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# THE MAYOR'S LETTER

## A big welcome to London this February

This month we'll be celebrating Chinese New Year as we mark the start of the Year of the Dog. With a spectacular parade of lions and dragons, it will be a brilliant showcase of Chinese culture, with live music, the best of Chinese dance and markets to browse.

February marks 100 years since some women were given the right to vote in the UK for the first time. Keep an eye out for events which will champion the achievements of women from all walks of life.

Our city can rightly claim to be one of the big four fashion capitals of the world, alongside Paris, Milan and New York. This month the capital's best dressed will be out for London Fashion Week, celebrating and showcasing amazing British design.

The Orchids Festival at Kew Gardens is a brilliant way to mark the start of spring. This year's festival is themed around Thailand's vibrant plant life and culture. Meanwhile, if it's world-class sport you're after, rugby's Six Nations Championship gets under way.

Whatever you do, have a wonderful time!



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# FREE ATTRACTIONS

London's most popular free attractions compiled according to the latest available visitor numbers from [www.visitlondon.com](http://www.visitlondon.com)



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## 1 **The British Museum**

The famous museum houses treasures including the Rosetta Stone and Egyptian mummies.

## 2 **The National Gallery**

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

## 3 **Tate Modern**

This former power station in Bankside, now with a new wing, houses a modern art collection.

## 4 **Natural History Museum**

Explore the natural world, including prehistoric fossils, dinosaurs and taxidermy.

## 5 **Southbank Centre**

Opened in 1951, this arts centre hosts music, dance, art and spoken word events.

## 6 **Somerset House**

Somerset House is home to Embankment Galleries, and The Courtauld Gallery with its Old Masters.

## 7 **Science Museum**

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

## 8 **Victoria and Albert Museum**

Incredible historic artefacts that span more than 3,000 years and include art, sculpture and fashion.

## 9 **Royal Museums Greenwich**

Discover maritime history and world-class art in this Unesco World Heritage Site.

## 10 **National Portrait Gallery**

This gallery houses a collection of portraits of historically important and famous British people.



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## ROMANTIC LONDON

# London in LOVE

Move over, Paris – London is the city of love and romance. Neil Simpson tells you why

With so many centuries of history under its belt, London has a lot of love stories worthy of St Valentine's attention. As Prince Harry and Meghan Markle plan their spring wedding, we're retelling some of the city's epic relationships – both world-famous and lesser-known – and revealing where they happened.

### PRINCE HARRY AND MEGHAN MARKLE Nottingham Cottage, Kensington

Nestled in the grounds of Kensington Palace, Harry and Meghan's love nest seems quaint and simple but, this being the royal family, the cottage was designed by Sir Christopher Wren, one of Britain's most renowned architects. We wouldn't expect anything less. [www.hrp.org.uk](http://www.hrp.org.uk)

### PAUL AND LINDA MCCARTNEY Old Marylebone Town Hall, Marylebone

The Beatle and the photographer met at Soho's Bag O'Nails club in 1967, parallel to the epicentre of London's Swinging Sixties scene, Carnaby Street. The club is still open, for members only, but for





**Clockwise from left:** Prince Harry and Meghan Markle; Paul and Linda McCartney's wedding day in 1969; Margaret McCollum at Embankment Station; Ruth and Richard Rogers

Beatles fans, it's worth visiting to see the commemorative plaque in the doorway. In 1969, Paul and Linda were married at Old Marylebone Town Hall, which has just emerged from a major interior refurbishment. Breast cancer took Linda's life in 1998, and in 2011 Paul returned to the town hall to marry Nancy Shevell. The hall has also witnessed the weddings of Ringo Starr, Liam Gallagher and Antonio Banderas to Melanie Griffith. If you'd like a free tour of the Sir Edwin Cooper-designed, 1920s hall, note that you need to book in advance. [www.westminster.gov.uk/old-marylebone-town-hall](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/old-marylebone-town-hall)

### **OSWALD LAURENCE AND MARGARET MCCOLLUM** **Embankment Station, Charing Cross**

This tale of London love may not be between two famous figures, but it might be the most beautiful story: actor Oswald Laurence and doctor Margaret McCollum were married for

15 years and lived together in north London. During his career, Oswald recorded the famous 'mind the gap' message for the Northern line, but after 40 years London Underground reduced its use until it was only played at Embankment Station. Oswald died in 2007 and Margaret regularly visited the station to hear his voice, but in 2012 Transport for London (TfL) replaced the recording. Margaret contacted TfL, which arranged for a CD recording of Oswald's 'mind the gap' message to be sent to her. TfL was so touched by the story that in March 2013, it reintroduced Oswald's voice to Embankment Station, where you can still hear it today. [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk)

### **RUTH AND RICHARD ROGERS** **The River Café, Hammersmith**

One of London's most iconic restaurants has a love story at its heart, which began almost half a century ago: design student Ruth Elias met architect Richard in 1969, and they married four years later. In 1987, Ruth partnered up with her friend Rose Gray to open

## ROMANTIC LONDON

The River Café in Hammersmith, an Italian restaurant designed by Richard. It was founded primarily to feed the staff at Richard's nearby architectural practice, and for decades, he and Ruth would walk back and forth to see each other every day. As the years have passed, the restaurant has become a London institution and although Richard has been forced to move his practice out of the neighbourhood, their love story continues. [www.rivercafe.co.uk](http://www.rivercafe.co.uk)

### QUEEN VICTORIA AND PRINCE ALBERT Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington

Arguably the biggest London love story of them all, Victoria and Albert's epic bond is in evidence on a grand scale in the city: the Victoria and Albert Museum was just one of the museums on Kensington's Exhibition Road built by Albert (the area's 19th-century nickname was 'Albertopolis'). The Science Museum, the Natural History Museum and more were all funded using the huge profits generated by his Great Exhibition of 1851. The money intended for building the Royal Albert Hall was diverted by Victoria following Albert's death in 1861, so that she could use it to build the Albert Memorial just across the road – following Albert's death, Victoria famously wore nothing but black for the rest of her life. [www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk)

### GILBERT & GEORGE Spitalfields Market, Shoreditch

Originally from Plymouth, Devon, George Passmore met his Italian husband Gilbert Prousch in 1967, when the pair began studying sculpture at Saint Martin's School of Art (which is now part of the Central Saint Martins arts school). They have been inseparable ever since, as an artistic partnership that believes in 'art for all'. Together Gilbert & George won the Turner Prize in 1986, counted David Bowie as a customer and also enjoyed Tate Modern's largest artist retrospective exhibition in 2007. The couple married in 2008 and have lived in a restored 18th-century house on Fournier Street in Spitalfields since 1968. Embark on a shopping trip to Spitalfields Market and you might just spot them. [www.gilbertandgeorge.co.uk](http://www.gilbertandgeorge.co.uk)



**From the top:** Queen Victoria and Prince Albert; Gilbert & George

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## JOHN KEATS AND FANNY BRAWNE Keats House, Hampstead

It seems only right that one of English literature's greatest Romantic poets had an equally romantic (and tragic) love story. In pursuit of a healthier lifestyle, John and his two brothers moved from the City of London to Hampstead in 1817, when John was 22 years old. He moved into the smaller half of a house called Wentworth Place in 1818, and soon after the Brawne family moved into the larger half. John quickly fell in love with their eldest daughter, Fanny, and they became engaged in 1819. When John became ill with tuberculosis, he wrote letters to Fanny, despite the fact that she lived just next door. John died less than two years later and these days, you can tour the Georgian villa where he met the love of his life. [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/keats-house](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/keats-house)

## PRINCE WILLIAM AND KATE MIDDLETON Westminster Abbey, Westminster

There was a time during the credit crunch when it was rumoured that Will and Kate would have a low-key wedding. In April 2011, however, the second in line to the British throne married a Berkshire commoner at Westminster Abbey

in front of 1,900 guests, fulfilling the fairytale wedding dreams of royalists all over the world. Will and Kate met at the University of St Andrews in Scotland in 2001, but the capital is very much their home now – the couple live in Kensington Palace. [www.westminster-abbey.org](http://www.westminster-abbey.org)

## DANA INGROVÁ AND EMIL ZATÓPEK Wembley Stadium, Wembley

This athletic couple were born on exactly the same day in the former Czechoslovakia, but didn't meet each other until they were competing in the London Olympic Games in 1948. Emil was a runner and Dana a javelin thrower, and they both broke their personal best records on the day they met. During the Games at Wembley, Emil won two medals (5,000m silver and 10,000m gold) and by the time the 1948 Games were over, Emil and Dana were engaged. The couple continued to compete together and were married for 52 years, until Emil passed away in 2000. [www.wembleystadium.com](http://www.wembleystadium.com)



Clockwise from above: Prince William and Kate Middleton; John Keats; Fanny Brawne; Dana Ingrová and Emil Zátopek

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# FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD



If you want to live like a local, grab a seat at one of these tables and enjoy traditional British dishes, from fish and chips to a Sunday roast, says **Sarah Riches**

## PANCAKES

For more than 500 years, Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday (13 Feb), has been a traditional day of feasting in England, invented so that people could use up eggs and fats before fasting in the run-up to Easter. Celebrate this ritual at Crème de la Crêpe in Covent Garden, where you can enjoy pancakes filled with British favourites such as Heinz baked beans. [www.cremedelacrepe.co.uk](http://www.cremedelacrepe.co.uk)

## FISH AND CHIPS

Probably the UK's most recognised national dish, battered fish and chips were first served in the 1800s – Charles Dickens mentioned fried fish in *Oliver Twist* in 1839. Until the 1980s, they were served in old newspaper, and they're usually eaten with your fingers. Try them with salt and vinegar, tomato ketchup, mushy peas, pickled onions and gherkins, topped with gravy, cheese or curry sauce. Pat 'Pop' Newland – the man behind Poppie's – started his career in the chippy trade aged 11, in 1952. The Spitalfields and Camden branches rock a 1950s vibe, with music hall songs and memorabilia from Pop's childhood on display, including Chopper bikes and Space Hoppers. You can also try jellied eels, a traditional dish loved by East Enders over the centuries. [www.poppiesfishandchips.co.uk](http://www.poppiesfishandchips.co.uk)

## ENGLISH BREAKFAST

The cooked breakfast, or fry up, dates back to the 1300s when the upper classes would demonstrate their wealth to visitors during breakfast feasts. It took on its current form during the Industrial Revolution, when the masses needed to fill up before work. Riding House Café's Full English has two fried eggs, a free-range pork sausage, bacon, baked beans, mushrooms and tomatoes. [www.ridinghouse.cafe](http://www.ridinghouse.cafe)

## SUNDAY ROAST

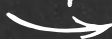
King Henry VIII's bodyguards were so fond of beef they were nicknamed Beefeaters, a name still used today. Their habit of eating Yorkshire puddings as a cheap, filling starter and then roast beef on Sunday after church soon spread. Today, most pubs serve roast beef and potatoes with seasonal vegetables, savoury Yorkshire puddings and gravy. Roast by Borough Market serves 48-day dry-aged roast sirloin served with Yorkshire pudding, rosemary 'roasties' and horseradish cream. For a modern take, pop by Yorkshire Burrito in Soho, which sells the whole shebang – slow-cooked beef, stuffing, roast potatoes and red wine gravy – wrapped in a giant Yorkshire pudding. [www.roast-restaurant.com](http://www.roast-restaurant.com); [www.yorkshireburrito.com](http://www.yorkshireburrito.com)



Full English Breakfast



Fish and Chips



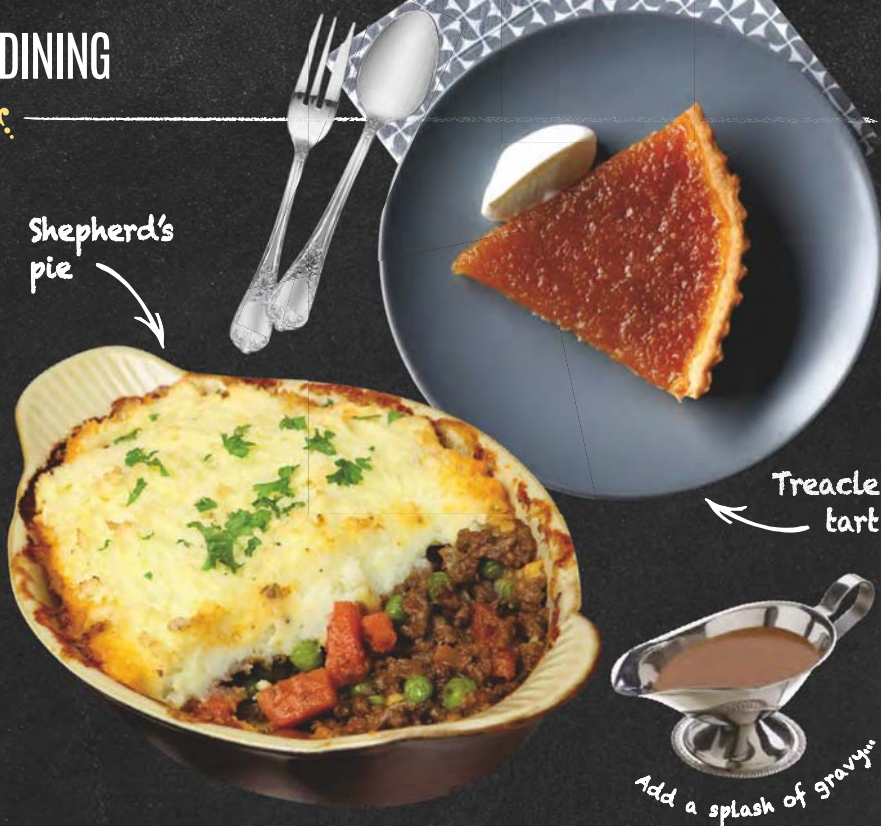
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Shepherd's pie

Treacle tart

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## BANGERS AND MASH

When meat was in short supply during World War I, water and cereal were added to sausages to bulk them up – making them sizzle or ‘bang’ in the frying pan. This led to the nickname bangers and mash, or sausages and mashed potato. The sausages are often made from pork and drenched with onion gravy. Try the dish at Mother Mash off Carnaby Street. Choose mash made with milk and butter, Cheddar cheese, mustard or onions; a pork or lamb banger, flavoured with herbs, and red wine, onion or veggie gravy. [www.mothermash.co.uk](http://www.mothermash.co.uk)

## SHEPHERD'S PIE

While it's not really a pie, or filled pastry, a typical shepherd's pie is made with minced mutton or lamb, chopped carrots and onions and topped with mashed potato made crispy in the oven – the ultimate comfort food. It's often confused with cottage pie, which is made with minced beef topped with sliced potatoes. Cheap and filling, cottage pie was made by peasants in

cottages – hence the name – and was eaten 100 years before shepherd's pie. You can try both in most pubs, while shepherd's pie is available at The Bridge House, a gastropub with a real fireplace and piano by Tower Bridge. [www.bridgehousebar.co.uk](http://www.bridgehousebar.co.uk)

## TREACLE TART

Traditionally, this sticky dessert was popular with the lower classes, as it used cheap ingredients – bread and thick, black treacle – but golden syrup has been used instead of treacle since the dish was invented in the 1880s. Today, it's made by pouring golden syrup, lemon juice and breadcrumbs into shortcrust pastry, and served with cream or custard. A popular pudding at school, it features in *Harry Potter*, while the Child Catcher in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* used it to tempt children into a cage. Canteen, which makes classic British dishes such as pies on site in the Royal Festival Hall and Spitalfields, serves treacle tart with clotted cream. [www.canteen.co.uk](http://www.canteen.co.uk)





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# DINING



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Fruit crumble

## CRUMBLE

A hot dessert is just what you need in winter, so why not try a traditional crumble, made with stewed fruit topped with a blend of oats, sugar, flour and butter? The Café in the Crypt, a hidden spot with brick-vaulted ceilings and tombstones beneath St Martin-in-the-Fields in Trafalgar Square, has a daily crumble – try apple, blackberry or blueberry, served with custard. [www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org](http://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org)

## BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING

A dessert made with stale bread and nicknamed the poor man's pudding doesn't sound appealing, but this dish from the 1200s is really tasty. Once popular with the lower classes, it's now served on modern menus. Recipes vary, but usually include bread, rum-soaked raisins and custard, flavoured with nutmeg, cinnamon and orange or lemon zest. Try it at The English Restaurant by Spitalfields Market. [www.theenglishrestaurant.com](http://www.theenglishrestaurant.com)

# REGIONAL DISHES

Try a regional dish, even if you don't travel out of the capital.

