elegant surroundings. Daily B, L & D. ££-£££. *160 Piccadilly, W1J 9EB. T: 020-7499 6996. www.thewolseley.com. Station: Green Park. E6.*

## ITALIAN

### AVE MARIO

From the team behind Gloria and Circolo Popolare, Ave Mario takes inspiration from Florence. Try the 60cm tall stracciatella ice cream cake. Check times. ££. *15 Henrietta Street, WC2E 8QG. www.bigmammagroup.com. Station: Covent Garden. C5.*

## 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. Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.*

## GRANAIO

**FAMILY** This spacious restaurant serves Italian classics in grand surroundings. Due to its proximity to theatreland it has pre-theatre and set menus. Daily L & D. ££. *224 Piccadilly, W1J 9HP. T: 020-7930 1459. www.granaiopiccadilly.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*



### La dolce vita dining

If you're hoping to visit Italy but you're not sure when you'll get there, don't worry. Take a trip over to Broadgate's **Eataly London** instead, a place to eat, shop and learn about the history and food culture of Italy. 'We couldn't be happier to have brought our vision to this vibrant city,' says executive chef Eliano Crespi. With eight dining options inside, all centred around facets of Italian cuisine, there's something for everyone. Try the Spaghetti Eataly at Pasta e Pizza. If you're looking for a quick snack, pick up a pastry at La Pasticceria or a cup of Italy's best-loved coffee at Gran Caffè Bar. Find inspiration in Cucina del Mercato, the counter-to-table concept restaurant. Enjoy a meal and then find all the ingredients in the Market, where there are more than 5,000 products to purchase so you can take a taste of Italy home with you. *135 Bishopsgate, EC2M 3YD. T: 020-4538 0271. www.eataly.co.uk.*

# Eating Out

## VERDI ITALIAN KITCHEN

**FAMILY** Dine on authentic pizzas and pasta or afternoon tea in this family-friendly restaurant in an iconic venue. Open to ticket holders only; booking required. Check for dates and times. ££. Door 12, Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP. T: 020-7070 4401. [www.royalalberthall.com](http://www.royalalberthall.com). Station: South Kensington. F4.

## JAPANESE BENIHANA

**FAMILY** Chefs grill dishes at your table: 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.

## HOT STONE

Refined sushi, sashimi and signature hot stone cookery. One of only eight restaurants in the UK to serve certified Kobe beef. Thurs D, Fri-Sun L & D. ££. 3 Windmill St, W1T 2HY. T: 020-3302 8226. [www.hotstonelondon.com](http://www.hotstonelondon.com). Station: Tottenham Court Road. E8.

## ICHIBA

This casual spot in a mall is ideal for a quick bowl of ramen, rice or noodles. Daily from 10am. £. Level 2, Westfield London, W12 7HB. T: 020-3405 9410. [www.ichibalondon.com](http://www.ichibalondon.com). Station: White City. Map inset.

## YOKOCHŌ

Immerse yourself in the retro world of 1970s Tokyo under a canopy of glowing lanterns, and chow down on Japanese regional ramen. Daily L & D. £. 8 Heddon St, W1B 4BU. T: 020-3405 7230. [www.sakaguralondon.com](http://www.sakaguralondon.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## RIVERSIDE

### BATEAUX LONDON

See the sights on a cruise with lunch and dinner, afternoon tea or a Sunday roast with live jazz. Fri-Sat L & D; Sun L. £££. Embankment Pier, WC2N 6NU. T: 033-0123 9044. [www.bateauxlondon.com](http://www.bateauxlondon.com). Station: Embankment. E8.

### LONDON SHOWBOAT

Enjoy dinner with a side of jazz on the river as great views of London pass you by. Booking essential. Boarding at 7.30pm. ££-£££. Westminster Pier, SW1A 2JR. T: 020-7740 0400. [www.cityexperiences.com](http://www.cityexperiences.com). Station: Westminster/ Tower Hill. E8.



## Waterside eden

With a brand-new seasonal menu, a beautifully botanical interior and gorgeous terrace overlooking the water, **Pergola on the Wharf** is the newest place to be in Canary Wharf. Nick Wyborn, formerly the Executive Chef at Mac and Wild, oversees the menu with 'an obsession with freshness and seasonality'. Think cocktails dripping in fresh fruit and food sourced from local markets. Keep an eye out for their events too - rumour has it they could include weekend festivals, themed brunch parties and live music performances. Crossrail Place, Canary Wharf, E14 5AR. [www.pergolacanarywharf.co.uk](http://www.pergolacanarywharf.co.uk).

## 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: Charing Cross. E8.

### YUUKITCHEN

Warm up over sharing plates of spicy tuna tostada and salt-beef gyoza in this buzzing part of town. Thurs-Fri D, Sat L & D; Sun L. £-££. 29 Commercial St, E1 6NE. T: 020-7377 0411. [www.yuukitchen.com](http://www.yuukitchen.com). Station: Aldgate East. D11.

## SPANISH

### EL PIRATA

Mayfair restaurant serving tapas for 25 years. Tues-Sat 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.

### THE TAPAS ROOM

Wine shop, tapas bar and delicatessen with a new brunch menu, featuring already adored dishes of tapas, charcuterie and Spanish cheeses. Mon-Fri D, Sat L & D. ££. 263-265 Battersea Park Rd, SW11 4NE. T: 020-7720 1888. [www.thetapasroom.co.uk](http://www.thetapasroom.co.uk). Station: Battersea Park. Off map.

