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# THE MAYOR'S LETTER

## A big welcome to London this April

There's an exceptional line-up of events and attractions this month including the Feast of St George in Trafalgar Square (23 Apr). As well as music and song, there will be delicious English food in celebration of England's patron saint. As this month marks Shakespeare's birthday and the 400th anniversary of his death, this free event also has special activities to celebrate the bard.

Look out, too, for Shakespeare celebrations around the city, including The Complete Walk (23-24 Apr), a Shakespeare's Globe extravaganza featuring 37 screens from Westminster and Tower Bridge showing short films.

Punk London is a year-long festival of events that this month includes evocative – and provocative – exhibitions at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, the Barbican Library and Hackney's Wilkinson Gallery.

There is also the first London Games Festival, celebrating a big growth area for the city. A highlight will be a giant Monopoly board in Trafalgar Square.

As always, there's a rich mix of things to do in the city. Have a great time!



Boris Johnson, Mayor of London



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# THE TOP 10

London's most popular attractions compiled according to the latest available visitor numbers from visitlondon.com



**1 The British Museum**  
The famous museum houses many treasures, including the Rosetta Stone and Egyptian mummies.

**2 The National Gallery**  
Priceless European art belonging to the nation. See works by Monet, da Vinci, Van Gogh and more.

**3 Natural History Museum**  
Explore the natural world, including a diplodocus skeleton, prehistoric fossils and taxidermy.

**4 Tate Modern**  
This former power station in Bankside houses a globally recognised modern-art collection.

**5 Coca-Cola London Eye**  
Experience the full glory of the capital from the London Eye. On a clear day, you can see for 40km.

**6 Science Museum**  
Interactive scientific fun for kids of all ages, boasting everything from rockets to steam engines.

**7 Victoria and Albert Museum**  
Incredible historic artefacts that span more than 3,000 years and include art, sculpture and fashion.

**8 Tower of London**  
The 900-year-old guarded fortress, home to kings and prisoners for centuries, is said to be haunted.

**9 Royal Museums Greenwich**  
Seas and stars at the National Maritime Museum, Cutty Sark, Queen's House and Royal Observatory.

**10 Madame Tussauds**  
See amazingly lifelike wax figures of famous people, from the Queen to Daniel Craig.



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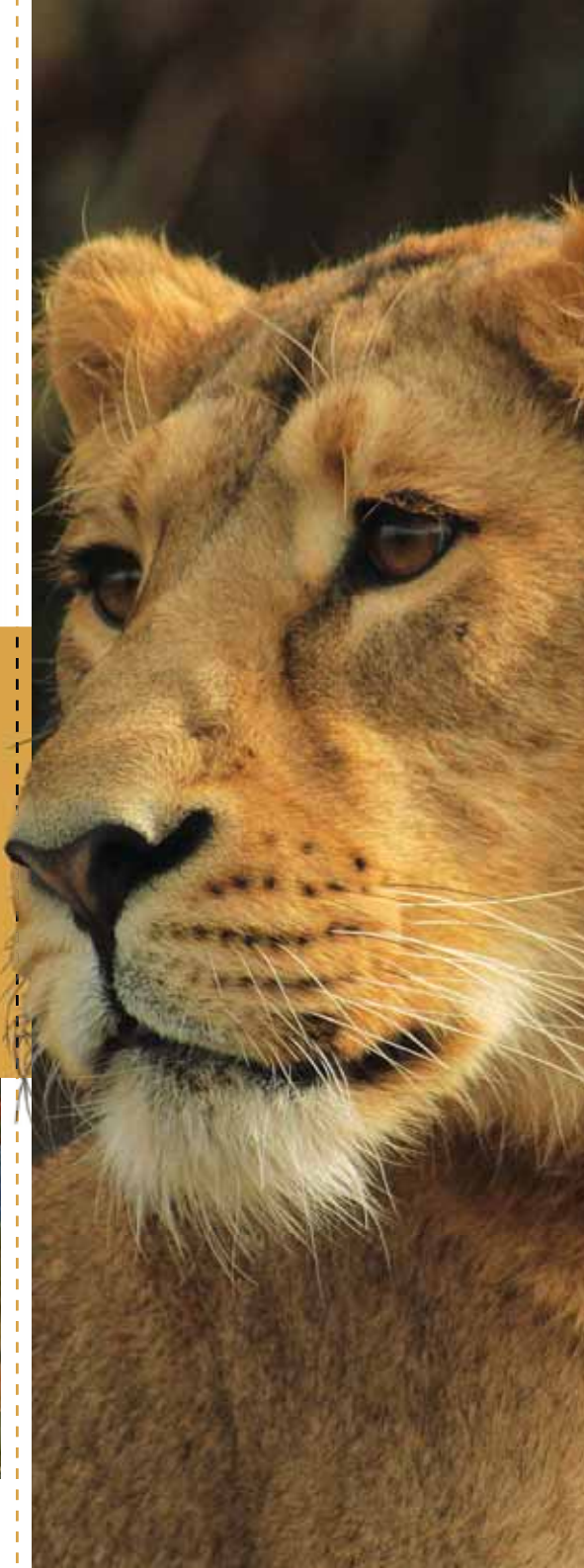
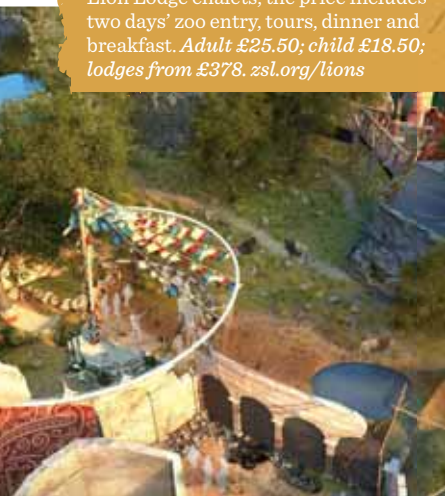
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## GO WILD FOR LONDON



### LIONS

Take a walk on the wild side at ZSL London Zoo's newly opened Land of the Lions experience. At 2,500sqm, it's five times the size of the previous enclosure. Modelled on the Gir Forest National Park in the north west of India, complete with a railway track, the exhibit will act as a breeding centre for the endangered animals – of which only 500 remain in the wild. You can stroll across raised boardwalks and watch over the lions from a panoramic viewing area. From next month, you can even sleep in Gir Lion Lodge chalets; the price includes two days' zoo entry, tours, dinner and breakfast. *Adult £25.50; child £18.50; lodges from £378. [zsl.org/lions](http://zsl.org/lions)*





DEER

Deer have roamed freely around Richmond Park since 1529.

At 2,360 acres, the reserve is the largest of the eight Royal Parks, so there's plenty of space for its

630 red and fallow deer. Breeding season

is from September to October, during which male stags or bucks roar and clash antlers as they compete for females, known as hinds or does. It's a spectacular sight,

but an intimidating one if you're nearby! *Free.* [royalparks.org.uk](http://royalparks.org.uk)

GO  
WILD  
FOR LONDON

London is home to more than seven million people, but flamingos, lions and sea dragons live here too, discovers Sarah Riches



PEACOCKS

Follow a woodland path through Holland Park to its centre and you'll come to the Kyoto Garden, which has a pond filled with carp, a waterfall and grounds decorated with stone lanterns, rock formations and sculpted bushes. As well as squirrels hopping along stepping stones, look out for peacocks showing off their feathers. *Free.* [rbkc.gov.uk](http://rbkc.gov.uk)

# GO WILD FOR LONDON

## OTTERS

Amble around the lakes and meadows of WWT London Wetland Centre and you'll see birds such as bitterns and cetti's warblers. You might catch the last of the season's shoveler and gadwall ducks, too. Wardens host birdwatching sessions around the reserve to help you identify birds by their plumage, calls and behaviour. The reserve is also a breeding centre for Asian short-clawed otters, the world's smallest breed. They have shorter claws and little webbing between their toes, so they look like hands. A highlight is watching them play and swim. Feeding times are 11am and 2pm. *Adult £11.91; child £6.55. [wwt.org.uk](http://wwt.org.uk)*



## SEA DRAGONS

The sharks at Sea Life London Aquarium get all the glory, but the centre is also home to jellyfish, penguins and smiling manta rays, as well as crocodiles and catfish. The touch pools and stripy 'Nemo' clownfish are particularly popular. But have you ever seen a sea dragon? True to its name, it resembles a mythical sea monster. It's harmless to humans, but it may give you a fright! *Adult £24.50; child £18.10. [visitsealife.com](http://visitsealife.com)*

London has many skyscrapers, but did you know it also has more than a dozen city farms? As well as your typical farm animals, Surrey Docks Farm has an aviary where you can take beekeeping classes. Children will also enjoy pond-dipping and hunting for leeches in discovery sessions. *Free; pond dipping £3. [surreydocksfarm.org.uk](http://surreydocksfarm.org.uk)*



## LEECHES

## FLAMINGOS



There can't be many former department stores that have four flamingos living on the roof. But Bill, Ben, Splosh and Pecks are quite at home in The Roof Gardens in Kensington. Keep an eye out for ducklings crossing a Japanese red humped bridge, fish in the stream and birds in the oak and fruit trees. Check it is open; if it's closed, book Babylon Restaurant, which overlooks the English Woodland Garden. *Free. [virginlimitededition.com](http://virginlimitededition.com)*

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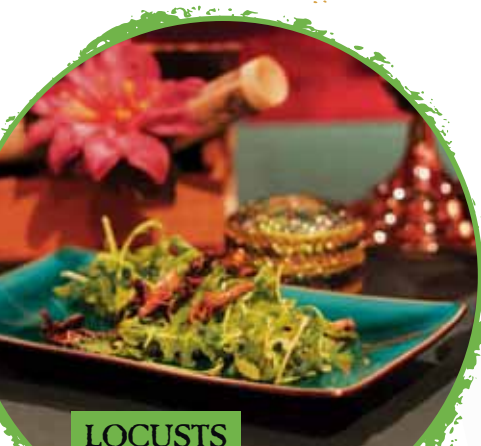
## GO WILD FOR LONDON



### POISON DART FROGS

With amazing city views and a garden with a bandstand and farm, the Horniman Museum in Forest Hill is well worth a visit. Join its animal walk every afternoon and you'll meet goats, rabbits, sheep and two alpacas; call ahead to find out about its bat walks and

pond-dipping activities. Inside, once you have seen its taxidermy collection, it's worth paying to enter the aquarium, which is home to jellyfish, poison dart frogs, live coral and tropical butterflies. *Museum and gardens free. Aquarium £3.85. [horniman.ac.uk](http://horniman.ac.uk)*



### LOCUSTS

Archipelago in Fitzrovia doesn't have live wild animals but it has plenty of dead ones – on your plate, that is. The restaurant specialises in crocodile, wildebeest, kangaroo and zebra, although you can also sample python carpaccio and pan-fried crickets. And for dessert? Caramel mealworms or chocolate-covered locusts, of course. Inventive ingredients mean vegetarians won't be left out – try the edible flowers, fried lotus root and 24-carat gold leaf. [archipelago-restaurant.co.uk](http://archipelago-restaurant.co.uk)

### EMUS

Emus grow to 1.8 metres, making them the world's third largest bird after the ostrich and cassowary. In fact, they're so big that a single emu egg is the same size as 12 chicken eggs! While emus are unable to fly, they can sprint at up to 40mph. You can see two at Battersea Park Children's Zoo, which is also home to snakes, turtles and mammals such as slender-tailed meerkats, Siberian chipmunks and red-necked wallabies. *Adult £8.95; child £6.95. [batterseaparkzoo.co.uk](http://batterseaparkzoo.co.uk)*



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# LONDON ROCKS!

Never mind their combined age of 288, The Rolling Stones are still kicking up a storm. And now the Saatchi Gallery is looking back at the rockers' fantastic 50-year history, writes **Sam Rogg**

**F**or proof of the power of music, just visit Abbey Road Studios in north London. On any given day you'll find people of all ages and nationalities there, holding up the traffic to walk over a pedestrian crossing made famous by The Beatles on the cover of their *Abbey Road* album in 1969. For music lovers, London is not just a destination, you see; it's a pilgrimage – a place to explore locations linked to some of the greatest musicians of all time.

If you know where to look, you'll find the homes, recording studios and live music venues once occupied by gods such as Jimi Hendrix, Freddie Mercury, David Bowie and Amy Winehouse. For rock 'n' roll fans, however, there's one place that should be top of your list no matter what you have planned this month: the Saatchi Gallery, as The Rolling Stones take over the building for their first-ever exhibition. And just like their live performances, it's an unmissable show.

More than 500 items from the band's personal archives and private collections are on display in *Exhibitionism*, including rare guitars, outrageous costumes and backstage paraphernalia. 'We've been thinking about this for quite a long time but we

// SEE THE INSTRUMENTS  
THAT HAVE PASSED THROUGH  
OUR HANDS // - KEITH RICHARDS



wanted it to be just right and on a large scale,' says Mick Jagger, who began curating the exhibition with his fellow bandmates three years ago. 'The process has been like planning our touring concert productions and I think that right now it's an interesting time to do it.'

'Interesting' is an understatement when you consider the band's achievements. Since forming in 1962, the British rockers have sold more than 250 million albums and performed more than 2,000 times, grossing almost £500 million in five decades. Needless to say, they've acquired a lot of stuff along the way, and this is your chance to see it.

'It's hard to believe that it's more than 50 years since we began and it is wonderful to look back to the start of our careers and bring

everything up-to-date at this exhibition,' says drummer Charlie Watts.

Best of all, there's something for everyone, whether you're a big Stones fan or not.

Fashionistas, for example, will love the Style and Fashion Gallery housing more than 90 original outfits by designers including Prada, Dior, Gucci and L'Wren Scott, Jagger's late girlfriend. Over in the Art and Design Gallery, you can get up close to original works by Andy Warhol, Jeff Koons, Walton Ford and David Bailey. Budding musicians will be in their element inside the Recording and Song Writing Gallery, a semi-interactive zone with touchscreens, lyric books and 75 original instruments.

'While this is about The Rolling Stones, it's not necessarily just about the members of the



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band,' explains guitarist Keith Richards. 'It's also about all the paraphernalia and technology associated with a group like us, as well as the instruments that have passed through our hands over the years.'

See the saxophone played by Bobby Keys, described by Richards as the 'epitome of the rock 'n' roll sax-playing man', and the piano played by Ian Stewart, who was, in the early days, the sixth band member. In the Edith Grove Gallery, you can experience life in 1960s London or, more specifically, life in the band's first flat. Located 20 minutes' walk down the King's Road from the Saatchi Gallery, 102 Edith Grove is where Brian Jones, Jagger and Richards lived from 1962 to 1963 in beautiful squalor.

'The scene was great down the King's Road in the 1960s,' remembers guitarist Ronnie Wood. 'That was where you went to hang out to watch the fashions go by.' The King's Road was the epicentre of 'Swinging London', thanks to shops such as Mary Quant's Bazaar. In the 1970s, it was home to boutiques such as Vivienne Westwood's SEX, famously staffed by a young Chrissie Hynde and Sid Vicious. You can still find the shop at 430 King's Road, although these days it is called Worlds End - look out for a crooked building with a huge clock on the front.

It's only natural to wonder if this exhibition is a swansong. 'We're not stopping,' Jagger told *The Mail on Sunday* newspaper last December. 'We're booking studio time, we're still on the road.' Will they be making an appearance in the gallery, though? 'It's going to be an event, an experience... As if every room [you] walk into, it's one we've just that second left.' You may not see them in person at *Exhibitionism*, but as they taught us in 1969, *You Can't Always Get What You Want*. ■  
*Exhibitionism*, from 5 Apr. Saatchi Gallery, Duke of York's HQ, King's Rd, SW3 4RY. 020-7811 3070. saatchigallery.com



## MUSICAL MUST-DOS

### PUNK LONDON



Forty years of subversive culture are celebrated in *Punk London* - a year-long festival packed with gigs, films, talks and exhibitions.

Punk was a movement that shook the world, thanks to bands such as the Sex Pistols and the Ramones. Visit the Wilkinson Gallery (from 15 Apr) for photos from punk's heyday. [punk.london](http://punk.london)

### THE SESSIONS

Experience one of the most magical moments in music history in this live re-staging of The Beatles recording at Abbey Road Studios. In *The Sessions* (1 Apr; 14-15 May), you can hear each song played exactly as it was recorded, with cinematic effects and choreography to take you on a journey from the early Liverpool days to Beatlemania. [thesessionslive.com](http://thesessionslive.com)

### handel & hendrix in london



The Handel House Museum was renamed in February following the opening of Jimi Hendrix's former flat next door. Now you can see the homes of both iconic musicians who, separated by a wall and 200 years, changed music forever. [handelhendrix.org](http://handelhendrix.org)

### HARD ROCK CAFE

Opened in 1971, this has one of the world's biggest collections of rock music memorabilia, as well as great American cuisine. Visit the rock 'n' roll museum The Vault in the basement. Highlights include John Lennon's lyric sheet for *Instant Karma!*. [hardrock.com](http://hardrock.com)

### TURN OVER

See a map of London's must-see music locations. This is available at **We Built This City**, 56 Carnaby St, W1F 9QF or at [londonmusicmap.com](http://londonmusicmap.com)

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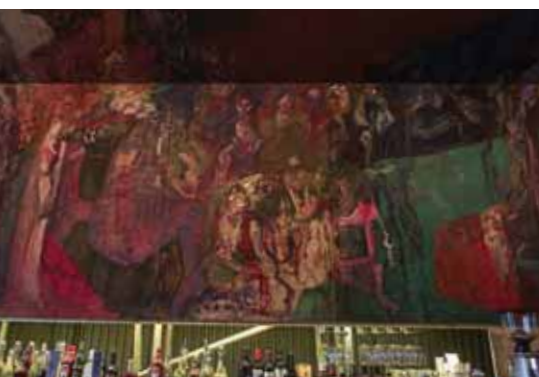
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# South Bank

SE1

As the Udderbelly Festival kicks off on the South Bank, **Sam Rogg** visits the capital's cultural epicentre

It was the Industrial Revolution that finally invigorated the South Bank, transforming it from marshlands into a working port. Then came the factories, most notably the Lion Brewery (now the site of the Southbank Centre), followed by the railways and the construction of Waterloo Station by 1901. In the century that followed, the area was somewhat neglected before the creation of the Southbank Centre in the 1950s and the beginning of its cultural renaissance. Today, it stretches five square kilometres along the River Thames and is home to some of London's most iconic buildings and attractions.

## 1 Coca-Cola London Eye

Rising 135m into the sky, to the west of Jubilee Gardens, is one of the UK's most recognisable and best-loved landmarks. Made up of 32 air-conditioned glass capsules, the Coca-Cola London Eye acts like

a giant Ferris wheel, raising passengers up to witness some of the best 360-degree views of the city. Gaze out over the river towards the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, and on a clear day you'll see up to 40km away. Inside each pod you'll find an interactive guide to bring the views to life, and if you're still hankering for more after your 30-minute adventure, you can visit the Coca-Cola London Eye 4D Experience, a free four-minute show.

## 2 Southbank Centre

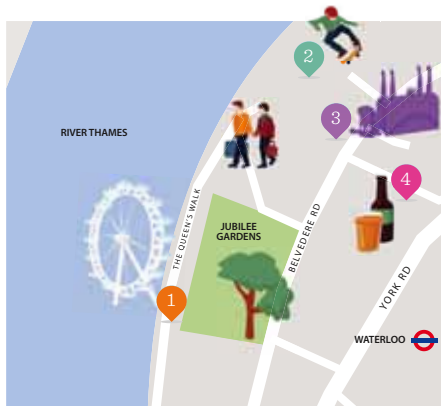
The Southbank Centre comprises multiple arts and entertainment venues. One of the most famous of these is the Royal Festival Hall, where in April you can hear orchestras perform shows including *Last Night of the Spring Proms* (2 Apr) and *Shakespeare on Film* (4 Apr). There is also the Hayward Gallery, Purcell Room and Queen Elizabeth Hall, which are being refurbished for 2017.

## 3 Udderbelly Festival

The sight of a giant purple cow turned upside down signals the start of the Udderbelly Festival (from 7 Apr), where you'll find cabaret, comedy and circus. Highlights include Jay Foreman's *Disgusting Songs for Revolting Children* (8 May; 11 Jun) and *Closer by Circa* (from 7 Apr), where acts perform acrobatics and aerial spectacles.

## 4 Topolski

From the Queen Elizabeth Hall Roof Garden bar to the food markets, the South Bank has plenty to tempt your palate. Head away from the river to Topolski, Polish-born artist Feliks Topolski's former studio – its murals depict key events of the 20th century. Acting as a gallery, music venue, café and bar, Topolski excels in its Polish vodkas and Eastern European cuisine. Where better to reflect on the South Bank than inside the studio that helped shape its cultural DNA? ■



**Opposite page (clockwise from top):** Royal Festival Hall (part of the Southbank Centre); Coca-Cola London Eye; Udderbelly Festival; Waterloo Station; Topolski

# SIGHTSEEING



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## A ROYAL INVITATION

The Queen's official birthday isn't until June, but her real one is on 21 April – when she turns 90. In Hyde Park at noon, you'll see a **Gun Salute** by 41 guards, and there'll also be a 62-strong salute at 1pm at the Tower of London (p. 38). [royal.gov.uk](http://royal.gov.uk)



## FESTIVAL FUN

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the Sikh spring harvest festival, **Vaisakhi** (9 Apr; 1pm-6pm). Events will take place by City Hall, in the Scoop and Potters Fields. The family-friendly event includes traditional music and dance, talks, martial arts and food stalls. [london.gov.uk](http://london.gov.uk)



## FIGHTING MAD

If you last had a pillow fight when you were a child, then you're overdue for another. Smuggling a hotel pillow up your top might be tricky, so take your travel headrest to Trafalgar Square's **International Pillow Fight Day** (2 Apr) and have some fun! [pillowfightday.com](http://pillowfightday.com)



## AHEAD OF THE GAME

Try all sorts of games, from the traditional to the high-tech, at the first **London Games Festival** (1-10 Apr), which hosts 15 events celebrating video and board games at 10 sites across London, including Somerset House (inset).