**Cornish pasty** Half-moon-shaped pastries stuffed with beef and root vegetables; cheese and onion or chicken and mushroom. Try one at the West Cornwall Pasty Co. [www.westcornwallpasty.co.uk](http://www.westcornwallpasty.co.uk)

**Eccles cakes** Named after Eccles in Greater Manchester, these flat, circular pastries are filled with currants and dusted with sugar. Try them at St John Bar & Restaurant Smithfield, St John Bread and Wine or St John Maltby, with or without Lancashire cheese, or from its bakery at weekends. [www.stjohnsgroup.uk.com](http://www.stjohnsgroup.uk.com)



Eccles  
cakes

London. The pub also serves Scotch eggs, Sunday roast, fish and chips and sticky toffee pudding. [www.theoldredcow.com](http://www.theoldredcow.com)

## Melton Mowbray pork pie

Made in Melton Mowbray in Leicestershire, this pork-filled pastry was created in the 1700s so it could be carried to work or on a hunt. The pastry was originally discarded before jelly was added to preserve the meat and prevent the pie from crumbling. Try one at Mrs King's Pork Pies at Borough Market. [www.boroughmarket.org.uk](http://www.boroughmarket.org.uk)

**Welsh rarebit** A South Wales staple, this is cheese on toast, flavoured with ale, mustard or Worcestershire sauce. Try it with brown ale at the Old Red Cow, a traditional pub with church pews near the Museum of

Pork pie





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# Chinatown

With so many restaurants packed into one small area, Chinatown is a great place to head to if you're hungry. **Leyla Kazim** of the food and travel blog *The Cutlery Chronicles* picks her favourites.

## 1 **Food House**

This energetic and bustling restaurant on Gerrard Street with 風味食堂 above the door (translating to Food House) is a hub for fiery Sichuan specialties. Its huge bowl of wide and hearty handmade noodles smothered in chilli oil with tender lamb is the stuff dreams are made of.

## 2 **Good Friend**

From this small takeaway joint on Little Newport Street, you'll find Taiwan's iconic hammered and

fried chicken breast – and it's a mighty size. Light and crunchy, get it dusted with a powdered seasoning for an addictive cheap treat on the move.

## 3 **Golden Gate Cake Shop**

It's hard not to marvel at the 80 types of cakes available at this Cantonese bakery on Macclesfield Street. There's a lot to choose from, but for a sweet fix I can't resist its terrific creamy custard buns. Soft and pillowy bread conceals the sweet and rich filling.

Warning: don't be surprised if you scoff two in one sitting.

## 4 **Four Seasons**

The Chinatown outposts (on Gerrard Street and Wardour Street) of this small group of Cantonese restaurants are perfect spots to sample some of the best roast duck in town. The grain-fed free-range birds yield juicy flesh and exquisite crispy skin, seasoned with a secret blend of spices. I've hardly eaten Cantonese roast duck anywhere else since my first visit.

## 5 **C&R Cafe**

You will find classic Malaysian fare inside this relaxed restaurant in Rupert Court, with a fan base that even includes one of the country's harshest food critics: *The Guardian* newspaper's Jay Rayner. Don't miss the delicious Penang staple of buttery and flaky roti with a glorious curry dipping sauce for an excellent light bite. This is pretty much as good as the ones that I enjoyed when I visited Penang a couple of years ago!



**6 Experimental Cocktail Club**

Hidden behind an unassuming black door on Gerrard Street, you will find one of the most exciting bars in London and a place you would not expect to find in the depths of Chinatown. With an arresting interior and a thrilling stock of vintage and hard-to-source spirits, its classic Negroni is quite unlike any other. Expect 1970s Campari and gin hailing from the 1950s. This is one of my favourite places to visit, as it feels as though you are time travelling via the medium of cocktails. Make sure you get in touch and book a table in advance to avoid disappointment – it is very popular.

**7 Little Wooden Hut**

Representing regional dishes from across China, Little Wooden Hut on Lisle Street may be tiny, but I love how its menu packs a serious punch. The Chongqing noodles, with a bright red chilli oil soup base laced with prickly Sichuan pepper, stampede across your tastebuds.

**8 Rasa Sayang**

Specialising in Malaysian and Singaporean cuisine, this halal venue on Macclesfield Street does Hainanese chicken rice – Singapore's national dish – so well. Do not stray from the soft poached chicken and fragrant rice as it is comfort food in its truest form.

**9 Bake**

This epicentre of pan-Asian baked goods on Wardour Street isn't a place in which to exercise restraint. I tend to leave with a few items, but never without its version of Japanese

taiyaki in hand. A fish-shaped waffle cone filled with matcha ice cream, it's a bestseller for a good reason.

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**Opposite page (clockwise from top):** Chinese New Year celebrations; chef, Gerrard Street **This page (clockwise from top):** Gerrard Street gate; fortune cookies; paper lanterns

# SIGHTSEEING

## START YOUR ENGINES

With more than 700 classic cars on display, petrolheads should visit **The London Classic Car Show** at ExCeL (15-18 Feb). The show has an indoor driving track, where many of these pristine machines will be fired up. You can also see some of the most famous cars ever to be chased by police. [www.thelondonclassiccarshow.co.uk](http://www.thelondonclassiccarshow.co.uk)



## THE RIGHT NOTES

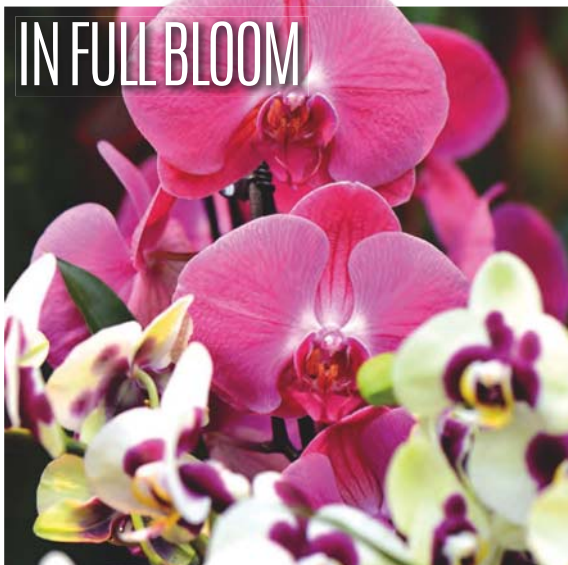
German composer Handel spent most of his life in London, living in a Mayfair house during the 18th century. In the 1960s, US guitarist Jimi Hendrix lived in the same building, which is now a museum, **Handel & Hendrix in London** (p. 24). If you visit on Handel's birthday (23 Feb), you can hear a recital of his music (11am-4pm).



## A BIG TRIP

Don't miss the annual **Telegraph Travel Show** at ExCeL in the Docklands (23-25 Feb). Get inspiration for future trips and personalised advice from travel journalists, take part in cookery classes showcasing dishes from around the world and see photography exhibitions. Register online for free tickets. [www.travelshow.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.travelshow.telegraph.co.uk)

## IN FULL BLOOM



In February, there's no escaping the fact that London is in the throes of winter: the trees of Hyde Park stand bare, creaking pubs stoke their fireplaces and only the heftiest coat will keep you warm. We wouldn't blame you if your thoughts turn to hotter climes, but head to Kew this month and you'll find the best of both worlds.

**Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew** is unveiling its 23rd

**Orchids Festival** (from 10 Feb; p. 28), which is dedicated to Thailand. The country has been picked because it has 1,100 species of orchid ('gluay mhai' in Thai).

Orchids are becoming endangered faster than they can be classified and protected. They remain one of the most widely traded plants in the world – in 2015, 42 per cent of the plants seized at Heathrow Airport were wild

orchids. This festival is a wonderful way to raise awareness, as well as to enjoy these beautiful plants.

The Princess of Wales Conservatory displays handmade Thai umbrellas and hanging bouquets, creating a stunning 'orchid palace'.

**Orchid Lates**, the evening events programme, includes traditional Thai dance, cookery and cocktail classes, and

learning sessions with orchid experts.

As well as the finest orchids, the Princess of Wales

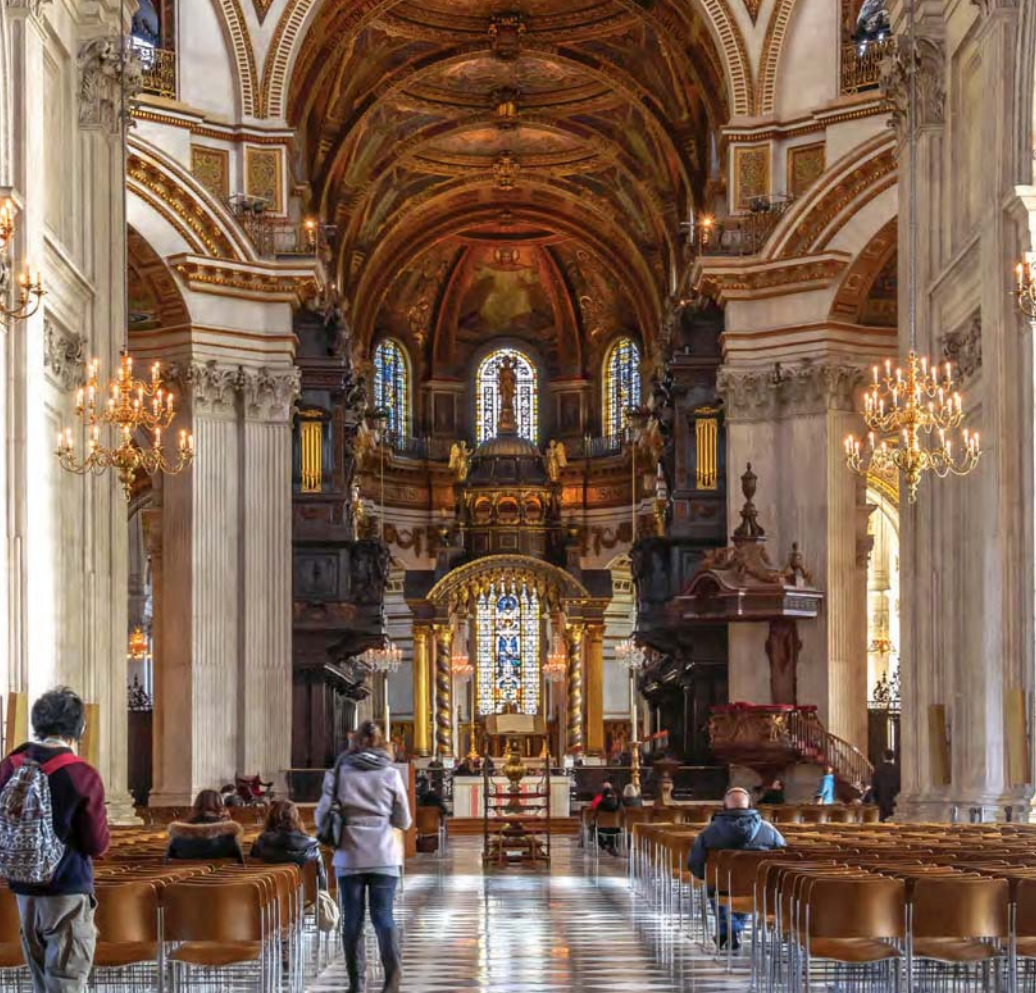
Conservatory houses plants from 10 different climate zones, so don't forget to

explore these while you're inside. Highlights include the Titan Arum, one of the largest flowering plants in the world, which emits a disgusting odour similar to rotting meat to attract flies.

– Neil Simpson

*The Chinese were the first to cultivate and prescribe orchids, hailing their medicinal properties*





# 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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## SIGHTSEEING

### BANQUETING HOUSE

This 17th-century building has an exquisite Baroque painted ceiling by Peter Paul Rubens. Daily 10am–5pm, but check before visiting. Adult £6.50; child free. *Whitehall, SW1A 2ER. T: 020-3166 6000. www.hrp.org.uk. Station: Westminster. E8.*

### THE BRITISH LIBRARY

The world's largest library has a great permanent collection and temporary exhibitions.

#### LAST CHANCE To 28 Feb:

*Harry Potter: A History of Magic.*

See rare books, manuscripts and magical objects from the library's collection. Please check for times. Admission free; charges for tours, some exhibitions and events. *96 Euston Rd, NW1 2DB. T: 0330-333 1144. www.bl.uk. Station: King's Cross. C7.*

### BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The Queen's London residence and principal workplace is closed to the public, except in summer. *Buckingham Palace, The Mall, SW1A 1AA. T: 0303-123 7300. www.royalcollection.org.uk. Station: Victoria/Green Park. F6/F7.*

### CHANGING THE GUARD

Watch the Changing of the Queen's Guard on the Palace's forecourt (except in very wet weather). Free. From 10am; please check for dates. *Buckingham Palace, The Mall, SW1A 1AA. T: 0303-123 7300. www.householddivision.org.uk. Station: Victoria/Green Park. F6/F7.*

### CHELSEA PHYSIC GARDEN

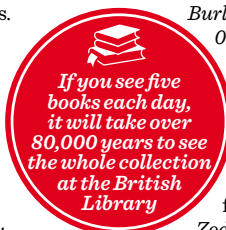
At London's oldest botanic garden, admire 5,000 species of plants, including medicinal ones and tropical plants in glasshouses. Free daily tours. Mon–Fri 11am–4pm. Adult £6.10;

child £4.40. *66 Royal Hospital Rd, SW3 4HS. T: 020-7352 5646. www.chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk. Station: Sloane Square. Off map.*

### CHISWICK HOUSE & GARDENS

Manor house with restored 18th-century gardens.

**NEW From 22 Feb:** *Camellia Show.* Admire 33 varieties of rare camellias in the conservatory. Gardens daily 7am–dusk; conservatory daily 10am–4pm; house closed until 30 Mar, but open occasionally during the Camellia Show. *Burlington Lane, W4 2RP. T: 020-8995 0508. www.chgt.org.uk. Station: Chiswick Park. Off map.*



### CUTTYSARK

**FAMILY** This 19th-century ship is the world's last surviving tea clipper. Learn about its history from the exhibitions on deck. **2–4 Feb:** *Zodiac Zoo.* Chinese New Year activities. Daily 10am–5pm. Adult £13.50; child £7. Joint tickets with Royal Observatory available. *Cuttysark, King William Walk, SE10 9HT. T: 020-8312 6608. www.rmg.co.uk/cuttysark. Station: Cuttysark/Greenwich. Map inset.*

### DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE

Writer Dr Samuel Johnson compiled his first English dictionary in this 18th-century period home. Check for staged performances, talks and tours. Mon–Sat 11am–5pm. Adult £6; child £2.50. *17 Gough Square, EC4A 3DE. T: 020-7353 3745. www.drjohnsonshouse.org. Station: Temple/Chancery Lane. D9.*

### HAM HOUSE AND GARDENS

Wonderful 17th-century house with gardens that are said to be haunted. First floor closed until 1 Apr. House daily 1–4pm; gardens 10am–4pm. Adult £10.80; child £5.40. *Ham St, Surrey, TW10 7RS. T: 020-8940 1950. www.nationaltrust.org.uk. Station: Richmond. Off map.*

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## HANDEL & HENDRIX IN LONDON

Visit the former homes of the Anglo-German composer George Frideric Handel and American guitarist Jimi Hendrix (p. 22). **9 Feb:** *Hendrix House Party*. Party honouring the *Axis Bold as Love* album. **23 Feb:** Handel's birthday will be celebrated with 15-minute recitals on the hour, every hour, from 11am-4pm. Check for times and prices. 25 Brook St, W1K 4HB. T: 020-7495 1685. [www.handelhendrix.org](http://www.handelhendrix.org). Station: Bond Street. D6.

## HMS BELFAST

**FAMILY** Moored on the River Thames, this ship is Europe's only surviving World War II cruiser. Explore the decks to see what life was like on board for the sailors. Daily 10am-5pm. Adult £15.45; child £7.70. *The Queen's Walk, off Tooley St, SE1 2JH*. T: 020-7940 6300. [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk). Station: London Bridge. E11.

## HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

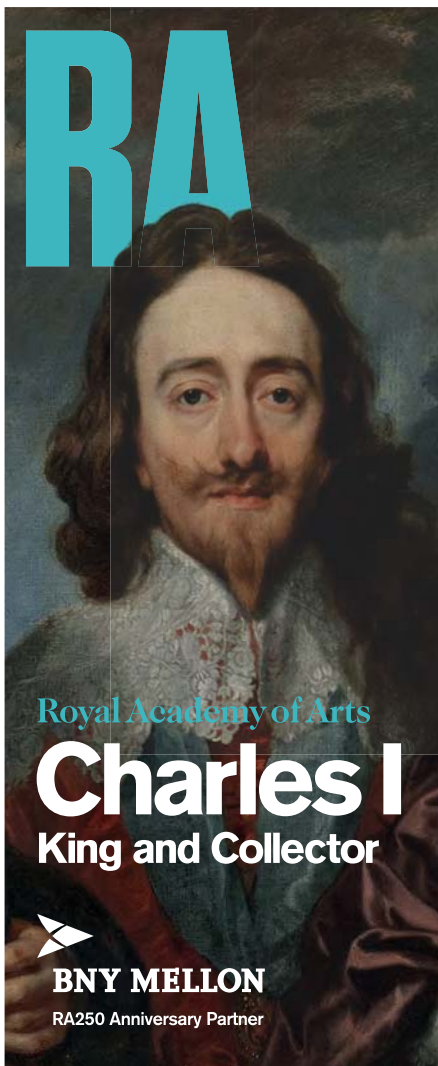
See the stunning art and architecture inside this working parliament building which is also a royal palace. Tours every Sat, plus weekdays 9 and 13-16 Feb. Advance: audio tour adult £18.50, child £7.50 (one child free per paying adult); guided tour adult £25.50, child £11; family guided tour adult £18.50, child free. On the day: audio tour adult £20.50, child £8.50 (one child free per paying adult); guided tour adult £28, child £12. *Palace of Westminster, Parliament Square, SW1A 0AA*. T: 020-7219 4114. [www.parliament.uk/visit](http://www.parliament.uk/visit). Station: Westminster. F8.