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# Nightlife



## After hours

Looking to stay out on the town late into the night? London's hottest new destination for good food, creative cocktails and electric nights is **NYX Hotel London** in Holborn. Named after the Greek goddess of the night, it's no wonder its evening entertainment has caught our attention.

A night out here appeals to each and every sense: vibrant and eclectic interiors featuring thought-provoking modern art, creative food and cocktails, and a regular roster of events and DJs keeping guests entertained into the early hours.

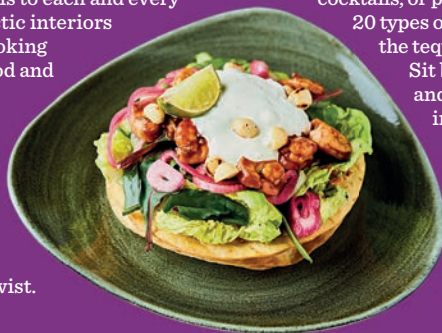
The bar and restaurant offer a range of familiar, comforting dishes with a modern twist.

The signature NYX raclette burger is out of this world! With the kitchen staying open until 2am most nights, the midnight bites and grazing options include ninja buffalo wings, margarita chicken sticks and the 'mother of all nacho platters'.

Wash it all down with one of the Insta-worthy cocktails, or perhaps one of more than 20 types of tequila available from the tequila library.

Sit back, relax, socialise and unwind as you take in the luxurious surroundings and London spirit.

50-60 Southampton Row, WC1B 4AR.  
T: 020-7242 1800.  
[www.nyx-hotels.com/londonholborn](http://www.nyx-hotels.com/londonholborn)





Cherry blossom and special cocktails at The Malt Lounge

Review

## Sakura season

Find sanctuary in Marble Arch and settle in for an evening underneath the cherry blossom. **The Malt Lounge and Bar at The Prince Akatoki hotel** has been transformed in celebration of the Japanese Sakura season. Bar Manager Simone Falconi has crafted a collection of special cocktails including the *Momo Martini*, with flavours of lychee and peach honey accompanying Haku vodka; the *Sakura Collins*, a classic Tom Collins gin-based cocktail with a Japanese twist; and the *Ueno Highball*, which combines whisky, plum-infused sake and cherry blossom tea. *The Prince Akatoki London*, 50 Great Cumberland Place, W1H 7FD. T: 020-7724 4700. [www.themaltlounge.co.uk](http://www.themaltlounge.co.uk)



Celebrate the Sakura season with Japanese cocktails

## TRADITIONAL PUBS

### WAXY O'CONNOR'S

Huge Irish-themed pub with live music and four bars. Kitchen currently closed. 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** 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. 90)

## YE OLDE CHESHIRE CHEESE

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

## BARS & CLUBS

### BACKROOM BAR

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.

### BREWDOG

Bar chain specialising in craft beers, with regular guest brews. *Marquis of Granby*, 142 Shaftesbury Ave, WC2H 8JJ. [www.brewdog.com/uk](http://www.brewdog.com/uk). Station: Leicester Square. D7.

### CITY GARDEN BAR

All-day drinking with spectacular city views. Under 16s are not able to enter after 6pm on weekdays and 9pm on weekends. 1 Sky Garden Walk, EC3M 8AF. T: 033-3772 0020. [www.skygarden.london](http://www.skygarden.london). Station: Monument. E11.

### 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.

### ZOO BAR

London's most European bar, playing the best in party anthems with Latin vibes thrown in for good measure. 13-17 Bear St, WC2H 7AQ. T: 020-3325 9739. [www.zoobar.co.uk](http://www.zoobar.co.uk). Station: Leicester Square. E7.

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

### BERMONDSEY BIERKELLER

Live sports and music, German beer, street food, games and more. 4 Tooley St, SE1 2SY at *The London Bridge Experience*. [www.bermondseybierkeller.co.uk](http://www.bermondseybierkeller.co.uk). Station: London Bridge. E11.

### SEVEN DIALS MARKET

Watch live sport and entertainment at this event space. Dozens of micro-restaurants and bars. Earlam St, WC2H 9LX. [www.sevendialsmarket.com](http://www.sevendialsmarket.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

# Britain Planner

## Explore the East

Venturing out of the city and into the East of England, there are hidden gems waiting to be discovered within hours by train

### Suffolk

#### Southwold Pier and Beach

Find the best of the British seaside: brightly coloured beach huts, traditional pubs, sandy coastline, a proud lighthouse and the pier complete with an arcade. Southwold is a jewel on the Suffolk coast. *North Parade, Southwold, IP18 6BN. T: 0150-272 2105. [www.southwoldpier.co.uk](http://www.southwoldpier.co.uk)*

#### Latitude Festival

One of the UK's best festivals is back, offering music, dance, comedy, poetry, literature, family activities and more from **22-25 July**. Set in the beautiful grounds at Henham Park. *Henham Park, NR34 8AQ. T: 0207-009 3001. [www.latitudefestival.com](http://www.latitudefestival.com)*

#### Newmarket Horse Racing

Under three hours outside of London, this racecourse is considered the headquarters of British horse racing. Enjoy a thrilling afternoon at the races on **17, 24 or 31 July**. Don't miss the evening entertainment with live performances

by Tom Jones (**23 July**) and Olly Murs (**30 July**). *Cambridge Rd, Newmarket, CB8 0TF. T: 0163-867 5300. [www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/newmarket](http://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/newmarket)*

