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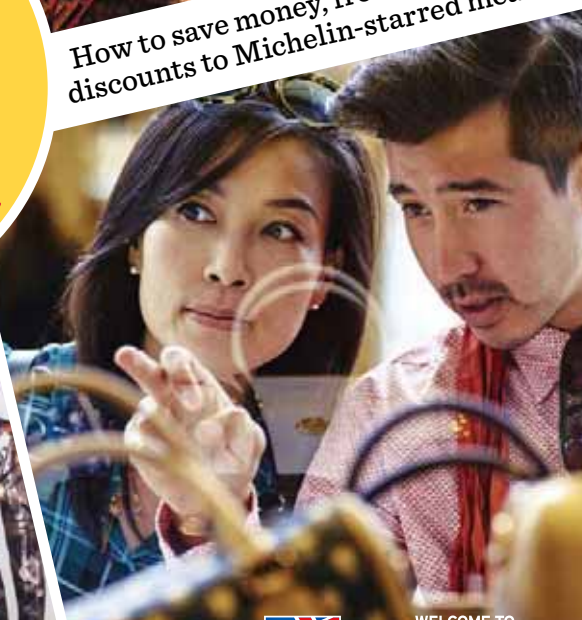


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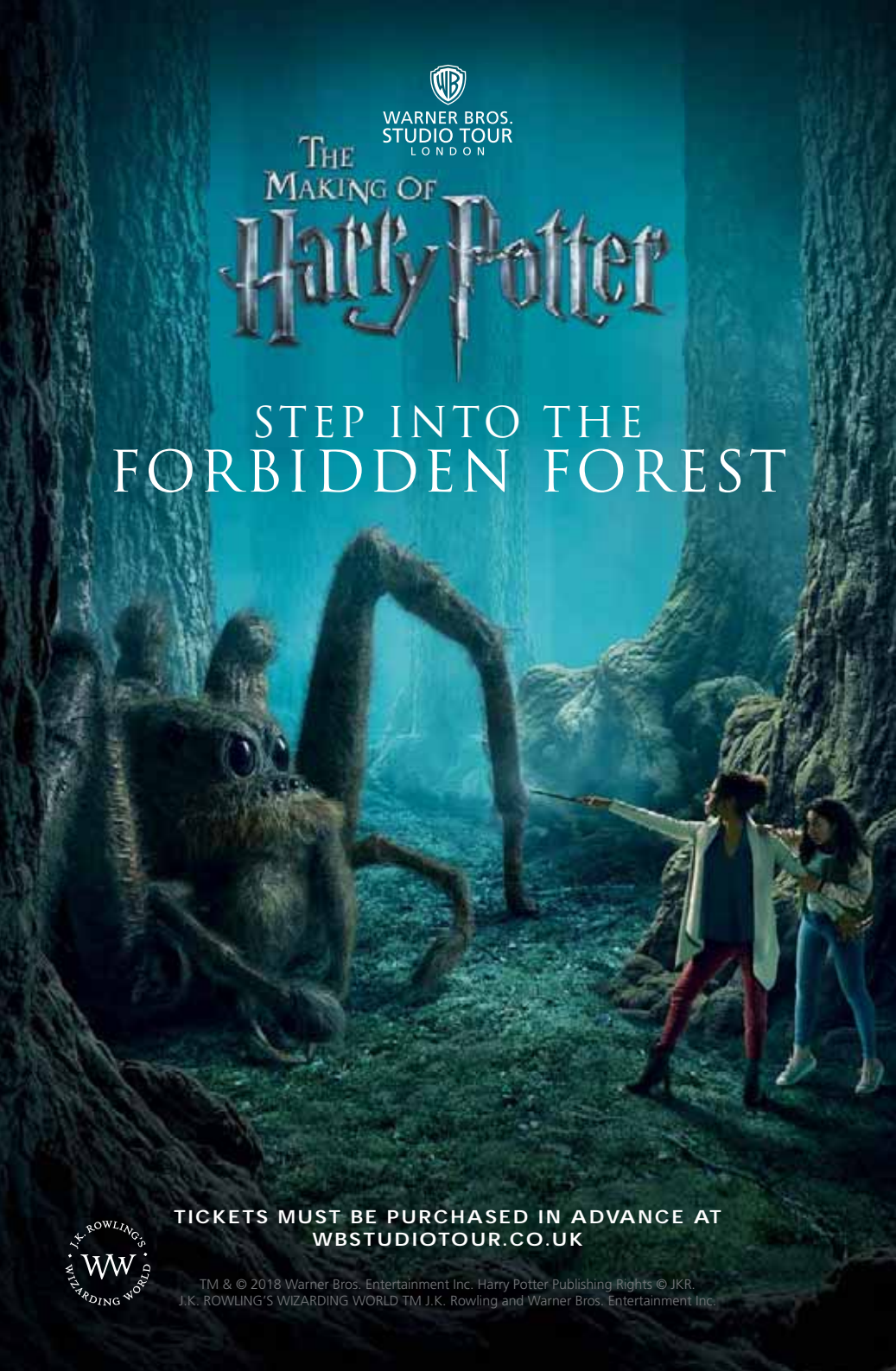