## THE JEWEL TOWER


Built around 1365 to house Edward III's treasures and was known as the 'King's Privy Wardrobe'; don't miss the ornate ceiling carvings. Sat-Sun 10am-4pm. Adult £5; child £3. *Abingdon St, SW1P 3JX*. T: 020-7222 2219. [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk). Station: Westminster. F8.

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## THE QUEEN'S GALLERY BUCKINGHAM PALACE



### KEATS HOUSE

This beautiful 19th-century home belonged to the Romantic poet John Keats (p. 12). Wed-Sun 11am-5pm. Adult £6.50; child free. *Keats Grove, NW3 2RR. T: 020-7332 3868. www.cityoflondon.gov.uk. Station: Hampstead. Off map.*

### KENSINGTON PALACE

This royal residence was Princess Diana's last home and is currently where Prince Harry and Meghan Markle reside (p. 8). *Diana: Her Fashion Story*. An exhibition dedicated to the style of the 'people's princess'. Daily 10am-4pm. Adult £17; child free. *Kensington Gardens, W8 4PX. T: 0844-482 7777. www.hrp.org.uk. Station: High Street Kensington/Queensway. Off map.*

### KENWOOD

Grand house with landscaped gardens by Hampstead Heath. Discover the vast array of masterpieces hanging from Rembrandt to Turner, Gainsborough to Vermeer. Daily 10am-4pm. Free. *Hampstead Lane, NW3 7JR. T: 020-8348 1286. www.english-heritage.org.uk/kenwood. Station: Hampstead. Off map.*

### KIDZANIA LONDON

**FAMILY** This enormous attraction has everything a child could want – including TV studios, a chocolate factory, aviation academy and tattoo parlour. Check for times, prices and events.  
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*Westfield London Shopping Centre, Ariel Way, W12 7GA. T: 0330-131 3333. www.kidzania.com. Station: Shepherd's Bush. Off map.*

## THE LONDON BRIDGE EXPERIENCE & TOMBS

At this 1,700-year-old London Bridge site, special effects and actors bring this scary attraction to life. Tickets also include admission to the London Tombs, a former plague pit. Please check for times and prices. 2-4 Tooley St, SE1 2SY. T: 020-7403 6333. [www.thelondonbridgeexperience.com](http://www.thelondonbridgeexperience.com). Station: London Bridge. E10.

## THE LONDON DUNGEON

This uniquely thrilling attraction will whisk you back to the capital's most perilous past. See, hear, feel and smell the chillingly amusing characters of the 'bad old days' as they come to life. Not for small children. Joint tickets available with SEA LIFE London Aquarium, Coca-Cola London Eye, Madame Tussauds and Shrek's Adventure! Please check for times and prices. County Hall, Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7PB. T: 020-7654 0809. [www.thedungeons.com](http://www.thedungeons.com). Station: Waterloo. F8.

## COCA-COLA LONDON EYE

One of the world's largest observation wheels, with amazing city views and interactive screens in each pod. Joint tickets with the SEA LIFE London Aquarium, London Dungeon, Madame Tussauds and Shrek's Adventure! Please check for times and prices. County Hall, Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7PB. T: 0871-781 3000. [www.londoneye.com](http://www.londoneye.com). Station: Waterloo. F8.

## ZSL LONDON ZOO

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## MADAME TUSSAUDS

**FAMILY** Life-sized wax figures depicting famous people from the worlds of music, politics and history, from the Queen to Adele. Don't miss the permanent *Star Wars* exhibition, featuring 11 sets from the film series; a 5.5m-high animatronic head in *Kong: Skull Island* and 'Will.i.am' from *The Voice UK*. Detective fans will enjoy *The Sherlock Holmes Experience* as well as the evening show *The Game's Afoot*, an immersive attraction with actors, illusion and sound effects. *Alien Escape* is an interactive exhibit. Joint tickets with SEA LIFE London Aquarium, London Dungeon, Coca-Cola London Eye and Shrek's Adventure! Check for times. Adult £35; child £30. Marylebone Rd, NW1 5LR. T: 0871-894 3000. [www.madametussauds.com/london](http://www.madametussauds.com/london). Station: Baker Street. C6.



## THE MONUMENT

This stone column in the heart of the City was built in 1677 to commemorate the 1666 Fire of London. Climb the 311 steps to its observation gallery. Daily 9.30am-5pm. Adult £5; child £2.50. Joint tickets with the Tower Bridge Exhibition available. Monument St, EC3R 6BD. T: 020-7626 2717. [www.themonument.org.uk](http://www.themonument.org.uk). Station: Monument. E10.

## THE O2

Huge venue for entertainment and exhibitions. **LAST CHANCE To 4 Feb: Elvis on Tour.** Exhibition about Elvis Presley brings together guitars, jewellery, posters and - for the first time - unique interviews with Elvis' touring band. Includes over 35 jumpsuits and costumes worn by Elvis between 1969-1977. Lookout for original costume sketches designed by Elvis' designer Bill Belew who also designed outfits. Please check for times and prices. Peninsula Square, SE10 0DX. T: 020-8463 2000. [www.theo2.co.uk](http://www.theo2.co.uk). Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.

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## OLD ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE

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## 18 STAFFORD TERRACE

The furnished Victorian townhouse gives a fascinating insight into the personal lives of *Punch* cartoonist Edward Linley Sambourne and his family, who lived here from 1875. It also displays his personal collection. A highlight is a costumed actor-led tour, on which you'll meet Mrs Sambourne or her parlour maid Mrs Reffell for a dramatic account based on old diaries. Check for times. Adult from £7; child from £5. *18 Stafford Terrace, W8 7BH*. T: 020-7602 3316. [www.rbkc.gov.uk](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk). Station: *High Street Kensington*. Off map.

## ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW

Botanical research centre with plants from across the globe and Victorian greenhouses. **NEW** From 10 Feb: *Orchids Festival*. Annual show (p. 22). Daily from 10am. Adult £17; child £5; charges for special exhibitions. *Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 3AB*. T: 020-8332 5655. [www.kew.org](http://www.kew.org). Station: *Kew Gardens*. Off map.

## THE ROYAL MEWS

Built by John Nash in 1825, this beautiful part of Buckingham Palace houses the Queen's vehicles and horses. Mon-Sat 10am-4pm. Adult £11; child £6.40. *Buckingham Palace Rd, SW1W 1QH*. T: 0303-123 7302. [www.royalcollection.org.uk](http://www.royalcollection.org.uk). Station: *Victoria*. F6.

## THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY

**FAMILY** The home of Greenwich Mean Time and London's only planetarium, with astronomy workshops, shows and tours. Adult £8; child £5.50. Observatory and Meridian Line daily 10am-5pm. Adult £10; child £6.50. *Blackheath Ave, SE10 8XJ*. T: 020-8858 4422. [www.rmg.co.uk](http://www.rmg.co.uk). Station: *Greenwich/Cutty Sark*. Map inset.



Following its annual two-month closure, **The Royal Mews** at Buckingham Palace is reopening (from 1 Feb). A centuries-old British term, the word mews refers to stables which have been converted into a row of houses, but of course these aren't just any stables: the British monarchy has been keeping its steeds here since 1534. As well as training the horses which pull the royal carriages, the mews is also responsible for the Queen's road transport, whether that be by carriage or car. A typical visit takes about an hour, during which time you'll see the carriage horses and coaches, including the Gold State Coach (above), commissioned by George III in 1762, and Queen Victoria's Irish State Coach, which she bought in 1852 for £858.



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## SHREK'S ADVENTURE!

**FAMILY** Ride the 4D 'DreamWorks Tours' bus to step into live fairytale-themed shows, to meet characters from the films. Joint tickets with Coca-Cola London Eye, London Dungeon, Madame Tussauds and SEA LIFE London Aquarium. Check for times. Adult £27.50; child £22. *Riverside Building, County Hall, Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7PB*. T: 0871-221 2837. [www.shreksadventure.com](http://www.shreksadventure.com). Station: Waterloo. F8.

## ST JAMES'S PALACE

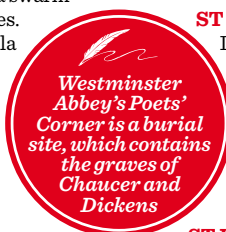
One of London's oldest palaces, constructed in the 14th century and home to royalty for three centuries. Palace and house closed to the public. *Marlborough Rd, SW1A 1BS*. [www.royal.gov.uk](http://www.royal.gov.uk). Station: St James's Park. E7.

## ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

Landmark Palladian church with tours, a brass-rubbing centre and live classical music. Check for opening times. Admission free. *Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JJ*. T: 020-7766 1100. [www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org](http://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org). Station: Charing Cross. E8.

## ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Sir Christopher Wren's 300-year-old cathedral 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, with its monuments to Wren and Lord Nelson. Free tours. Mon-Sat 8.30am-4.30pm. Adult £18; child £8. *St Paul's Churchyard, EC4M 8AD*. T: 020-7246 8350. [www.stpauls.co.uk](http://www.stpauls.co.uk). Station: St Paul's. D9/10.



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### TOWER OF LONDON

This historic landmark includes the Bloody Tower, Traitors' Gate and the Jewel House. Enjoy free guided tours by Beefeaters (Yeoman Warders). Book ahead to attend the Ceremony of the Keys (tickets are free). Tue-Sat 9am-4.30pm; Sun-Mon 10am-4.30pm. Adult £24.80; child £11.50. *Tower Hill, EC3N 4AB. T: 0844-482 7799. www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london. Station: Tower Hill. E11.*

### UP AT THE O2

Get the climbing gear and harness on for this 90-minute experience, taking you across the roof of The O2. Check for times and wheelchair access. From £30. *The O2, Peninsula Square, SE10 ODX. T: 020-8463 2680. www.theo2.co.uk. Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.*

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**FAMILY** Take a look behind the scenes and see original costumes from the legendary *Harry Potter* films in The Making of Harry Potter tour. Visitors can witness iconic sets including the Great Hall, Hagrid's Hut, Diagon Alley and a recreation of Platform 9¾. **9-19 Feb:** *Introducing the Art Department.* Film-making techniques, including live wand-making demonstrations. Check for times. Adult £41; child £33. Booking essential. *Studio Tour Drive, Leavesden, Hertfordshire, WD25 7LS. T: 0845-084 0900. www.wbstudiotour.co.uk. Station: Euston to Watford Junction, then shuttle bus. Off map.*

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## WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Consecrated in 1065, this magnificent abbey is the crowning and burial site of most English monarchs, and a piece of living British history. The tiled sanctuary is the venue of royal coronations and weddings, with the ornate high altar designed by George Gilbert Scott in 1873. It also houses Poets' Corner, the burial place of Charles Dickens, Geoffrey Chaucer, Robert Burns and other famous writers. At the west end of the nave is St George's Chapel, with the famous Coronation Chair. Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm; Sat 9.30am-2.30pm. Adult £22; child £9. *20 Dean's Yard, SW1P 3PA. T: 020-7222 5152. [www.westminster-abbey.org](http://www.westminster-abbey.org). Station: Westminster/ St James's Park. F7.*

## RIVER TRIPS

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Circular Cruise Westminster operates a hop-on, hop-off sightseeing service from Westminster Pier. Mon-Fri 11am-3pm; Sat-Sun 11am-3.40pm. Adult single £10, return £14; child single £5, return £7. *Westminster Pier, Victoria Embankment, SW1A 2JH. T: 020-7936 2033. [www.circularcruise.london](http://www.circularcruise.london). Station: Westminster. F8.*

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## THAMES RIVER SERVICES

Hop-on, hop-off service with live commentary. Westminster Pier to Greenwich 10.20am-3pm; Greenwich to Westminster via St Katharine's 11.20am-4pm. Check for prices (35 per cent online discount Mon-Fri). *Westminster Pier, Victoria Embankment, SW1A 2JH.* T: 020-7930 4097. [www.thamesriverservices.london](http://www.thamesriverservices.london).

## THAMESJET

Try Thames Rush for a 50-minute adrenaline-fuelled experience. Departs from Westminster Pier. From 10.30am, but depends on the tide so please check. Adult from £39; child from £29. T: 020-7740 0400. [www.thamesjet.com](http://www.thamesjet.com).

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### PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

The Queen's official residence in Scotland. Daily 9.30am-4.30pm. Adult £14; child £8.10. *Canongate, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh, EH8 8DX. T: 0303-123 7306. www.royalcollection.org.uk. Station: Edinburgh Waverley. Off map.*

## STONEHENGE

The world's most famous stone circle and a World Heritage Site, Stonehenge is more than 5,000 years old. With obscure Neolithic origins, it is perfectly aligned with the rising sun at the solstice. Check for times. Adult £16.50; child £9.90. *Amesbury, Wiltshire, SP4 7DE. T: 0870-333 1181. www.english-heritage.org.uk. Station: Waterloo to Salisbury, then bus or taxi. Off map.*

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### THE BRITISH MUSEUM Bloomsbury

This iconic building houses treasures including the Rosetta Stone and Egyptian mummies. Travel through time and around the world with a free paper guide in hand so you don't miss the highlights. [www.britishmuseum.org](http://www.britishmuseum.org)

### THE DESIGN MUSEUM Kensington

The museum offers an introduction to the history of contemporary design with the free display *Designer Maker User*, and opportunities to explore the present and future of design through pop-ups and temporary exhibitions. [www.designmuseum.org](http://www.designmuseum.org)

### MUSEUM OF LONDON City

This is the world's largest urban history museum, which has thousands of exhibits in nine galleries, including Roman and Medieval displays. Its sister museum in east London, the **Museum of London Docklands**, offers an insight into this historic area of the capital. [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk)

### THE HORNIMAN MUSEUM Forest Hill

This is the former home of Victorian Londoner Frederick John Horniman, who was a tea trader and philanthropist. Explore his huge collection of objects, specimens and artefacts from all over the world. There's an aquarium, butterfly house and a music gallery, as well as a 16-acre garden. [www.horniman.ac.uk](http://www.horniman.ac.uk)

# MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

**This image:** SS Normandie in New York **Below:** the Duke and Duchess of Windsor's luggage



## GET CRAFTY

**Collect 2018** (22-25 Feb), at Chelsea's Saatchi Gallery, is a must for arts and crafts lovers. The event unites 35 galleries from around the world in one place – see everything from glass and ceramic work to jewellery and bookbinding.

Look out, too, for talks by designers, artists and architects. [www.crafts.council.org.uk](http://www.crafts.council.org.uk)

## LET THERE BE LIGHT

Following a two-year renovation, the **Hayward Gallery** at the Southbank Centre (p. 50) has reopened. Its famous pyramid roof has been redeveloped, allowing natural light to flood in. Catch a retrospective of photographer Andreas Gursky (to 22 Apr).

## WAVES OF NOSTALGIA

Are you partial to a spot of nautical glamour? Then don't miss the **Victoria and Albert Museum's** new exhibition, **Ocean Liners: Speed & Style** (from 3 Feb; p. 50). It raises a crystal glass to the luxury and sheer drama of the cruise liner's golden age.

The exhibition reveals how these vast liners became a symbol of national ingenuity, as countries competed to out-engineer each other.

Fashionistas can drift away on a wave of nostalgia with Marlene Dietrich's Christian Dior suit, worn in 1950 by the movie star as she disembarked the MS Queen Elizabeth in New York. And don't miss the 1925

silk flapper dress worn by New York socialite Emilie Grigsby.

There's tragedy, too: a 1909 Cartier tiara encrusted with diamonds and pearls was worn by Lady Allan, the wife of a steamship company chairman, during the final voyage of the Lusitania in 1915. The ship was sent to the bottom of the sea by a German torpedo – Lady Allan survived but her daughters died.

You can also see the largest remaining fragment of the doomed Titanic – a Louis XV-style Rococo panel found in the

Atlantic; it was torn from the first-class lounge as the ship split in half in 1912.

It seems that the glamour of the age still captures our imagination. – Neil Simpson





## MUSEUMS

### BANK OF ENGLAND MUSEUM

The story of the bank from its foundation in 1694. Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; closed bank hols. Admission free. *Threadneedle St, EC2R 8AH*. T: 020-7601 5545. [www.bankofengland.co.uk/museum](http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/museum). Station: Bank. D10.

### THE BRITISH MUSEUM

See an unrivalled collection of antiquities. Sat-Thur 10am-5.30pm; Fri 10am-8.30pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Great Russell St, WC1B 3DG*. T: 020-7323 8299. [www.britishmuseum.org](http://www.britishmuseum.org). Station: Tottenham Court Road/Russell Square. D7/8.

### CHURCHILL WAR ROOMS

Explore the secret bunker and the Cabinet War Rooms beneath Westminster, where Sir Winston Churchill worked during World War II. Daily 9.30am-6pm. Adult £21; child £10.50. *Clive Steps, King Charles St, SW1A 2AQ*. T: 020-7930 6961. [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk). Station: Westminster. F7.