#### Adnams brewery

Adnams' famous Suffolk beer has been brewed in Southwold for more than 150 years and all around the town you will experience the influences of the brewery. Look out for their fascinating tours. *Market Place, Southwold, IP18 6EG. T: 0150-272 7225. [www.adnams.co.uk](http://www.adnams.co.uk)*

#### Ufford Park Hotel, Golf and Spa

Set in 120 acres of stunning historic parkland and surrounded by beautifully peaceful countryside, Ufford Park Woodbridge Hotel is one of Suffolk's best-kept secrets. Visit for the day for a spot of lunch, a walk around the two-mile trail, a game on the award-winning golf course or relax in the Thermal Spa and mud chambers. *Yarmouth Rd, Woodbridge, IP12 1QW. T: 0139-438 3555. [www.uffordpark.co.uk](http://www.uffordpark.co.uk)*



(Clockwise from main) Southwold beach and pier; Newmarket Racecourse; Latitude Festival returns this summer.

# Cambridgeshire

## Scudamores Punting

Take a relaxing Cambridge river tour in a traditional punting boat and make your way under the Magdalene Bridge and the Bridge of Sighs. Pass by the world-famous King's College Chapel or admire the Wren Library all from a peaceful seat on the River Cam.

*Quayside Punting Station, Magdalene St, CB5 8AB. T: 0122-335 9750. [www.scudamores.com](http://www.scudamores.com)*

## Cambridge Bike Tours

Cover the city and get off the beaten track on an antique British bike. Your guide takes you around the city's sights or out into the surrounding countryside at a leisurely pace.

*Meeting point: Parker's Piece, CB1 1NA.*

*T: 07598 925243. [www.cambridgebiketours.co.uk](http://www.cambridgebiketours.co.uk)*

## Ely Cathedral

Admired by historians and architects all over the world, Ely Cathedral is the only UK building to be listed as one of the Seven Wonders of the Middle Ages and dates back more than 1,300 years. *Ely, CB7 4DL. T: 0135-366 7735. [www.elycathedral.org](http://www.elycathedral.org)*



## Oliver Cromwell's House

Political and military leader Oliver Cromwell was a prominent figure in 17th century England. At his family home, experience a wide range of costumed guided tours.

*29 St Mary's St, Ely, CB7 4HF. T: 0135-366 2062. [www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk](http://www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk)*

## Flag Fen Archaeology Park

Wander through a Bronze Age village, sit in reconstructed roundhouses and stand where the people of Fen once stood more than 3,000 years ago by the ritual causeway.

*The Droveaway, Northey Rd, Peterborough, PE6 7QJ. T: 0173-386 4468. [www.visitpeterborough.com](http://www.visitpeterborough.com)*

## Ramsey Rural Museum

Housed in renovated 17th century farm buildings, the museum is full of treasures including machinery, tools and vehicles spanning more than 200 years of rural British life.

*Wood Lane, Ramsey, PE26 2XD. T: 0148-781 5715. [www.ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk)* ▶



(Clockwise from above) Ely Cathedral; Oliver Cromwell's House; punting down the River Cam past King's College.



## Essex

### Adventure Island

Hop on the merry-go-round, ride the swinging ship or win an arcade game at Adventure Island. Entry is free into the park with pricing and wristbands by activity.

*Sunken Garden Western Esplanade, Southend on Sea, SS1 1EE. T: 0170-244 3400. [www.adventureisland.co.uk](http://www.adventureisland.co.uk)*

### Sealwatching Harwich

Travel the Walton backwaters and into the Hamford Water Nature Reserve to find seals relaxing on mudbanks. The colony is now over 250 seals strong.

*Pier, 1 The Quay Hapny, Harwich, CO12 3HH. T: 0172-866 6329. [www.sealwatching.co.uk](http://www.sealwatching.co.uk)*

### Hares About Town

Follow the trail around Southend as huge hare sculptures, each designed by different artists, are scattered throughout the town creating a free family-friendly walk to explore.

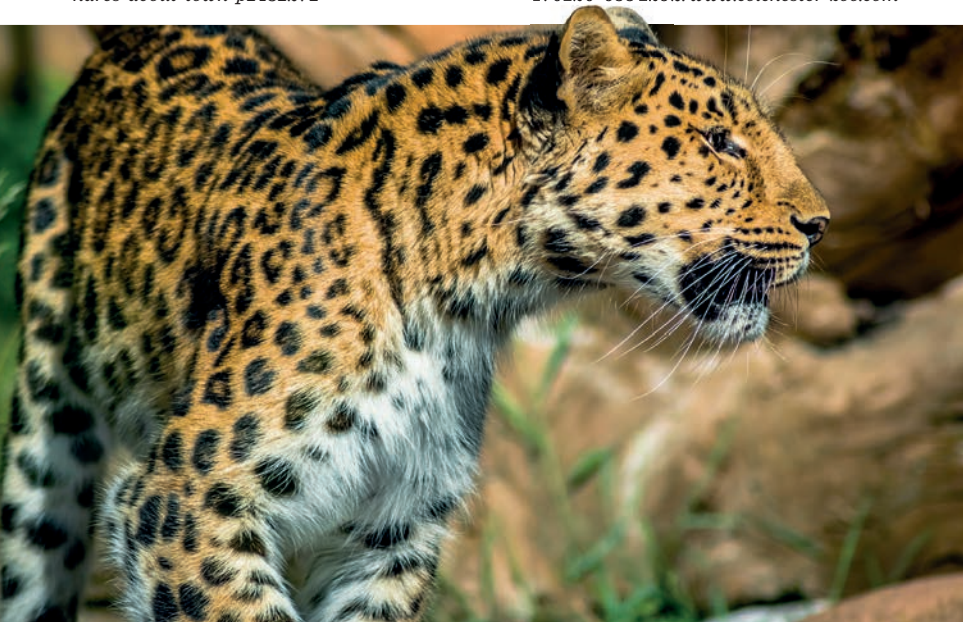
*Southend on Sea, Southend, SS1 1EE. T: 0170-221 5620. [www.visitessex.com/whats-on/hares-about-town-p1431271](http://www.visitessex.com/whats-on/hares-about-town-p1431271)*



### Colchester Zoo

Explore the zoo from aardvarks to wallabies. Take on the role of keeper for the day and get up close with the animals, or book an Elephant or Giraffe Feeding Experience.