Festival director Michael French says: 'The festival celebrates the vibrant, artistic and thrilling side of video games. It proves that games are for everyone, aren't just to be played on your phone or in bedrooms, and come in many different forms and experiences. Highlights include a giant *Monopoly* board and an oversized game of *Battleship* played across the Thames. There's also a range of offbeat fringe events, such

as a musical inspired by *The Adventures of Mario*, which will delight and intrigue.'

The festival kicks off with the UK's largest *Monopoly* board in Trafalgar Square (2-3 Apr). There will also be game-making workshops, talks and a display of gaming illustrations.

And **BFI Southbank** will be hosting

**LGF@BFI** (4 Apr), with talks from British games developers.

Gaming fans can also attend **EGX Rezzed at Tobacco Dock**

(7-9 Apr) – dress up as game characters,

try out the latest games and hear talks by developers.

The **BAFTA Games Awards** (7 Apr) – for those who are literally at the top of their game – will be held in the same venue. – *Sarah Riches* [games.london](http://games.london)





# St Paul's. An inside view

The nave is the starting point for a journey into St Paul's, Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece.

There is so much to see and do at St Paul's Cathedral. The Crypt, The Monuments, The Art, The Whispering Gallery and one of the best views in London from the Golden Gallery. Use a touch screen multimedia guide, join a guided tour, or take part in an immersive film experience. Visit St Paul's and discover more than you would expect.

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## MAIN ATTRACTIONS

### APSLEY HOUSE

Visit the home of the Duke of Wellington to see its grand interiors and fine art. Check website for times. Adult £8.30; child £5. *149 Piccadilly, Hyde Park Corner, W1J 7NT. 020 7499 5676. english-heritage.org.uk.*

### ARCELORMITTAL ORBIT

This 376ft tall observation tower offers views over Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Adventurous types can abseil down it (£85), and soon you'll be able to slide down it, too (£17). **2-7 Apr: Bricks in the Sky.** See famous skyscrapers such as the Eiffel Tower made from LEGO. Daily 10am-6pm. Adult £10; child £5. *Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, E20 2SS. 0333 800 8099. arcelormittalorbit.com.*

### BANQUETING HOUSE

This 17th-century building was designed by Inigo Jones for James I, with an exquisite painted ceiling by Rubens. Check the website for times and prices. *Whitehall, SW1A 2ER. 020 3166 6000. hrp.org.uk.*

### BATTERSEA PARK CHILDREN'S ZOO

**FAMILY** Charming zoo inside the park, with a petting farm and a play area. Daily 10am-4.30pm. Adult £8.95; child £6.95. *Battersea Park, Chelsea Bridge Gate, SW11 4NJ. 020 7924 5826. batterseaparkzoo.co.uk.*

### BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The London residence and principal workplace of the monarchy is closed to the public but it's still a magnificent landmark to witness. *Buckingham Palace, The Mall, SW1A 1AA. 0303 123 7300. royalcollection.org.uk.*

### CHANGING THE GUARD

At 11.30am every day (not 24 Apr), watch the changing of the Queen's Guard on the Palace's forecourt. There is no ceremony in very wet weather. *Buckingham Palace, The Mall, SW1A 1AA. 0303 123 7300. changing-the-guard.com.* The Changing the Life Guard Ceremony takes place Mon-Fri 11am; Sun 10am – check the website in case of last-minute changes. When the sentries change, trumpeters play. *Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall, SW1A 1DH. 020 7801 2519. royal.gov.uk. changing-guard.com.*

### CHELSEA PHYSIC GARDEN

London's oldest botanic garden, founded in 1673. Admire 5,000 species of plants, including tropical plants in glasshouses. Tue-Fri & Sun 11am-6pm. Adult £9.50; child £6.95. *66 Royal Hospital Rd, SW3 4HS. 020 7352 5646. chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk.*

### THE CRYSTAL

The world's first centre dedicated to urban sustainability. Tue-Sun 10am-5pm. Closed 16 Apr. Adult £8; child free. *1 Siemens Brothers Way, Royal Victoria Docks, E16 1GB. 020 7055 6400. thecrystal.org.*

### CUTTY SARK

**FAMILY** This 19th-century ship is the world's last surviving tea clipper, with interactive displays and family-friendly events. **8 Apr: Austentatious.** Comical play in period costume, based on the *Jane Austen* novel. £17.50. Ship daily 10am-5pm. Adult £12.15; child £6.30. Joint tickets with Royal Observatory available. *King William Walk, SE10 9HT. 020 8312 6608. rmg.co.uk/cuttysark.*



## A KNOCK-OUT SHOW

**I Am the Greatest: Muhammad Ali** at **The O2** (to 31 Aug; p. 32) has more than 100 artefacts on show, from Olympic gold medals to boxing gloves given to Elvis Presley. The display gives you an insight into the boxer's work ethic and activism, including his refusal to join the Vietnam War. His wife Lonnie says: 'We are very excited to be part of a project that will connect Muhammad with a whole new generation of fans.'

# Where London Began



This pic: Model of the Square Mile at the City Centre. Right: Inside the Roman Amphitheatre. Below: Martin Parr captures the City's pomp and ceremony

The Guildhall Galleries form part of the historic Guildhall complex. Visit the Guildhall Library, Art Gallery, Heritage Gallery, St Lawrence Jewry and Great Hall along with London's ancient Roman Amphitheatre... all are free and ready to explore

## Unseen City: Photos by Martin Parr

The **Guildhall Art Gallery** houses 17th-century portraits, Pre-Raphaelite masterpieces and paintings documenting London's dramatic history. Until the end of July, visitors can also view the City of London through the lens of acclaimed photographer Martin Parr. Explore the pomp, ceremony and behind-the-scenes activity as Parr brings the City to life (below). *Mon-Sat 10am-5pm; Sun 12noon-4pm. Gallery admission free; Unseen City exhibition £5 (concs £4). Guildhall Yard, EC2V 5AE. [cityoflondon.gov.uk/guildhallartgallery](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/guildhallartgallery)*



## A thousand years of heritage

The **City of London Heritage Gallery** showcases some of the City treasures held in trust for the nation. Currently on display is a letter to the City from the American colonies, signed by John Hancock (a signatory to the American Declaration of Independence) and a commemoration of the Battle of the Somme. *Free entry through Guildhall Art Gallery. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm; Sun 12noon-4pm. [cityoflondon.gov.uk/heritagegallery](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/heritagegallery)*



## London's Roman Amphitheatre

Unearthed during the construction of the new Art Gallery in 1988, **London's Roman Amphitheatre** lies six metres underneath the Guildhall Yard. Dating back 2,000 years to around AD43, this was the setting for criminal executions, wild animal fights and perhaps the occasional gladiator combat. *Free entry through Guildhall Art Gallery. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm; Sun 12noon-4pm. [cityoflondon.gov.uk/amphitheatre](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/amphitheatre)*


## The new kid on the block

A new addition to Guildhall Galleries, **The City Centre** opens to the public on 23 April. Enjoy Rebecca Louise Law's *The City Garden*, an installation of natural materials inspired by gardens within the City. Experience the City skyline with the interactive model of the Square Mile, including new and proposed skyscrapers that define the skyline of London. *Free. Open from 23 April. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. [thecitycentre.london](http://thecitycentre.london)*


**DENNIS SEVERS' HOUSE**

Ten rooms, from the cellar to the attic, illustrate the life of a family of Huguenot silk weavers from the 17th to 19th century. Silent Night tours Mon, Wed & Fri 5pm-9pm; £15. Daytime tour Mon noon-2pm & Sun noon-4pm; adult £10; child £5. Please check the website for dates. *18 Folgate St, E1 6BX. 020 7247 4013. dennissevershouse.co.uk.*   *Liverpool Street. Off map.*


**DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE**

Writer Dr Samuel Johnson compiled his first English dictionary, first published in 1755, in this period home, which dates from the 18th century. Mon-Sat 11am-5pm. Adult £4.50; child £1.50. *17 Gough Square, EC4A 3DE. 020 7353 3745. drjohnsonshouse.org.*  *Chancery Lane. Map B7.*


**ELTHAM PALACE & GARDENS**

Experience the decade of decadence as you are transported back to the 1930s in this part showpiece of Art Deco design and part medieval royal palace. Please check the website for times and events. Adult £13; child £7.80. *Court Yard, SE9 5QE. 020 8294 2548. english-heritage.org.uk.*  *Eltham. Off map.*



**FULHAM PALACE**

**FAMILY** This attractive 15th-century building was the summer retreat of the Bishops of London. Now it's a museum with gardens, a café and gallery. Museum, historic rooms and shop. Mon-Thur 12.30pm-3.30pm; Sun noon-4pm. Admission free. *Bishop's Avenue, SW6 6EA. 020 7736 3233. fulhampalace.org.*  *Putney Bridge. Off map.*



**GO APE BATTERSEA PARK**

**FAMILY** Make like a monkey at this treetop adventure playground, which is suitable for kids over six and adults. Negotiate ladders, bridges and ziplines while attached to a harness. Staff are on-hand throughout the three-and-a-half-hour experience. Daily from 9.30am. Adult £33; child £18-£25. *Battersea Park, Chelsea Bridge Gate, SW11 4NJ. 0845 643 9236. goape.co.uk/battersea-park.*  *Battersea Park. Off map.*


**GOLDEN HINDE II**

A full-size reconstruction of Sir Francis Drake's 16th-century vessel, in which he circumnavigated the globe. Regular events include dressing up in historical costumes, quiz nights and battle workshops. Daily 10am-5.30pm. Guided tour adult £7; child £5. *1 Pickfords Wharf, Clink St, SE1 9DG. 020 7403 0123. goldenhinde.com.*   *London Bridge. Map C8.*




**HAM HOUSE AND GARDENS**

One of Europe's greatest 17th-century houses, with gardens that are said to be haunted. House noon-4pm; café and garden 10am-4.30pm. Adult £10.40; child £5.20. *Ham St, Surrey, TW10 7RS. 020 8940 1950. nationaltrust.org.uk.*   *Richmond. Off map.*

**HANDEL & HENDRIX IN LONDON**

The former homes of Anglo-German composer George Frideric Handel and American guitarist Jimi Hendrix. See where Handel lived and composed for 36 years, plus Hendrix's bedroom restored to how it was in 1968 and 1969 (p. 16). Mon-Sat 11pm-6pm; Sun noon-6pm. Both houses adult £10; child £5. One house adult £7.50; child £3. *25 Brook St, W1K 4HB. 020 7495 1685. handelhouse.org.*  *Bond Street. Map B4.*

**HMS BELFAST**

**FAMILY** Permanently moored on the River Thames, this ship is Europe's only surviving World War II cruiser. In service until 1965, it's now a reminder of Britain's naval heritage. Daily 10am-5pm. Adult £14.50; child £7.25. *The Queen's Walk, off Tooley St, SE1 2JH. 020 7940 6300. iwm.org.uk.*    *London Bridge. Map C9.*

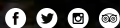
**GENTLE GIANT**

This year marks the 15th anniversary of *Harry Potter* and *The Philosopher's Stone*, the first of eight films inspired by JK Rowling's magical books. To celebrate, **Warner Bros Studio Tour's The Making of Harry Potter** is holding special events all year. The **Half-Giant Hagrid** exhibition (to 17 Apr. p. 38) reveals how Robbie Coltrane's character was made to loom so large. See costumes and props and watch artists working on prosthetic masks worn by the goblins.

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## HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

The site of British Parliament since 1265. Hear Big Ben chime in its clock tower and watch debates for free. Guided and audio tours every Sat; 1 Apr & 5-8 Apr 9am-4.30pm. Guided tour adult £25.50; child £11. Audio tour adult £18.50; child £7.50 (first child free). *Parliament Square, SW1A 0AA. 020 7219 4114. parliament.uk.* 🚶🇬🇧 Westminster. Map D6.

## THE JEWEL TOWER

Built around 1365 to house Edward III's treasures, this is one of only two buildings left from the medieval Palace of Westminster after an 1834 fire. Check website for times. Adult £4.20; child £2.50. *Abingdon St, SW1P 3JX. 020 7222 2219. english-heritage.org.uk.* 🚶🇬🇧 Westminster. Map D6.

## KEATS HOUSE

This 19th-century home belonged to the Romantic poet John Keats. See his paintings, books, letters and household items, plus the engagement ring he gave to his sweetheart Fanny Brawne. Wed-Sun 11am-5pm. Adult £6.50; child free. *10 Keats Grove, NW3 2RR. 020 7332 3868. cityoflondon.gov.uk.* 🚶🇬🇧 Hampstead. Off map.

## KENSINGTON PALACE

This royal residence sits in beautiful Kensington Gardens and was Princess Diana's last home. Daily 10am-5pm. Please check the website for adult prices. Child free. *Kensington Gardens, W8 4PX. 0844 482 7777. hrp.org.uk.* 🚶🇬🇧 High Street Kensington/Queensway. Map C1.

## KENWOOD HOUSE

On the edge of Hampstead Heath, Kenwood House and its gardens are a hidden gem. Please check the website for times. Admission free. *Hampstead Lane, NW3 7JR. 020 8348 1286. english-heritage.org.uk.* 🚶🇬🇧 Hampstead. Off map.

## KEW PALACE

This pretty royal retreat in the grounds of Kew Gardens was home to King George III. Daily 10am-5.30pm. Admission free with Kew Garden tickets. *Kew, TW9 3AB. 0844 482 7777. hrp.org.uk.* 🚶🇬🇧🇬🇧🚶🇬🇧 Kew Gardens. Off map.

## ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW

Better known as Kew Gardens, this botanical research centre and World Heritage Site contains plants from across the globe. Mon-Fri 10am-6.30pm; Sat-Sun 10am-7.30pm. Check the website for prices. *Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 3AB. 020 8332 5655. kew.org.* 🚶🇬🇧🇬🇧🚶🇬🇧 Kew Gardens. Off map.

## KIDZANIA LONDON

Children can try out careers from firefighting and hairdressing to catering and journalism. Please check website for opening times and prices. *Westfield London Shopping Centre, Ariel Way, W12 7GA. 0330 131 3333. london.kidzania.com.* 🚶🇬🇧 Shepherd's Bush. Off map.

## SEA LIFE LONDON AQUARIUM

**FAMILY** One of Europe's largest aquariums, with 500 species of global marine life and tank tunnels, including glass walkway above sharks (p. 10). 1-10 Apr daily 10am-8pm. From 11 Apr daily 10am-7pm. Adult £24.50; child £18.10. Joint tickets with London Eye, London Dungeon, Madame Tussauds and Shrek's Adventure! available. *County Hall, Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7PB. 0871 663 1678. visitsealife.com.* 🚶🇬🇧🚶🇬🇧 Westminster. Map D6.

## LONDON BRIDGE EXPERIENCE & TOMBS

**FAMILY** Special effects and actors bring London Bridge's history to life. Be warned, it is very scary (below). Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat-Sun 9.30am-6pm. Adult £24; child £18. 2-4 Tooley St, SE1 2SY. 020 7403 6333. *thelondonbridgeexperience.com.* 🚶🇬🇧🚶🇬🇧 London Bridge. Map C8.



## BUNNY BOILER

Swap cute fluffy bunnies for evil ones at **Leporiphobia in The London Bridge Experience & Tombs** this Easter (3-4 Apr, above). The immersive experience sees Professor Mixamo set you a challenge: find Alice, the only patient ever to have experienced Wonderland. As you journey deep into the rabbit warren, you'll be chased, engulfed by smoke and trapped before coming face to face with your tormentors.

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**LAST CHANCE To 10 Apr:** *Wicked Women*.

Meet some of history's most notorious women. Joint tickets with London Aquarium, London Eye, Madame Tussauds and Shrek's Adventure! available. Mon-Wed & Fri 10am-4pm; Thur 11am-5pm; Sat-Sun 10am-6pm. Adult £28.95; child £24.95. *County Hall, Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7PB*. 0871 423 2240. [thedungeons.com](http://thedungeons.com).   *Waterloo*. Map C6.


### COCA-COLA LONDON EYE

**FAMILY** This wonderful London icon is one of the world's largest observation wheels. Interactive screens in each pod give an insight into the landmarks on view. Joint tickets with the London Aquarium, London Dungeon, Madame Tussauds and Shrek's Adventure! available. 1-10 Apr daily 10am-9.30pm; 11-30 Apr daily 10am-9pm. Adult £24.95; child £19.95. *County Hall, Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7PB*. 0871 781 3000. [londoneye.com](http://londoneye.com).   *Waterloo*. Map C6.


### ZSL LONDON ZOO

**FAMILY** Immerse yourself in the animal kingdom at the world's oldest scientific zoo, which has more than 750 species. The Land of the Lions houses Asiatic lions in surroundings resembling an Indian national park (p. 8). Daily 10am-6pm. Adult £25.50; child £18.50. *Regent's Park, NW1 4RY*. 020 7722 3333. [zsl.org](http://zsl.org).  *Camden Town*. Map A4.

### MADAME TUSSAUDS

**FAMILY** Home of wax works. Joint tickets with the London Eye, London Dungeon, Shrek's Adventure! and London Aquarium available. Check website for opening times. 1-10 Apr 9am-6pm; 11-30 Apr Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm; Sat-Sun 9am-6pm. Adult £34; child £29.50. *Marylebone Rd, NW1 5LR*. 0871 894 3000. [madametussauds.com](http://madametussauds.com).  *Baker Street*. Map A4.

### THE MONUMENT

Climb this beautiful stone column, built in 1677 to commemorate the 1666 Great Fire of London. Daily 9.30am-6pm. Adult £4; child £2. Joint tickets with the Tower Bridge Exhibition available. *Monument St, EC3R 6BD*. 020 7626 2717. [themonument.info](http://themonument.info).  *Monument*. Map C8.



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### THE O2

**To 31 Aug:** *I Am the Greatest: Muhammad Ali* explores the life and career of the boxer Muhammad Ali (p. 24). Mon-Fri 10am-4pm; Sat-Sun 10am-5.30pm. Adult £18; child £9. Peninsula Square, SE10 0DX. 020 8463 2000. theo2.co.uk.   North Greenwich. Off map.


### OLD ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE

This Baroque masterpiece, part of the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site, is the home of British naval training, with costumed characters and tours. Don't miss the magnificent ceiling in the Painted Hall. Check for guided tours. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free. *King William Walk*, SE10 9NN. 020 8269 4799. orncc.org.   Cutty Sark   Greenwich, or take a boat. Map inset.


### QUEEN ELIZABETH OLYMPIC PARK

Formerly the site of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, this park includes the ArcelorMittal Orbit observation tower. Check the website for sporting events. Park open 24 hours daily. Admission free. *Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park*, E20 2ST. 0800 072 2110. queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk.   Stratford. Off map.



### RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

**FAMILY** This curiosity-filled museum franchise with more than 700 artefacts is a hit across the globe. Explore oddities, from a shrunken head to an albino alligator and the world's tallest man. **LAST CHANCE To 10 Apr:** *Hard Rock Couture*. See original music-inspired items from the Hard Rock Cafe's collection. Included in admission. Daily 10am-midnight. Adult £26.95; child £19.95. 1 Piccadilly Circus, W1J 0DA. 020 3238 0022. ripleyslondon.com.  Piccadilly Circus. Map C5.

### ROYAL INSTITUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN

This Grade I-listed Georgian building houses a museum about the institution's 15 Nobel Prize-winning scientists. Mon-Fri 9am-6pm. Admission free; charges for talks. 21 Albemarle St, W1S 4BS. 020 7409 2992. rigb.org.  Green Park. Map C4.

### ROYAL MEWS

Built in 1825 by John Nash, this beautiful part of Buckingham Palace houses the Queen's vehicles and horses. Daily 10am-5pm. Adult £9.30; child £5.50. Buckingham Palace Rd, SW1W 1QH. 020 7766 7302. royalcollection.org.uk.   Victoria Green Park. Map D4.

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**DLR**   *Cutty Sark*  *Greenwich. Map inset.*


### THE VIEW FROM THE SHARD

**FAMILY** Ascend the tallest building in Western Europe in a high-speed 'kaleidoscopic' lift. At 1,017ft, on a clear day you can see as far as Windsor in Berkshire – and if you can't see four major landmarks you can visit again for free. If you pre-book you can also do yoga (£40). Yoga: Sat 8.30am-9.30am; 14 & 21 Apr 7.30pm-8.30pm. The Shard: daily 10am-10pm. Advance booking is recommended. Adult £30.95; child £24.95. *32 London Bridge St, SE1 9SG. Entrance on Joiner St. theviewfromtheshard.com. 0844 499 7111.*   *London Bridge. Map C8.*


### SHREK'S ADVENTURE!

**FAMILY** Ride the magical 4D 'DreamWorks Tours' bus to step into live actor fairytale-themed shows. Joint tickets with London Eye, London Dungeon, Madame Tussauds and Sea Life London Aquarium available. Sun-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-6pm. Adult £24.95; child £19.95. *Riverside Building, County Hall, Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7PB. 0871 221 2837. shreksadventure.com.*   *Waterloo. Map D6.*

### ST JAMES'S PALACE

One of London's oldest palaces, constructed in the 14th century and home to royalty for three centuries. Visitors can watch part of the Queen's Guard mount daily at 11am in Friary Court. Palace and house closed to the public. *Marlborough Rd, SW1A 1BS. 020 7930 4832. royal.gov.uk.*  *St James's Park. Map C5.*

### ST KATHARINE DOCKS

Central London's historic marina dates back to the 11th century and is tucked away by the Tower of London. It is lined with markets, shops and galleries. *50 St Katharine's Way, E1W 1LA. 020 7264 5287. skdocks.co.uk.*  *Tower Hill. Off map.*



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

### ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

Landmark Palladian church with tours, a brass-rubbing centre and live classical music (some free). Holy Communion given daily and classical music performed weekly by candlelight. Please see the website for opening times. Admission free; brass rubbing from £4.50. *Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JJ. 020 7766 1100. smitf.org.*   Charing Cross. Map C6.



### ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Sir Christopher Wren's 300-year-old English Baroque-style cathedral – which sits on Ludgate Hill, the highest point in the City of London – has stunning mosaics. Climb up the dome to the Whispering Gallery and a further 271 steps to the Golden Gallery for a classic London panorama. Then head down to the crypt – which is the largest in Europe – with its monuments to Wren, the Duke of Wellington and Admiral Lord Nelson. Don't miss *Oculus: An Eye into St Paul's*, a 270-degree film experience, for an excellent overview. Free tours. Mon-Sat 8.30am-4.30pm. Adult £18; child £8. *St Paul's Churchyard, EC4M 8AD. 020 7246 8350. stpauls.co.uk.*  St Paul's. Map B8.

### SYON PARK

This stunning Palladian mansion set in parkland in the west of London is home to the Duke of Northumberland. It was built in the 16th century and holds 600 years of history, dating back to the time of the great medieval abbey. Don't miss the incredible interiors, Grade I-listed landscape gardens and Great Conservatory. Wed-Thur & Sun 11am-5pm; gardens daily 10.30am-5pm – please check the website before visiting. House and garden adult £12; child £5; gardens only adult £7; child £3.50. *Syon Park, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 8JF. 020 8560 0882. syonpark.co.uk.*  Waterloo to  Syon Lane. Off map.

### TOWER BRIDGE EXHIBITION

This breathtaking bridge, which was designed in 1884, is one of London's most famous landmarks (not to be confused with its less grand but much older neighbour, London Bridge). It has wonderful views; check out the glass floor on the high walkways. Joint tickets with The Monument available. Daily 10am-5.30pm. Adult £9; child £3.90. *Tower Bridge Rd, SE1 2UP. 020 7403 3761. towerbridge.org.uk.*   Tower Hill. Map C9.



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### TOWER OF LONDON


**FAMILY** This historic landmark includes the Bloody Tower, Traitors' Gate and the Jewel House, home of the Crown Jewels (p. 22).

**NEW From 30 Apr:** *The Tudors at the Tower Family Festival*. Hands-on family activities including Tudor crafts and games; meet Tudor blacksmiths, cooks and stonemasons; try your hand at candle-making or have a go with a crossbow. Enjoy free guided tours by 'Beefeaters' (Yeoman Warders). Book ahead online to attend the nightly Ceremony of the Keys, which dates back to 1340 (tickets are free). Tue-Sat 9am-5.30pm; Sun-Mon 10am-5.30pm – check the website before visiting. Adult £22; child £10. *Tower Hill, EC3N 4AB. 0844 482 7799. hrp.org.uk.*   *Tower Hill. Map C9.*




### UP AT THE O2

**FAMILY** Those with a head for heights can walk over the top of the iconic O2 arena for fantastic views of Canary Wharf and Greenwich. Wheelchair access available. Times vary, please check the website. From £28. *Peninsula Square, SE10 0DX. 020 8463 2680. theo2.co.uk.*  *North Greenwich. Map inset.*

### THE VAULT

This venue used to protect the Queen's treasures under the old Coutts Bank – it's now home to the Gaultier bustier from Madonna's *Blond Ambition* tour. See that and other rock 'n' roll memorabilia at the Hard Rock Cafe's revamped museum. Daily 11am-10.30pm. Admission free. *Hard Rock Cafe London, 150 Old Park Lane, W1K 1QZ. 020 7514 1700. hardrock.com.*  *Hyde Park Corner. Map D4.*

### WARNER BROS STUDIO TOUR LONDON

**FAMILY** Explore behind the scenes of the *Harry Potter* films in *The Making of Harry Potter* tour (p. 26). Please check the website for times. Adult £35; child £27. You must pre-book. *Studio Tour Drive, Leavesden, Hertfordshire, WD25 7LS. 0845 084 0900. wbstudiotour.co.uk.*    *Euston to Watford Junction. Off map.*

### WELLINGTON ARCH

Climb to the viewing galleries of this arch for great views, plus exhibitions. Joint tickets available with Apsley House. Check the website for times. Adult £4.30; child £2.60. *Apsley Way, Hyde Park Corner, W1J 7JZ. 020 7930 2726. english-heritage.org.uk.*  *Hyde Park Corner. Map D4.*

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### FESTIVALS & EVENTS

#### FEAST OF ST GEORGE

**23 Apr:** Celebrate England's patron saint with a day of free activities including music and children's games. There will also be food stalls. Trafalgar Square, WC2N 6QF. [visitlondon.com](http://visitlondon.com).  Charing Cross. Map C6.

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### CITY OF LONDON GUIDES WALKS

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### JACK THE RIPPER TOURS

Blue Badge Guide Richard Jones of London Walking Tours devised these popular two-hour walks, offering a look at notorious serial killer Jack the Ripper. Numbers are limited in order to give participants a better experience. Booking essential. Daily 7pm from outside Exit 4 of Aldgate East. £10. 020 8530 8443. [jack-the-ripper-tour.com](http://jack-the-ripper-tour.com).

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### LONDON HELICOPTER TOURS

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### LONDON LITERARY PUB CRAWL

See where the giants of the London literary world ate, drank and worked. Thur 7pm; Sat 1pm & 5pm. Tickets £24. 12 Fouberts Place, W1F 7PA. 020 8090 5082. [londonliterarypubcrawl.com](http://londonliterarypubcrawl.com). Oxford Circus. Map B5.

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### ROYAL ALBERT HALL TOURS

Take a one-hour Grand Tour of this Victorian concert hall. Most days throughout the year – call for times. Adult £12.25; child £5.75. Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP. 020 7959 0558. [royalalberthall.com](http://royalalberthall.com). South Kensington. Map D2.

### ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

One of the world's leading opera venues, the Royal Opera House is also home to the Royal Ballet company. Check the website for times. Adult £12; child £8.50. Bow St, WC2E 9DD. 020 7304 4000. [roh.org.uk](http://roh.org.uk). Covent Garden. Map B6.

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### SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE (TOURS)

**FAMILY** This reconstruction of Shakespeare's original Elizabethan Globe Theatre has one of the city's only thatched roofs, while the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse is a candle-lit performance space. Globe exhibition: Daily 9am-5.30pm. Globe tours: Daily 9.30am-5pm. Exhibition and Globe tour adult £15; child £9. No need to pre-book. 21 New Globe Walk, Bankside, SE1 9DT. 020 7902 1400. [shakespearesglobe.com](http://shakespearesglobe.com). 🚶🚶🚶 Blackfriars. Map C8.

### WESTWAYS CARRIAGE HORSES

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### OUT OF TOWN

#### ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY

See archaeological artefacts, pre-Raphaelite paintings, Egyptian mummies and Oliver Cromwell's death mask. Tue-Sun 10am-5pm. Free admission. Beaumont St, Oxford, OX1 2PH. 01865 278000. [ashmolean.org](http://ashmolean.org). 🚶🚶🚶 Paddington to 🚶🚶🚶 Oxford. Off map.

#### BLENHEIM PALACE

See three centuries of treasures in state rooms at this Baroque palace, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Garden daily 10am-5.30pm. Palace daily 10.30am-5.30pm. Adult £24.90; child £13.90. Woodstock, Oxfordshire, OX20 1PP. 01993 810530. [blenheimpalace.com](http://blenheimpalace.com). 🚶🚶🚶 Paddington to 🚶🚶🚶 Oxford, then bus S3. Off map.

#### HAMPTON COURT PALACE

**FAMILY** Once home to King Henry VIII, this Tudor palace and maze is set in 60 acres of parkland. Check the website for prices. Hampton Court, East Molesey, Surrey, KT8 9AU. 0844 482 7777. [hrp.org.uk](http://hrp.org.uk). 🚶🚶🚶 Waterloo to 🚶🚶🚶 Hampton Court. Off map.

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🚶👉 Victoria to 🚶👈 Bearsted. Off map.

### PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

The Queen's residence in Scotland. Daily 9.30am-6pm. Adult £12; child £7.20. *Canongate, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh, EH8 8DX. 0303 123 7306. royalcollection.org.uk* 🚶👉 Edinburgh Waverley, then a 15-minute walk. Off map.

### WADDESDON MANOR

**FAMILY** Renaissance-style chateau built in the 19th century. *Near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0JH. 01296 653226. waddesdonmanor.org.*  
🚶👉 Marylebone to 🚶👈 Aylesbury. Off map.

### WARWICK CASTLE

**FAMILY** Built by William the Conqueror in 1068, this castle is now a family-friendly experience with landscaped gardens designed by 'Capability' Brown. Daily 10am-5pm. Castle adult £18.60; child

£16.20; castle & dungeon adult £22.20; child £18.60. *Warwick, CV34 6AH. 0871 265 2000. warwick-castle.com.* 🚶👉 Warwick. Off map.

### WINDSOR CASTLE

The Queen's weekend home and the world's oldest inhabited castle. Includes glorious State Apartments furnished with art by Rembrandt, Rubens and Canaletto. Changing the Guard alternate days 11am except Sun. Daily 9.45am-5.15pm. State apartments closed 13 Apr. Adult £20; child £11.70. *Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1NJ. 0303 123 7304. royalcollection.org.uk.*  
🚶👉 Waterloo to 🚶👈 Windsor & Eton Central or 🚶👈 Windsor & Eton Riverside. Off map.

### WOBURN ABBEY AND GARDENS

Set in a 3,000-acre deer park, this historic house has been home to the earls and dukes of Bedford for nearly 400 years and is now occupied by the 15th duke and his family. Tour the house to find out more about its family history, art and antiques, then stroll around its gardens. Check website for times and prices. *Woburn, Bedfordshire, MK17 9WA. 01525 290333. woburnabbey.co.uk.*  
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# MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

## PICTURE THIS

A father's stroke, refugees, mass surveillance and the Egyptian revolution are explored in the **Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation Prize 2016** (from 15 Apr; p. 60). Exhibited at The Photographers' Gallery, this annual competition rewards the work of a living photographer who has contributed to the genre.



## ALL'S FAIR

Discover the work of Britain's up-and-coming artists at **The Other Art Fair** (7-10 Apr). Past events have included tattooing, 3D printing, taxidermy classes and immersive theatre performances. Victoria House, Southampton Row, WC1A 2QP. [theotherartfair.com](http://theotherartfair.com)



## A ROYAL INVITATION

Coinciding with the Queen's 90th birthday on 21 Apr, **The Decorative Antiques & Textiles Fair** (19-24 Apr) focuses on the royals. See items created to mark royal occasions, including this 1950s ceramic money box (right). Battersea Evolution, Battersea Park, SW11 4NJ. [decorativefair.com](http://decorativefair.com)



## STOCKING FILLERS

Prepare to blush at the **Victoria and Albert Museum** (V&A) in **Undressed: A Brief History of Underwear**

(from 16 Apr; p. 56). More than 200 examples of male and female undergarments are on display, alongside rarely seen photos, films and adverts.

Highlights include a pair of Vivienne Westwood embellished tights, long cotton 'drawers' worn by Queen Victoria's mother and a 1960s Mary

Quant body stocking. There's even the sheer Liza Bruce dress made famous by model Kate Moss at the start of her career. Marvel at the lace-panel dress designed by Antonio Berardi, worn by

actress Gwyneth Paltrow (inset) in 2009, which was later crowned Dress of the Year at the Fashion Museum in Bath.

But it's not all about celebrity: look for an austerity corset made from paper during World War I; an 18th-century 'stay' (an early corset) and a pink satin corset with hand-made bobbin lace (above).




See how garments change as notions of the ideal body evolve, and discover how designers such as Paul Poiret argued for the beauty of the natural body. 'It is what a woman leaves off, not what she puts on, that gives her cachet,' said Poiret, who transformed the feminine form with his corset-free dresses in the 1910s. Much more than a fashion display, this is a celebration of innovators. – Sam Rogg

## INFO

Ticket price reductions may be available online. Many venues offer general admission, but charge entry to temporary exhibitions. Map: refers to the grid coordinates on our Central London Map. TBC: To Be Confirmed. Transport symbols: see Contents p. 5


### MUSEUMS

#### BANK OF ENGLAND MUSEUM

Explore the story of the Bank of England. Mon-Fri 10am-5pm. Admission free. *Bank of England, Threadneedle St, EC2R 8AH. 020 7601 5545. bankofengland.co.uk.*  *Bank. Map B8.*

#### THE BRITISH LIBRARY

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**NEW From 15 Apr:** *Shakespeare in Ten Acts.* Rare items charting the playwright's constant reinvention over the past 400 years. Mon 9.30am-6pm; Tue-Thur 9.30am-8pm; Fri 9.30am-6pm; Sat 9.30am-5pm; Sun 11am-5pm. Admission free; guided tour prices vary. *96 Euston Rd, NW1 2DB. 0330 333 1144. bl.uk.*  *King's Cross/St Pancras/Euston. Map A5.*


#### THE BRITISH MUSEUM

International cultural history from Ancient Egyptian mummies to the Elgin Marbles.


**NEW From 21 Apr:** *Sicily: Culture and Conquest.* Exhibition including Ancient Greek sculpture and stunning gold jewellery. Sat-Thur 10am-5.30pm; Fri 10am-8.30pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Great Russell St, WC1B 3DG. 020 7323 8299. britishmuseum.org.*  *Tottenham Court Road. Map B5/6.*

#### THE CARTOON MUSEUM


British cartoons, caricature and comic art.

**NEW From 20 Apr:** *The Great British Graphic Novel.* Pioneering works are on display (p. 52). Mon-Sat 10.30am-5.30pm; Sun noon-5.30pm. Adult £7; under 18s free. *cartoonmuseum.org.* *35 Little Russell St, WC1A 2HH. 020 7580 8155.*  *Holborn. Map B6.*


#### CHURCHILL WAR ROOMS

Sir Winston Churchill fought World War II here. *Undercover: Life in Churchill's Bunker:* Permanent display revealing what life was like for the prime minister in the Cabinet War Rooms. Daily 9.30am-6pm. Adult £16.35; child (5-15) £8.15; under 5s free. *Clive Steps, King Charles St, SW1A 2AQ. 020 7930 6961. iwm.org.uk.*  *Westminster. Map D5.*


#### CLINK PRISON MUSEUM

A former prison dating back to 1144, it houses an exhibition about London's penal past and instruments of torture. Mon-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat-Sun 10am-7.30pm. Adult £7.50; child £5.50. *1 Clink St, SE1 9DG. 020 7403 0900. clink.co.uk.*  *London Bridge. Map C8.*

#### DESIGN MUSEUM

World-leading museum examining the influence of design. Daily 10am-5.15pm. Adult £13; child £6.50. *28 Shad Thames, SE1 2YD. 020 7403 6933. designmuseum.org.*  *Tower Hill. Map C9.*

#### THE FAN MUSEUM

Unusual museum dedicated to the art of the fan. Tue-Sat 11am-5pm; Sun noon-5pm. Adult £4; child £3; under 7s free. *12 Crooms Hill, SE10 8ER. 020 8305 1441. thefanmuseum.org.uk.*  *Cutty Sark. Map inset.*



## IN FULL BLOOM


Spring has sprung – look out for cherry blossom, bluebells and tulips across the capital, particularly in Regent's Park. Even **The National Gallery** is celebrating with a free exhibition, *Dutch Flowers* (from 6 Apr; p. 60), the first display of its kind in 20 years. Featuring Dutch flower paintings dating back to the 17th century, it focuses on the field's leading artists, including Jan van Huysum and Ambrosius Bosschaert the Elder (above). The Dutch were so fond of flowers that during their Golden Age, they enjoyed one of the first recorded economic bubbles, known as 'tulip mania'.

# MUSEUMS & GALLERIES


## FASHION AND TEXTILE MUSEUM

British textile designer Zandra Rhodes is behind this hub of contemporary fashion, textiles and jewellery. Tue-Sat 11am-6pm; Thur until 8pm; Sun 11am-5pm. Adult £9; child free. 83 *Bermondsey St, SE1 3XF*. 020 7407 8664. [fmlondon.org](http://fmlondon.org).   London Bridge. Map C8.

## FIREPOWER, THE ROYAL ARTILLERY MUSEUM

Europe's biggest artillery collection, with interactive galleries and lots of activities for children. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, plus bank holidays. Adult £5.30; child £2.50. *Royal Arsenal, SE18 6ST*. 020 8312 7103. [firepower.org.uk](http://firepower.org.uk).  Woolwich Arsenal. Off map.

## GALLERY IN THE CRYPT


Find modern art and photography displayed under the famous church. Mon-Tue 8am-8pm; Wed 8am-6pm; Thur-Sat 8am-9pm; Sun 11am-6pm. Admission free. *St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JJ*. 020 7766 1100. [smif.org](http://smif.org).  Charing Cross. Map C6.



## BEHIND THE MASKS

The graphic novel is finally enjoying the recognition it deserves. Thanks to recent blockbusters like *The Dark Knight* and *V for Vendetta*, more people are taking an interest in the art form. Visit **The Cartoon Museum's *The Great British Graphic Novel*** (from 20 Apr; p. 51) and discover the British artists behind some of the genre's biggest titles, including Dave Gibbons who broke new ground with *Watchmen* (above) in 1986. The show includes an original page of *Watchmen* – apparently the only one to appear in a public collection.


## GEFFRYE MUSEUM

Historic 18th-century almshouses with rooms recreating English interiors from 1600 to the present day. Tue-Sun & bank holidays 10am-5pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. 136 *Kingsland Rd, E2 8EA*. 020 7739 9893. [geffrye-museum.org.uk](http://geffrye-museum.org.uk).  Hoxton. Off map.


## THE GUARDS MUSEUM

Uniforms and more relating to the five regiments of the Queen's Foot Guards. Daily 10am-4pm. Adult £6; child free. *Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, SW1E 6HZ*. 020 7414 3271. [theguardsmuseum.com](http://theguardsmuseum.com).  St James's Park. Map D5.


## HORNIMAN MUSEUM & GARDENS

**FAMILY** Collection based upon the adventuring Victorian tea trader Frederick John Horniman (p. 12). Daily 10.30am-5.30pm. Admission free; charges for aquarium and special exhibitions. 100 *London Rd, SE23 3PQ*. 020 8699 1872. [horniman.ac.uk](http://horniman.ac.uk).  Forest Hill. Off map.


## HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY MUSEUM

Explore the work of the Queen's mounted guard, with touchscreen guides and a working stables. Adult £7; child £5. Museum daily 10am-6pm. *Horse Guards, Whitehall, SW1A 2AX*. 020 7930 3070. [householdcavalrymuseum.co.uk](http://householdcavalrymuseum.co.uk).  Charing Cross. Map C6.


## IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM LONDON

Huge displays of conflicts, particularly those involving Great Britain and the Commonwealth. **LAST CHANCE TO 24 Apr:** *Lee Miller: A Woman's War*. Explore the impact of the Second World War on women's lives. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for some special exhibitions. *Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HZ*. 020 7416 5000. [iwm.org.uk](http://iwm.org.uk).  Lambeth North. Off map.

## JEWISH MUSEUM

**To 19 Jun:** *Moses, Mods and Mr Fish: The Menswear Revolution*. Men's fashion. Sun-Thur 10am-5pm; Fri 10am-2pm. Adult £7.50; child £3.50. *Raymond Burton House, 129-131 Albert St, NW1 7NB*. 020 7284 7384. [jewishmuseum.org.uk](http://jewishmuseum.org.uk).  Camden Town. Off map.

## LONDON FILM MUSEUM

Fantastic museum hosting the largest official collection of original James Bond vehicles. Adult £14.50; child £9.50. Mon-Fri & Sun 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-7pm. 45 *Wellington St, WC2E 7BN*. 020 7836 4913. [londonfilmuseum.com](http://londonfilmuseum.com).  Covent Garden. Map B6.



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# MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

## LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM

Exploring the city's transport network.

**LAST CHANGE To 10 Apr:** *Night Shift – London After Dark*. Explore the impact of gas and electric street lights on London from the 19th century. Mon–Thur & Sat–Sun 10am–6pm; Fri 11am–6pm. Adult £17; child free. *Covent Garden Piazza, WC2E 7BB*. 020 7379 6344. [ltmuseum.co.uk](http://ltmuseum.co.uk). *Covent Garden*. Map C6.

## MUSEUM OF LONDON

The world's largest urban history museum.

**LAST CHANGE To 10 Apr:** *The Crime Museum Uncovered*. Never-before-seen objects from the Metropolitan Police's Crime Museum, with real

case files from some of the UK's most notorious incidents. Daily 10am–6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *150 London Wall, EC2Y 5HN*. 020 7001 9844. [museumoflondon.org.uk](http://museumoflondon.org.uk). *St Paul's*. Map B8.