### THE DESIGN MUSEUM

Contemporary design and architecture. Daily 10am-6pm; first Fri of month 10am-8pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *224-238 Kensington High St, W8 6AG*. T: 020-3862 5900. [www.designmuseum.org](http://www.designmuseum.org). Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.

### FASHION AND TEXTILE MUSEUM

Contemporary fashion, textiles and jewellery. **NEW From 9 Feb:** *T-Shirt: Cult, Culture, Subversion*. The role of the T-shirt (p. 50). Museum closed until 8 Feb. Tue-Wed & Fri 11am-6pm; Thur 11am-8pm; Sun 11am-5pm. Adult £9.90; child free. *83 Bermondsey St, SE1 3XF*. T: 020-7407 8664. [www.ftmlondon.org](http://www.ftmlondon.org). Station: London Bridge. F11.

### THE GUARDS MUSEUM

The history and heritage of the five regiments of the Foot Guards. Daily 10am-4pm. Adult £6; child free. *Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, SW1E 6HQ*. T: 020-7414 3271. [www.theguardsmuseum.com](http://www.theguardsmuseum.com). Station: St James's Park/Westminster. D5.

### HORNIMAN MUSEUM & GARDENS

Anthropology, musical instruments, an aquarium, 16 acres of gardens and an animal enclosure. Daily 10am-5.30pm. Admission free; charges for aquarium and special exhibitions. *100 London Rd, SE23 3PQ*. T: 020-8699 1872. [www.horniman.ac.uk](http://www.horniman.ac.uk). Station: Forest Hill. Off map.

### HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY MUSEUM

Learn about the ceremonial roles of the Household Cavalry Regiments. Changing the Queen's Life Guard on Horse Guards Mon-Sat 11am; Sun 10am. Museum daily 10am-5pm. Adult £7; child £5. *Horse Guards, Whitehall, SW1A 2AX*. T: 020-7930 3070. [www.householdcavalrymuseum.co.uk](http://www.householdcavalrymuseum.co.uk). Station: Westminster/Embankment. E7/8.

### IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM (IWM)

Displays relating to global conflicts from World War I to conflicts today, particularly ones involving Britain. Charges for some special exhibitions. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free. *Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HZ*. T: 020-7416 5000. [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk). Station: Lambeth North/Waterloo. E5.

### JACK THE RIPPER MUSEUM

Museum focusing on the notorious 19th-century serial killer. Daily 9.30am-6.30pm. Adult £12; child £8. *12 Cable St, E1 8JG*. T: 020-7488 9811. [www.jacktherippermuseum.com](http://www.jacktherippermuseum.com). Station: Aldgate East. Off map.



## SPAIN'S GOLDEN AGE

**Murillo: The Self-Portraits at The National Gallery** (from 28 Feb; p. 50) pays tribute to the 17th-century Spanish painter Bartolomé Esteban Murillo. Influenced by Velázquez, Murillo became one of the most celebrated painters of Spain's artistic Golden Age, his work favoured by the aristocracy. If you find yourself enthralled by the drama and ornate detail of Baroque painting, this rare display is unmissable.

# MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

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The former home of Frederic, Lord Leighton is a museum of his life and work. Wed-Mon 10am-5.30pm, tour at 3pm every Wed and Sun. Leighton Lates (live music and free tour) on 9 Feb, 10am-9pm. Adult £9; child £7. *12 Holland Park Rd, W14 8LZ*. T: 020-7602 3316. [www.leightonhouse.co.uk](http://www.leightonhouse.co.uk). Station: Kensington Olympia. Off map.

## LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM

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## MUSEUM OF LONDON

The world's largest urban history museum has thousands of exhibits in nine galleries, including Roman and Medieval London, transporting you through the capital's history to the present day. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions and walking tours. *150 London Wall, EC2Y 5HN*. T: 020-7001 9844. [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk). Station: Barbican. D10.

## NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

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

## NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

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**LAST CHANCE To 28 Feb:** *Whales: Beneath the Surface*. Learn about whales and dolphins. Daily 10am-5.50pm. Admission free; charges for some exhibitions. *Cromwell Rd, SW7 5BD*. T: 020-7942 5000. [www.nhm.ac.uk](http://www.nhm.ac.uk). Station: South Kensington. F4.

## QUEEN'S HOUSE

This 17th-century house has a fine art collection. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free. *Queen's House, Romney Rd, SE10 9NF*. T: 020-8858 4422. [www.rmg.co.uk/queens-house](http://www.rmg.co.uk/queens-house). Station: Cutty Sark. Map inset.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE MUSEUM

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



If your artistic heart desires only the best of British, visit **Tate Britain's *All Too Human*** (from 28 Feb; p. 50). The exhibition explores some of Britain's most celebrated painters' attempts to capture human life in its most intimate forms. See striking and instantly familiar works, including Lucian Freud's *Girl with a White Dog* (above); paintings by Camden Town artist Walter Sickert; and Francis Bacon's distressing *Three Figures and Portrait*. This is the place to contemplate the full human experience in art.

## SCIENCE MUSEUM

**FAMILY** Huge museum dedicated to science, technology and medical achievements. **To 31 Mar:** *Illuminating India*. Focus on India's contribution to science, technology and mathematics. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Exhibition Rd, SW7 2DD*. T: 0333-241 4000. [www.sciencemuseum.org.uk](http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk). Station: South Kensington. F4.

## SOMERSET HOUSE

This neo-classical, 18th-century building on the Thames houses the Courtauld Gallery, Embankment Galleries, cafés and restaurants. Galleries Wed-Fri 11am-8pm; Sat-Tue 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Strand, WC2R 1LA*. T: 020-7845 4600. [www.somerset-house.org.uk](http://www.somerset-house.org.uk). Temple. E8.




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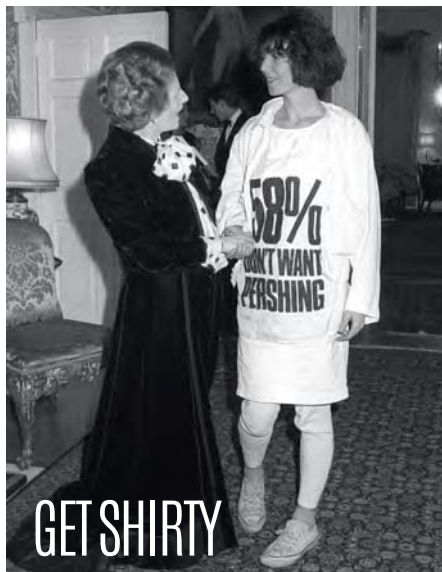
**NEW From 3 Feb:** *Ocean Liners: Speed & Style*. Paying tribute to the golden age of the cruise liner (p. 46). Daily 10am-5.45pm; Fri 10am-10pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Cromwell Rd, SW7 2RL. T: 020-7942 2000. www.vam.ac.uk. Station: South Kensington. F4/5.*

## GALLERIES

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**NEW From 28 Feb:** *Murillo: The Self-Portraits*. Works by the Spanish master (p. 47). Daily 10am-6pm; Fri 10am-9pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN. T: 020-7747 2885. www.nationalgallery.org.uk. Station: Charing Cross. E7.*



# GET SHIRTY

T-shirts broadcast who we are and who we want to be. Well, they do according to the **Fashion and Textile Museum**. The Bermondsey museum's *T-Shirt: Cult, Culture, Subversion* (from 9 Feb; p. 47) races across the 20th century, showing the garment in every guise, from the humble pyjama top all the way up to Katharine Hamnett's message to Margaret Thatcher (above). It's also a fascinating insight into the modern clothing industry.

## NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

Works depicting famous British people in paintings, drawings and photographs.

**LAST CHANCE To 11 Feb:** *Cézanne Portraits*. See more than 50 of the Post-Impressionist's works. Daily 10am-6pm; Thur & Fri 10am-9pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *St Martin's Place, WC2H 0HE. T: 020-7312 2463. www.npg.org.uk. Station: Leicester Square. E7.*

## THE QUEEN'S GALLERY

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**To 13 May:** *Charles II: Art & Power*. Explore the court of the Restoration monarch. Daily 10am-5.30pm. Adult £11; child £5.50. *Buckingham Palace, SW1A 1AA. T: 0303-123 7301. www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/the-queens-gallery-buckingham-palace. Station: Green Park/Hyde Park Corner. F7.*

## ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS

Attractive 18th-century building with works in all media. **To 15 Apr:** *Charles I: King and Collector*. The art collection of Charles I. Daily 10am-6pm; Fri 10am-10pm. Admission free; charges for some exhibitions. *6 Burlington Gardens, Piccadilly, W1J 0BD. T: 020-7300 8000. www.royalacademy.org.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus/Green Park. E7.*

## SOUTHBANK CENTRE

Arts complex including the Royal Festival Hall and Hayward Gallery (p. 46). **To 29 Apr:** *ABBA: Super Trouper*. Nine immersive rooms explore the music of the Swedish band. Check for times. Admission free; charges for some exhibitions. *6 Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX. T: 020-3879 9555. www.southbankcentre.co.uk. Station: Waterloo. E8.*

## TATE BRITAIN

The nation's leading collection of British art.

**NEW From 28 Feb:** *All Too Human*. How painters represent human figures (p. 48). **To 7 May:** *Impressionists in London - French Artists in Exile*. Works by artists who fled the Franco-Prussian war. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Millbank, SW1P 4RG. T: 020-7887 8888. www.tate.org.uk. Station: Pimlico. G8.*

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**LAST CHANCE To 18 Feb:** *Red Star Over Russia: A Revolution in Visual Culture 1905-55*. Art from the period up until the death of Stalin. Sun-Thur 10am-6pm; Fri-Sat 10am-10pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Bankside, SE1 9TG. T: 020-7887 8888. www.tate.org.uk. Station: Southwark. E9.*

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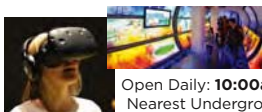
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## PIÈCE DE RESISTANCE

Composer Philip Glass's opera, **Satyagraha** – characterised by repetitive musical structures and giant puppets – is being staged at the London Coliseum (1-27 Feb; p. 63). The piece is named after and inspired by the philosophy of peaceful resistance to political injustice, spearheaded by Mahatma Gandhi.



## GLITZ AND GLAMOUR

Enjoy an afternoon of Broadway tunes by the American composer Gershwin – including *A Foggy Day in London Town* from *A Damsel in Distress* – at **Simply Gershwin** at the Royal Festival Hall (24 Feb). [www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk)



## GOING GAGA

'I just want my fans to feel a message of liberation,' says **Lady Gaga** about her *Joanne World Tour* (4 & 8 Feb; p. 62) at The O2 arena. She may be famous for her outlandish outfits, but she has also gained critical and commercial success for her music, which includes the songs *Born This Way* and *Poker Face*.

## STAMP OF APPROVAL



**The Flamenco Festival London** returns to **Sadler's Wells** (14-25 Feb; p. 63), celebrating the folk guitar music, singing, foot stamping and palmas (or handclapping) that originated in Andalusia in southern Spain in the 1500s. Now in its 15th year, the festival brings seven shows of flamenco dance and music to the capital.

The series opens with *Tempo of Light* (14 Feb), which illustrates the gypsy roots of flamenco. Singers Carmen Linares and Marina Heredia perform with rising songwriter Arcángel, dancer Ana Morales and guitarists Miguel A Cortés, Bolita and Paquito González.

Hot on their heels is María Pagés Compañía in *Yo Carmen* (15-17 Feb), who will perform with 14 flamenco artists in a dance inspired by the woman behind Prosper Mérimée's novel,

which influenced Bizet's tragic opera *Carmen*.

*Painter and Flamenco: JRT* (18 Feb) is inspired by the Spanish symbolist painter Julio Romero de Torres, who is known for portraying Spanish women in his paintings. With dramatist Pedro G Romero, dancers Úrsula López, Tamara López and Leonor Leal aim to break down these stereotypes.

*Dju-Dju* (20 Feb) is a collaboration between the avant-garde choreographer and dancer Israel Galvan and the dancer Isabel Bayón Compañía, who explore the demons and superstitions of the flamenco world.

Finally, in *Born a Shadow* (25 Feb), Compañía Rafaela Carrasco, led by Carrasco himself, celebrates four women from the Spanish Golden Age of the 1500s and 1600s.

We think that deserves a round of applause – or should that be palmas? – Sarah Riches







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## MUSICALS & PERFORMANCES

### ALADDIN

This hit musical has lyrics by Tim Rice. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £32.50-£149.50. *Prince Edward Theatre, Old Compton St, W1D 4HS*. T: 0844-482 5151. [www.aladdinthe musical.co.uk](http://www.aladdinthe musical.co.uk). Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

### ANNIE

**LAST CHANCE** To 18 Feb: Tale about an orphan in the Great Depression. Check for times. Tickets £20-£110. *Piccadilly Theatre, 16 Denman St, W1D 7DY*. T: 0844-871 7630. [www.piccadillytheatre.org](http://www.piccadillytheatre.org). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

### THE BOOK OF MORMON

This controversial satire follows the exploits of two missionaries from the Church of Latter Day Saints. Check for times. Tickets £32.25-£202.25. *Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry St, W1D 6AS*. T: 0844-482 5110. [www.bookofmormonlondon.com](http://www.bookofmormonlondon.com). Station: Leicester Square/Piccadilly Circus. E7.



## LABOUR OF LOVE

A new version of the opera *Carmen* is coming to the **Royal Opera House** (from 6 Feb; p. 63). Written by the French composer Georges Bizet, it was first performed in 1875 and was controversial due to its 'immoral' themes. Set in Spain, Don José – played by the tenors Francesco Meli and Andrea Carè – leaves his childhood sweetheart for a gypsy called Carmen. But Don José flies into a jealous rage when she falls for another man, ending in tragedy. One performance (6 Mar) will be relayed live to cinemas around the world.

### DREAMGIRLS

Musical about the tumultuous journey of a young female singing trio from Chicago. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£175. *Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2R 0ET*. T: 0844-871 7687. [www.savoytheatre.org](http://www.savoytheatre.org). Station: Covent Garden. E8.

### EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE

A new musical based on a true story, about a 16-year-old boy living on a council estate in Yorkshire. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £20-£85. *Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7ES*. T: 0330-333 4809. [www.apollotheatre london.co.uk](http://www.apollotheatre london.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

### THE EXORCIST

Cult classic horror story based on the 1971 novel and William Friedkin's 1973 film of the same name. Mon-Thur & Sat 8pm; Fri 6pm & 9pm; Sat 4pm. Tickets £15-£75. *Phoenix Theatre, 110 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0JP*. T: 0843-316 1082. [www.phoenixtheatrelondon.co.uk](http://www.phoenixtheatrelondon.co.uk). Station: Tottenham Court Road. E7.

### 42ND STREET

Romantic comedy about a dance troupe, starring Sheena Easton. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£125. *Theatre Royal Drury Lane, Catherine St, WC2B 5JF*. T: 0844-858 8877. [www.42ndstreetmusical.co.uk](http://www.42ndstreetmusical.co.uk). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

### GIRL FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY

Bob Dylan's songs tell the story of a Minnesota community in 1934. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £22.25-£99.75. *Noël Coward Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4AU*. T: 0844-482 5140. [www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk](http://www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk). Station: Leicester Square. E8.

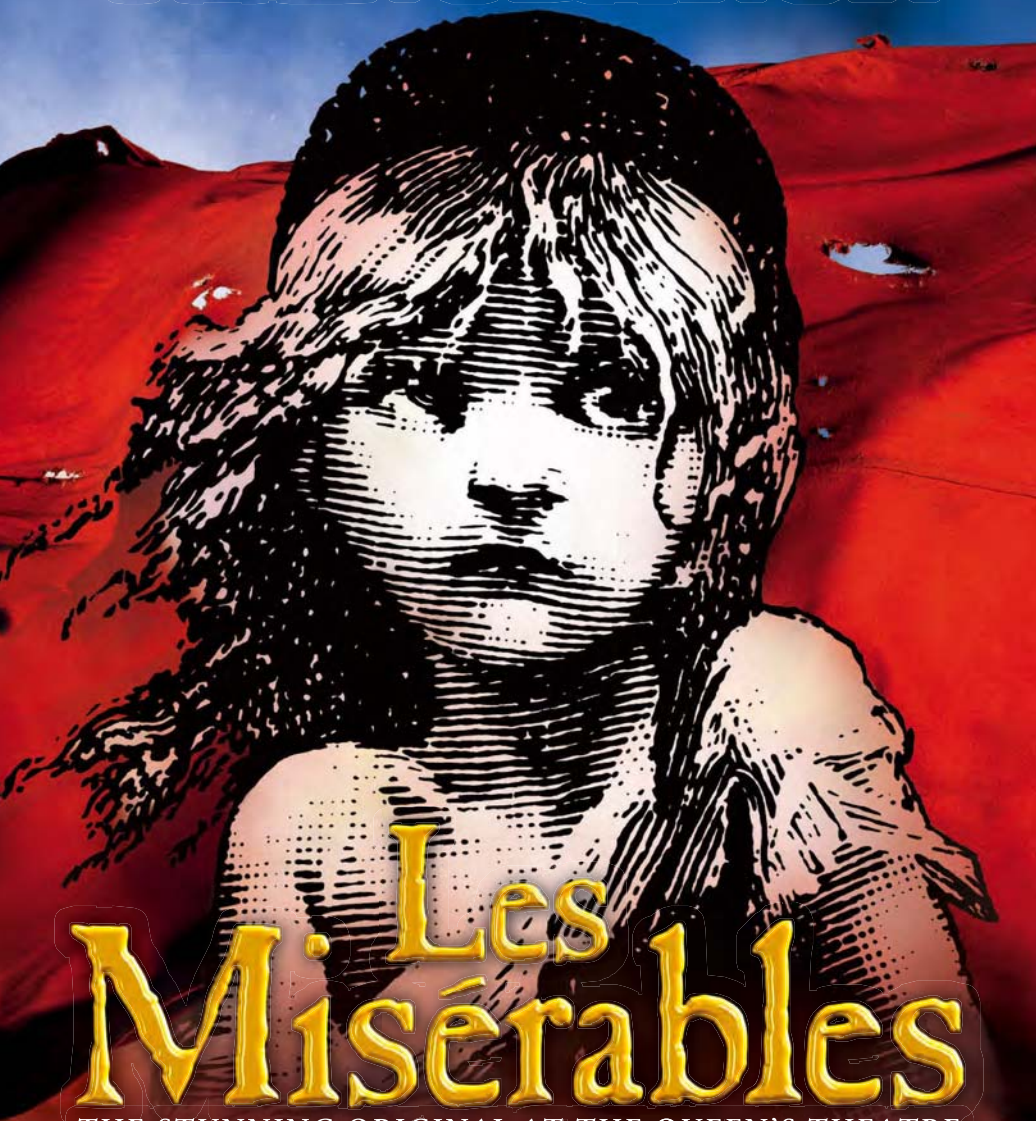
### HAMILTON

Lin-Manuel Miranda's award-winning musical, which is sung and rapped, is about the life of the American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton. Check for times and prices. *Victoria St, SW1E 5EA*. T: 0844-482 5138. [www.hamiltonthe musical.co.uk](http://www.hamiltonthe musical.co.uk). Station: Victoria. F6.