*Maldon Rd, Heckfordbridge, Colchester, CO3 0SL. T: 0120-633 1292. [www.colchester-zoo.com](http://www.colchester-zoo.com)* ▶



(Clockwise from above) Adventure Island; Harwich gets our seal of approval; wild experiences at Colchester Zoo.

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(Clockwise from above) The tranquil Norfolk Broads; Sandringham Estate; Dad's Army exhibition at Bressingham Steam and Gardens.

## Norfolk

### Bressingham Steam & Gardens

A magnificent museum of steam, with over five miles of narrow-gauge steam lines and four journeys to choose from, featuring narrow gauge, traction engines and a Victorian steam roundabout. View the gardens and the renowned *Dad's Army* exhibition and look out for a changing diary of events including a fabulous weekend of Norfolk steam punkery at BresSteam (**Sat 3-Sun 4 Jul**).

Low Rd, Diss, IP22 2AA. T: 0137-968 6900.  
[www.bressingham.co.uk](http://www.bressingham.co.uk)

### Broads National Park

From a cosy campsite to a luxurious hotel, there's an experience for everyone at the Broads National Park. Take a boat ride or go canoeing and kayaking down the waterways. If you'd prefer to keep your feet firmly on the ground, go biking or bird watching through the park.

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



### Norwich Cathedral

With buildings and history stretching back 930 years, visit Norwich Cathedral for a glimpse of life in medieval Britain.

65 The Close, Norwich, NR1 4DH.

T: 0160-321 8300. [www.cathedral.org.uk](http://www.cathedral.org.uk)

### Sandringham Estate

Visit the much-loved country estate of Her Majesty The Queen. Take a stroll or cycle through the 243 hectares of Sandringham Royal Park.

Sandringham, Norfolk, PE35 6EN.

T: 0148-554 4112. [www.sandringhamestate.co.uk](http://www.sandringhamestate.co.uk)

### BeWILDerwood

Inspired by the fantastical books of Tom Blofeld, BeWILDerwood transports you to another world. Go on an adventure over the Broken Bridge, down the Slippery Slopes or across the Wobbly Wires, meeting magical characters along the way.

BeWILDerwood Norfolk, Horning Rd, Hoveton, NR12 8JW. T: 0169-263 3033.

[www.norfolk.bewilderwood.co.uk](http://www.norfolk.bewilderwood.co.uk)



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# Essential information

## Ticket information

### Oyster cards & Travelcards

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Buy Oyster cards from ticket machines at stations and any Oyster Ticket Stop. You can also pay for your travel with a contactless card or device. For more information, see [www.tfl.gov.uk/visitinglondon](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/visitinglondon).

An Oyster card also gives you a discount on Emirates Air Line (London's cable car) and discounts on Uber Boat by Thames Clippers river bus services. For more information, visit [www.visitorshop.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.visitorshop.tfl.gov.uk).

### Visitor pass

London Pass offers free entry and discounts at a fixed price. See [www.visitbritainshop.com](http://www.visitbritainshop.com).

## Getting around

For 24-hour travel info, visit Transport for London's (TfL) website [www.tfl.gov.uk/visitinglondon](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/visitinglondon) or call T: 0343-222 1234.

### London Underground

🚇 [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk). See London Underground Map (p. 96-97). Services run Mon-Sat 5am-12.30am and Sun 7.30am-11.30pm on most routes. Fares vary; a Zone 1 adult fare is £5.50 (£2.40 Pay as you go and Oyster).

### London buses

London buses run from 5am-12.30am. Night buses (midnight-4.30am) operate on main routes. Some services run 24 hours a day. You cannot pay cash on the bus, so use an Oyster card, Travelcard, contactless card or device.

For more info, visit [www.tfl.gov.uk/buses](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/buses). Single fare is £1.55 with an Oyster card, contactless card or device, allowing unlimited bus journeys within one hour of touching in.

### London Overground

🚆 [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk). See London Underground Map (p. 96-97). Trains run Mon-Sat 5am-midnight and Sun 7am-11.30pm on most routes.

### Docklands Light Railway

DLR [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk).

T: 020-7363 9700. Trains run every three to 10 mins. Mon-Sat 5.30am-12.30am; Sun 7am-11.30pm.

### Taxis

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## Car hire and coaches

Make sure your driving licence is valid for the UK and see 'Congestion and Ultra Low Emission Zone Charges' (p. 88). **Enterprise Rent-A-Car** T: 0800-800 227. [www.enterprise.co.uk](http://www.enterprise.co.uk). **Kendall Cars Ltd** T: 020-8542 0403. [www.kendallcars.com](http://www.kendallcars.com). **Mazza Coaches** T: 0756 484 1651. [www.mazza-tours.co.uk](http://www.mazza-tours.co.uk).