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# THE MAYOR'S LETTER

## A big welcome to London this January

Forget the January blues – you're visiting the capital at one of the brightest and most exciting times of the year, as we welcome the magical Lumiere London light festival. More than 40 UK and international artists reimagine London's iconic architecture and streets, transforming the city into a dazzling nocturnal art exhibition – and it's all free to visit.

London is a world leader for shopping with its eclectic mix of styles, shops and brands around every corner. For something British, visit the world-famous West End department stores or, for a one-off vintage buy, take a trip to one of our much-loved street markets.

Basketball returns to The O2, with the highly anticipated NBA London Game 2018, which will see the Philadelphia 76ers face the Boston Celtics in a regular-season game. Visitors to the city will also have the opportunity to see the amazing Cirque du Soleil in action as it returns to the Royal Albert Hall, bringing its energetic and colourful *OVO* show to the UK for the first time.



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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*

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## 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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**Clockwise from this image:**  
*The Play That Goes Wrong*;  
 Lima; Yauatcha; London  
 Cocktail Club; Lima; Bicester  
 Village; London Cocktail Club

## Don't suffer the January blues... with Jo Caird's money-saving tips, you can still have fun

There are very few cities that can compete with London. From culture and nightlife to dining and shopping, the British capital comes out on top time and time again. The bad news is that all this comes at a high price – London is an undeniably expensive place to visit. Luckily, with a bit of planning, you can experience the best of the city – fancy cocktail bars, West End plays, designer labels, the whole kit and caboodle – without breaking the bank.

### SHOP LIKE A CELEBRITY

As well as the excellent January sales, there are lots of ways to bag a designer bargain in London if you know where to look. Aquascutum, Joseph, Pringle of Scotland and Anya Hindmarch are just some of the glamorous labels with outlet stores in Hackney, east London. You'll find 16 shops, plus **The Box**, which hosts events and sample sales, at **Hackney Walk**.



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**Clockwise from this image:**  
Dirty Bones; Social Eating  
House; Yauatcha; Dirty Bones

Even more designer brands are on offer at **Bicester Village**, a retail outlet village in the Oxfordshire countryside that's just 46 minutes on the train from Marylebone Station. British and international designer labels give discounts of up to 60 per cent, making Bicester Village well worth the journey – your only challenge will be squeezing all your purchases into your luggage for the journey back to London.