### KINKY BOOTS

Musical about a shoe factory which makes knee-high boots for drag queens. With music by Cyndi Lauper. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £19.50-£125. *Adelphi Theatre, 409-412 Strand, WC2R 0NS*. T: 0844-579 0094. [www.kinky bootsthemusical.co.uk](http://www.kinky bootsthemusical.co.uk). Station: Charing Cross. E8.

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## DISNEY'S THE LION KING

**FAMILY** Great adaptation of the popular Disney film with ingenious costumes and puppetry. Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Wed, Sat & Sun 2.30pm. Tickets £40.50-£152.50. *Lyceum Theatre, 21 Wellington St, WC2E 7RQ. T: 0844-871 3000. www.thelionking.co.uk. Station: Covent Garden. E8.*

## MAMMA MIA!

A tribute to ABBA's music, with a feel-good story set on a Greek island. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thur & Sat 3pm. Tickets £27.25-£102.25. *Novello, Aldwych, WC2B 4LD. T: 0844-482 5115. www.mamma-mia.com. Station: Covent Garden/Temple. E8.*

## MATILDA THE MUSICAL

**FAMILY** Fantastic show based on Roald Dahl's children's book about a girl with magic powers. Please check for times. Tickets £25-£122.50. *Cambridge Theatre, 32-34 Earlham St, WC2 9HU. T: 0844-412 4652. www.matildathemusical.com. Station: Covent Garden. D8.*

## MOTOWN THE MUSICAL

Brilliant feel-good musical based on the story of Motown Records, which launched the careers of Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye. Check for times and prices. *Shaftesbury Theatre, 210 Shaftesbury Ave, WC2H 8DP. T: 020-7379 5399. www.shaftesburytheatre.com. Station: Tottenham Court Road/Holborn. D8.*

## OVO

**FAMILY To 4 Mar:** Cirque du Soleil's amazing insect-themed show. Check for times and prices. *Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP. T: 020-7589 8212. www.royalalberthall.com. Station: South Kensington. F4.*

## THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Long-running Gothic drama in which a mysterious masked man haunts the Paris Opera House. With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Please check for times. Tickets £24.80-£175. *Her Majesty's Theatre, 57 Haymarket, SW1Y 4QL. T: 0844-412 2707. www.thephantomoftheopera.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

## SCHOOL OF ROCK: THE MUSICAL

A musician tries to teach his young students to be rock stars. Mon & Wed-Sun, please check for times. Tickets £15-£129.50. *New London Theatre, 166 Drury Lane, WC2B 5PF. T: 020-7452 3000. www.schoolofrockthemusical.com. Station: Covent Garden. D8.*

## THRILLER LIVE

Non-stop songs and dance celebrate Michael Jackson's career, with all his best-loved hits including *Off the Wall*, *I Want You Back*, *ABC*, *Rock with You* and *Billie Jean*. Please check for times and prices. *Lyric, 29 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7ES. T: 0844-482 9674. www.thrillerlive.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

## THE WEDDING RECEPTION

Will and Kate dreamt of having an intimate wedding reception, but their family had other



Suranne Jones takes to the West End stage in a psychological thriller about a missing child. She plays a distraught mother in **Frozen at Theatre Royal Haymarket** (from 9 Feb; p. 58), which is directed by Jonathan Munby. Previously at the National Theatre, the play was nominated for a Tony Award for best new play. Set on a sunny evening in England, it's about a girl who walks to her grandmother's house, but never arrives. Weaving together the lives of three strangers, it has themes of redemption, retribution and remorse. Jones is joined by BAFTA-winner and Olivier Award-nominee Jason Watkins.

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**PLAYS****ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL**

William Shakespeare's classic is set in a decaying world where kings are dying and wars are brewing. Check for times. £10-£62. *Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT*. T: 020-7401 9919. [www.shakespearesglobe.com](http://www.shakespearesglobe.com). Station: Blackfriars. E10.

**AMADEUS**

Michael Longhurst's acclaimed production of Peter Shaffer's iconic play about a young Mozart features live orchestral accompaniment by Southbank Sinfonia. Please check for times and prices. *National Theatre, SE1 9PX*. T: 020-7452 3000. [www.nationaltheatre.org.uk](http://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk). Station: Waterloo. E8.

**THE BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Zoë Wanamaker and Stephen Mangan star in Harold Pinter's landmark play about the absurd terrors of the everyday. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£95. *Harold Pinter Theatre, Panton St, SW1Y 4DN*. T: 0844-871 7622. [www.nationaltheatre.org.uk](http://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

**THE COMEDY ABOUT A BANK ROBBERY**

A hilarious play about six incompetent crooks who are desperate to get hold of a diamond, from the team behind *The Play That Goes Wrong*. Check for times. Tickets £11.25-£73.75. *The Criterion Theatre, 218-223 Piccadilly, W1V 9LB*. T: 0844-815 6131. [www.thecomedyaboutabankrobbery.com](http://www.thecomedyaboutabankrobbery.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

**FANNY & ALEXANDER**

**NEW From 21 Feb:** Legendary filmmaker Ingmar Bergman's masterpiece is set in 1900s Sweden. Check for times. Tickets £12-£65. *The Old Vic, The Cut, SE1 8NB*. T: 0844-871 7628. [www.oldvictheatre.com](http://www.oldvictheatre.com). Station: Waterloo. F9.

**FAULTY TOWERS:****THE DINING EXPERIENCE**

Seventies-style dining and interactive comedy combine in this theatrical experience. Check for times. Tickets £67.50-£79.50. *Radisson Blu Edwardian, 9-13 Bloomsbury St, WC1B 3QD*. T: 0845-154 4145. [www.faultytowers.uk.com](http://www.faultytowers.uk.com). Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

**THE FERRYMAN**

Jez Butterworth's intense drama is set in 1981 in Northern Ireland. Directed by Sam Mendes. Mon-Sat 7pm; Wed & Sat 1.30pm. Tickets £12-£89.50. *Gielgud Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 6AR*. T: 0844-482 5130. [www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk](http://www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus/Leicester Square. E7.

**FROZEN**

**NEW From 9 Feb:** A psychological thriller about a mother whose child goes missing, starring Suranne Jones (p. 56). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 3pm. £15-£85. *Royal Haymarket, Haymarket, SW1Y 4HT*. T: 020-7930 8800. [www.trh.co.uk](http://www.trh.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

**HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD**

**FAMILY** Father-of-three Harry now works for the Ministry of Magic. Most tickets are sold out; check for returns and times. *Palace Theatre, 113 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 5AY*. T: 0300-333 4813. [www.harrypottertheplay.com](http://www.harrypottertheplay.com). Station: Charing Cross. E8.

**LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN**

Jennifer Saunders stars in Oscar Wilde's comedy set in 19th-century London. Tickets £19.50-£55.50. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm. *Vaudeville Theatre, 404 Strand, WC2R 0NH*. T: 0330-333 4814. [www.vaudeville-theatre.co.uk](http://www.vaudeville-theatre.co.uk). Station: Charing Cross/Covent Garden. E8.



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## MARY STUART

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## THE MOUSETRAP

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

## THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

Slapstick comedy about a drama society staging a murder mystery. Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Sat 2.30pm (also 15 Feb); Sun 3pm & 7pm. Tickets £22-£67.50.

*Duchess Theatre, 3-5 Catherine St, WC2B 5LA*. T: 0844-482 9672. [www.theplaythatgoeswrong.com](http://www.theplaythatgoeswrong.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

## WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION

**To 11 Mar:** This new show, based on Agatha Christie's drama, is staged in a former courtroom. It follows the case of a man who is accused of murdering a widow to inherit her wealth. Tickets £10-£79. Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm; Sun 3pm. *County Hall, Belvedere Rd, SE1 7PB*. T: 0844-815 7141. [www.witnesscountyyhall.com](http://www.witnesscountyyhall.com). Station: Waterloo/Westminster. F8.

## THE WOMAN IN BLACK

A spooky story 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 £21.50-£60. *Fortune Theatre, Russell St, WC2B 5HH*. T: 0844-871 7626. [www.thewomaninblack.com](http://www.thewomaninblack.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

## CONCERTS: CLASSICAL

### BARBICAN

**7 Feb:** *The 21st Grand Chinese New Year Concert*. Traditional Chinese music from the Shanghai Chinese Orchestra. 7.30pm. £15-£30. *Barbican Centre, Silk St, EC2Y 8DS*. T: 020-7638 8891. [www.barbican.org.uk](http://www.barbican.org.uk). Station: Barbican. C10.



The hit Broadway musical *Pippin* is being staged at the **Southwark Playhouse** (from 23 Feb). A mysterious troupe of Victorian vaudeville performers narrate the adventures of a young prince called Pippin as he searches for purpose in his life, so expect a blend of burlesque, magic and comedy, along with songs such as *Magic to Do* and *Corner of the Sky* by the Tony, Grammy and Academy Award-winning composer Stephen Schwartz. Originally directed by the legendary Bob Fosse, this version is directed by Jonathan O'Boyle. *77-85 Newington Causeway, SE1 6BD*. T: 020-7407 0234. [www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk)



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## ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

**10 Feb:** *London Philharmonic Orchestra: Petrushka and Friends*. 7.30pm. £10-£65. *Southbank Centre, Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX*. T: 0844-545 8252. [www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk). *Station: Waterloo. E8.*

## ST JAMES'S PICCADILLY

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**17 Feb:** *Avox Recital Series*. International musicians play the shamisen, a traditional Japanese instrument. 7.30pm. Tickets £15-£37. *36 Wigmore St, W1U 2BP*. T: 020-7935 2141. [www.wigmore-hall.org.uk](http://www.wigmore-hall.org.uk). *Station: Bond Street. D6.*

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This live music and club specialises in jazz and funk sounds. *5 Parkway, NW1 7PG*. T: 0844-847 2514. [www.thejazzcafelondon.com](http://www.thejazzcafelondon.com). *Station: Camden Town. Off map.*

### THE O2

Enormous venue for live music. **4 & 8 Feb:** *Lady Gaga* (p. 52). **12-13 Feb:** *Kendrick Lamar*. Check for times and prices. *Peninsula Square, SE10 0AX*. T: 0844-856 0202. [www.theo2.co.uk](http://www.theo2.co.uk). *Station: North Greenwich. Off map.*

### RONNIE SCOTT'S JAZZ CLUB

Famous venue for jazz and blues music. *47 Frith St, W1D 4HT*. T: 020-7439 0747. [www.ronnie-scotts.co.uk](http://www.ronnie-scotts.co.uk). *Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.*



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## DANCE

### BARBICAN

**10 Feb:** *Anton & Erin* – From Broadway to Hollywood. Join the ballroom couple in this new show. Check for times. Tickets £21.50-£49.50. *Silk St, EC2Y 8DS*. T: 020-7638 8891. [www.barbican.org.uk](http://www.barbican.org.uk). Station: Barbican. C10.

### THE PEACOCK

**20-24 Feb:** *Beats on Pointe: Masters of Choreography*. A fun-fuelled fusion of ballet and hip hop. Please check for times. Tickets from £15. *Portugal St, WC2A 2HT*. T: 020-7863 8222. [www.sadlerswells.com](http://www.sadlerswells.com). Station: Holborn. D8.

### ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

**NEW From 13 Feb:** *The Winter's Tale*. Christopher Wheeldon's ballet adaptation of Shakespeare's tale of love and loss. Check for times and prices. *Bow St, WC2E 9DD*. T: 020-7304 4000. [www.roh.org.uk](http://www.roh.org.uk). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

### SADLER'S WELLS

**14-25 Feb:** *Flamenco Festival London*. Dance and music festival (p. 52). Check for times and prices. *Rosebery Ave, EC1R 4TN*. T: 020-7863 8000. [www.sadlerswells.com](http://www.sadlerswells.com). Station: Angel. Off map.

## OPERA

### LONDON COLISEUM

**1-27 Feb:** *Satyagraha*. Composer Philip Glass' take on Gandhi's early years in South Africa (p. 52). Please check for times and prices. *33 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4ES*. T: 020-7845 9300. [www.eno.org](http://www.eno.org). Station: Charing Cross. E8.

### ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

**NEW From 6 Feb:** *Carmen*. Barrie Kosky directs Bizet's much-loved opera (p. 54). Check for times and prices. *Bow St, WC2E 9DD*. T: 020-7304 4000. [www.roh.org.uk](http://www.roh.org.uk). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### HEAVEN

**7-11 Feb:** New production, without words, based on René Magritte's surreal paintings. Check for times and prices. *Little Angel Theatre, 14 Dagmar Passage, N1 2DN*. T: 020-7226 1787. [www.littleangeltheatre.com](http://www.littleangeltheatre.com). Station: Angel. Off map.

### YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

Mel Brooks brings this classic monster musical comedy to life on stage. Check for times and prices. *Garrick Theatre, 2 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0HH*. T: 0844-482 9673. [www.garricktheatre.org](http://www.garricktheatre.org). Station: Leicester Square. E7/8.

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*Les Misérables*



## THE WEST END'S LONGEST-RUNNING SHOWS



These veterans of Theatreland have been entertaining audiences for years and years, so if you're looking for a legendary London evening, here's where to start

**THE MOUSETRAP** **St Martin's Theatre**  
 Agatha Christie, the best-selling novelist of all time, also wrote the longest-running play in the world. *The Mousetrap* opened in 1952 and is a classic 'whodunnit', a murder mystery which will keep you guessing who committed the crime right until the very end. [www.the-mousetrap.co.uk](http://www.the-mousetrap.co.uk)

**LES MISÉRABLES** **Queen's Theatre**  
 This epic musical about the French Revolution opened at the Barbican in 1985, when the Press reviews weren't very positive. But theatre super-producer Cameron Mackintosh quickly turned it into a West End sensation. *Les Misérables* has moved around the West End over the years and has been in its current Shaftesbury Avenue home since 2004. The London production is the longest-running musical in the world. [www.queenstheatre.co.uk](http://www.queenstheatre.co.uk)

**THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA** **Her Majesty's Theatre**  
 Andrew Lloyd Webber's dramatic musical about tragedy, terror and love opened in London in

1986. The story is set in Paris, where a masked figure spreads horror across the Opera House. With a score that is famous across the world, *The Phantom of the Opera* has made more money than any other musical in history. [www.reallyusefultheatres.co.uk](http://www.reallyusefultheatres.co.uk)

**THE WOMAN IN BLACK** **Fortune Theatre**  
 Another spooky show, this play is based on Susan Hill's 1983 novel, which became a West End play in 1988. The story is about a lawyer who becomes convinced that a ghostly female figure has put a curse on his family. It's a truly scary play. [www.thewomaninblack.com](http://www.thewomaninblack.com)

**THE LION KING** **Lyceum Theatre**  
 No introduction is necessary for Disney's long-running West End musical, which came to London from Broadway in 1999. To bring the animals of Africa's Serengeti Plain to the stage, the show uses puppets, masks, stilts and elaborate costumes. *The Lion King* is Disney's longest-running musical. [www.thelionking.co.uk](http://www.thelionking.co.uk)



# THEATRELAND MAP



London's major theatre and music venues can be located on the map above using the grid reference in the key below.