## Santander Cycles hire

Bicycles are for hire from docking stations. Check for prices. [www.tfl.gov.uk/santandercycles](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/santandercycles) or T: 0343-222 6666.

## Transport symbols explained

	London Underground		Docklands Light Railway
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## Airports

### Heathrow Airport

T: 0844-335 1801. [www.heathrowairport.com](http://www.heathrowairport.com). London Underground: Direct trains to/from central London every five to ten minutes 5am-11.45pm via Piccadilly Line. Journey time 60 minutes. Heathrow Express: Four direct trains an hour to/from Paddington. Journey time 15 minutes. National Express: Up to 13 coaches a day to/from Victoria Coach Station. Journey time 45 minutes.

### Gatwick Airport

T: 0844-892 0322. [www.gatwickairport.com](http://www.gatwickairport.com). ThamesLink T: 0345-026 4700. Direct trains to/from London Bridge and St Pancras International (connects to King's Cross St Pancras) and others. Gatwick Express: Direct trains to/from Victoria up to four times an hour. The journey takes about 30 minutes. Southern Railway: Direct trains to/from Victoria every 15 minutes. The journey takes 30 minutes. National Express: Direct coaches to/from Victoria Coach Station, up to two coaches per hour. Journey time is one hour 20 minutes.

### City Airport

T: 020-7646 0088. [www.londoncityairport.com](http://www.londoncityairport.com). **DLR** London City Airport: Trains to/from Canary Wharf (change at Poplar) Canning Town Bank and many other stations.

### Stansted Airport

T: 0844-335 1803. [www.stanstedairport.com](http://www.stanstedairport.com). Stansted Express: Trains to/from Liverpool Street. National Express: Coaches run to/from Victoria Coach Station. Stansted Citylink runs coaches to Stansted Airport from Victoria and King's Cross St Pancras.