The other route to getting hold of designer goodies for a fraction of the price is via charity shops. These shops, which sell donated clothes, books and homeware on behalf of charities, tend to be rather unglamorous, but **Mary's Living & Giving Shops**, a successful chain founded by the British retail consultant and TV star Mary Portas, break the mould. There you'll find one-offs donated by luxury brands and retailers including Vivienne Westwood and Alexander McQueen. There are 22 of Mary's shops in London, the latest having opened in Bermondsey last autumn; all proceeds go to Save the Children. [www.hackneywalk.com](http://www.hackneywalk.com); [www.bicester-village.com](http://www.bicester-village.com); [www.savethechildren.org.uk](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk)

### A FEAST FOR A KING

All that luxury shopping will have given you an appetite, and why not keep things classy with a meal at a Michelin-starred restaurant? Ordering à la carte at an establishment such as Jason Atherton's **Social Eating House** in Soho, which was awarded a Michelin star back in 2014, will cost you a pretty penny, but book a table at lunchtime on a weekday and you can take advantage of a three-course set menu for just £26.50, or £33.50 if you throw in a cocktail.

Similarly good-value deals are available at other swanky eateries across the capital. The options for the three-course lunch at Peruvian restaurant **Lima** in Fitzrovia includes ceviche, Andean potato stew, king prawn stew and dulce de leche ice cream. This menu, which is also available as a pre-theatre option, costs £24. Just down the road at **Yauatcha**, the dim sum tea house from the team behind Hakkasan, you can get eight dim sum, plus a selection of macarons and teas, for £19. [www.socialeatinghouse.com](http://www.socialeatinghouse.com); [www.limalondon.com](http://www.limalondon.com); [www.yauatcha.com](http://www.yauatcha.com)

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Left and right:  
London Cocktail Club  
Below: *Les Misérables*

## A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE

Top-price tickets to plays and musicals in the West End can cost up to £200, but you can see these shows for a fraction of the cost. All year round, you can pick up tickets for as much as 70 per cent off by queuing in person on the day of the performance at the **TKTS booth** in Leicester Square. Around 40 different West End shows are typically available, including *Les Misérables* and *The Play That Goes Wrong*.

The **Get into London Theatre** scheme, which runs from 1 Jan to 9 Feb, offers further chances to catch these shows, with tickets available for £10, £20, £30 and £40 at specific performances. [www.officiallondontheatre.com](http://www.officiallondontheatre.com)

## DRINK TO THAT!

A lot of skill goes into making delicious cocktails – especially ones packed with innovative flavours and made using techniques popular in the capital in recent years. So it's not surprising that a night out at a London cocktail bar can have a serious impact on your wallet. It doesn't have to be that way, however,

if you head along at happy hour (timings vary from venue to venue but tend to take place on weekdays, from mid-afternoon to early evening) to take advantage of drinks so inexpensive you'll want to try everything on the menu.

Caipirinhas and mojitos are among the selected cocktails available for just £5.50 at Amigo Hour at Latin-themed **Barrio**, which has bars in Soho, Islington, Shoreditch and Brixton. Happy hour at **London Cocktail Club's** seven locations means two cocktails for £12 across the enormous list. Founded by the award-winning bartender JJ Goodman, the LCC has some quirky offerings including a bacon and egg martini – smoked bacon-infused whisky, with maple syrup, orange bitters, lemon juice and egg whites.

Selected cocktails, meanwhile, are only £5 at the four locations of **Dirty Bones** – we can't get enough of the Littlest Hobo, a delicious combination of gin, lemon, passion fruit and cider.

So order another round, and raise a toast to doing London on a budget, but in style.  
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# Let it Shine

Let there be light! Banish the winter blues by visiting illuminations festivals that promise to brighten up the capital, says **Sarah Riches**

**I**t might be dark outside, but a major light festival has been given the green light to return to London, rivalling the capital's annual illumination and lantern celebrations.

The city's largest night-time festival, *Lumiere* (18-21 Jan), was a hit when it premiered in 2009 in Durham in the north east of England, and when it launched in London in January 2016, 1.3 million visitors braved the chill to see 30 installations. The 2018 edition promises to be even bigger, with up to 50 installations.

*Lumiere* London will light up King's Cross and the West End and, for the first time, the festival will bring installations to Westminster, Victoria, Fitzrovia, Mayfair, South Bank and Waterloo. Look out for artworks with movement sensors and interactive works connected to apps.