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## Key to Theatres

1 Adelphi .....	B2	13 Duchess .....	A/B3
2 Ambassadors .....	A2	14 Duke of York's .....	B2
3 Aldwych .....	A3	15 Fortune .....	A2/3
4 Apollo Theatre .....	B1	16 Garrick .....	B2
5 Apollo Victoria .....	F	17 Gielgud .....	A1
6 Arts .....	B2	18 Harold Pinter .....	B1
7 Barbican Centre .....	G	19 Her Majesty's .....	B1
8 Cambridge .....	A2	20 King's Head Theatre ..	E
9 Charing Cross Theatre ..	B2	21 Leicester Square	
10 Criterion .....	B1	Theatre .....	B1
11 Dominion .....	A1	22 Little Angel Theatre ..	E
12 Donmar Warehouse .....	A2	23 London Palladium .....	A1

24 Lyceum .....	B3	39 Queen's .....	B1
25 Lyric .....	B1	40 St. Martin's .....	A2
26 Menier Chocolate		41 Savoy .....	B2
Factory .....	D	42 Shaftesbury .....	A2
27 National Theatre .....	C3	43 Shakespeare's Globe ..	D
28 New London .....	A2	44 Vaudeville .....	B3
29 Noël Coward .....	B2	45 Theatre Royal	
30 Novello .....	A3	Drury Lane .....	A3
31 Old Red Lion .....	E	46 Theatre Royal	
32 Old Vic .....	C4	Haymarket .....	B1
33 Palace .....	A1	47 Trafalgar Studios .....	C2
34 Phoenix .....	A1	48 Vaudeville .....	B2
35 Piccadilly .....	B1	49 Victoria Palace .....	F
36 Playhouse .....	C2	50 Waterloo	
37 Prince Edward .....	A1	East Theatre .....	C4
38 Prince of Wales .....	B1	51 Wyndham's .....	B2

## Key to Dance, Music and Multi-arts Venues

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

## TOUCHDOWN!

Even though the 52nd American **Super Bowl** (4 Feb) is taking place 4,000 miles away in Minneapolis, fans of American football can enjoy watching it here in the capital.

At Planet Hollywood (p. 74), enjoy a special menu or just have a drink while you watch the sporting action, live on one of its 18 screens. Popular Irish bar Waxy O'Connor's in Soho gets into the sporting fun, too.

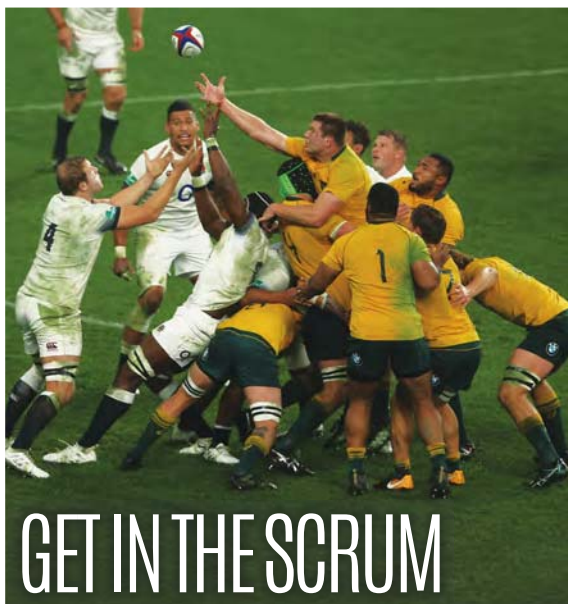
## TURNING THE TABLES

More accustomed to hosting basketball matches, the Copper Box Arena in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park hosts the **ITTF Table Tennis Team World Cup** (22-25 Feb; p. 67). In the city where the ITTF was formed in 1926, this tournament features top teams including China, Japan and England, who won bronze at last year's World Championships.



## READY, GET SET, GO!

Brave the cold to enjoy the 10km **London Winter Run**, which is raising money for Cancer Research UK (4 Feb). This popular event – last year more than 16,000 people took part – weaves along a route dotted with iconic sights, including Nelson's Column and St Paul's Cathedral. Head to the event village in Trafalgar Square, and make sure you keep a look out for the cheeky penguins and polar bears along the route.  
[www.londonwinterrun.co.uk](http://www.londonwinterrun.co.uk)



## GET IN THE SCRUM

There's hardly been a healthier time for English rugby union, so this is the perfect month to welcome the **Nat West Six Nations Championship** (from 3 Feb).

This is the northern hemisphere's biggest rugby tournament, and England has won the previous two. Is it going to be three wins in a row for Eddie Jones' men?

Unfolding over the course of five weekends, **Twickenham Stadium** hosts England's only home match this month, against Wales (10 Feb; p. 67) in the second round of matches. The tournament also features Ireland (who were runners-up last year), Wales, Scotland, France and Italy.

The Aussie Jones has led the England team to huge success since he took over as manager after their dismal 2015 World Cup. It has been 22 wins from 23 since he took charge: his team won the 2016

and 2017 Six Nations, plus all of their three matches in last November's Autumn Internationals – including the prize scalp of beating their old foes Australia.

Whichever team you follow, there's even more good news for rugby fans: the new **World Rugby Museum** opens its doors at Twickenham Stadium (p. 67), after a major refurbishment and rebuilding. Boasting more than a century of sporting history, this is the venue in which to take a guided tour with a rugby expert. Inside, its interactive galleries tell the story of rugby from the schoolboy game to the international sport it is today.

Head behind the scenes to see photos of the match in 1910 between England and Wales – the first international test match played here. England won that game 11-6. Is that a scoreline set to be repeated?

– Emma Levine

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## WATCH

### FOOTBALL

Premier League fixtures; dates subject to change

**3 Feb:** Arsenal vs Everton. **24 Feb:** Arsenal vs Manchester City. *Emirates Stadium, Drayton Park, N5 1BU. T: 020-7619 5000. [www.arsenal.com](http://www.arsenal.com). Station: Holloway Road/Arsenal/Finsbury Park. Off map.*

**10 Feb:** Chelsea vs West Bromwich Albion. *Stamford Bridge, Fulham Rd, SW6 1HS. T: 020-7958 2190. [www.chelseafc.com](http://www.chelseafc.com). Station: Fulham Broadway. Off map.*

**10 Feb:** Tottenham Hotspur vs Arsenal. *[www.tottenhamhotspur.com](http://www.tottenhamhotspur.com). T: 0344-844 0102. See 'Wembley Stadium' for address.*

**25 Feb:** Carabao Cup Final. *[www.wembleystadium.com](http://www.wembleystadium.com). T: 0800-783 1440. See 'Wembley Stadium' for address.*

### HORSE RACING

**17 Feb:** Betfair Ascot Chase Raceday. *Ascot Racecourse, High St, Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 7JX. T: 0844-346 3000. [www.ascot.co.uk](http://www.ascot.co.uk). Station: Waterloo to Ascot. Off map.*

### MOTOR SPORTS

**17 Feb:** The Arenacross Tour 2018. *SSE Arena, Wembley Arena Square, Engineers Way, HA9 0AA. T: 0844-815 0815. [www.ssearena.co.uk](http://www.ssearena.co.uk). Station: Wembley Park. Off map.*

### RUGBY UNION

**10 Feb:** Six Nations Championship – England vs Wales (p. 66). *Whitton Rd, Twickenham, TW2 7BA. T: 0871-222 2120. [www.englandrugby.com](http://www.englandrugby.com). Station: Twickenham. Off map.*

### TABLE TENNIS

**22-25 Feb:** ITTF Table Tennis Team World Cup (p. 66). *Copper Box Arena, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Abercrombie Rd, E20 3AB. T: 020-8221 4900. [www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk](http://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk). Station: Stratford. Off map.*

## TOURS & MUSEUMS

### ARSENAL STADIUM TOUR & MUSEUM

Self-guided audio tours including the changing rooms, players' tunnel and the museum. The Legends Tour is led by former Arsenal players. Please check for times. Adult £22; child £14.

*Drayton Park, N5 1BU. T: 020-7619 5000. [www.arsenal.com](http://www.arsenal.com). Station: Holloway Road/Arsenal/Finsbury Park. Off map.*

### CHELSEA FC STADIUM TOUR & MUSEUM

Guided one-hour tours of the home of the Premier League champions, including the dressing room, players' tunnel and press room, plus the museum with trophies. Legends Tours, led by ex-players, on selected dates. Please check for times. Adult £22; child £15. *See Football for address.*

### LORD'S TOUR & MUSEUM

Discover the home of cricket, including the MCC Museum with the Ashes urn. The guided tour takes you to the Pavilion, Long Room and Honours Board, plus the England team's dressing room. Please check for times. Booking essential. Tour £24; child £15. *St John's Wood Rd, NW8 8QN. T: 020-7616 8595. [www.lords.org/tours](http://www.lords.org/tours). Station: St John's Wood. C4.*

### TWICKENHAM STADIUM TOUR

The world's largest stadium dedicated to rugby. Tours include the England dressing room, royal box and pitch. Tue-Sun; please check for times. The World Rugby Museum open from 2 Feb (p. 66). Tour £20; child £12. *Twickenham Stadium, Whitton Rd, Twickenham, TW2 7BA. T: 020-8892 8877. [www.worldrugbymuseum.com](http://www.worldrugbymuseum.com). Station: Twickenham. Off map.*

### THE WEMBLEY STADIUM TOUR

Relive sporting history at the UK's largest sports and music venue, including the FA Cup. Regular tours daily 10am-4pm; check for closures. Adult £20; child £12. *Olympic Way, HA9 0WS. T: 0800-169 9933. [www.wembleystadium.com/tours](http://www.wembleystadium.com/tours). Station: Wembley Park. Off map.*

### WIMBLEDON LAWN TENNIS MUSEUM & TOUR

In the museum, see the 1887 men's singles trophy, Victorian tennis fashions and John McEnroe's 'ghost' in the changing rooms. **To 4 Mar:** *On Air: Wimbledon and the BBC, 1927-2017.* Exhibition of old broadcasting equipment. The tour includes Centre Court. Daily 10am-5.30pm. Museum and tour: adult £25; child £15 (one child free with every adult). Museum only: adult £13; child £8. *The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Church Rd, SW19 5AE. T: 020-8946 6131. [www.wimbledon.com/museum](http://www.wimbledon.com/museum). Station: Southfields. Off map.*





# SHOPPING

## STRIKE A POSE



### SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL



Proving that it's not just adults who should have all the fun, **Mini Mode**, a new platform showcasing kids' fashion, holds its inaugural show. It was set up by UK childrenswear designer, Amanda Rabor, who says: 'It was time to create a platform for kids' fashion during the UK industry's renowned London Fashion Week.' 16 Feb. 3pm-5.30pm. 16-18 Paddington St, W1U 5AS. [www.mini-mode.co.uk](http://www.mini-mode.co.uk)

London, we humbly declare, is the style capital of the world. Not Paris, New York or Milan. Instead it's this mother of a city that has given birth to the three-piece suit, bowler hat and trench coat. Twice a year, British designers showcase their collections at London Fashion Week (16-20 Feb).

Now in its 35th year, the event brings in £100 million of orders and sets the trends that you can expect to see this autumn and winter. While many of the shows are invite-only, the **London Fashion Week Festival** (22-25 Feb) gives you the chance to get a taste of the actual event.

Bag a front-row seat at a catwalk show from one of London's latest designers;

browse the pop-up shop that stocks more than 150 brands for men and women, including Accessorize, S'well and House of Sunny; or listen to talks delivered by industry experts.

Panel discussions include Deliciousy Ella on the power of healthy eating, *Elle* fashion editor Harriet Stewart on the future of fashion; and Orla Kiely on the role of colour in our lives. Meanwhile, magazine editors can talk you through the latest trends, and personal stylists are on hand to offer wardrobe advice. Look out for hair and make-up stylists, too, who are ready to give you mini makeovers during the day.

– *Kohinoor Sahota*  
*The Store, 180 The Strand, WC2R 1EA. T: 0115-896 0030. [www.londonfashionfestival.com](http://www.londonfashionfestival.com)*

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### MAJOR STORES

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Established in 1707, this historic 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. T: 0845-300 1707. www.fortnumandmason.com. Station: Green Park. E7.*

#### HARRODS

One of the world's most famous and iconic stores. Includes top fashion labels, jewellery, many bars and restaurants. *87-135 Brompton Rd, SW1X 7XL. T: 020-7730 1234. www.harrods.com. Station: Knightsbridge. F5.*

#### HOUSE OF FRASER

Affordable designer fashion, beauty, homewares and more at this one-stop shop. *318 Oxford St, W1C 1HF. T: 0344-800 3752. www.houseoffraser.co.uk. Station: Oxford Circus. B4.*

#### JOHN LEWIS

Established more than 150 years ago, this British institution sells everything from hats to homeware across its seven splendid floors. *300 Oxford St, W1A 1EX. T: 020-7629 7711. www.johnlewis.com. Station: Oxford Circus. D6.*

#### LIBERTY

Behind a mock-Tudor exterior, this iconic store is famed for its haberdashery and fabrics. A new restaurant has recently opened (p. 75). *Great Marlborough St, W1B 5AH. T: 020-7734 1234. www.libertylondon.com. Station: Oxford Circus. B5.*

#### PETER JONES

Browse seven floors of retail heaven in this department store, with clothes, cookware, accessories and interiors. *Sloane Square, SW1W 8EL. T: 020-7730 3434. www.peterjones.co.uk. Station: Sloane Square. Off map.*

#### SELFRIDGES

This famous department store is great for fashion, beauty and food, and home to the enormous Denim Studios. *400 Oxford St, W1A 1AB. T: 0800-123 400. www.selfridges.com. Station: Bond Street. D6.*

### MALLS & FACTORY OUTLETS

#### BICESTER VILLAGE

A shopping haven in Oxfordshire's countryside, where more than 160 boutique showpiece fashion brands, with prices reduced all year round. *Mon-Sat 9am-9pm; Sun 10am-7pm. Bicester, Oxfordshire, OX26 6WD. T: 01869-323 200. www.bicestervillage.com. Station: Marylebone to Bicester Village. Bus: Shopping Express Village coach from London hotels. Off map.*

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#### PRIMARK

At this bargain hunter's paradise, find up-to-the-minute clothing at affordable prices. *499-517 Oxford St, W1K 7DA (and branches). T: 020-7495 0420. www.primark.com. Station: Marble Arch. B4.*

#### TOPSHOP

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Pick up a royal souvenir at the Buckingham Palace Shop (p. 70)

# SHOPPING

## SPECIALIST STORES

### ABBEY ROAD STUDIO STORE

Music gifts, many related to The Beatles. *5 Abbey Rd, NW8 9AA. T: 020-7266 7355. [www.shop.abbeyroad.com](http://www.shop.abbeyroad.com). Station: St John's Wood. Off map.*

### BUCKINGHAM PALACE SHOP

Royal souvenirs and merchandise, including limited-edition items and corgi slippers (p. 69). *7 Buckingham Palace Rd, SW1W 0PP. T: 020-7839 1377. [www.royalcollectionshop.co.uk](http://www.royalcollectionshop.co.uk). Station: Victoria. F6.*

### HAMLEYS

One of the world's biggest toy shops, with seven floors selling everything a child could dream of, from board games to gadgets. *188-196 Regent St, W1B 5BT. T: 0371-704 1977. [www.hamleys.com](http://www.hamleys.com). Station: Oxford Circus. D7.*



## DIAMONDS IN THE SKY

As Valentine's Day is one of the most popular times of the year to propose, **Vashi** has opened on Piccadilly offering beautiful diamond jewellery. The British jeweller is looking to demystify diamond buying with a new concept store that is focused on personalisation, which allows the customer to design their own diamond jewellery. Visit the in-store diamond laboratory, analyse diamonds under a microscope and work with the craftsmen to bring your idea to life. *46 Piccadilly, W1J 0DS. T: 0800-530 0541. [www.vashi.com](http://www.vashi.com)*

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### LINKS OF LONDON

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### LONDON BEATLES STORE

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Watch glass objects being created before your eyes as you browse great pieces for sale. *62-66 Bermondsey St, SE1 3UD. T: 020-7403 2800. [www.londonglassblowing.co.uk](http://www.londonglassblowing.co.uk). Station: London Bridge. D8.*

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# EATING OUT

## THE WORLD ON YOUR PLATE



Clockwise from this image: The Kitchens at Old Spitalfields Market; Flank; dishes at The Kitchens



### PLANT POWER

*The trend for plant-based food is still going strong, and now you can swap recipes, try new vegan products, watch cookery demonstrations and enjoy live music at **Vegan Life Live** at Alexandra Palace (10-11 Feb) in Wood Green, north London. [www.alexandrapalace.com](http://www.alexandrapalace.com)*



Ten new restaurants, known as **The Kitchens**, have opened in Old Spitalfields Market. The hatches, or permanent stalls, mark the first phase of the market's ambitious refurbishment plans.

The independent traders have been carefully selected so there is a variety of global cuisine. Some have won food awards, while others have grown from a street stall or supper club.

Chef Nuno Mendes, the co-founder of **Ten Ten**, says: 'We want to celebrate the creative people and talent in this pocket of London. In an age where retail is becoming impersonal and en masse, we want to re-establish that unique connection between traders and consumers.'