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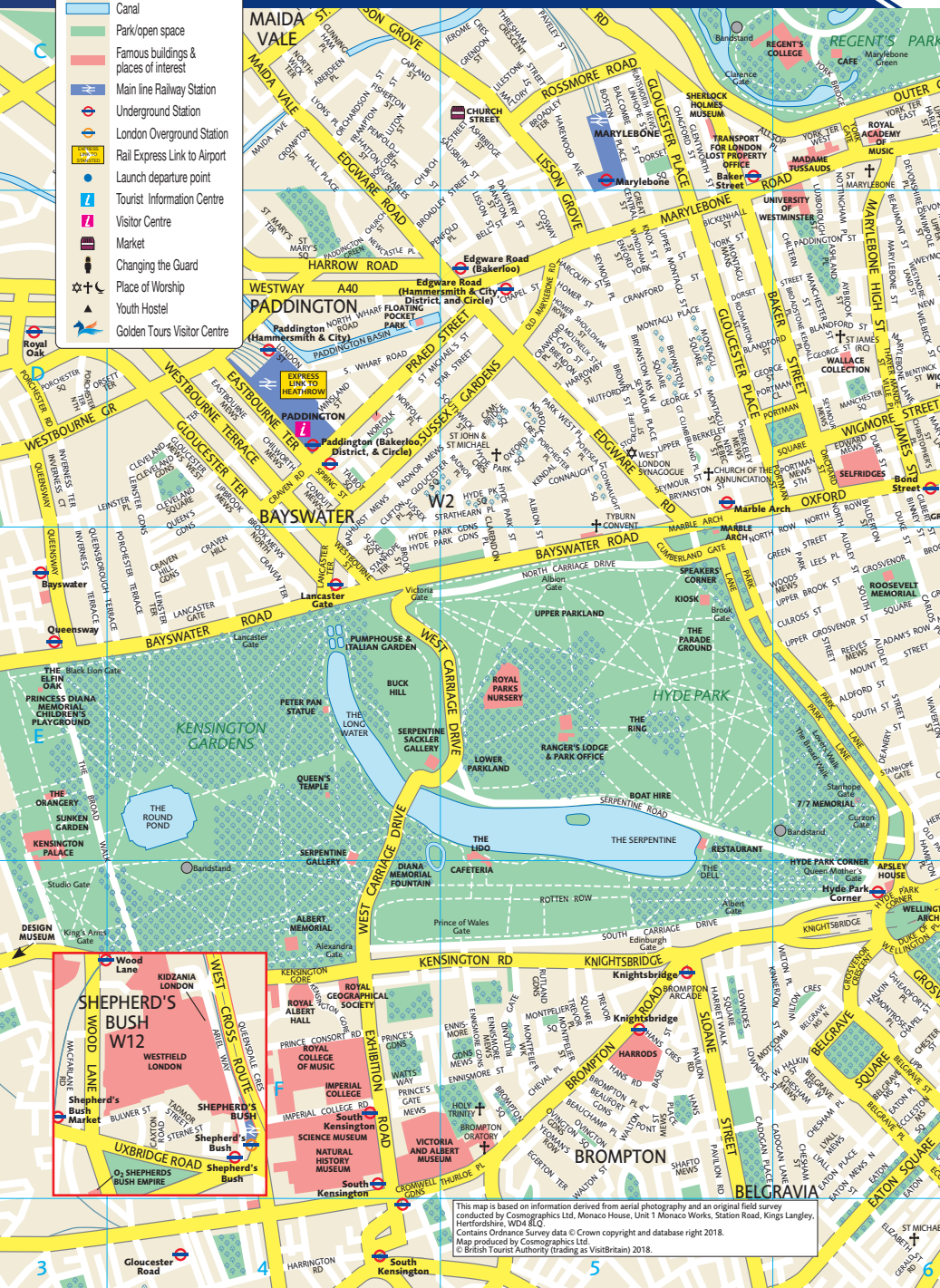
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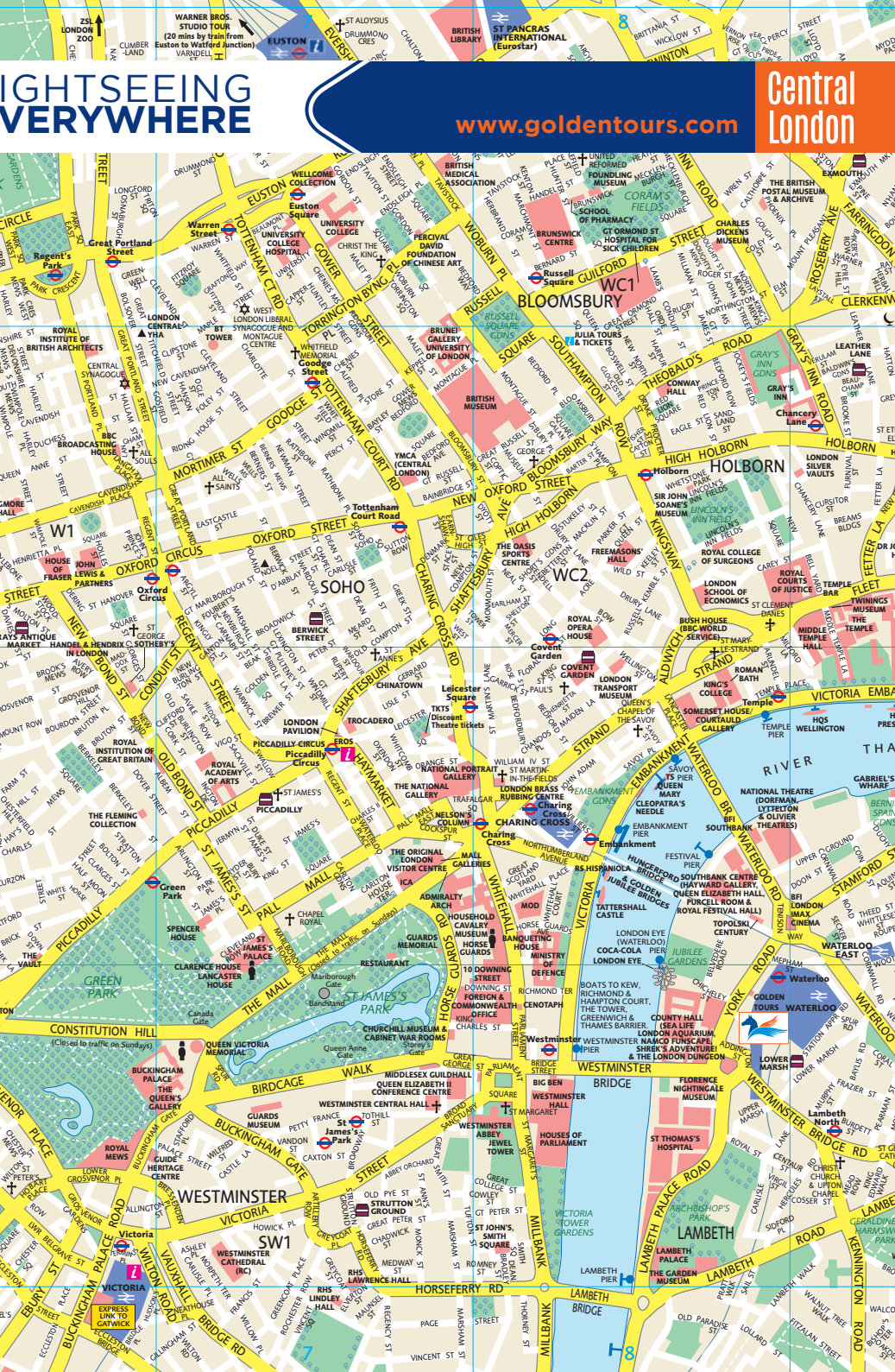
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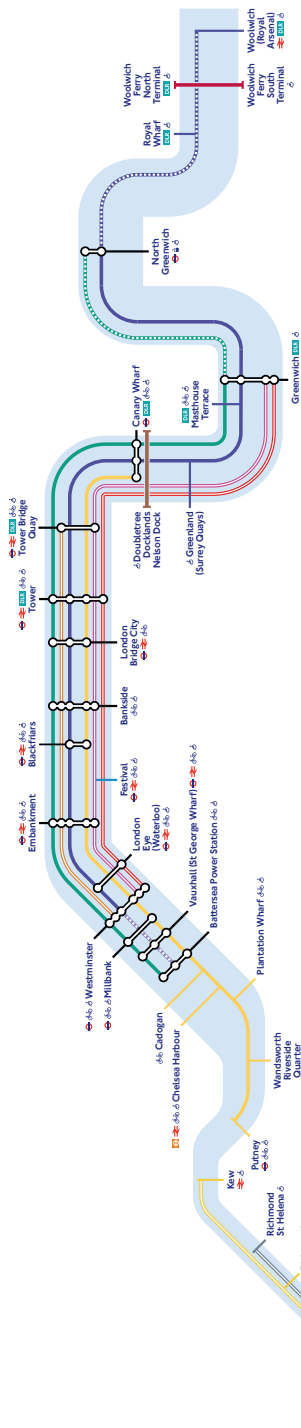