Around 50 UK and international artists will participate, while schools and volunteers from across the capital will showcase works made from

reflective materials, neon lights and projections.

The festival is programmed and produced by the British live events charity, Artichoke, which was behind London's Burning in 2016 – the festival that commemorated the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London.

Artichoke's CEO and artistic director, Helen Marriage, says: 'Lumiere London is about changing expectations – once illuminated, buildings you think you know change their shape and appearance; public spaces become places where strange and delightful things happen. It's exciting because it makes everyone think differently about





Both images:  
Christmas at Kew

the city, and brings great art on to the streets, beyond the closed spaces of the gallery or concert hall.

'I'm thrilled that the Mayor of London has commissioned Artichoke to programme and produce the second edition of Lumiere London. The festival will transform the capital into a giant art exhibition without walls and everyone is invited.'

Lumiere London is set to rival Berlin's acclaimed Festival of Lights, Lyon's Fête de Lumières and Vivid Sydney – but to find out if that's true, you'll have to see the light yourself. [www.visitlondon.com/lumiere](http://www.visitlondon.com/lumiere)



## Light festivals

### KEW GARDENS

If Lumiere London feels too crowded, then *Christmas at Kew* at Kew Gardens is a peaceful alternative. Each year, a mile-long trail winds around the gardens, and this year it will be lit up by more than a million lights at night.

In previous years, stops along the trail have been decorated with a tunnel of golden fairy lights, trees dripping with Chinese lanterns, a garden of flaming torches and illuminated trees. Along the way you can roast chestnuts on a fire and little ones can meet Father Christmas. The finale – a 20-minute light and laser show in front of the Palm House – is the highlight.

Nick Thompson, Kew's senior commercial events manager, says: 'This year's new route has an array of newly commissioned light

## *Lumiere will change the capital into a giant art exhibition*

and sound installations. Between Art and Technology Studio, which has worked on projects for the Horniman Museum & Gardens and the Science Museum, will create an ephemeral ultraviolet walkway.

Elsewhere, the world's longest double herbaceous border, The Great Broad Walk Borders, will form part of the trail for the first time with a host of giant trees lining the promenade, made from thousands

of colourful, sparkling flowers complete with holographic petals. Also new this year is an ethereal spectacle of light and sound from artists Ithaca as visitors stroll over Kew's lake, with the lake's two islands slowly coming to life as angelic voices call and respond.' [www.kew.org](http://www.kew.org)



### CHISWICK HOUSE & GARDENS

Magical Lantern Festival at Chiswick House & Gardens, meanwhile, returns for a second year with a whole new range of illuminated lanterns and sculptures.

Last year's display saw a Chinese dragon, a pat of flamingos and a dazzle of zebras – some of which appeared to float on water. This year there will be a new range of lantern sculptures, including Father Christmas and his reindeers. London will no doubt be dazzling this winter.

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# Greenwich

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As the Mayor of London's #SeeMoreLondon campaign encourages you to visit different areas, take a short trip to Greenwich for the day. The area has plenty of exciting things to see and do

## 1 Up at The O2

Walk across the roof of The O2 on an aerial adventure that takes you to the top of the entertainment world. Take in spectacular views of London on this 90-minute guided expedition, suspended two metres (more than six feet) above the roof on a walkway that gently bounces as you move along it. Before you climb, your guide will give you a climbing suit, shoes and a safety harness.

## 2 River Thames

Getting to Greenwich is easy on a quick MBNA Thames Clippers catamaran. It's also the most fun way to travel. These sleek boats rush up and down the river from central London to Greenwich every 20 minutes, past some of London's most iconic landmarks including Shakespeare's Globe, St Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London. Sit outside as you get up to full throttle, and watch the architecture of London pass by.