## MUSEUM OF LONDON DOCKLANDS

The intriguing history of the River Thames, from its time as a Roman thoroughfare to the regeneration of the Docklands. Daily 10am–6pm. Admission free. *West India Quay, E14 4AL*. 020 7001 9844. [museumoflondon.org.uk/docklands](http://museumoflondon.org.uk/docklands). *Canary Wharf*. Map inset.

## NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

Exploring Britain's maritime history. **2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Apr:** *Character Encounters*. Family event bringing history to vivid life. Mon–Sun 10am–5pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Romney Rd, SE10 9NF*. 020 8858 4422. [rmg.co.uk](http://rmg.co.uk). *Cutty Sark*. Off map.

## NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Exhibits about nature's many wonders. **To 2 May:** *Wildlife Photographer of the Year*. Revealing the beauty and diversity of life on Earth. **To 11 Sep:** *Sensational Butterflies*. Walk among hundreds of free-flying moths and butterflies. Daily 10am–5.50pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Cromwell Rd, SW7 5BD*. 020 7942 5000. [nhm.ac.uk](http://nhm.ac.uk). *South Kensington*. Map D2.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE MUSEUM

National aviation museum focusing on the Royal Air Force. Daily 10am–6pm. Admission free. *Grahame Park Way, NW9 5LL*. 020 8205 2266. [rafmuseum.org](http://rafmuseum.org). *Colindale*. Off map.

## SCIENCE MUSEUM

**FAMILY** Enjoy changing exhibitions, an IMAX 3D cinema and much more. **To 4 Sep:** *Leonardo da Vinci: The Mechanics of Genius*. See 40 historical models of the Renaissance man's incredible inventions, including flying machines, weapons and diving equipment. Daily 10am–6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Exhibition Rd, SW7 2DD*. 0870 870 4868. [sciencemuseum.org.uk](http://sciencemuseum.org.uk). *South Kensington*. Map D2.

## TWININGS MUSEUM

Find exhibits at the home of the famous tea makers founded in 1706. Mon–Fri 9.30am–7.30pm; Sat 10am–5pm; Sun 10.30am–4.30pm. Admission free. *216 Strand, WC2R 1AP*. 020 7353 3511. [twinings.co.uk](http://twinings.co.uk). *Temple*. Map C6.



## FLY AWAY

Butterflies are among Britain's most beautiful and treasured insects, and they are celebrated at **The Queen's Gallery** in its exhibition *Maria Merian's Butterflies* (from 15 Apr; p. 60). Born in 1647, Merian was one of the world's first entomologists and a phenomenal artist. Her meticulous studies of butterflies were later acquired by George III. See these before heading to the **Natural History Museum** for its annual *Sensational Butterflies*, where you can walk among free-flying moths and butterflies in the tropical butterfly house.



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


# MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

## THE VAULT

The Hard Rock Cafe's little rock 'n' roll memorabilia museum is situated inside its Rock Shop, very close to the Hyde Park branch that started the global phenomenon. Daily 11.30am-9pm. Admission free. *150 Old Park Lane, W1K 1QZ. 020 7514 1700. hardrock.com.*  Hyde Park Corner. Map D4.


## VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM

Magnificent collection of fine and applied arts. **NEW From 16 Apr:** *Undressed: A Brief History of Underwear.* Garments and accessories for men and women (p. 50). **To 3 Jul:** *Botticelli Reimagined.* The largest Botticelli exhibition in Britain since 1930. **To 31 Aug:** *Curtain Up: Celebrating 40 Years of Theatre in London and New York.* Immersive exhibition celebrating the West End and Broadway. Daily 10am-5.45pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Cromwell Rd, SW7 2RL. 020 7942 2000. vam.ac.uk.*  South Kensington. Map D2/3.


## V&A MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

National collection of childhood objects dating back to the 16th century. **23 Apr:** *St George's Day.* Discover the delights of English folk music and dance. **To 12 Jun:** *On Their Own: Britain's Child Migrants.* Heartbreaking true stories of migrants who were sent to Canada, Australia and other Commonwealth countries between 1865 and 1970. Daily 10am-5.45pm. Admission free. *Cambridge Heath Rd, E2 9PA. 020 8983 5200. museumofchildhood.org.uk.*  Bethnal Green. Off map.

## THE VIKTOR WYND MUSEUM OF CURIOSITIES, FINE ART & NATURAL HISTORY

An intriguing small shop-turned-museum and café, displaying weird and wonderful things, from fine art to oddities. Expect to see paintings, taxidermy and erotica – some explicit. Wed-Sun 11am-10pm. Admission £4. *11 Mare St, E8 4RP. 020 7998 3617. thelasttuesdayociety.org.*  Bethnal Green. Off map.

## THE WALLACE COLLECTION


The former Wallace family home displays its collection of Rococo art. The Great Gallery houses some of the greatest masterpieces of painting, including works by Velázquez and Rubens. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free. *Hertford House, Manchester Square, W1U 3BN. 020 7563 9500. wallacecollection.org.*  Bond Street. Map B4.

## MAIN GALLERIES


### BARBICAN ART GALLERY

Multi-arts venue. Mon-Sat 9am-11pm; Sun noon-11pm; bank holidays noon-11pm. *Barbican Centre, Silk St, EC2Y 8DS. 020 7638 8891. barbican.org.uk.*  Barbican. Map A8/B8.

### THE COURTAULD GALLERY

Important European art collection, plus temporary exhibitions. **To 15 May:** *Botticelli and Treasures from the Hamilton Collection.* A selection of Sandro Botticelli's exquisite drawings. Daily 10am-6pm. Adult £9.50; child free. *Somerset House, Strand, WC2R 0RN. 020 7848 2526. courtauld.ac.uk.*  Temple. Map C6.

### GUILDHALL ART GALLERY & ROMAN AMPHITHEATRE

Art from 1670 to the present day. At the new Heritage Gallery, you can see treasures including William Shakespeare's First Folio. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm; Sun noon-4pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Guildhall Yard, EC2V 5AE. 020 7332 3700. cityoflondon.gov.uk.*  Bank. Map B8.

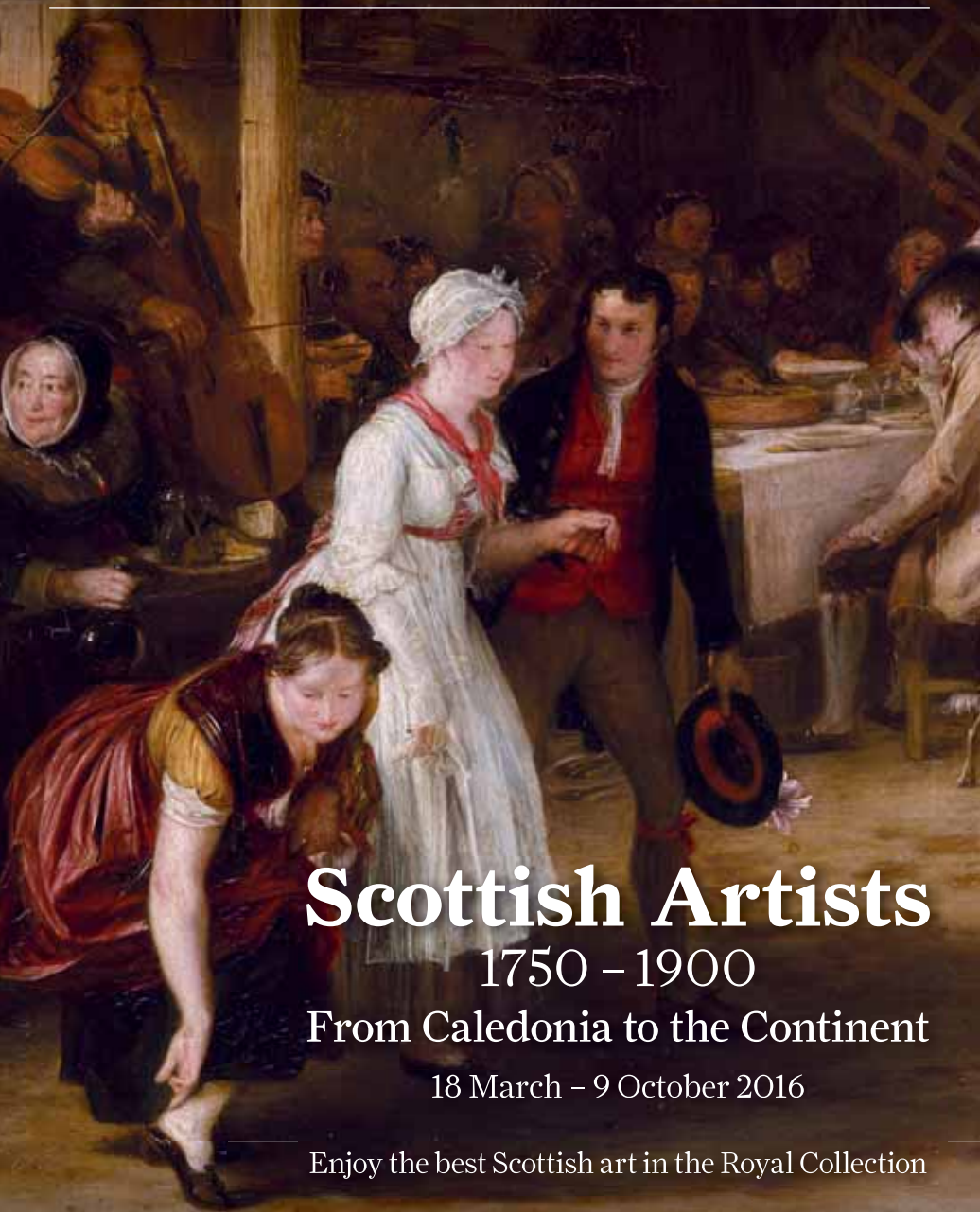


## A-PEELING ART

When conceptual art burst on to the scene in 1960s Britain, it transformed the way in which art was perceived. Thought-provoking and radical, it focused on ideas, politics and identity. In *Conceptual Art in Britain: 1964-1979* (from 12 Apr; p. 60), **Tate Britain** brings together 70 works by 21 artists who responded to a defining period in British history by examining issues such as feminism and civil unrest. Highlights include Roelof Louw's *Soul City (Pyramid of Oranges)* – a 6,000-strong pile of fruit from which visitors could help themselves to a piece (above).

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# MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

## THE NATIONAL GALLERY

One of the world's great galleries, with works by masters from Monet to Leonardo da Vinci.


**NEW From 6 Apr:** *Dutch Flowers*. Explore Dutch flower painting (p. 51). **To 22 May:** *Delacroix and the Rise of Modern Art*. Works by the French artist. Sat-Thur 10am-6pm; Fri 10am-9pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN. 020 7747 2885. nationalgallery.org.uk.*   *Charing Cross. Map C5.*

## NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY



British history told through the portraiture.

**To 22 May:** *Vogue 100: A Century of Style*.

See prints from the leading fashion magazine.


**To 26 Jun:** *Russia and the Arts: The Age of Tolstoy and Tchaikovsky*. Portraits of people who shaped the cultural scene in Russia from 1867 to 1914. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. Sat-Wed 10am-6pm; Thur & Fri 10am-9pm. *St Martin's Place, WC2H 0HE. 020 7312 2463. npg.org.uk.*  *Leicester Square. Map C6.*

## NEWPORT STREET GALLERY

Damien Hirst's huge new gallery exhibits work from his extensive art collection. Tue-Sun 10am-6pm. Admission free. *Newport St, SE11 6AJ. 020 3141 9320. newportstreetgallery.com.*   *Vauxhall/Lambeth North. Off map.*



## THE PHOTOGRAPHERS' GALLERY

International and British photography gallery.

**NEW From 15 Apr:** *Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation Prize 2016*. Work by four shortlisted photographers (p. 50). Mon-Wed & Fri-Sat 10am-6pm; Thur 10am-8pm; Sun 11.30am-6pm. Admission free. *16-18 Ramillies St, W1F 7LW. 020 7087 9300. thephotographersgallery.org.uk.*  *Oxford Circus. Map B5.*

## THE QUEEN'S GALLERY

Exquisite treasures from the Royal Collection.

**NEW From 15 Apr:** *Maria Merian's Butterflies*. Works by the artist and entomologist (p. 54). Daily 10am-5.30pm. To 14 Apr adult £7.20; child £3.70. From 15 Apr adult £10.30; child £5.30. *Buckingham Palace, SW1A 1AA. 030 3123 7301. royalcollection.org.uk.*   *Victoria. Map D5.*


## ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS

Eighteenth-century apartments with significant works in all media, including architecture.

**LAST CHANCE To 20 Apr:** *Painting the Modern Garden: Monet to Matisse*. Exhibition examining the role gardens played in the evolution of art from the early 1860s to the 1920s. Fri 10am-10pm; Sat-Thur 10am-6pm. Adult £12; child free. *Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1J 0BD. 020 7300 8000. royalacademy.org.uk.*  *Green Park/Piccadilly Circus. Map C5.*

## SAATCHI GALLERY

Groundbreaking contemporary art in a stunningly renovated Georgian building.


**NEW From 5 Apr:** *Exhibitionism: The Rolling Stones*. Immersive show curated by the band (p. 14). Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free. *Duke of York's HQ, King's Rd, SW3 4RY. 020 7811 3070. saatchigallery.com*  *Sloane Square. Off map.*

## SOMERSET HOUSE

The neoclassical home of displays, exhibitions and galleries including the famous Courtauld Gallery (*courtauld.ac.uk/gallery*). **To 2 May:** *Venturing Beyond: Graffiti and the Everyday Utopias of the Street*. Exhibition exploring graffiti. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free. *Strand, WC2R 1LA. 020 7845 4600. somersethouse.org.uk.*  *Temple. Map C6.*

## TATE BRITAIN

Traditional and contemporary British art.

**NEW From 12 Apr:** *Conceptual Art in Britain: 1964-1979*. Explore a pivotal period in the history of British art (p. 56). Daily 9.45am-6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Millbank, SW1P 4RG. 020 7887 8888. tate.org.uk.*  *Pimlico. Off map.*

## TATE MODERN

Contemporary art. **To 12 Jun:** *Performing for the Camera*. The ways in which photos have documented and developed our understanding of performance. Sun-Thur 10am-6pm; Fri & Sat 10am-10pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Bankside, SE1 9TG. 020 7887 8888. tate.org.uk.*   *Southwark. Map C7/8.*



**DON BLACK is the lyricist of the musical *Mrs Henderson Presents*, which is playing at the Noël Coward Theatre**

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## ROCK ON!

Watch British rock band Muse perform at **The O2** (3, 11-12 & 14-15 Apr; p. 76) as part of their world tour. The three-man band will play in the middle of the arena, giving fans a 360-degree view of the action.



## SHAKESPEARE STROLL

To mark the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death, Shakespeare's Globe is hosting **The Complete Walk**, where 37 screens along a 2.5 mile route between Westminster and Tower Bridge will show short films inspired by the bard's plays (23-24 Apr). [shakespearesglobe.com](http://shakespearesglobe.com)

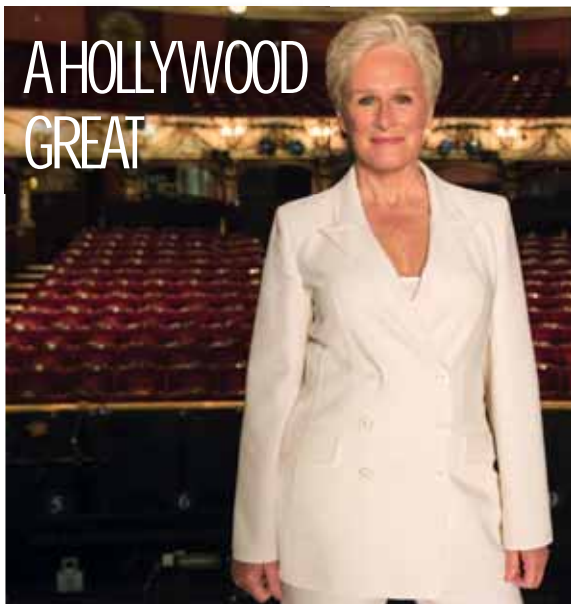


## ALL THAT JAZZ

Listen to jazz, blues and soul music at the **Jazz FM Awards** (26 Apr) in The Bloomsbury Ballroom. The ceremony will be headlined by the Grammy Award-winning singer Gregory Porter (below), who will perform new material. Victoria House, Bloomsbury Square, WC1B 4DA



## A HOLLYWOOD GREAT



**Sunset Boulevard** comes to the **London Coliseum**, 23 years after it first hit the West End (from 1 Apr; p. 74). It sees Hollywood star Glenn Close reprise her role as Norma Desmond.

The show features music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, with lyrics by Don Black and Christopher Hampton, which is performed by the English National Opera's orchestra.

Directed by Lonny Price, the story is based on the 1950 film of the same name. It follows Norma, an ageing, faded silent-movie star who lives as a recluse in a mansion on Sunset Boulevard in Beverly Hills, California. She dreams of making it big again in the 'talkies', so she recruits a young scriptwriter, Joe Gillis, to write her a new screenplay.

Michael Xavier, who plays Joe, says: 'The show's storyline and themes are as resonant now as they were in the 1950s:

love, loss, pride, commitment, serendipity, fear, survival. Everyone can relate to, or fears, the loss of their great former self and how the dreams they once had didn't necessarily become reality.'

For Norma, Joe is her one chance of a comeback, while Joe is attracted to the star's glamorous lifestyle. It's a win-win situation – until Norma becomes obsessed with Joe. Their bond ends in tragic circumstances.

Glenn Close (*Jagged Edge*, *Fatal Attraction*, *Dangerous Liaisons*) plays Norma in her West End debut. Shortly after the musical transferred from London to Broadway in 1993, Glenn took over the part of Norma and won a Tony Award for her efforts.

With a host of big names behind *Sunset Boulevard*, it's bound to be a hit. It's time to get the show back on the road! – Sarah Riches

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## MUSICALS & PERFORMANCES


### ALL OR NOTHING - THE MOD MUSICAL

**LAST CHANCE To 30 Apr:** A celebration of The Small Faces, including hits such as *Itchycoo Park*. Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Sat-Sun 3pm. Tickets £25. *The Vaults, Leake St, SE1 7NN. vaultfestival.com. 0871 220 0260.*   *Waterloo. Map D7.*


### BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL

Musical about the early life and career of the award-winning singer-songwriter (p. 68). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£127.50. *Aldwych Theatre, 49 Aldwych, WC2B 4DF. 0845 200 7981. beautifulmusical.co.uk.*  *Covent Garden/Holborn/Charing Cross. Key 3.*


### BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL

**LAST CHANCE To 9 Apr:** A northern boy's father tries to quash his son's dream of becoming a ballet dancer. This Olivier Award-winning show has music by Sir Elton John. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £19.50-£69.50. *Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria St, SW1E 5EA. 020 7834 1317. billyelliottthemusical.com.*  *Victoria. Key 49.*


### BILLY FURY DANCE SHOW

**14-23 Apr:** A musical celebrating Britain's king of rock 'n' roll, Billy Fury, featuring more than 40 original recordings. Daily 7.30pm; 16-17, 20 & 23 Apr 2.30pm. Tickets £25-£30. *Shaw Theatre, Hotel Pullman Hotel London St Pancras, 100-110 Euston Rd, NW1 2AJ. 0844 248 5075. ticketmaster.co.uk.*  *Euston/King's Cross. Map A5.*


### THE BOOK OF MORMON

This controversial satire, from the writers of TV's *South Park*, follows the exploits of two hapless missionaries from the Church of Latter Day Saints. Winner of four Olivier Awards, including best new musical. Please check website for times. Tickets £39.75-£202.25. *Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry St, W1D 6AS. 0844 482 5110. bookofmormonlondon.com.*  *Leicester Square/Piccadilly Circus. Key 38.*


### CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

**FAMILY** A musical version of Roald Dahl's children's tale about an ordinary boy and an extraordinary confectioner. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £17.50-£94. *Theatre Royal Drury Lane, Catherine St, WC2B 5JF. 0844 858 8877. charlieandthechocolatefactory.com.*  *Covent Garden. Key 45.*

### CLOSE TO YOU

Wildly successful in New York, this musical celebrates Burt Bacharach's hits including *I Say a Little Prayer*, *Magic Moments*, *Walk on By*, *Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head* and the title song. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 3pm. Tickets £19.64-£96. *Criterion Theatre, 218-223 Piccadilly Circus, W1V 9LB. 0844 847 1778. closetoyou london.com.*  *Piccadilly Circus. Key 10.*

### GUYS AND DOLLS

Fifties musical about a gambler and his nightclub-singer fiancée, with well-known numbers including *Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat* and *My Time of Day*. Tue, Thur, Sat-Sun 2.30pm; Wed-Sat 7.30pm. Tickets £39.50-£128. *Phoenix Theatre, 110 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0JP. 0843 316 1082. phoenixtheatrelondon.co.uk.*  *Tottenham Court Road. Key 34.*



## PLAY FOR LAUGHS

When a true story spawns a book, Broadway musical, film and West End show, you know it'll be good. Sheridan Smith, the Bafta and Olivier Award-winner from *Legally Blonde*, returns as Fanny Brice in *Funny Girl* at the **Savoy Theatre** (from 9 Apr). When Sheridan played Fanny at Menier Chocolate Factory recently, she got rave reviews. The musical is based on Fanny, a music hall singer who finds fame on Broadway before falling for gambler Nicky. The show features well-known songs such as *People*, *Don't Rain on My Parade* and *You are Woman, I am Man* – so when you're not laughing along, you'll be singing. *Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2R 0ET. 0844 871 7687. funnygirlthemusical.co.uk*