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# London river services map



**River Bus:**

- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| <b>RB1</b> | Westminster to North Greenwich<br>Daily<br>North Greenwich to Woolwich (Royal Arsenal)<br>Weekday mornings and evenings<br>All day weekend extension  |
| <b>RB2</b> | Westminster to Battersea Power Station<br>Weekday morning peak extension<br>Battersea Power Station to Greenwich<br>Weekday off peaks and weekends<br>Greenwich to North Greenwich<br>Weekend extension |

- RB4** Doubletree Docklands Nelson Dock to Canary Wharf  
Daily
- RB6** Putney to Canary Wharf  
Weekday morning peak and evenings only

**River Tours year-round:**

- Westminster/Tower Bridge Quay  
circular cruise  
Operated by Thames River Sightseeing
- Westminster to Greenwich  
Operated by Thames River Sightseeing
- Westminster to Greenwich  
Operated by City Cruises

**River Tours summer-only:**

- Richmond Landing Stage to Hampton Court  
Extends to Kew dependent on tide.  
Check with operator for more information.  
Operated by Thames River Boats
- Richmond St Helena to Hampton Court  
Operated by Turk Launcheis

**Ferry service:**

- Woolwich Ferry**  
Daily  
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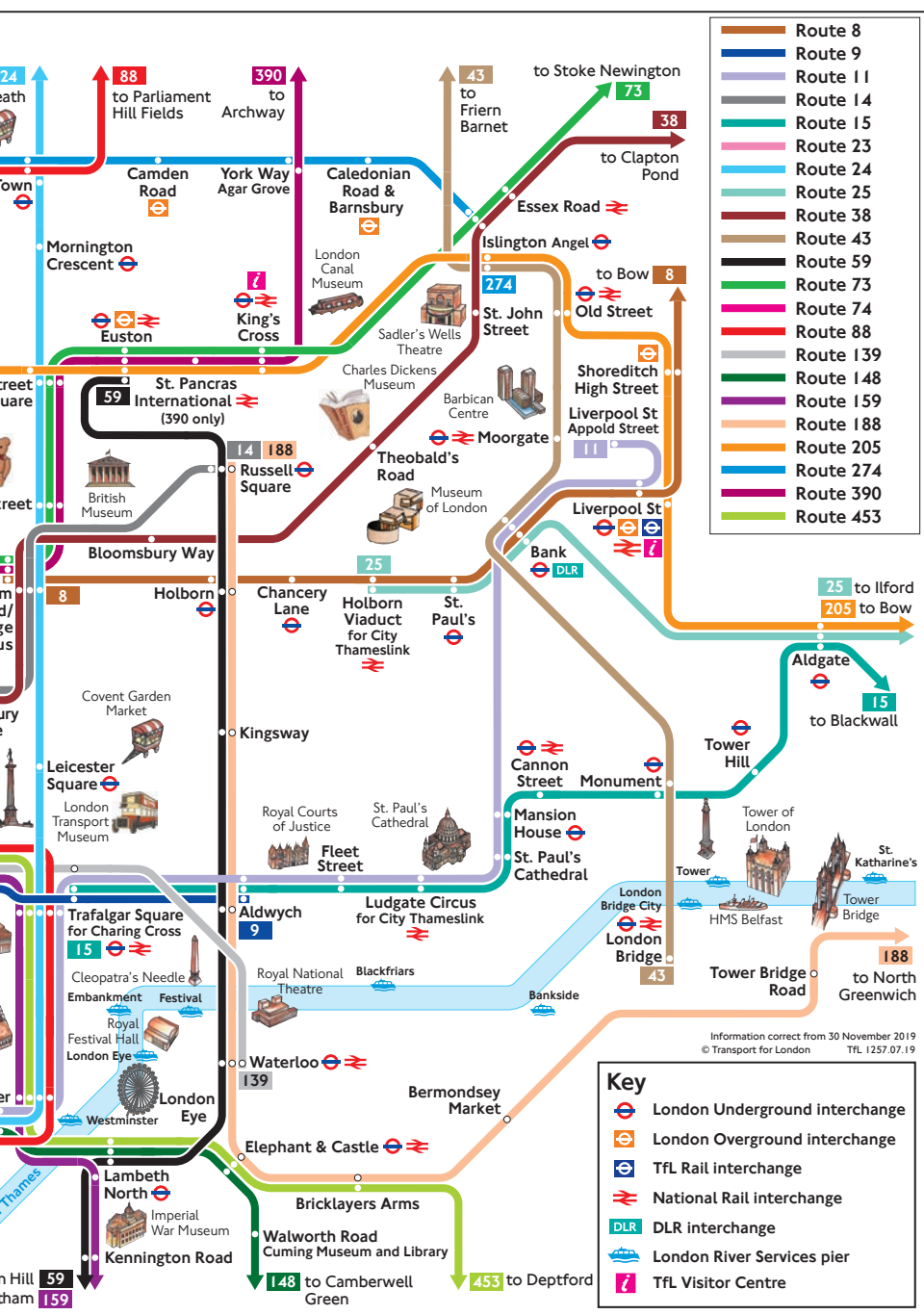
- Interchange piers
- 🚲 Cycle Hire do-dling station within 5 minutes walk
- 🚇 DLR
- 🚉 London Underground
- 🚉 London Underground
- 🚉 National Rail
- 🚉 Step-free access from platform to train