**Berber & Q Grill House** co-founders Josh Katz and Mattia Bianchi blend Middle Eastern and North African ingredients to create dishes

such as a cauliflower shawarma with tahini, pomegranate and rose. At **Breddos**, you'll find dishes inspired by its founders' travels around Mexico. Masa corn is ground on-site to make tortillas and tacos – try one filled with barbecue duck, tamarind, onion and piloncillo (unrefined whole cane sugar).

European offerings include **Sood Family's** recipes from southern Italy using produce such as burrata and cheese – try a breakfast brioche with cured pork. The modern British hatch **Flank** is heavy on meat, such as wild mallard with fermented peanut, as chef Tom Griffiths cooks 'nose to tail' to ensure nothing is wasted.

Fans of Asian cuisine, meanwhile, can choose from **Dumpling Shack**, **Barbarian** and **Yum Bun**, making The Kitchens ideal for groups.

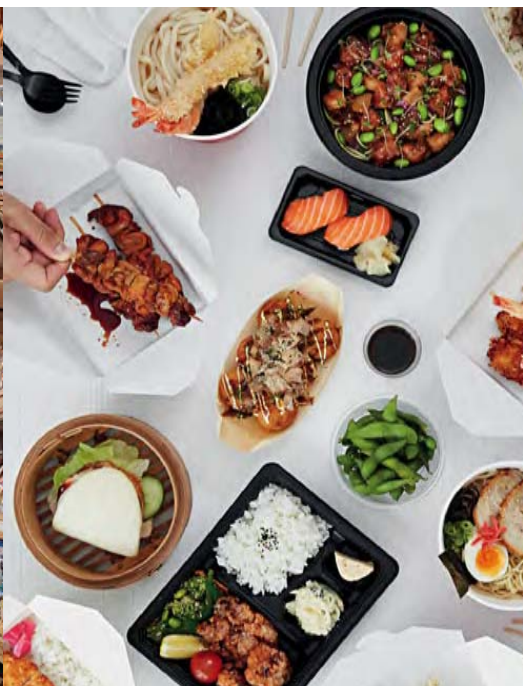
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### OBLIX

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### PLANET HOLLYWOOD

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## WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

The former world's best bartender, Ryan Chetiyardana – the man behind Dandelyan – has launched **Cub**, which aims to be environmentally sustainable. Tabletops are made from recycled yoghurt pots, plates from plastic bags and pendant lights from cork, while the menu uses food waste such as chicken bones. The food is unpredictable, but the set menu is good value as most courses are matched with great drinks. 153 Hoxton St, N1 6PJ. T: 020-3693 3202. [www.lyancub.com](http://www.lyancub.com)

## BRITISH

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### CAFÉ IN THE CRYPT

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### SOPHIE'S STEAKHOUSE & BAR

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## CHINESE

### CHAI WU

This modern venue in Harrods serves luxury dishes such as Wagyu beef and lobster. Daily L; Mon-Sat D to 8pm. £££. 87-135 Brompton Rd, SW1X 7XL. T: 020-3819 8888. [www.chaiwu.co.uk](http://www.chaiwu.co.uk). Station: Knightsbridge. F5.

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### CHUTNEY MARY

This long-standing restaurant offers a culinary tour of seven Indian regions. Mon-Fri B, L & D; Sat L & D. ££. 73 St James's St, SW1A 1PH. T: 020-7629 6688. [www.chutneymary.com](http://www.chutneymary.com). Station: Green Park. E7.

### GAYLORD RESTAURANT

Iconic Indian restaurant, serving kebabs and Mughal dishes. Daily L & D. ££. 79-81 Mortimer St, W1W 7SJ. T: 020-7580 3615. [www.gaylordlondon.com](http://www.gaylordlondon.com). Station: Oxford Circus. D7.

## HAANDI

North Indian dishes. Mon-Sun L & D. £. 7 Cheval Place, SW7 1EW. T: 020-7823 7373. [www.haandirestaurants.com](http://www.haandirestaurants.com). Station: Knightsbridge. D3.

## LITTLE INDIA

Informal restaurant. Daily L & D. ££. 32 Gloucester Rd, SW7 4RB. T: 020-7584 3476. [www.littleindia.london.com](http://www.littleindia.london.com). Station: Gloucester Road. F4.

## MASALA ZONE

Indian street food. Daily L & D. ££. 48 Floral St, WC2E 9DA (and branches). T: 020-7379 0101. [www.masalazone.com](http://www.masalazone.com). Station: Covent Garden. D6.

## MEMORIES OF INDIA

This smart restaurant is well located for the nearby museums. Daily L & D. ££. 18 Gloucester Rd, SW7 4RB. T: 020-7589 6450. [www.memoriesofindia.com](http://www.memoriesofindia.com). Station: Gloucester Road. G4.

## MINT LEAF

Innovative Indian dishes. Mon-Fri L & D; Sat-Sun D. ££. Suffolk Place, Haymarket, SW1Y 4HX. T: 020-7930 9020. [www.mintleaf.london.com](http://www.mintleaf.london.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.



## TAKING LIBERTIES

Liberty London (p. 69) has a new restaurant, **Arthur's**, named after the man who founded the luxury department store in 1875. The restaurant and bar complete the store's year-long renovation. Open for brunch, lunch and afternoon tea, it uses artisanal produce from the store's food hall. Mains include beetroot falafel with cumin-roasted cauliflower, smoked aubergine, quinoa, toasted sunflower seeds and beetroot dressing; and miso-glazed chicken with pickled sautéed mushrooms, cabbage and roasted baby potatoes.

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## EATING OUT

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### RS HISPANIOLA

Mediterranean cuisine aboard this restaurant ship. Look out for comedy nights and jazz sessions. Daily L & D. ££. Victoria Embankment, WC2N 5DJ. T: 020-7839 3011. [www.hispaniola.co.uk](http://www.hispaniola.co.uk). Station: Embankment. E8.

### SOUTH EAST ASIAN

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### MANGO TREE

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### VEGETARIAN & VEGAN

#### MILDREDS

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REVIEW

## THE ROYAL TREATMENT

The team behind Paddington's Pergola on the Roof has transformed an old pub opposite Brompton Cemetery into **The Prince**. As well as a pergola garden, which is heated in winter, the site has four restaurants, while the lively music will get you dancing. Choose from Vietnamese barbecued dishes at Mam; free-range beef burgers at Patty & Bun; Thai cuisine at the Begging Bowl Canteen and British cuisine at Rabbit. The restaurants are self-service, so you may have to queue, especially for the burgers - but it's worth it. 14 Lillie Rd, SW6 1TU.

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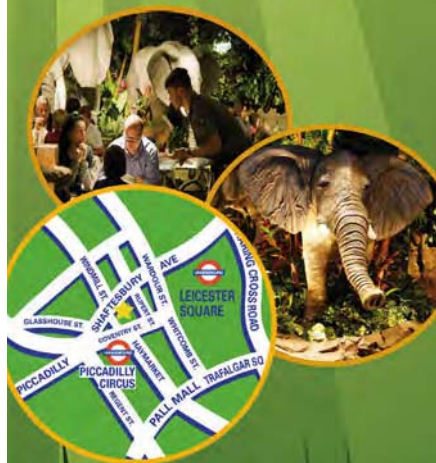
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Clockwise from this image: Callooh Callay; cocktail at JubJub Bar at Callooh Callay; The King of Ladies Man



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### WE'LL DRINK TO THAT



Now in its third year, **Gin Festival** at Tobacco Dock in Wapping (16-18 Feb) gives you the chance to sample up to 100 gins, including new brands, straight up or in cocktails. You can also take a masterclass and meet distillers. [www.ginfestival.com](http://www.ginfestival.com)

Back in the 1920s, when alcohol was banned in the States during Prohibition, illicit bars known as speakeasies proliferated – often disguised as another venue.

New bar **Jack Solomons Club** has launched in Soho in the basement of 41 Great Windmill Street – ring the bell by the entrance, which is through a hidden door accessed via a late-night delicatessen.

As you walk down the stairs you'll pass a butchery chamber, but once inside the décor is all about old-school glamour – think red leather walls and velvet furnishings. There's a dance floor, too, with live bands and DJs (41 Great Windmill St, W1D 7LU).

Bars might be disguised as a 1920s chemists – like the new **Evans & Peel Pharmacy** in Chiswick, which is full of antique surgical equipment (42 Devonshire Rd, W4 2HD).

Look out for a detective's office (**Evans & Peel Detective**

**Agency**), a suit shop (**Discount Suit Company**) and a public toilet (**CellarDoor**). You may need a password to gain entry to some bars ('Hair of the Dog' at **Purl**), while there's not even a sign for **69 Colebrooke Row**.

A parallel universe lies on the far side of a gilt-framed mirror in the **Looking Glass Cocktail Club** (49 Hackney Rd, E2 7NX). Step inside the glass into a dimly lit secret room. DJs and bands entertain you as you sample the menu, which is themed around musical eras.

**Callooh Callay** has a wardrobe – JubJub Bar is on the other side. To gain entry, you'll need a key (65 Rivington St, EC2A 3AY). Meanwhile, **The King of Ladies Man** in Battersea is hidden behind a sliding wall in a launderette (5-9 Battersea Rise, SW11 1HG), while **The Breakfast Club** has a 1950s fridge – which isn't just for milk... (12-16 Artillery Lane, E1 7LS).

– Sarah Riches

CALLOOH CALLAY AND JUBJUB BAR COCKTAIL © ADDIE CHINN; THE KING OF LADIES MAN COURTESY OF THE KING OF LADIES MAN; GIN FESTIVAL © TOM MARSHALL/GIN FESTIVAL LONDON

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### MAGPIE & STUMP

Opposite the Old Bailey courts, this historic pub dates back to the 1500s. *18 Old Bailey, EC4M 7EP. T: 020-7248 5085. www.magpieandstump.com. Station: St Paul's. D10.*

### THE SPANIARDS INN

A cosy, ancient pub by Hampstead Heath, which author Charles Dickens frequented. *Spaniards Rd, NW3 7JJ. T: 020-8731 8406. www.thespianiardshampstead.co.uk. Station: Hampstead. Off map.*

### WAXY O'CONNOR'S

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

### YE OLDE CHESHIRE CHEESE

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

## BARS & CLUBS

### THE BACK ROOM

Next door to Hard Rock Cafe, this bar has iconic music items, including a door from the Apple Studios signed by The Beatles. Enjoy cocktails. *148b Old Park Lane, W1K 1QZ. T: 020-7514 1700. www.hardrock.com. Station: Green Park. E6.*

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### GORDON'S WINE BAR

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## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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## CASINOS

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An Asian restaurant, bar, poker room and games. Open 24 hours daily. *5-6 Leicester Square, WC2 7NA. T: 020-3627 0818. www.thecasinosq.com. Station: Leicester Square. E7.*



Kitty Hawk has launched a new café and wine bar, **Back Room Wine Bar**, near Liverpool Street station. The Moorish-Mediterranean theme shows in its wine menu, which changes weekly and is provided by Borough Wines via an honesty wine tap (if you can't wait for the sommelier). You can order snacks such as cheese and charcuterie boards, small plates of Moroccan tagines and fish stew. Its grey palette – think tall, concrete walls – is a little stark, but it's softened by the occasional plant, copper lights, patterned geometric tiles and navy leather Chesterfield sofas. *11 South Place, EC2M 7EB. T: 020-3319 9199. www.thekittyhawk.co.uk*



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## Old York

The historic city of York is often overlooked by international tourists on a whistle-stop tour of the UK, but an upcoming festival is the perfect excuse for a detour, says **Sarah Riches**



**W**ith a cathedral to rival Canterbury's, old walls that beat Chester's and a castle that competes with Colchester's, the city of York should be an obvious choice for visitors wanting to explore beyond London, but its location in the north east of England means it tends to get forgotten about.

This month, however, the annual city-wide **Jorvik Viking Festival** (12-18 Feb) – Europe's largest Viking festival – attracts more than 40,000 visitors. The event, which is now in its 34th year, marks the Viking invasion and conquest of the UK in 866AD. It also commemorates the Jolablot celebrations the Vikings held each

February to herald the coming of spring and the survival of winter.

As well as candlelit talks, mock battles and guided walks, festival highlights include stories read by warriors in a Viking encampment, a competition to find the strongest Viking, and a parade from Dean's Park between the rival armies of the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons.

Even if you miss the festival, you can still learn about the city's past at the **Jorvik Viking Centre**, which is built on the site of Viking buildings discovered in archaeological digs in the 1970s and 1980s. See a reconstruction of Viking Age streets, experience life in 10th-century York and





**Clockwise from left:** Jorvik Viking Festival; York Minster; York's city wall; National Railway Museum; battle scene at Jorvik Viking Festival



look at ancient artefacts such as decorative combs made from bone and rings crafted from antlers.

The centre is next to St Mary's Church, and on the other side of the church you'll find **Fairfax House**, a restored Georgian townhouse.

The house is overlooked by **Clifford's Tower**, which was built in the 12th century on the site of a grass mound and castle created by William the Conqueror 100 years earlier. Take a self-guided tour and you'll learn how the fort once housed the treasury and was used as a prison during the 1600s. From the top there are panoramic views of the city and you can walk along the old city walls – the longest town walls in England.

**York Castle Museum**, a Grade I-listed building that was once a jail, is next to the tower. Learn about its most notorious prisoner, highwayman Dick Turpin, and Elizabeth Boardingham, who

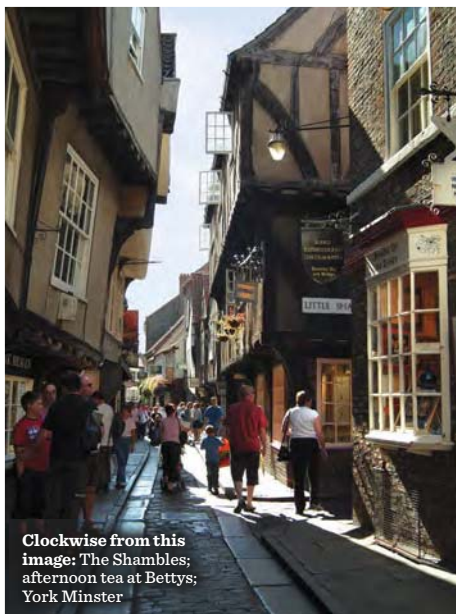
was the last woman to be burnt at the stake.

On a lighter note, you can also see a traditional sweet shop and take part in tasting sessions. Why confectionery? Those with a sweet tooth can delve deeper into the city's relationship with cocoa at **York's Chocolate Story**.

A guided tour teaches you about the origins of chocolate and how this led to the establishment of Terry's of York in 1767 – without which, we wouldn't have Terry's Chocolate Orange!

The 1920s home of the Terry family, **Goddards House and Garden**, is now a National Trust property on the outskirts of the city. Visitors can learn more about the family and the confectionery Noel Terry made in the Terry factory.

Children will also enjoy **York Dungeon**. Actors, special effects, storytelling and 360-degree sets bring the past alive while you have a check-up ►



Clockwise from this image: The Shambles; afternoon tea at Bettys; York Minster



by a plague doctor, get lost in a labyrinth and, if you're unlucky, experience execution by axe.

For a break from the sights, stroll around **The Shambles**, a cobbled street lined with shops, cafés and restaurants. It is York's oldest street, and it's so narrow, the roofs of its crooked 15th-century buildings almost touch.

**Bettys tea rooms** is nearby, on St Helen's Square; it's run by the third generation of the family that established it in 1919. It makes its own bread, cakes and chocolates in its bakery and serves afternoon tea, as does the Countess of York, which is a former train carriage. The sharing boards at Mannion & Co Kitchen opposite the Visit York Information Centre are also delicious.

For something more substantial, try unusual dishes such as pig's head fritter with quince ketchup or curried mussels and pickled lime at Skosh by the train station; classic Italian plates in fairy-lit surroundings at Gusto, by Bettys, or La Vecchia Scuola, near York Chocolate Story, which is in a 300-year-old former girls' college.

There's plenty to see at the north end of the city, too. **Yorkshire Museum** in Museum Gardens, which opened in 1830, showcases the history of York from the prehistoric era through to the arrival of the Romans and beyond. Look out for a real dinosaur footprint, an 11,000-year-old engraved pendant and a Roman mosaic floor.

On the other side of the River Ouse, you'll find the **National Railway Museum**. As well as working steam locomotives, there is a Japanese 'bullet train' which travels at up to 130mph.

Last but not least, you can't visit York without seeing **York Minster**, which was built between 1220 and 1472. You can catch an event, attend a service, take a guided tour or climb 275 steps to the top of its 70m tower for amazing views of the city and countryside beyond.

## Where to stay

For a treat, splash out on Grays Court Hotel, a smart, historical house with a newly renovated restaurant, The Bar Room. For a mid-range alternative, book The Parisi Hotel, a converted rectory near the Jorvik Viking Centre. A great budget option is Judges Lodging opposite Visit York Information Centre.