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A world premiere starring Jane Horrocks – best known for playing Bubbles in the hit TV comedy *Absolutely Fabulous* – who sings her own versions of Soft Cell, The Human League and Joy Division accompanied by a live band and dancers. Mon-Sat 8pm; Wed & Sat 3pm. Tickets £10-£35. *Young Vic, 6 The Cut, SE1 8LZ. 020 7922 2922. youngvic.org.* 🚶🏻‍♀️ *Waterloo. Key C3.*

## IN THE HEIGHTS

A Tony award-winning musical about young love, set on the mean streets of Washington Heights in New York. Mon-Tue & Thur-Fri 8pm; Tue 3pm; Sat 8.30pm; Sun 6pm. Tickets £22.50-£60.50. *King's Cross Theatre, Corner of King's Boulevard and Goods Way, N1C 4UR. 0844 871 7604. intheheightslondon.com.* 🚶🏻‍♀️ *King's Cross. Off map.*

## JERSEY BOYS

The Olivier Award-winning story of American pop sensations Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, featuring their hit songs. Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Tue & Sat 3pm; Sun 5pm. Tickets £24.50-£112. *Piccadilly Theatre, 16 Denman St, W1D 7DY. 0844 871 7630. jerseyboyslondon.com.* 🚶🏻‍♀️ *Piccadilly Circus. Key 35.*

## KINKY BOOTS

Fun musical about a shoe factory which reinvigorates its business when its new owner decides to produce knee-high boots for drag queens. With music by Cyndi Lauper. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £25-£125. *Adelphi Theatre, 409-412 Strand, WC2R 0NS. 020 3725 7068. kinkybootsthemusical.co.uk.* 🚶🏻‍♀️ *Charing Cross. Key 1.*

## LES MISÉRABLES

The world's longest-running musical, adapted from Victor Hugo's classic novel, is set in post-revolutionary France. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £12.50-£127.25. *Queen's Theatre, 51 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 6BA. 0844 482 5160. lesmis.com/uk.* 🚶🏻‍♀️ *Leicester Square/Piccadilly Circus. Key 39.*

## THE LION KING

**FAMILY** Wonderful adaptation of the popular Disney film with ingenious costumes and inventive puppetry, as well as great songs. Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Wed, Sat & Sun 2.30pm. Tickets £37.70-£139.50. *Lyceum Theatre, 21 Wellington St, WC2E 7RQ. 0844 871 3000. thelionking.co.uk.* 🚶🏻‍♀️ *Covent Garden. Key 24.*

## MAMMA MIA!

**FAMILY** A tribute to the popular music of ABBA, with a feel-good story set on a Greek island. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thur & Sat 3pm. Tickets £15-£97.50. *Novello Theatre, Aldwych, WC2B 4LD. 0844 482 5115. mamma-mia.com.* 🚶🏻‍♀️ *Covent Garden/Temple. Key 30.*

## MATILDA THE MUSICAL

**FAMILY** Fantastic show based on Roald Dahl's children's book. Tue 7pm; Wed-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm; Sun 3pm. Also 7 Apr 2.30pm. Tickets £20-£122.50. *Cambridge Theatre, 32-34 Earlham St, WC2H 9HU. 0844 412 4652. matildathemusical.com.* 🚶🏻‍♀️ *Covent Garden. Key 8.*

## MMM HMMM

**13-16 Apr:** Three women sing a cappella as they perform snapshots of scenes from everyday life. 8pm. Tickets £12.50. *Shoreditch Town Hall, 380 Old St, EC1V 9LT. 020 7739 6176. shoreditchtownhall.com.* 🗺️ *Shoreditch High Street. Off map.*



## HOP TO IT

Hip-hop show *Breakin' Convention* will dance up a storm at *Sadler's Wells* (from 30 Apr; p. 74) as part of an annual street dance festival now in its 13th year. Founder Jonzi D says: 'Breakin' Convention will be an unforgettable experience with an all-star line-up of artists bringing you new, unseen dance.' Antoinette Gomis from France presents an atmospheric solo inspired by Nina Simone's music; Spanish dancers Iron Skulls morph into post-apocalyptic survivors in gas masks; and Dutch B-boy crew The Ruggeds (above) blend acrobatics and dance with drums. Go early for aerosol art, graffiti exhibitions, DJs and workshops, too.

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## MOTOWN THE MUSICAL

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📍 *Tottenham Court Road/Holborn. Key 42.*

## MRS HENDERSON PRESENTS

Set in 1937 London, this musical follows a widower after she inherits a run-down cinema and turns it into a theatre showing variety acts. When ticket sales need a boost, her acts turn to stripping. Based on the film starring Dame Judi Dench and Bob Hoskins. Mon & Wed-Sat 7.30pm; Wed, Thur & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £10-£145. *Noël Coward Theatre, 85-88 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4AU. 0844 482 5141. delfontmackintosh.co.uk.* 📍 *Leicester Square. Key 29.*

## THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Long-running, much-loved Gothic drama in which a mysterious masked man haunts the Paris Opera House. Ashamed by his physical appearance and feared by all, the love he feels for his beautiful protégée is so strong that she cannot resist him. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £21.50-£95. *Her Majesty's Theatre, 57 Haymarket, SW1Y 4QL. 0844 412 2707. thephantomoftheopera.com.* 📍 *Piccadilly Circus. Key 19.*

## PROTEIN

**NEW From 21 Apr:** Four vocalists and four dancers invite you to sit at a table before offering a tasting menu in this playful physical theatre piece. All sound is performed a cappella. 21-23 & 26-28 Apr 7pm; 22-23 & 26-27 Apr 9pm. Adult £18; child £12. *020 7121 1100. theplace.org.uk. The Place, 17 Duke's Rd, WC1H 9PY.* 📍 *Euston. Off map.*

See the award-winning *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* (p. 64)

## SHOW BOAT

**NEW From 9 Apr:** It's full steam ahead as this musical about a show boat on the Mississippi River in the 1800s sails into London. Directed by Daniel Evans with choreography by Alistair David, it features *Ol' Man River*, *Make Believe* and *Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man* (p. 70). *New London Theatre, Drury Lane, WC2B 5PW. 0844 412 4654. showboatmusical.co.uk.* 📍 *Covent Garden/Holborn. Key A2.*

## THE SOHO BURLESQUE CLUB

**2, 16, 23 & 30 Apr:** Miss Polly Rae – winner of Best Burlesque Star at the London Cabaret Awards 2015 – invites you into her boudoir. 11pm. Tickets from £15. *Cranbourn St, off Leicester Square, WC2H 7JH. 020 7769 8888. hippodromecasino.com.* 📍 *Leicester Square. Key B1.*

## STOMP

**FAMILY** An award-winning fusion of theatre, dance, comedy and percussion. Mon & Thur-Sat 8pm; Thur & Sat-Sun 3pm; Sun 6pm; Wed 6 Apr 3pm & 8pm. Tickets £26-£67.50. *Ambassadors Theatre, West St, WC2H 9ND. 020 7395 5405. stomplondon.com.* 📍 *Leicester Square. Key 2.*

## SUNNY AFTERNOON

Musical about the rise to stardom of The Kinks, with music and lyrics by Ray Davies. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£89.50. *Harold Pinter Theatre, Panton St, SW1Y 4DN. 0844 871 7622. sunnyafternoonthemusical.com.* 📍 *Piccadilly Circus. Key 18.*

## THRILLER LIVE

Non-stop songs and dance celebrate Michael Jackson's career. Tue-Fri 7.30pm; Sat 4pm & 8pm; Sun 3.30pm & 7.30pm.

Tickets £27.50-£70.50. *Lyric Theatre, 29 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 7ES. 0844 482 9674. thrillerlive.com.* 📍 *Piccadilly Circus/Leicester Square. Key 25.*

## THE WAR OF THE WORLDS

Jeff Wayne conducts this musical's score based on the album he penned, which was inspired by HG Wells' iconic sci-fi novel. Special effects include a 3D hologram of Liam Neeson as The Journalist.

Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thur & Sat 3pm. Tickets £29-£99. *Dominion Theatre, 268-269 Tottenham Court Rd, W1T 7AQ. 0845 200 7982. dominiontheatre.com.* 📍 *Tottenham Court Road. Key 11.*



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## THE WEDDING RECEPTION

This immersive theatre show, by the creators of the popular *Faulty Towers: The Dining Experience* (p. 72), is modelled on a wedding reception and includes a three-course dinner. It's hilarious! 1 Apr 7.30pm. Tickets £43. *Kingsway Hall Hotel, 66 Great Queen St, WC2B 5BX. 0845 154 4145. interactivetheatre.com.* 📍 Covent Garden. Key C3.

## WICKED THE MUSICAL

**FAMILY** The brilliant back story of the witches of Oz with the hit tunes *Defying Gravity* and *Popular*. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £17.50-£125. *Apollo Victoria Theatre, 17 Wilton Rd, SW1V 1LG. 0844 871 3001. wickedthemusical.co.uk.* 📍 Victoria. Key 5.

## WONDERLAND

**LAST CHANCE To 30 Apr:** A musical inspired by Lewis Carroll's iconic story, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, combining live theatre, digital technology and music by Blur's Damon Albarn. See website for times. Tickets £15-£50. *National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 9PX. 020 7452 3000. nationaltheatre.org.uk.* 📍 Waterloo. Key 27.

## PLAYS

### THE CARETAKER

Timothy Spall stars in Harold Pinter's dark comedy about a mentally ill man who invites a grumpy tramp to stay at his brother's flat. Please check website for times. Tickets £12-£90. *The Old Vic, The Cut, SE1 8NB. 0844 871 7628. oldvictheatre.com.* 📍 Waterloo. Key 32.

### THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME

Adaptation of Mark Haddon's novel about a boy with learning difficulties who uncovers more than he expected when investigating a local mystery. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£90. *Gielgud Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 6AR. 0844 482 5130. curiousonstage.com.* 📍 Piccadilly Circus/Leicester Square. Key 17.

## CYMBELINE

**LAST CHANCE To 21 Apr:** A play by William Shakespeare about a man who lays a wager on his wife's fidelity. 4 & 15 Apr 7.30pm; 16 & 21 Apr 2.30pm. Tickets £32-£62. *Sam Wanamaker Theatre, Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT. 020 7401 9919. shakespearesglobe.com.* 📍 Blackfriars. Key 43.

## ELEGY

**NEW From 21 Apr:** Play set in a dystopian future when human behaviour is catalogued, mapped and decoded. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm (call to check). Tickets £7.50-£35. *Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham St, WC2H 9LX. 0844 871 7624. donmarwarehouse.com.* 📍 Covent Garden. Key 12.

## THE END OF LONGING

Matthew Perry (Chandler in *Friends*) stars in his playwriting debut, a dark comedy about four 40-somethings (p. 76). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £25-£160. *Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Avenue, WC2N 5DE. 0844 871 7631. atgtickets.com.* 📍 Embankment. Key 36



## SAIL AWAY

It's full steam ahead for *Show Boat* as it sails into the **New London Theatre** (from 9 Apr; p. 68). Originally a novel about a show boat on the Mississippi River in the late 1800s, the story was adapted into a Broadway musical in 1927. This wonderful version, directed by Daniel Evans with choreography by Alistair David, transfers from a hit run in Sheffield in Yorkshire. When a sheriff banishes actress Julie for being mixed race, the captain's daughter steps in. Then she falls in love with the male lead – a charming gambler. Songs include *Ol' Man River*, *Make Believe* and *Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man*. Get ready for a show-stopper!

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### FAULTY TOWERS: THE DINING EXPERIENCE

Seventies-style dining and interactive comedy combine in this theatrical experience based on the cult TV comedy. Thur-Sat 7pm; Sat-Sun 1pm; Sun 6pm. Tickets £52-£59. *The Torquay Suite Theatre, Amba Hotel Charing Cross, Strand, WC2N 5HX. 0845 154 4145. faultytowers-uk.com.* 🚶🚶🚶 Charing Cross. Key B2.

### HAND TO GOD

Straight from Broadway, this is a dark comedy about a boy and his satanic hand puppet. If you liked *The Book of Mormon* and *Avenue Q*, then you'll love this. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £25-£65. *Vaudeville Theatre, 404 Strand, WC2R 0NH. 0330 333 4814. handtogod.co.uk.* 🚶🚶🚶 Charing Cross/Covent Garden. Key 48.

### LES BLANCS

Tshembe returns to his native African country for his father's funeral just as it's on the brink of independence – and civil war. Times vary. Tickets £15-£35. *Olivier Theatre, National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 9PX. 020 7452 3000. nationaltheatre.org.uk.* 🚶🚶🚶 Waterloo. Key 27.

### THE MOUSETRAP

A murderer strikes at a party in Agatha Christie's long-running whodunnit. Please check the website for times. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Tue 3pm; Sat 4pm. Tickets £17.50-£67.50. *St Martin's Theatre, West St, WC2H 9NZ. 0844 499 1515. the-mousetrap.co.uk.* 🚶🚶🚶 Leicester Square. Key 40.

### NELL GWYNN

**LAST CHANCE To 30 Apr:** Gemma Arterton (*Quantum of Solace*) stars as Nell, an orange seller who caught the eye of King Charles II and ended up becoming his mistress for 17 years. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £25-£75. *Apollo Theatre, 31 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1D 7ES. 0330 333 4809. nimaxtheatres.com.* 🚶🚶🚶 Piccadilly Circus. Key 4.

### PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

A 30-something actress is having the time of her life – until she becomes hooked on drugs and alcohol. After a breakdown on stage she ends up in rehab, where she suffers hallucinations while going cold turkey. She then reluctantly embarks on a 12-step programme. Watch it, and you'll be hooked. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm. £15-£90. *Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0DA. 0844 482 5120. wyndhamstheatre.co.uk.* 🚶🚶🚶 Leicester Square. Key C2.

### PERICLES

**LAST CHANCE To 21 Apr:** Fairytale romance by Shakespeare about a prince who is forced to flee his kingdom. Following a shipwreck after a storm, he marries a princess, but his wife dies in childbirth. Times vary. Tickets £10-£62. *Sam Wanamaker Theatre, Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT. 020 7401 9919. shakespearesglobe.com.* 🚶🚶🚶 Blackfriars. Key 43.

### THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

Hilarious slapstick comedy about a drama society staging a murder mystery. The accident-prone actors battle against the odds to make it through to their final curtain call. Winner of best comedy at the Olivier Awards. Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Sat 2.30pm; Sun 3pm & 7pm. Tickets £20-£65. *Duchess Theatre, 3-5 Catherine St, WC2B 5LA. 0844 482 9672. theplaythatgoeswrong.com.* 🚶🚶🚶 Covent Garden. Key 13.



## FEEL THE FEAR

If weaving through abandoned railway tunnels and being trapped in small, dark spaces sounds fun, then you're in luck, because an immersive theatre experience is launching in **The Vaults** beneath Waterloo Station. *Goosebumps Alive* (from 6 Apr) is inspired by RL Stine's children's horror books, and you can experience spooky scenes such as *The Haunted Mask* and *Stay Out of the Basement*, brought alive by puppets, storytelling and animatronics. Expect alien cocktails, storytelling toilets and UV graffiti – along with musical saws and inflatable elephants. Prepare to be scared! *Arch 233, 10 Leake St, SE1 7NN. 0871 220 0260. goosebumpstheshow.com*



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## REASONS TO BE HAPPY

**LAST CHANCE To 16 Apr:** A romantic comedy about two couples falling in and out of love with each other. The plot portrays them desperately hoping to find happiness. Please check the website for times. Tickets £10-£35. *Hampstead Theatre, Eton Avenue, NW3 3EU. 020 7722 9301. hampsteadtheatre.com.* 🚗 *Swiss Cottage. Off map.*

## THE VAUDEVILLIANS: JINKX MONSOON & MAJOR SCALES

**NEW From 25 Apr:** UK premiere of a vintage cabaret about musicians from the 1920s who were frozen alive in an avalanche. They thaw out to find pop stars have stolen their music. 9.30pm. Tickets £12.50-£25. *Soho Downstairs, Soho Theatre, 21 Dean St, W1D 3NE. 020 7478 0100. sohotheatre.com.* 🚗 *Tottenham Court Road. Key A1.*

## THE WOMAN IN BLACK

A spooky story, adapted from Susan Hill's novel, about a lawyer who visits a remote house to settle affairs after a woman's death. Tue-Sat 8pm; Tue & Thur 3pm; Sat 4pm. Tickets £19.50-£60. *Fortune Theatre, Russell St, WC2B 5HH. 0844 871 7626. thewomaninblack.com.* 🚗 *Covent Garden. Key 15.*

## DANCE

### SADLER'S WELLS

**1-2 Apr:** *The 7 Fingers.* UK premiere of a circus and dance show revolving around the theme of gravity. 7.30pm. Tickets £12-£32. **13-16 Apr:** *English National Ballet.* World premiere of three new dances, one of which is set against a beautiful flowing silk backdrop. Wed-Sat 7.30pm; Fri-Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £12-£45. **20-24 Apr:** *BalletBoyz.* New all-male show exploring life and death. Wed-Sat 7.30pm; Sun 4pm. Tickets £12-£38. **30 Apr-1 May:** *Breakin' Convention.* Great hip-hop show (p. 66). Sat-Sun 6pm. Tickets £15-£24. *Rosebery Avenue, EC1R 4TN. 020 7863 8000. sadlerswells.com.* 🚗 *Angel. Key 60.*

## OPERA

### LONDON COLISEUM

Home to the English National Opera, with all the productions sung in English. **NEW From 1 Apr:** *Sunset Boulevard.* Musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber starring Glenn Close as a faded Hollywood legend (p. 62). Sat & Wed 2.30pm; Mon-Sat 7.30pm. Tickets £12-£105. *33 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4ES. 020 7845 9300. eno.org.* 🚗 *Charing Cross. Key 54.*

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**LAST CHANCE To 5 Apr:** *Boris Godunov*.

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*Royal Opera House, Bow St, WC2E 9DD. 020 7304 4000. roh.org.uk.* 🚶🏻 Covent Garden. Key 57.

## CONCERTS: CLASSICAL

### BARBICAN CENTRE

**5 Apr:** *Renée Fleming Introduces the Metropolitan Opera 2008 Opening Night Gala*. Film screening. 6.30pm. Tickets £20. **6 Apr:** *Renée Fleming in Recital*. 7.30pm. Tickets £15-£65. **8-9 Apr:** *Bach Collegium Japan Residency*. 8 Apr 7.30pm; 9 Apr 10.30am, 1pm & 7.30pm. Please see website for prices. *Silk St, EC2Y 8DS. 020 7638 8891. barbican.org.uk.* 🚶🏻 Barbican. Key 7.

### CADOGAN HALL

Classical events hall. **23 Apr:** *St George's Day Concert*. Classic British tunes including *Jerusalem, Land of Hope and Glory* and *Rule, Britannia!* played by Buckingham Palace guards. 7.30pm. Tickets £19.50. *5 Sloane Terrace, SW1X 9DQ. 020 7730 4500. cadoganhall.com.* 🚶🏻 Sloane Square. Off map.

### ROYAL ALBERT HALL

**5 Apr:** *Classic FM Presents: Classic FM Live*. Singer and Classic FM presenter Aled Jones will perform favourites from his new album, and Jaime Martín will conduct the Royal Scottish National Orchestra in its 125th anniversary year. The concert is sold out, but call ahead to check for return tickets. 6.45pm. *Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP. 020 7589 8212. royalalberthall.com.* 🚶🏻 South Kensington. Off map.

### ST JAMES'S PICCADILLY

This 1676 church has free recitals every Mon, Wed & Fri at 1.10pm and concerts from 7.30pm. **7 Apr:** *Messiah*. In the Merry Opera Company's staging of Handel's *Messiah*, 12 strangers seek spiritual comfort in their struggle to understand their troubled lives. Check for full programme of concerts. *197 Piccadilly, W1J 9LL. 020 7381 0441. sjp.org.uk.* 🚶🏻 Piccadilly Circus. Key 58.

### ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS CHURCH

Extensive programme of lunchtime and evening concerts and recitals in this landmark Palladian church. Please check website for details. *Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JJ. 020 7766 1100. smitf.org.* 🚶🏻 Charing Cross. Key 59.