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# London bus map

## Key bus routes in central London





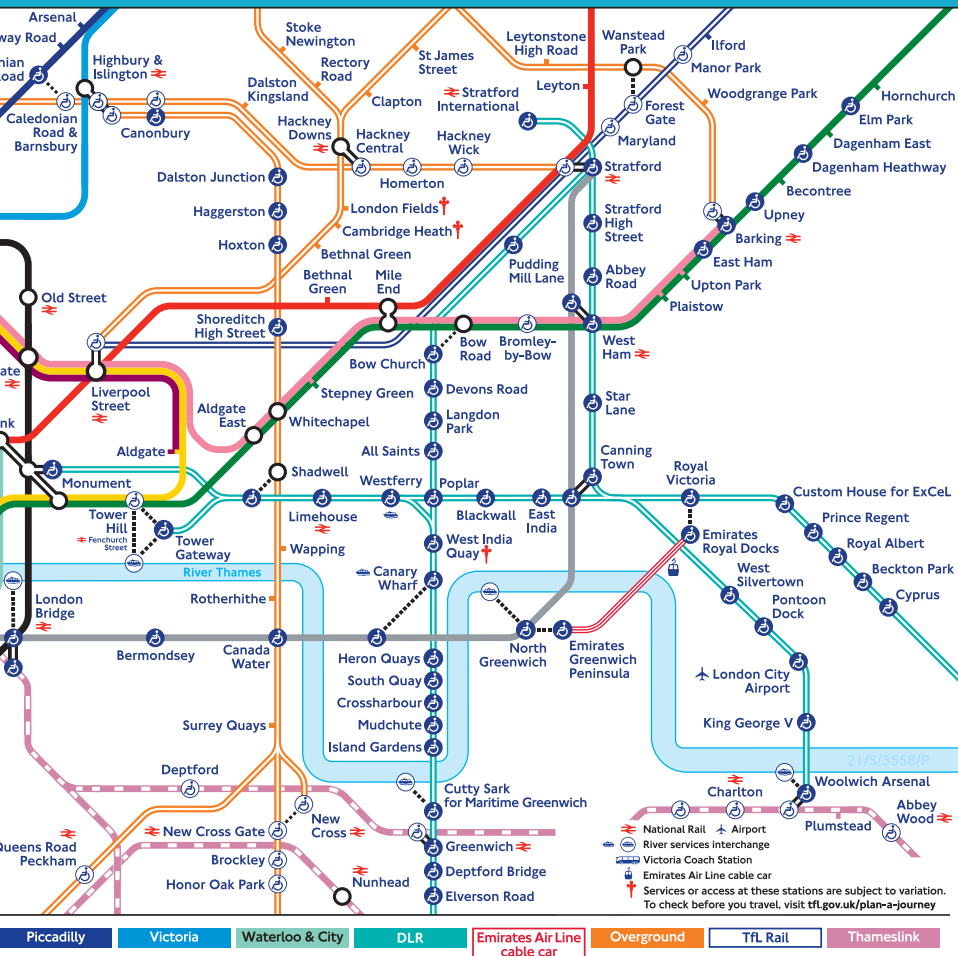
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 ○ Internal interchange  
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 ○ Step-free from train to street  
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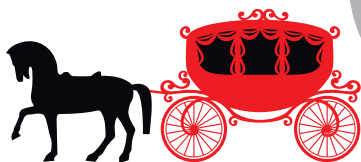
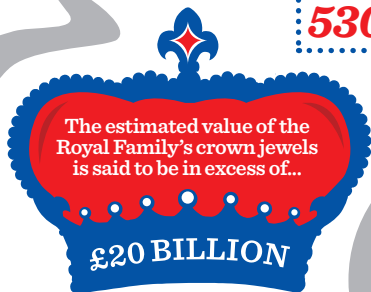
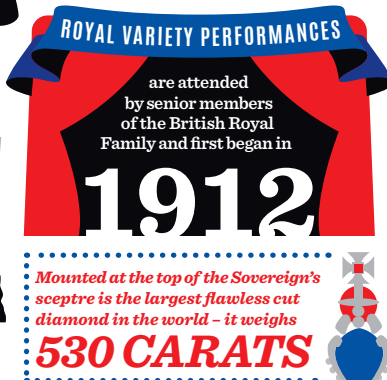
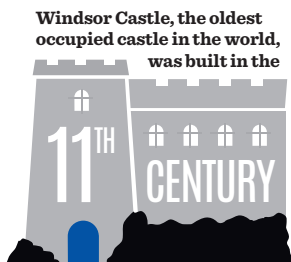
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## Winners



**0-6:**  
CHENYUN JIAN CHURCHLEY



**7-11:**  
KEVIN GUO



**12-19:**  
ADAM GASKIN



**HIGHLY COMMENDED:**  
ESME ABERLEY (10)

## Runners-up



**0 - 6 CATEGORY**  
EVA ABERO (5)



**0 - 6 CATEGORY**  
ISABELLA GROVER (6)



**7-11 AGE CATEGORY**  
ELIZABETH WYNNE (11)



**12-19 AGE CATEGORY**  
ANIA GROBORZ-MANU (13)



**12-19 AGE CATEGORY**  
JASMIN MARSLAND (14)

Organised by the London Tourism Cooperative, the Festival of Hope is a pioneering festival with a varied programme of events. Young people were given four months from November 2020 to create a special piece of art inspired by all things British from the clap for carers, to their mate who kept the memes flowing during lockdown, to their teacher for being cool, to their Mum for just being their Mum, to our diverse 'national spirit'. Winners from three age categories experienced a once-in-a-lifetime VIP trip to London for them and their families.

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