## How to get there

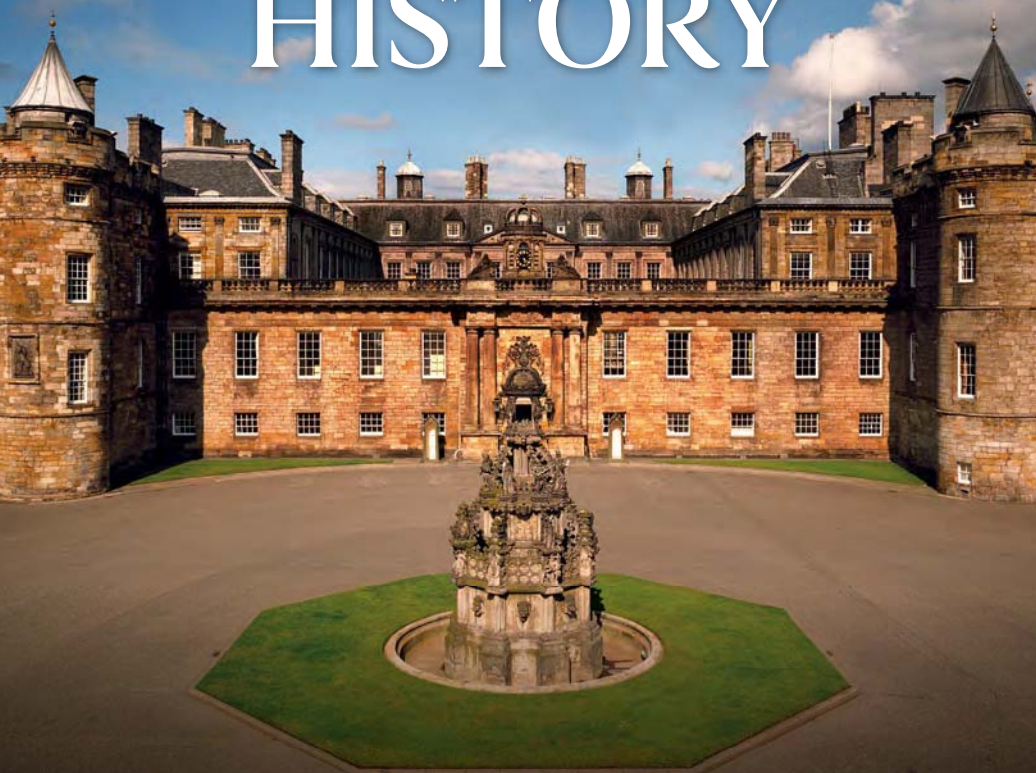
Direct trains depart from King's Cross for York and take around two hours. A weekend return costs around £106. [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

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See London Underground Map (p. 96-97). Services run Mon-Sat 5am-12.30am and Sun 7.30am-11.30pm on most routes. Night Tube runs all night Fri & Sat on the Victoria and Jubilee lines, and most of the Central, Northern and Piccadilly lines. Fares vary; a Zone 1 adult fare is £4.90 (£2.40 Oyster).

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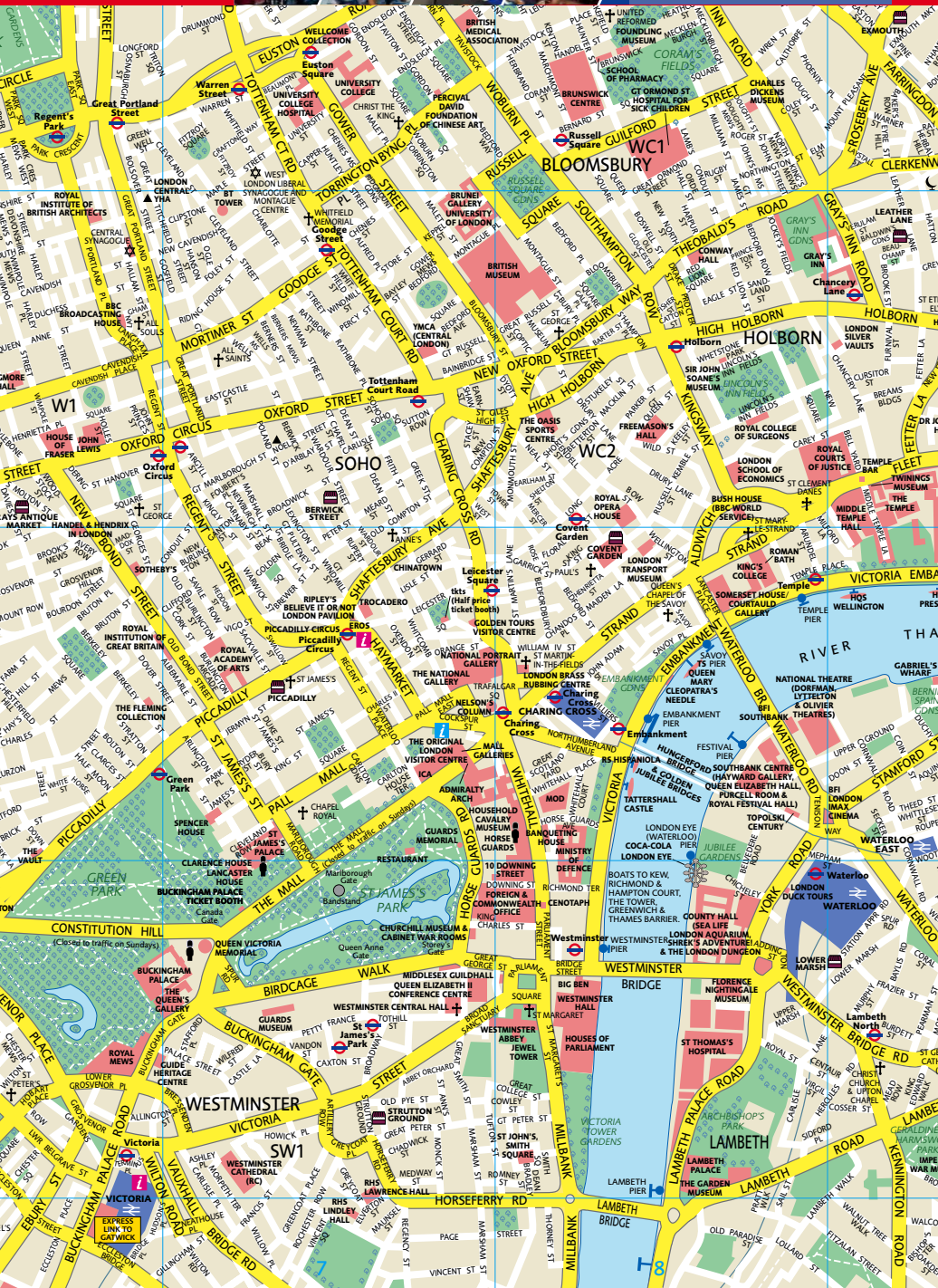


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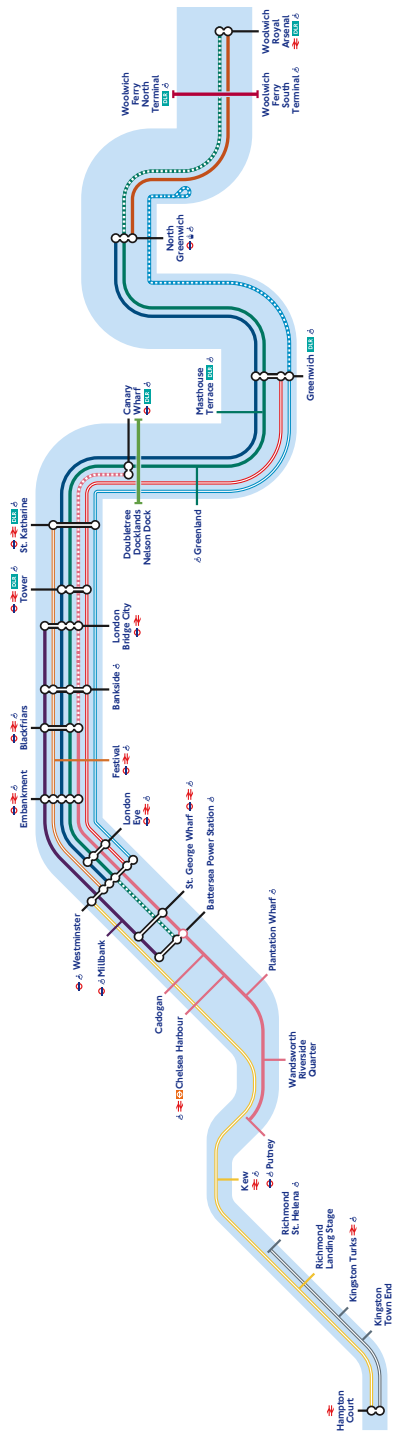


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# LONDON RIVER SERVICES MAP



**River Bus:**

- RB1** Westminster to North Greenwich Daily
- RB2** North Greenwich to Woolwich Royal Arsenal Limited service: morning peak only
- RB3** Westminster to Battersea Power Station Weekends only
- RB4** Doublet to Docklands Nelson Dock to Canary Wharf Daily
- RB5** North Greenwich to Woolwich Royal Arsenal Weekends only
- RB6** Putney to Blackfriars Weekday morning and evening only
- RB7** Battersea Power Station to London Bridge City Daily

River bus services are operated by H&M Thames Clippers

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- Thames Barrier loop Operated by Thames River Services

**River Tours summer-only:**

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- Richmond to St. Helena to Hampton Court Operated by Laundries
- Thames Barrier loop Operated by Thames River Services

**River Tours circular (not shown on map):**

- City Cruises Circular River Cruise
- London Eye River Cruise
- Circular tour departing from Battersea Pier and Westminster Pier
- London Eye Boat

**Ferry service:**

- Woolwich Ferry Operated by Biggs-Marine

**Key to symbols:**

- In orange piers
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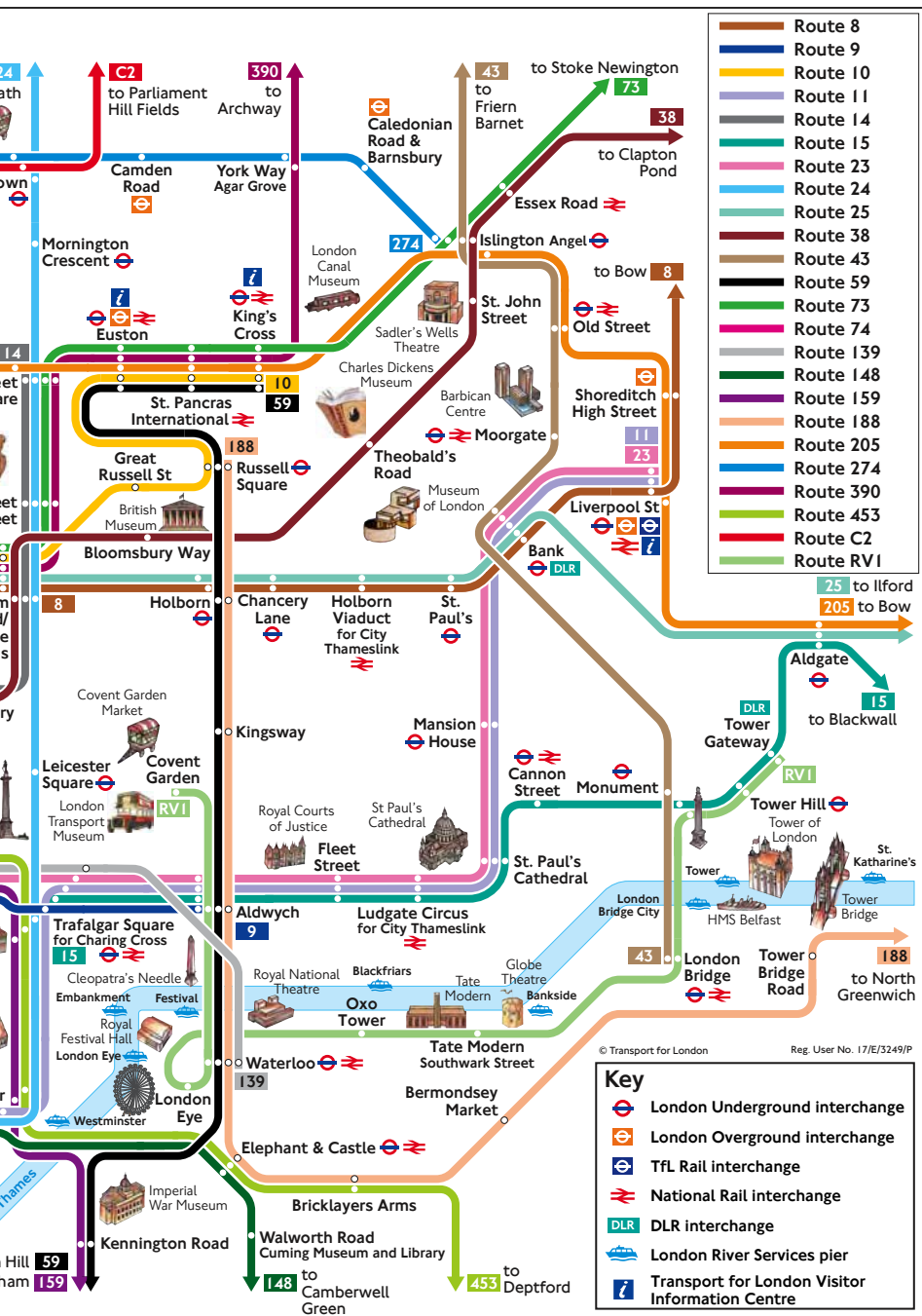
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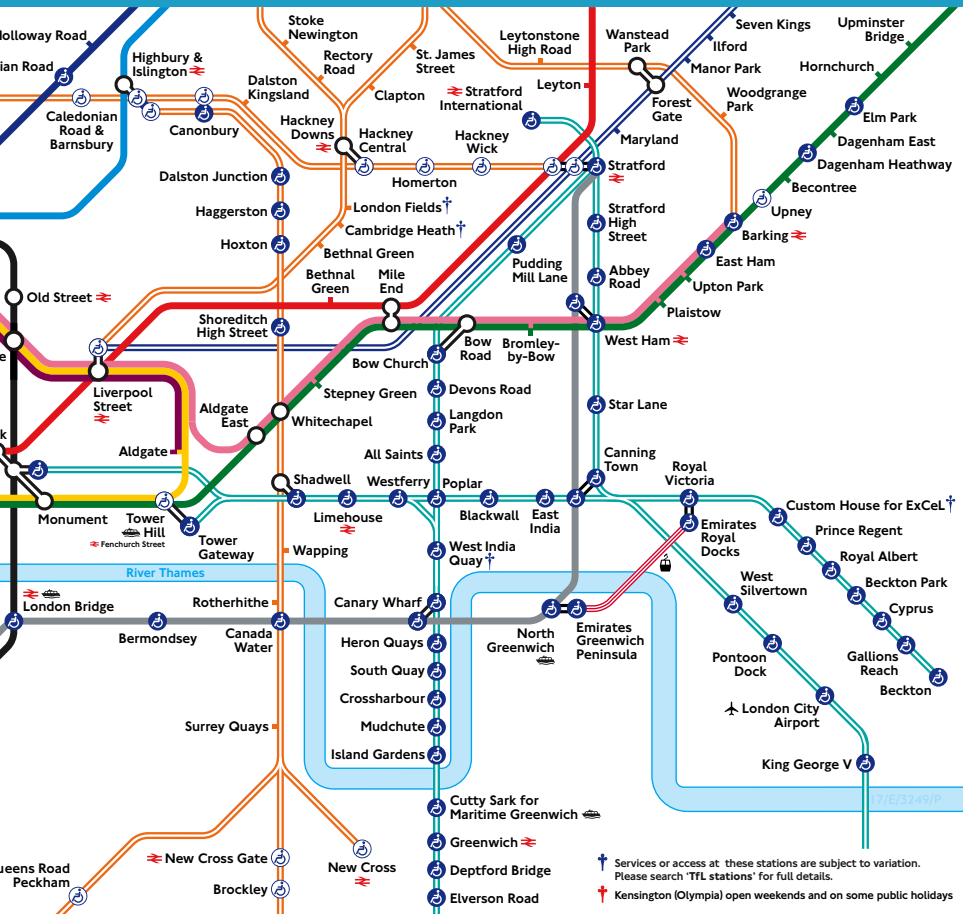
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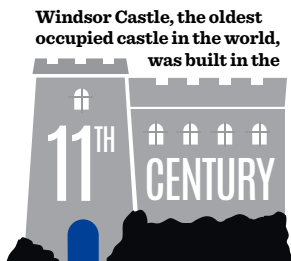


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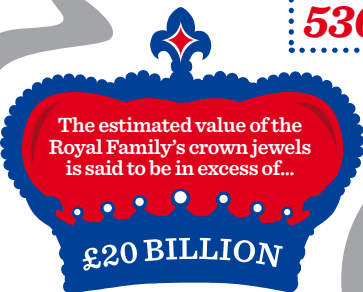
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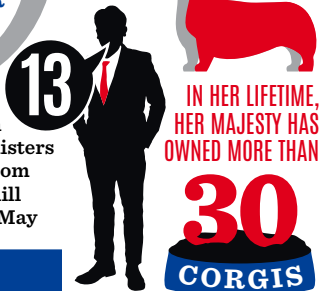
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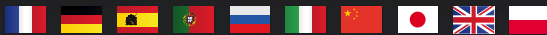
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