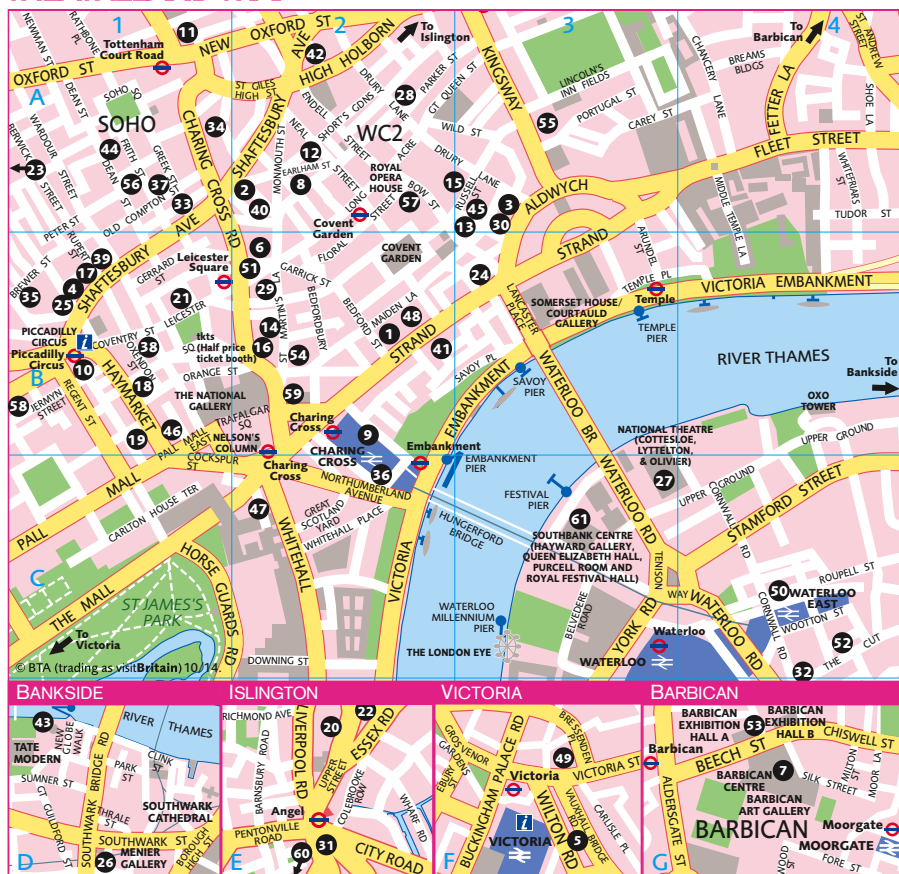
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## FOOTBALL FEVER

Wembley Stadium didn't always host the **FA Cup semi-finals** (23 & 24 Apr; p. 79) – they used to be played at neutral grounds. Now, both semis of the world's longest-running football competition play on the legendary turf. If you can't get a ticket, you can catch the live action on a big screen in one of London's pubs or sports bars.

## BE BOWLED OVER

April marks the start of the English cricket season, so get ready for top-class action until September. Wrap up warm and bring along a picnic to watch the first county matches at the **Kia Oval** in Kennington and **Lord's Cricket Ground** in St John's Wood (below; p. 79).



## HOCKEY ACTION

It's always satisfying to see major sporting events taking place in venues built for the 2012 London Olympics. Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre, in the Olympic Park, hosts the exciting climax to the **Investec Women's and Men's Hockey Leagues** – two finals and promotion play-offs that are crammed into one exciting weekend (16-17 Apr).  
[visitleevalley.org.uk](http://visitleevalley.org.uk)



Here's a question – what does a double Olympic champion have in common with a giant sunflower, Mickey Mouse and a Dalek? The **London Marathon**, of course (24 Apr)! This month, Dame Kelly Holmes – Olympic gold medallist in Athens 2004 in the 800m and 1,500m – steps out of retirement to make her debut in the race. And it's something she's not taking lightly.

'For a long-time retired, middle-distance runner, 26.2 miles is a very long way,' says Holmes. 'I will have to change my mindset but it's a challenge that I am now up for, especially as it will all be about raising money for charity. It's the most amazing event – the atmosphere is incredible.'

Holmes isn't the first middle-distance runner to tackle the long haul. Last year, Mo Farah

finished eighth in his debut.

The London Marathon, sponsored by Virgin Money, attracts the world's best runners as well as keen amateurs – often running in fancy dress – who try to complete the course to raise millions of pounds for charity.

This year will see the millionth person cross the finish line on The Mall since the race began in 1981. To celebrate, a #oneinamillion campaign has been launched, asking for anyone who has completed the race to forward a photo of themselves with their medal for a special-edition T-shirt.

Spectators also contribute hugely to the event. Pick your spot along the course – from the Cutty Sark in Greenwich to the Tower of London – and cheer the many thousands and celebrate this mammoth, marathon event.  
– Emma Levine

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Transport symbols: see Contents p. 5 for key. For more sports events and information, see [visitlondon.com/events](http://visitlondon.com/events)

### WATCH

#### BASKETBALL

**8 Apr:** London Lions vs Worcester Wolves.

**10 Apr:** London Lions vs Newcastle Eagles.


**17 Apr:** London Lions vs Leicester Riders.

*Copper Box Arena, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, E20 3HB. 020 8221 4900. [londonlionsbasketball.com](http://londonlionsbasketball.com).   Stratford. Off map.*


#### CRICKET

**17-20 Apr:** Middlesex vs Warwickshire. County match (p. 78). *Lord's Cricket Ground, St John's Wood Rd, NW8 8QN. 020 7616 8500. [lords.org](http://lords.org).*



 St John's Wood. Map A2.


**24-27 Apr:** Surrey vs Somerset. County match (p. 78). *Kia Oval, SE11 5SS. 0844 375 1845. [kiaoval.com](http://kiaoval.com).  Oval. Off map.*

#### FOOTBALL



**3 Apr:** Johnstone's Paint Trophy. Oxford United vs Barnsley. **23 & 24 Apr:** Emirates FA Cup semi-finals (p. 78). *Wembley Stadium, Olympic Way, HA9 0WS. 0800 169 2007. [wembleystadium.com](http://wembleystadium.com).  Wembley Park. Off map.*

*Premier League fixtures:*

**16 Apr:** Arsenal vs Crystal Palace. **30 Apr:** Arsenal vs Norwich. *Emirates Stadium, 75 Drayton Park, N5 1BU. 020 7619 5000. [arsenal.com](http://arsenal.com).  Holloway Road/Arsenal  Finsbury Park. Off map.*

**16 Apr:** Chelsea vs Manchester City. **30 Apr:** Chelsea vs Tottenham Hotspur. *Stamford Bridge, Fulham Rd, SW6 1HS. 0871 9841 955. [chelseafc.com](http://chelseafc.com).  Fulham Broadway. Off map.*

#### HORSE RACING

**3 Apr:** The Prince's Countryside Fund Raceday (£23-£32). *Ascot Racecourse, High St, Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 7JX. 0844 346 3000. [ascot.co.uk](http://ascot.co.uk).  Waterloo to  Ascot (52 mins). Off map.*

**2, 6, 13 Apr:** All Weather Track (4pm). Tickets £9-£24. *Kempton Park Racecourse, Staines Rd East, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex, TW16 5AQ. 01932 782 292. [kempton.co.uk](http://kempton.co.uk).  Waterloo to  Kempton Park (40 mins). Off map.*

### TOURS & MUSEUMS


#### ARSENAL STADIUM TOURS & MUSEUM

Self-guided audio tours and Legends Tours. Daily; check for times and closures. Audio tour and museum £20; child £10. Legends Tour from £40; child £20. See above for address.


#### CHELSEA FC STADIUM TOURS & MUSEUM

Guided tours of 'The Bridge' plus the museum and Legends Tours on selected dates. Daily, check for times and closures. Tour and museum £20; child £13. Museum only £11; child £9. See left for address.

#### LORD'S CRICKET GROUND

Discover the home of world cricket, including the MCC Museum exhibiting the Ashes urn. Daily. Tour: adult £18; child £12. Museum only: adult £7.50; child £5. *St John's Wood Rd, NW8 8QN. 020 7616 8500. [lords.org/tours](http://lords.org/tours).  St John's Wood. Map A2.*


#### TWICKENHAM WORLD RUGBY MUSEUM & STADIUM TOUR

The world's largest venue dedicated to rugby, with 25,000 pieces of memorabilia. Tours include the dressing room. Museum & tours Tue-Sun. Adult £20; child £12. *Twickenham Stadium, Whitton Rd, TW2 7BA. 020 8892 2000. [rfu.com](http://rfu.com).  Twickenham. Off map.*

#### THE WEMBLEY STADIUM TOUR



Relive sporting history at the UK's largest stadium on a guided 75-minute tour. Tours take place daily 10am-4pm. Adult £19; child £11. See left for address.

#### WIMBLEDON LAWN TENNIS MUSEUM & TOUR

In the museum, see the 1887 men's singles trophy, Victorian tennis fashions and John McEnroe's 'ghost'. One-hour guided tours of the grounds daily 10am-5pm. Museum and tour: adult £24; child £15. Museum only: adult £13; child £8. *The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Church Rd, SW19 5AE. 020 8946 6131. [wimbledon.com/museum](http://wimbledon.com/museum).  Southfields. Off map.*

### ACTIVITIES

#### LEE VALLEY VELOPARK

Venue of cycling events during the 2012 Olympics, now with taster sessions, plus road and mountain bike trails. *Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Abercrombie Rd, E20 3AB. 0845 6770 603. [visitleevalley.org.uk](http://visitleevalley.org.uk).   Stratford. Off map.*

#### LONDON AQUATICS CENTRE

Zaha Hadid's slick venue for the 2012 Olympics, with swimming, the Tom Daley Diving Academy and family events. Swimming adult £4.95; child £2.50. [londonaquaticscentre.org](http://londonaquaticscentre.org). See Lee Valley Velopark for address.

# SHOPPING

## FROCK AND ROLL



## HOME SWEET HOME

*Home is, as they say, where the heart is. Give your home some love this month and visit the **Ideal Home Show** (to 3 Apr). The event, which is taking place at Olympia London, has special guests including Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen, Gregg Wallace and Katie Piper. Look out for The Smart Home area, which is full of the latest gadgets and technology. Olympia London, Hammersmith Rd, W14 8UX*



**W**hen singers launch their own fashion line, it is a clever idea – companies can tap into the artist's fan base, and fans feel like they can wear their favourite pop star's clothes.

One of the most successful collaborations was between the model Kate Moss and Topshop in 2009. Following in her footsteps is singer Beyoncé Knowles (inset), who is launching a permanent 'athleisure' line for **Topshop** (p. 84). Fitness-inspired, it sees sportswear transcend into everyday wear.



Another singer with a clothing line is Beth Ditto (above left) from the band Gossip. She says: 'Plus-size women deserve to love their bodies and their clothes; they want access to the same

high-quality fabrics and craftsmanship everyone else has, something beyond the über-cheap, disposable fast-fashion that is pushed on us.' Her collection is available in sizes 14 to 32 at **Selfridges** (p. 82). There are silk jumpsuits, hand-embroidered denim jackets and a limited-edition Jean Paul Gaultier-designed T-shirt. – *Kohinoor Sahota*

BETH DITTO: COURTESY OF SELFRIDGES; BEYONCÉ KNOWLES © ISTOCK; IDEAL HOME SHOW © ASHLEY BINGHAM



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### MAJOR STORES

#### DEBENHAMS

Fashion, homeware and accessories as well as great bargains for designer clothing addicts. 334-348 Oxford St, W1C 1JG. 0844 561 6161. debenhams.com. 🚶🏻 Oxford Circus. Map B4.

#### FORTNUM & MASON

Established in 1707, this department store is famed for its food hall, hampers and china. Don't miss the fashion and antiques departments and the Diamond Jubilee Tea Salon. 181 Piccadilly, W1A 1ER. 0845 300 1707. fortnumandmason.com. 🚶🏻 Piccadilly Circus/Green Park. Map C5.

#### HARRODS

One of the world's most famous department stores, Harrods includes top fashion labels, accessories, a lavish food hall and many restaurants and bars. 87-135 Brompton Rd, SW1X 7XL. 020 7730 1234. harrods.com. 🚶🏻 Knightsbridge. Map D3.

#### HOUSE OF FRASER

Affordable designer fashion, beauty, homeware and more at this one-stop shop. 318 Oxford St, W1C 1HF. 0344 800 3752. houseoffraser.co.uk. 🚶🏻 Oxford Circus. Map B4.

#### JOHN LEWIS

Established for more than 150 years, this British institution sells everything from hats to homeware across its splendid seven floors. 300 Oxford St, W1A 1DX. 020 7629 7711. johnlewis.com. 🚶🏻 Oxford Circus. Map B4.

#### LIBERTY

Behind a mock-Tudor exterior lie fashion, beauty, haberdashery and beautiful fabrics adorned with the famous Liberty print. Great Marlborough St, W1B 5AH (and Westfield Stratford City). 020 7734 1234. liberty.co.uk. 🚶🏻 Oxford Circus. Map B5.

#### PETER JONES

Seven floors of retail heaven in this department store, with clothes, cookware, accessories and interiors. Sloane Square, SW1W 8EL. 020 7730 3434. peterjones.co.uk. 🚶🏻 Sloane Square. Off map.

#### MARKS & SPENCER

You can find everything from food and furniture to clothing and cosmetics at this trusted national institution. 458 Oxford St, W1C 1AP (and branches). 020 7935 7954. marksandspencer.com. 🚶🏻 Marble Arch. Map B4.

### SELFRIDGES

Landmark London store which is fantastic for fashion, beauty and food (p. 80). 400 Oxford St, W1A 1AB. 0800 123 400. selfridges.com. 🚶🏻 Bond Street. Map B4.

### MALLS & FACTORY OUTLETS

#### BICESTER VILLAGE

Discount outlet. Mon-Sat 9am-9pm; Sun 10am-7pm. Bicester Village, Oxfordshire, OX26 6WD. 01869 323 200. bicester-village.com. 🚶🏻 Marylebone to 🚶🏻 Bicester Village. Bus: Shopping Express Village coach from London hotels. Off map.

#### LONDON DESIGNER OUTLET

Mall with around 70 high-street retailers offering reductions of up to 70 per cent. Wembley Park Boulevard, HA9 0QL. 020 8912 5210. london-designer-outlet.com. 🚶🏻 Wembley Stadium 🚶🏻 Wembley Park 🚶🏻 Wembley Central. Off map.



## IF THE SHOE FITS...

For your own Cinderella moment, visit **Manolo Blahnik**. The shoes are so exquisite, they wouldn't look out of place in an art gallery. At the age of 73, he has opened his second London shop in the equally stylish Burlington Arcade. A visit to the arcade feels like you've stepped back in time: there are uniformed Beadles, and a ceremony at 8am every day. You shall go to the ball. 32-33 Burlington Arcade, 51 Piccadilly, W1J 0QJ. manoloblahnik.com

# PICCADILLY MARKET



Piccadilly Market is held in the charming setting of the courtyard at St James's Church - just yards from Piccadilly Circus.

A popular destination for over 20 years, the market offers an exciting selection of antiques, arts & crafts, jewellery, souvenirs, fashions, furnishings and more.

### Craft Market open:

Wednesday-Saturday 10am-6pm.

### St James's Antiques & Collectors Market open:

Tuesday 10am-6pm.



St James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London W1J 9LL

[www.piccadilly-market.co.uk](http://www.piccadilly-market.co.uk) Tube: Piccadilly Circus/Green Park

# London Beatles Store



TEL: 020 7935 4464

231/233 BAKER ST LONDON NW1 6XE

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

[sgtpepper@beatlesstorelondon.co.uk](mailto:sgtpepper@beatlesstorelondon.co.uk)

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# SHOPPING

## WESTFIELD LONDON

Popular mall with more than 300 stores. *Ariel Way, W12 7GF. 020 3371 2300. uk.westfield.com/london.* 🚗 *Shepherd's Bush. Off map.*

## WESTFIELD STRATFORD CITY

Huge shopping mall near Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. *2 Stratford Place, Montfichet Rd, E20 1EJ. 020 8221 7300. uk.westfield.com/stratfordcity.* 🚗 🚇 *DLR* 🚗 *Stratford. Off map.*

## FASHION PRIMARK

A bargain hunter's paradise, with clothing and homeware at affordable prices. *499-517 Oxford St, W1K 7DA (and branches). 020 7495 0420. primark.com.* 🚗 *Marble Arch. Map B4.*

## TOPSHOP

This huge flagship brims with catwalk-inspired pieces at affordable prices. There's a nail and blow-dry bar too (p. 80). *36-38 Great Castle St, W1W 8LG (and branches). 08448 487 487. topshop.com.* 🚗 *Oxford Circus. Map B5.*

## SPECIALIST STORES

### ABBEY ROAD STUDIOS STORE

Music-inspired gifts, many of which are perfect for fans of The Beatles. *5 Abbey Rd, NW8 9AA. shop.abbeyroad.com.* 🚗 *St John's Wood. Off map.*

### BUCKINGHAM PALACE SHOP

Royal souvenirs. *7 Buckingham Palace Rd, SW1W 0PP. 020 7839 1377. royalcollectionshop.co.uk.* 🚗 *Victoria. Map F6.*

### IT'S ONLY ROCK 'N' ROLL

Shop selling rock memorabilia, T-shirts, autographs, photographs and more. *230 Baker St, NW1 5RT. 020 7224 0277. itsonlyrocknrolllondon.co.uk.* 🚗 *Baker Street. Map A3.*

### FOYLES

One of the city's oldest bookshops. It has a great café, too. *107 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0DT. 020 7437 5660. foyles.co.uk.* 🚗 *Tottenham Court Road. Map B5.*

### HAMLEYS

One of the world's biggest toy shops, with seven floors selling everything a child could ever dream of. *188-196 Regent St, W1B 5BT. 0871 704 1977. hamleys.com.* 🚗 *Oxford Circus. Map B5.*

## JOEL & SON FABRICS

Find top-quality fabrics, plus scarves, ties and other accessories. *73-87 Church St, NW8 8EU. 020 7724 6895. joelandsonfabrics.com.* 🚗 *Edgware Road. Map A3.*

## LINKS OF LONDON

This shop offers elegant collections of jewellery, watches and gifts. *9 King's Rd, SW3 4RP (and branches). 020 7730 3133. linksoflondon.com.* 🚗 *Sloane Square. Off map.*

## LONDON GLASSBLOWING STUDIO

Watch glass objects being created before your eyes as you browse great pieces for sale. *62-66 Bermondsey St, SE1 3UD. 020 7403 2800. londonglassblowing.co.uk.* 🚗 🚇 *London Bridge. Map D8.*

## LONDON BEATLES STORE

London's only Beatles shop stocks new and original memorabilia featuring the Fab Four. *231/233 Baker St, NW1 6XE. 020 7935 4464. beatlesstorelondon.co.uk.* 🚗 *Baker Street. Map A3.*

## THE NICKELODEON STORE

Toys inspired by the Nickelodeon channel. *1 Leicester Square, WC2H 7NA. 020 3805 3460. nickelodeonstore.co.uk.* 🚗 *Leicester Square. Map C5.*

## PANDORA

Jewellery and gifts, including Pandora's much-loved charms. *257-259 Oxford St, W1C 2DD (and branches). 020 7407 2007. pandora.net.* 🚗 *Oxford Circus. Map B4.*

## TWININGS

There are more than 100 varieties of teas and infusions in one of the oldest shops in London. Open since 1706, it is also home to a small but fascinating tea museum. *216 Strand, WC2R 1AP. 020 7353 3511. twinings.co.uk.* 🚗 *Temple. Map C6.*

## THE WHISKY EXCHANGE

The biggest range of whiskies and fine spirits in the capital. *2 Bedford St, WC2E 9HH. 020 7403 8688. thewhiskyexchange.com.* 🚗 *Charing Cross. Map C6.*



Pay a visit to the new Abbey Road Studios Store for music-inspired gifts

# Shopping Essentials

## SHIPPING COMPANIES



SIZING

### SHOES

UK	US	Euro
<b>WOMEN</b>		
3	5	36
4	6	37
5	7	38
6	8	39
7	9	41
8	10	42

### MEN

7	8	41
8	9	42
9	10	43
10	11	45
11	12	46
12	13	47

### CHILDREN

7	8	24
8	9	25.5
9	10	27
10	11	28
11	12	29
12	13	30.5

### CLOTHES

UK	US	Euro
<b>WOMEN</b>		
XS	6	2
S	8	4
	10	6
M	12	8
	14	10
L	16	12

### MEN (CHEST)

S	34	34	44
	36	36	46
M	38	38	48
	40	40	50
L	42	42	52
	44	44	54

### CHILDREN

4-5yrs	4-5yrs	110cm
6-7	6-7	116-122
8-9	8-9	128-134
10-11	10	140-146
12-13	12	152-158
14-15	13	164-170

If you are buying items that you don't wish to carry home with you, here is a selection of companies in central London that can assist in delivering your goods. Please check the websites below for your most convenient branch.

#### DHL:

Ryman, 227 Kensington High St, W8 6SA. 020 7937 1107  
 Ryman, 64 Old Brompton Rd, SW7 3LQQ. 020 7581 0858  
 Homebase, 195 Warwick Rd, W14 8PU. 020 7602 5125.  
[dhl.co.uk](http://dhl.co.uk)

#### MAIL BOXES etc:

72 Great Titchfield St, W1W 7QW. 020 7580 9111  
 28 Old Brompton Rd, SW7 3SS. 020 7581 2825  
 95 Wilton Rd, SW1V 1BZ. 020 7630 8123.  
[mbe.co.uk](http://mbe.co.uk)

#### PACK & SEND:

124 North End Rd, W14 9PP. 020 7381 9000  
 417 Upper Richmond Rd, SW14 7PJ. 020 8392 6990.  
[packsend.co.uk](http://packsend.co.uk)

#### UPS:

Food & Wine, 20 Wellington St, WC2E 7DD. 0845 687 7877  
 Great Portland Street News, Great Portland St, W1W 5PS. 0845 687 7877  
 Londis, 77-79 Union St, SE1 1SG. 0845 687 7877. [ups.com](http://ups.com)

#### POST OFFICE:

The Plaza  
 Oxford St, W1D 1LT  
 54-56 Great Portland St, W1W 7NE  
 111 Baker St, W1U 6SG  
 32a Grosvenor St, W1K 4PA  
 9 Russell Square, WC1B 5EQ  
 All branches:  
 0845 611 2970.  
[postoffice.co.uk](http://postoffice.co.uk)

## TAX-FREE SHOPPING

Value Added Tax (VAT) is a 20% sales tax added on all goods except food, books and children's clothing. Overseas visitors from outside the EU can shop tax-free in the UK, recouping some of the cost of the item. Don't forget to ask in-store for more information about tax-free shopping.



# EATING OUT

## SMELL THE COFFEE

Love coffee? Then don't miss the annual **London Coffee Festival** (7-10 Apr), a four-day celebration with barista demonstrations, food pairings, tastings and workshops. The Old Truman Brewery, Brick Lane, E1 6QR



## HAVE YOUR CAKE

Indulge your sweet tooth at **Cake International** (16-17 Apr), where you can get tips from the experts. Look out for cakes inspired by films and fashion, and *The Weddible Dress* – a life-size edible dress. Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace Way, N22 7AY



## FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

The **Southbank Centre Food Market** is celebrating its first anniversary. Stalls tend to be small producers and independent traders specialising in everything from meat to sweets and snacks. Fri noon-8pm; Sat 11am-8pm; Sun noon-6pm. Sutton Walk, SE1 8XX



## SEASON'S GREETINGS



As one of the world's top dining destinations, London strives to 'eat the seasons'. Eating seasonal produce is not just good for the planet – it also helps support local producers. But with so much on offer, it's not easy to spot what's in season.

'Spring is the best time of year for a chef as we have an abundance of produce to cook with,' says Allan Pickett, chef patron at **Piquet** (92 Newman St, W1T 3EZ; above). 'Spring lamb, Jersey Royals and morels are just some of the highlights to eat.' Head here for the delicious daily set menu (noon-3pm; 5.30pm-6.45pm), which is good value at just £16.50 for two courses. 'The sign that spring is here is the garlic greens,' says Tam

Storarr, head chef at Soho's **Blanchette** (9 D'Arbly St, W1F 8DR). As a child, Storarr was taught how to forage by his father, a countryside ranger. 'Other favourites of mine are elderflowers, rhubarb and English asparagus,' he says.

Here, the asparagus comes with cheese dip (cervelle de canut), a speciality of Lyon made with shallots, herbs and vinegar. Many snacks are under £5 and a lot of mains are less than £10. Street food can be seasonal, too: try **Savage Salads** (Berwick St Market; inset), **B.O.B's Lobster** (Street Feast venues), **Pasta e Basta** (South Kensington Farmers' Market) and **Crabbieshack** (Kerb at the 'Gherkin') to put a spring in your step! – Sam Rogg



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**AMERICAN****BUBBA GUMP SHRIMP CO.**

Fun seafood restaurant that also serves ribs and other American classics. Halal options available. Daily L & D. ££. Unit 75 Trocadero, 13 Coventry St, W1D 7AB. 0203 763 5288. [bubbagumpshrimp.co.uk](http://bubbagumpshrimp.co.uk). 🚶🚶🚶 Piccadilly Circus. Map C5.

**HARD ROCK CAFE**

US classics at London's original burger joint. Daily L & D. ££. 150 Old Park Lane, W1K 1QZ. 020 7514 1700. [hardrock.com](http://hardrock.com). 🚶🚶🚶 Hyde Park Corner. Map C4.

**PLANET HOLLYWOOD**

Burgers, pizzas and film memorabilia. Daily L & D (bar to 1am). ££. 57-60 Haymarket, SW1Y 4QX. 020 7287 1000. [planethollywoodlondon.com](http://planethollywoodlondon.com). 🚶🚶🚶 Piccadilly Circus. Map C5.

**RAINFOREST CAFE**

A jungle with animatronic animals. Daily L & D. ££. 20 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7EU. 020 7434 3111. [therainforestcafe.co.uk](http://therainforestcafe.co.uk). 🚶🚶🚶 Piccadilly Circus. Map C5.

**BRITISH****AQUA SHARD**

Head up The Shard for British cuisine and fantastic views. Daily B & D; Mon-Fri B, L & D. £££. 31 St Thomas St, SE1 9RY. 020 3011 1256. [aquashard.co.uk](http://aquashard.co.uk). 🚶🚶🚶 London Bridge. Map C8.

**CAFÉ IN THE CRYPT**

In this landmark church's basement, the café serves great English food at good prices. Mon-Sat B, L & D; Sun L. £. St Martin-in-the-Fields, corner of Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JJ. 020 7766 1158. [smitf.org](http://smitf.org). 🚶🚶🚶 Charing Cross. Map C6.

**CHENESTON'S**

Intimate restaurant offering British cuisine. Daily B, L & D. £££. The Milestone Hotel, 1 Kensington Court, W8 5DL. 020 7917 1000. [milestonehotel.com](http://milestonehotel.com). 🚶🚶🚶 High Street Kensington. Off map.

**GARFUNKEL'S**

British dishes, plus pizzas, pasta, wraps and a salad bar. Daily B, L & D. ££. 19 Irving St, WC2H 7AU (and branches). 020 7930 8087. [garfunkels.co.uk](http://garfunkels.co.uk). 🚶🚶🚶 Leicester Square. Map C5.

**PARK TERRACE**

Luxurious venue located in the Royal Garden Hotel London. Daily B, L & D. ££. 2-24 Kensington High St, W8 4PT. 020 7361 1999. [parkterrace-restaurant.co.uk](http://parkterrace-restaurant.co.uk). 🚶🚶🚶 High Street Kensington. Off map.

**ST PANCRAS GRAND**

This ornate dining room, in the Eurostar terminal, has brasserie-style dishes. Daily B, L & D. ££. Upper Concourse, St Pancras International, N1C 4QL. 020 7870 9900. [searcys.co.uk](http://searcys.co.uk). 🚶🚶🚶 King's Cross St Pancras. Map A6.

**SOPHIE'S STEAKHOUSE & BAR**

Excellent burgers and steaks at this Theatreland restaurant. Daily L & D. ££. 29-31 Wellington St, WC2E 7DB (and Chelsea branch). 020 7836 8836. [sophiessteakhouse.co.uk](http://sophiessteakhouse.co.uk). 🚶🚶🚶 Covent Garden. Map C6.

**CHINESE****HAKKASAN**

Michelin-starred Chinese restaurant. Daily L & D. £££. 8 Hanway Place, W1T 1HD (and Mayfair branch). 020 7927 7000. [hakkasan.com](http://hakkasan.com). 🚶🚶🚶 Tottenham Court Road. Map B5.

**MIN JIANG**

Chinese food and views across Hyde Park. Daily L & D. £££. Royal Garden Hotel, 2-24 Kensington High St, W8 4PT. 020 7361 1988. [minjiang.co.uk](http://minjiang.co.uk). 🚶🚶🚶 High Street Kensington. Off map.

**REVIEW****BOOZY BURGERS**

In 2011, Ben Denner launched a range of burgers so delicious it attracted queues wherever his Lucky Chip van rolled up. Now the chef has opened his first restaurant, **Lucky Chip Burgers and Wine**, and as the name suggests, his signature patties are recommended with wine rather than beer. More than 100 high-calibre bottles have been chosen from around the world to pair with the burgers. For the ultimate treat, upgrade yours to 50-day dry-aged Galician beef. And don't forget the chips – hand-cut, triple-cooked and topped with herbs, Gorgonzola or truffle, they will make you feel very lucky indeed. 25 Ridley Rd, E8 2NP. [lucky-chip.co.uk](http://lucky-chip.co.uk)

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Classic fish and chips, or try goujons of lemon sole, or pan-fried scallops. Mon-Sat L & D. ££. 49-51 *Lisson Grove, NW1 6UH*. 020 7224 9000. [seashellrestaurant.co.uk](http://seashellrestaurant.co.uk). 🚗 Marylebone. Map A3.

## FRENCH

### AUBAINE

Bistro setting. Daily B, L & D. ££. 38 *Broadgate Circle, EC2M 1QS* (and branches). 020 3773 3650. [aubaine.co.uk](http://aubaine.co.uk). 🚗🚗 Liverpool Street. Map B9.

### BEL CANTO

Dine on French food while enjoying live opera. Thur-Sat D. £££. *Corus Hotel Hyde Park, 67 Bayswater Rd, W2 3LG*. 020 7262 1678. [belcantolondon.co.uk](http://belcantolondon.co.uk). 🚗 Lancaster Gate. Map C2.



REVIEW

## AN INDIAN GEM

Situated opposite the world-famous department store Harrods, **Haandi** is the place to go to for authentic north Indian cuisine from the Punjab. Choose from popular classics such as lamb rogan josh or chicken tikka masala – one of Britain's most treasured dishes. Starters of chilli paneer and aloo chat fried potatoes are excellently seasoned. For mains, try the tender chicken curry, or the prawn vindaloo, which is deliciously creamy with coconut milk and fresh herbs to balance out the chillies. Fancy yourself as a chef? Pick up tips by watching your meal being cooked through the huge window.

### GALVIN BISTROT DE LUXE

This French-style bistro from the Michelin-starred Galvin brothers is a treat. Daily L & D. £££. 66 *Baker St, W1U 7DJ*. 020 7935 4007. [galvinrestaurants.com](http://galvinrestaurants.com). 🚗 Baker Street. Map B4.

### LE RESTAURANT DE PAUL

Traditional French regional plates for breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. Also great for grabbing a sandwich and patisseries to go. Daily B, L & D. ££. 29 *Bedford St, WC2E 9ED*. 020 7836 3304. [paul-uk.com](http://paul-uk.com). 🚗 Covent Garden. Map B6.

## INDIAN

### AMAYA

Michelin-starred dishes full of exotic flavours. Daily L & D. £££. *Halkin Arcade, 19 Motcomb St, SW1X 8JT*. 020 7823 1166. [amaya.biz](http://amaya.biz). 🚗 Knightsbridge. Map D4.

### CHUTNEY MARY

Expect a gourmet tour of seven Indian regions. Mon-Fri B, L & D; Sat L & D. ££. 73 *St James's St, SW1A 1PH*. 020 7629 6688. [chutneymary.com](http://chutneymary.com). 🚗 Green Park. Map C5.

### GAYLORD RESTAURANT

Mughal dishes fit for a maharajah. Daily L & D. ££. 79-81 *Mortimer St, W1W 7SJ*. 020 7580 3615. [gaylordlondon.com](http://gaylordlondon.com). 🚗 Oxford Circus. Map B5.

### HAANDI

North Indian dishes. Mon-Sun L & D. £. 7 *Cheval Place, SW7 1EW*. 020 7823 7373. [haandi-restaurants.co.uk](http://haandi-restaurants.co.uk). 🚗 Knightsbridge. Map D3.

### IMLI STREET

Regional Indian cuisine including chaat (street food). Mon-Fri L & D; Sat-Sun brunch, L & D. £-££. 167-169 *Wardour St, W1F 8WR*. 020 7287 4243. [imlistreet.com](http://imlistreet.com). 🚗 Oxford Circus. Map B5.

### LA PORTE DES INDES

A unique taste of colonial India. Daily L & D. ££. 32 *Bryanston St, W1H 7EG*. 020 7224 0055. [laportedesindes.com](http://laportedesindes.com). 🚗 Marble Arch. Map B3.

### MASALA GRILL

Grills, seafood, curries and street food. Daily D; Sun L & D. ££. 535 *King's Rd, SW10 0SZ*. 020 7351 7788. [masalagrill.co](http://masalagrill.co). 🚗 Fulham Broadway. Off map.

### MASALA ZONE

Great-value Indian street food. Daily L & D. £. 9 *Marshall St, W1F 7ER* (and branches). 020 7287 9966. [masalazone.com](http://masalazone.com). 🚗 Oxford Circus. Map B5.

**MEMORIES OF INDIA**

Traditional and creative dishes in this smart restaurant. Daily L & D. ££. *18 Gloucester Rd, SW7 4RB. 020 7589 6450. memoriesofindia.com.*  
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**MINT LEAF**

Innovative Indian cuisine in a chic Theatreland setting. Great cocktails and bar snacks, too. Mon-Fri L & D; Sat-Sun D. ££. *Suffolk Place, Haymarket, SW1Y 4HX. 020 7930 9020. mintleafondon.com.* ➔ Piccadilly Circus. Map C5.

**SARASTRO**

Baroque-style décor sets the scene for Turkish and Mediterranean cuisine. Live opera Sun L, Sun and Mon D. Daily L & D. ££. *126 Drury Lane, WC2B 5SU. 020 7836 0101. sarastro-restaurant.com.* ➔ Covent Garden. Map B6.

**VEERASWAMY**

In London's oldest Indian restaurant, the décor evokes a 1920s maharajah's palace. Daily L & D. £££. *99 Regent St, W1B 4RS. 020 7734 1401. veeraswamy.com.* ➔ Piccadilly Circus. Map C5.

**ITALIAN****POLPO**

Classic Italian dishes made with a light touch. Enjoy everything from crab arancini to fritto misto. Daily L & D. ££. *41 Beak St, W1F 9SB (and branches). 020 7734 4479. polpo.co.uk.*  
 ➔ Piccadilly Circus. Map B5.

**ROSSOPOMODORO**

This authentic Neapolitan pizza restaurant is in John Lewis department store. Thur L & D until 9pm; Wed-Sat L & D until 8pm; Sun L until 6pm. ££. *John Lewis, 300 Oxford St, W1A 1EX (and branches). 020 7495 8409. rossopomodoro.co.uk.*  
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**MEXICAN****CHIQUITO**

This fun venue has a menu filled with popular Mexican classics. Great-value kids' menu for under £5. Daily B, L & D. ££. *20-21 Leicester Square, WC2H 7LE. 020 7321 6070. chiquito.co.uk.* ➔ Leicester Square. Map C5.

**WAHACA**

This popular chain has a menu that features tacos, burritos and quesadillas as well as innovative street food. Daily L & D. £. *80 Wardour St, W1F 0TF (and branches). 020 7734 0195. wahaca.co.uk.*  
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#### HELIOT

Hippodrome Casino's restaurant serves British classics. Daily D; Sat-Sun L. ££-£££. The Hippodrome Casino, Cranbourn St, WC2H 7JH. 020 7769 8844. hippodromecasino.com.  Leicester Square. Map C5.


#### RS HISPANIOLA

Mediterranean cuisine on a ship. Daily L & D. ££. Victoria Embankment, WC2N 5DJ. 020 7839 3011. hispaniola.co.uk.   Embankment. Map C6.

#### TING



European dishes with an Asian influence. Daily B, L & D. ££££. Shangri-La, The Shard, 31 St Thomas St, SE1 9QU. 020 7234 8108. shangri-la.com.   London Bridge. Map C8.

#### VERDI

Dine on Italian classics inside the Royal Albert Hall. Daily L & D. ££. Door 12, Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP. 020 7070 4401. verdiitalian.com.  South Kensington. Map D2.

### SOUTH EAST ASIAN

#### BLUE ELEPHANT

Great Thai cuisine in a riverside setting. Tue-Sun D; Sun L. £££. The Boulevard, Imperial Wharf, Townmead Rd, SW6 2UB. 020 7751 3111. blueelephant.com.   Imperial Wharf. Off map.


#### MANGO TREE

Elegant fine-dining Thai restaurant close to Buckingham Palace. ££-£££. Daily L & D. 46 Grosvenor Place, SW1X 7EQ (and Harrods branch). 020 7823 1888. mangotree.org.uk.   Victoria. Map D4.

#### ROSA'S THAI CAFÉ

Modern cuisine in a relaxed setting. The menu has a range of dishes, from salads to curries. Daily L & D. ££. 48 Dean St, W1D 5BF. 020 7494 1638. rosasthaicafe.com.  Leicester Square. Map B5.

#### THAI POT

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### VEGETARIAN & VEGAN MILDREDS

A Soho dining institution serving classic and internationally inspired dishes made with meat-free ingredients. Takeaway is available too. ££. Mon-Sat L & D. 45 *Lexington St, W1F 9AN (and branches). 020 7494 1634. [mildreds.co.uk](http://mildreds.co.uk). Oxford Circus. Map B5.*

### WOODLANDS

Authentic Indian cuisine that caters for gluten-free, vegan and Jain diets. Daily L & D. £££. 77 *Marylebone Lane, W1U 2PS (and branches). 020 7486 3862. [woodlandsrestaurant.co.uk](http://woodlandsrestaurant.co.uk). Bond Street. Map B4.*

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Try A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte, originally one of Georges

Seurat's most famous works. Like the painting, the cocktail is bright and sunny with gin and citrus oil. The Sunday afternoon aspect kicks in with hints of Lapsang Souchong tea. Notice the infused tapioca pearls at the bottom of the glass to represent Seurat's tiny dot painting technique.

If you love a bloody mary, be sure to try the Campbell's Tomato Soup, made famous by Andy Warhol. Just like Pop Art, it packs a POW! Choose from bacon bourbon or olive oil vodka in yours.

The Scream will leave you gasping for more of its mezcal and cassis. But for the ultimate treat, order a Son of a Man featuring two apple cider brandies – it's as pretty as a picture. After a visit to Clarendon, you'll agree: the next best thing to seeing a masterpiece is drinking one.

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## INFO

Most bars are open 11am-11pm, most nightclubs are open 10pm-3am. The UK's legal drinking age is 18 years old. ID may be required. Map: refers to the grid coordinates on our Central London map. Transport symbols: see Contents p. 5 for key

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#### THE SPANIARDS INN

Ancient pub by Hampstead Heath, which was frequented by writer Charles Dickens. *Spaniards Rd*, NW3 7JJ. 020 8731 8406. [thespaniards-hampstead.co.uk](http://thespaniards-hampstead.co.uk). 🚶🚶🚶 Hampstead. Off map.

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#### BUDDHA-BAR

This very trendy club and restaurant attracts a fashion-conscious crowd. 145 Knightsbridge, SW1X 7PA. 020 3667 5222. [buddhabarlondon.com](http://buddhabarlondon.com). 🚶🚶🚶 Knightsbridge. Map D3.

#### GONG

Located on the 52nd floor of The Shard, Gong is the smart lounge and bar in the skyscraper's hotel, Shangri-La. The views – and cocktails, too – are simply unbeatable. 31 St Thomas St, SE1 9QU. 020 7234 8208. [shangri-la.com](http://shangri-la.com). 🚶🚶🚶 London Bridge. Map C8.

#### GORDON'S WINE BAR

There is a huge selection of wines in this busy brick-walled basement, established in 1890. 47 Villiers St, WC2N 6NE. 020 7930 1408. [gordonswinebar.com](http://gordonswinebar.com). 🚶🚶🚶 Charing Cross. Map C6.

#### MINISTRY OF SOUND

Major nightclub attracting big-name DJs. 103 Gaunt St, SE1 6DP. 020 7740 8600. [ministryofsound.com](http://ministryofsound.com). 🚶🚶🚶 Elephant & Castle. Off map.

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'Be yourself, everyone else is already taken,' reads a neon sign in **Clerkenwell & Social** – a new artisan cocktail bar in St John's Square near Farringdon. The quote is from playwright Oscar Wilde, one of London's most famous former residents, and it's part of a literary theme that runs through the bar, from the décor to the cocktail names. We recommend the *Moby Dick*, an elegant blend of fresh coffee, rum and cinnamon. Combine this with a few sharing boards of arancini, calamari, pork belly bites and croquettes, or authentic Italian pizzas. Daily two-for-one Happy Hours on cocktails are popular for a reason, so get there early in the evening and watch the world go by from the heated terrace. 2-5 St John's Square, EC1M 4DE. 020 7608 2117. [clerkenwellandsocial.com](http://clerkenwellandsocial.com)

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## Shakespeare in love

Pay tribute to William Shakespeare by visiting the playwright's birthplace 400 years after his death, says Sarah Riches

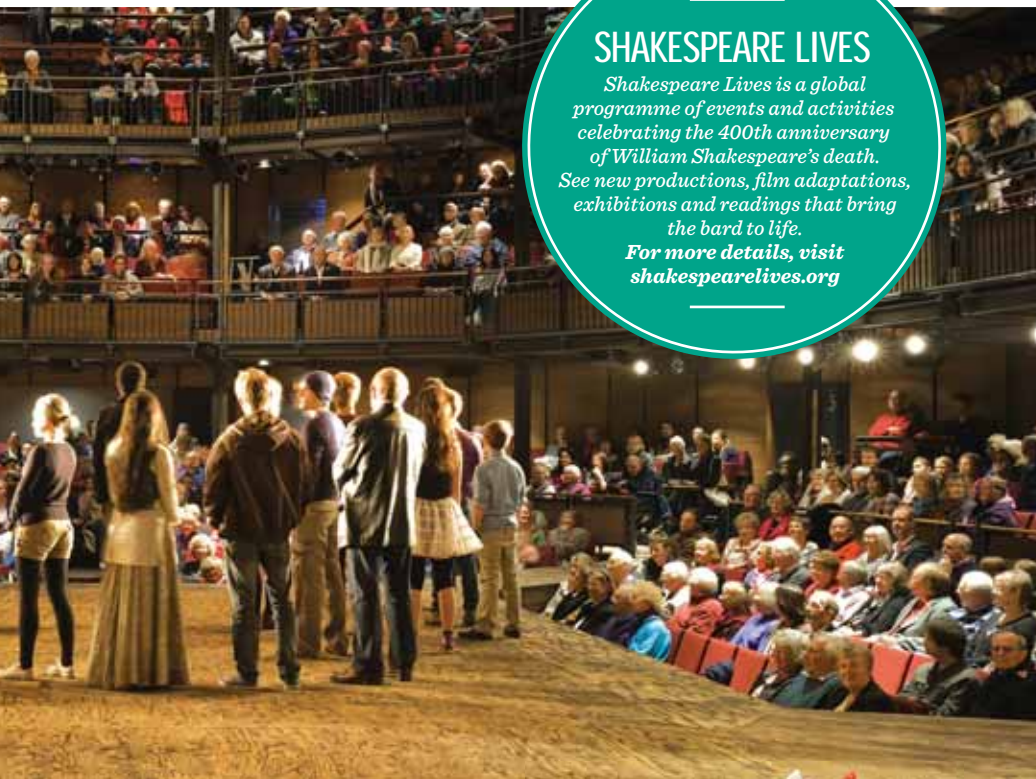


Spring has finally sprung and there's no better time than now to visit Stratford-upon-Avon, the town in which the great playwright William Shakespeare was born and died. While he spent much of his time working in London, acting and writing plays, it is here that he grew up and chose to raise his family.

This month marks the 400th anniversary of the bard's death, and to commemorate the writer the town is hosting a parade, fireworks and a live TV broadcast. It will also reopen the refurbished **The Other Place** theatre, and, following a £2.8 million investment, reopen the **Swan Theatre**, which

hosts the exhibition *The Play's the Thing*. It includes props, costumes and set designs from 100 years of theatre, as well as family activities (from 25 Jun). The world-famous Royal Shakespeare Company is celebrating with shows at the grand **Royal Shakespeare Theatre**, which include *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (to 16 Jul) starring Ayesha Dharker; *Cymbeline* (from 29 Apr) and *Hamlet* (to 13 Aug). Located about 100 miles outside London, and taking two hours by train from Marylebone, Stratford-upon-Avon makes for a great day trip as well as a short stay where you can eat, pray and fall in love, just like the bard did.





## SHAKESPEARE LIVES

*Shakespeare Lives is a global programme of events and activities celebrating the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death. See new productions, film adaptations, exhibitions and readings that bring the bard to life.*

**For more details, visit [shakespearelives.org](http://shakespearelives.org)**

## EAT

Enjoy a sharing platter or cheeseboard at the **Hathaway Tea Rooms**. The Tudor building features beams, wooden panelling, exposed brick and criss-crossed windows. Save space for a wedge of Victoria sponge or share in a traditional afternoon tea, which comes on a three-tier stand. On a fine day, you can also sit outside in the garden.

19 High St, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6AU.  
01789 264022. [hathawaytearooms.com](http://hathawaytearooms.com)

**The Dirty Duck** is ideal for a pre-theatre dinner, as it's opposite the Royal Shakespeare



**Clockwise from left:** Royal Shakespeare Theatre exterior; on stage at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre; Hathaway Tea Rooms



## BEYOND LONDON



Theatre. Go post-performance and you might spot a star by the open fire – previous guests have included pop singer Kylie Minogue and actress Dame Judi Dench, while signed portraits of actors line the walls. It serves large portions of traditional dishes such as Sunday roast, fish and chips, and sausage and mash with beef-dripping gravy, washed down with real ale. *Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6BA. 01789 297312. oldenglishinns.co.uk*

For wonderful views, head to the **Roof-top Restaurant** inside the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. A two-course meal costs £19.95 – mains include chargrilled sirloin steak and pork belly. *Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6BB. 01789 403449. rsc.org.uk*

### PRAY

Hundreds of poet pilgrims visit **Holy Trinity Church** each year to pay their respects at the graves of Shakespeare, his wife Anne Hathaway,

their daughter and son-in-law. You can also see a memorial bust of the bard, which aptly depicts him holding a pen and paper.

Visit on 23 April and you'll see a pageant of thousands, led by boys from Shakespeare's old school, parade through town to lay flowers on his grave. There will also be fireworks and a show inspired by Shakespeare's stories by the acrobatic company, Membre. *£3. Old Town, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6BG. 01789 266316. stratford-upon-avon.org*

### LOVE

**Shakespeare's Birthplace** shows you where the poet spent his childhood and then lived with his wife Anne Hathaway early in their marriage. While you explore its restored Tudor rooms,

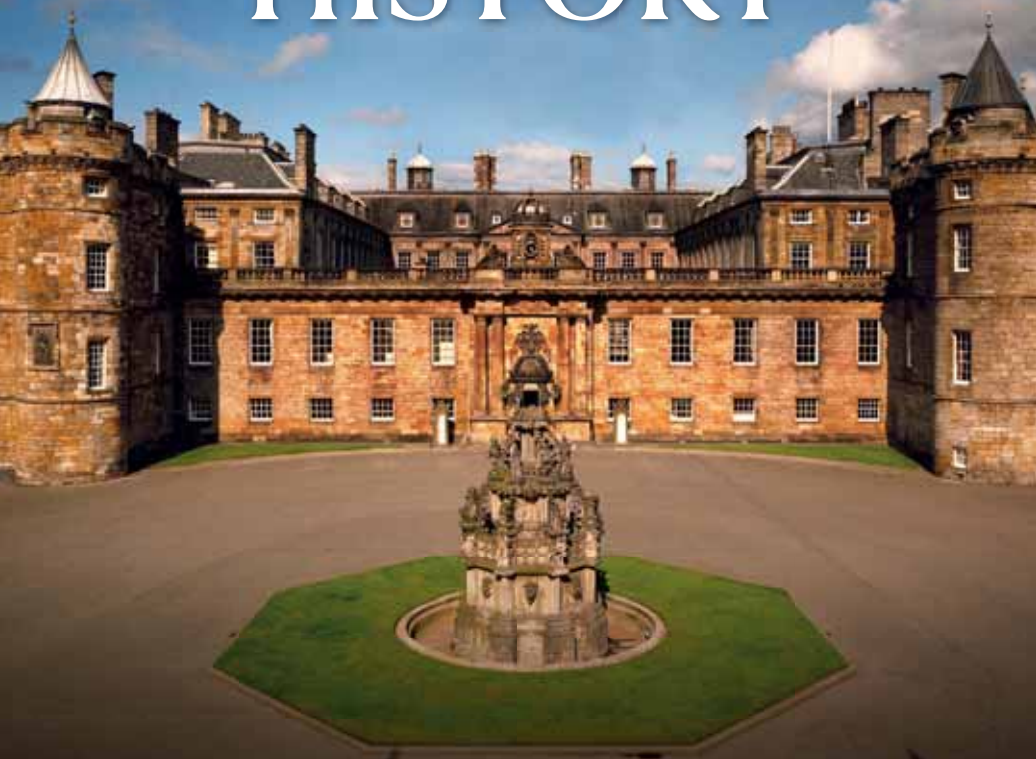
**Clockwise from top:** Holy Trinity Church; Shakespeare's birthplace; The Dirty Duck pub; River Avon with the Holy Trinity church

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acting troupe Shakespeare Aloud! performs live. *Prices vary. Check website for details of passes you can buy which allow entry into other Shakespeare attractions. Henley St, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6QW. 01789 204016. [shakespeare.org.uk](http://shakespeare.org.uk)*

Walk along the pleasant mile-long footpath from the centre of the town and you reach **Anne Hathaway's Cottage**, which is where Shakespeare courted his wife-to-be. It has a thatched roof and original furniture including her carved oak bed. When you've finished, stroll along the sculpture trail in its nine-acre garden. *Adult £9.90; child £5.90. Cottage Lane, Shottery, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9HH. 01789 204016. [shakespeare.org.uk](http://shakespeare.org.uk)*

Who'd have thought that Stratford-upon-Avon is also home to one of the most romantic modes of transport: a gondola. Romantic novelist Marie Corelli would punt up and down the river in one in the early 1900s. Now the vessel has been restored by **Avon Boating** and passes the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and Holy Trinity Church. *Rowing boat adult £5; child £3 per hour. Gondola £100 for 40 minutes. Swan's Nest Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7LS. 01789 267073. [avon-boating.co.uk](http://avon-boating.co.uk)*

Another highlight is **Hall's Croft**. Home to a walled rose garden, it also offers breathtaking views across Stratford when you climb up its tower. Built in 1613, it was home to Shakespeare's daughter Susanna and her husband Dr John Hall. *Prices vary – see details of passes in Shakespeare's Birthplace section. Old Town, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6BG. 01789 338533. [shakespeare.org.uk](http://shakespeare.org.uk)*

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**Top:** Anne Hathaway's Cottage  
**Left:** Merlin Lounge at Falcon Hotel

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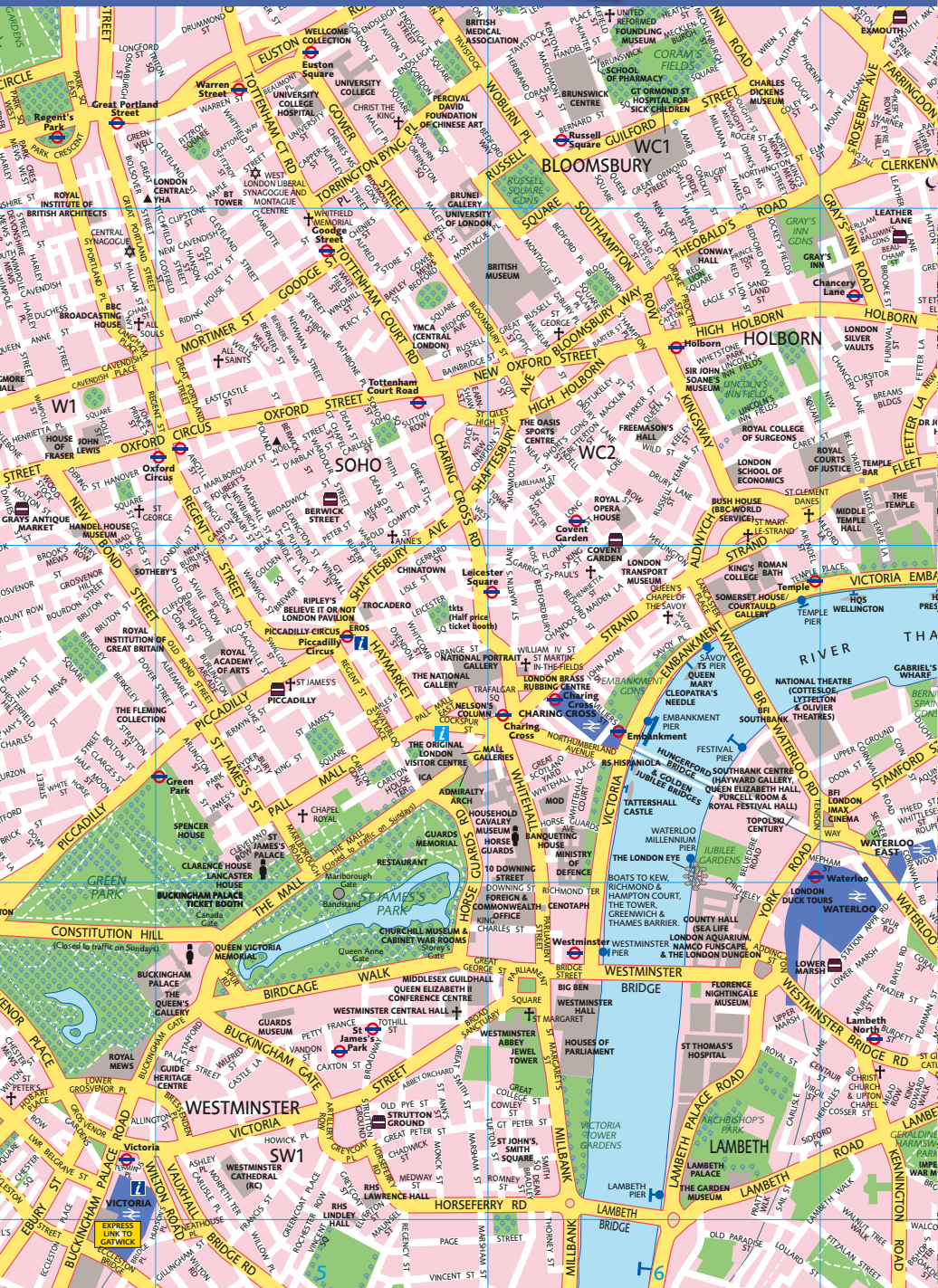




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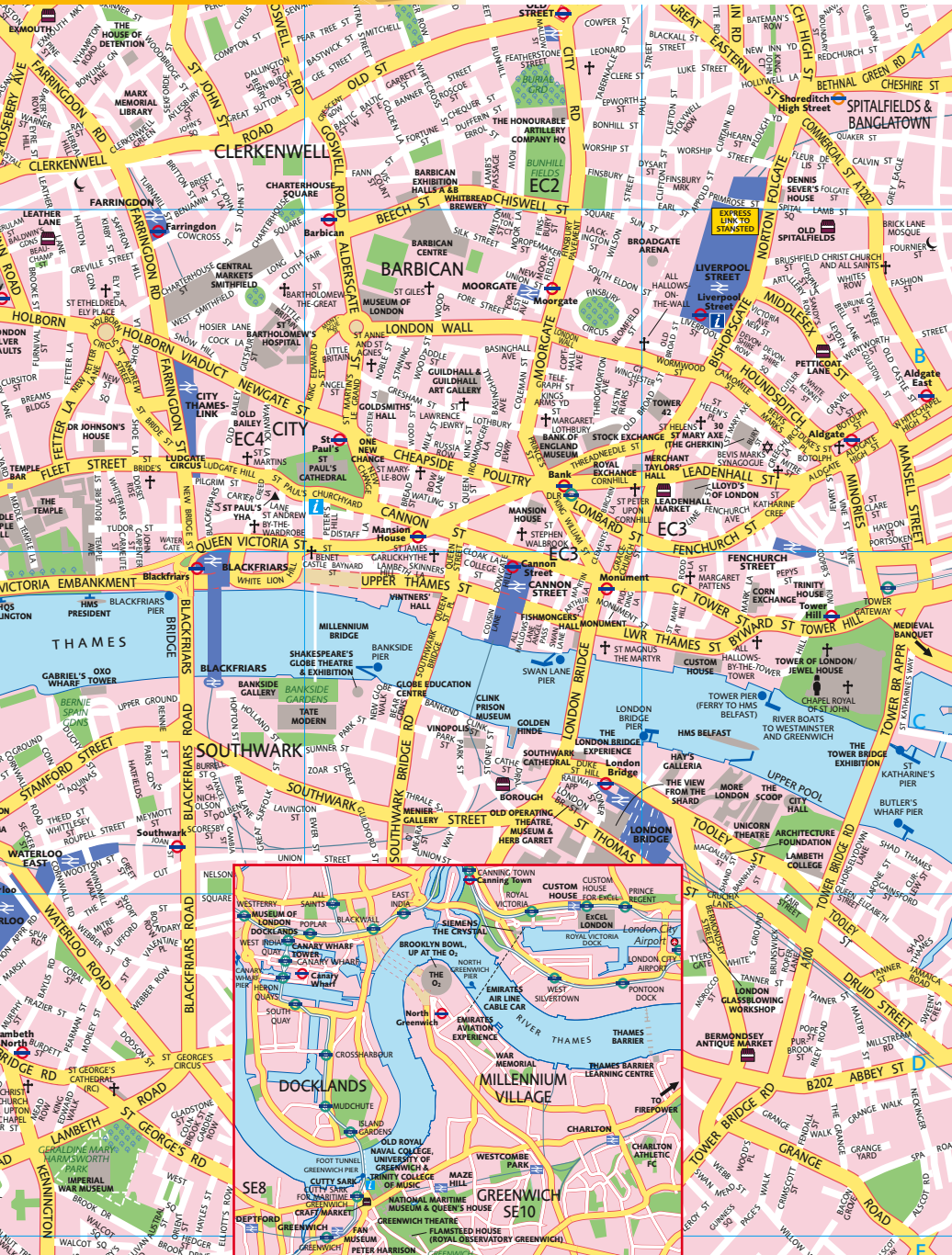
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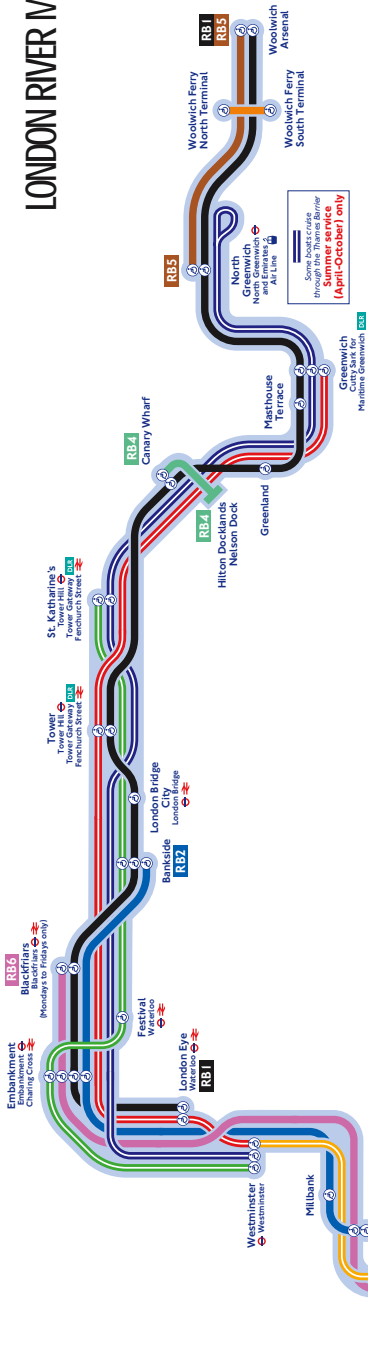
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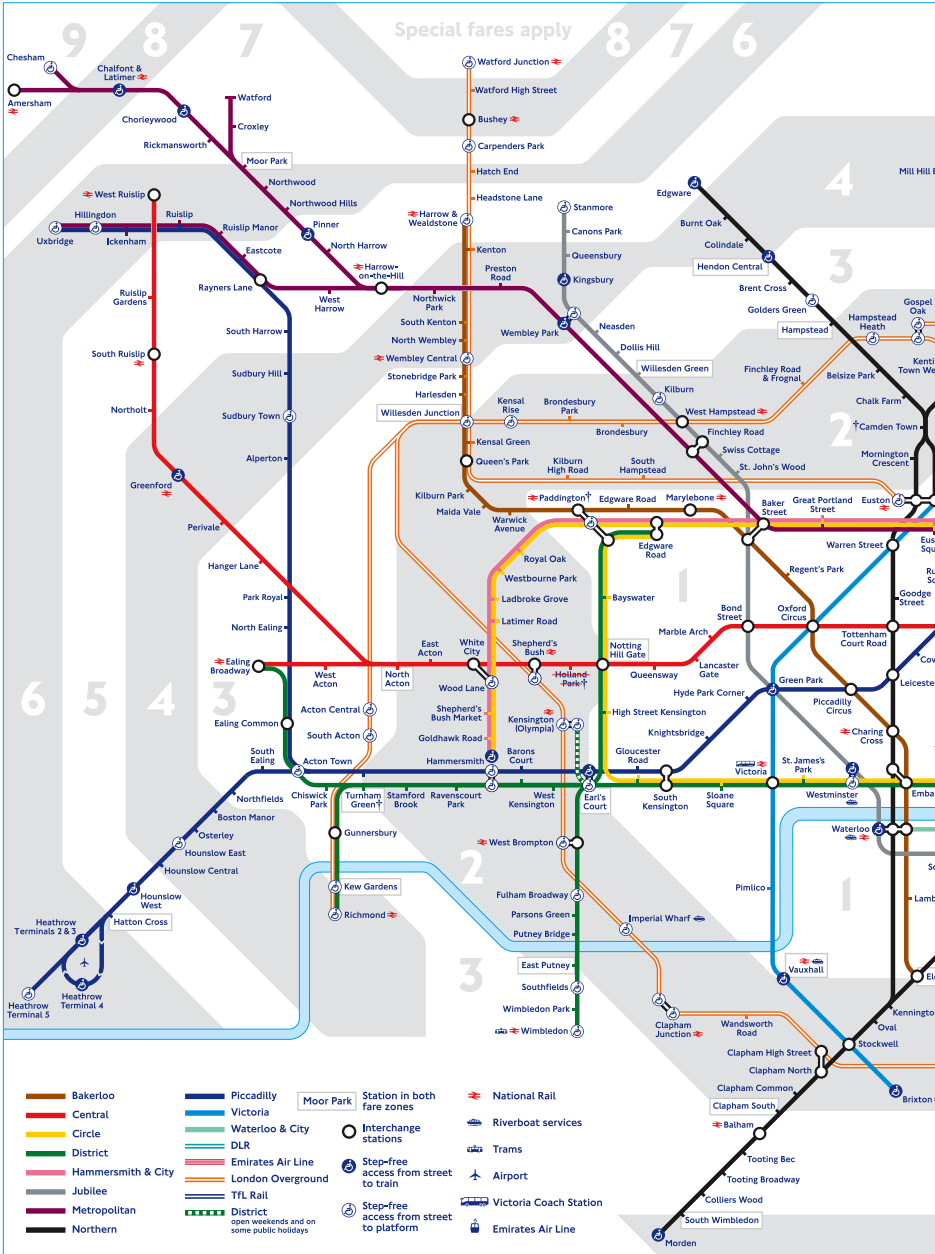
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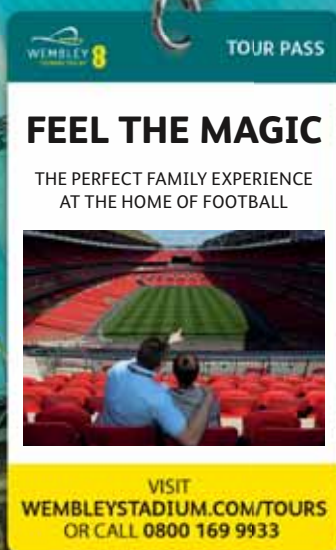
**A 1960s**

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