## 3 Emirates Air Line

Fly across the River Thames with Emirates Air Line, the UK's only urban cable car. Float 91m (300ft) above the river from Greenwich Peninsula to the Royal Docks and back. Down the river, you'll see the mighty Thames Barrier, while the view over the tip of the peninsula stretches out to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and beyond. Swoop down towards the Royal Docks, swing smoothly round and

head back over the water with The O2 and Canary Wharf ahead of you.

You can also fly an Airbus A380 or Boeing B777 at Emirates Aviation Experience, an amazing fixed-base flight simulator right next to Emirates Air Line cable car. Select the airport, the time of day and the weather conditions, then pilot the plane through take-off and landing. This simulator is guided by an experienced flight instructor.

## 4 Royal Observatory

Take a tour of the universe from the comfort of your seat in the Planetarium at the Royal Observatory Greenwich. Fly into the heart of the Sun, travel to distant galaxies, see the birth of a star and land on Mars.

## 5 Greenwich Market

There's a fantastic range of street food in Greenwich Market – you can taste your way round the world in a matter of minutes. There are hand-made sausages and teriyaki, kidney beans with cardamom seeds and parsley, mini pancakes and hand-made ravioli, macarons and churros, plus empanadas (mini pasties). Try a classic dinner in Goddards, one of London's best pie and mash shops, or make a meal of it with takeaways and ice cream in Greenwich Park.

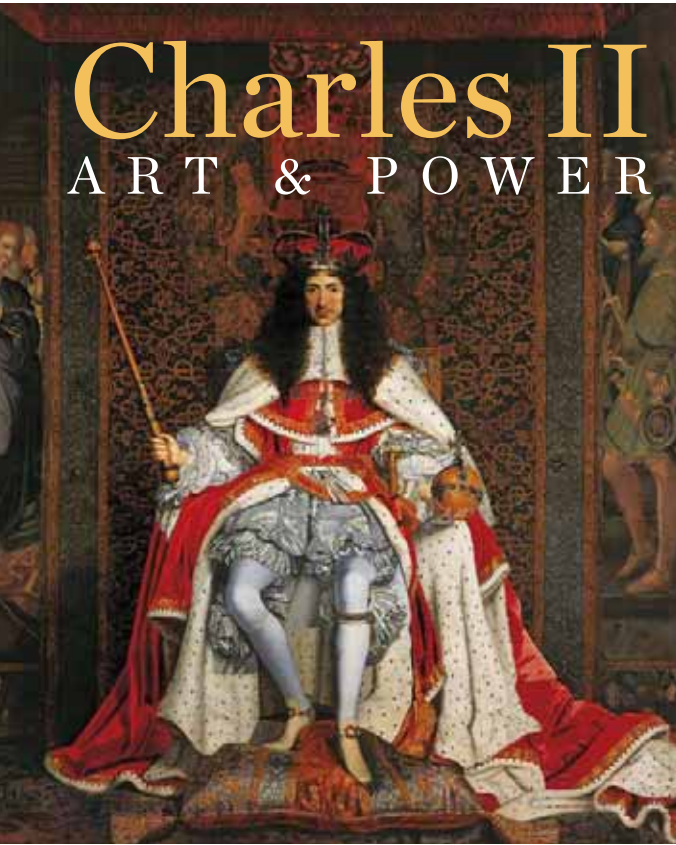
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Opposite page (clockwise from top) Greenwich Park; The O2 arena; Royal Observatory; Greenwich Market; Emirates Air Line

# Charles II

## ART & POWER



**T**he reign of Charles II began with the end of Oliver Cromwell, who led a republic for 11 years following the execution of King Charles I. Cromwell's own death in 1658 led to the restoration of the British monarchy, with Charles II assuming his father's throne and reintroducing the royal court as a centre for artistic patronage. Now, The Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace is celebrating the rich material world of Charles II's court by displaying treasures including portraiture, silver-gilt tableware and da Vinci drawings. Join us as we trace the king's London legacy.

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King Charles II was crowned in 1661 and buried on Valentine's Day, 1685. You'll find his vault in the Lady Chapel.

### BANQUETING HOUSE

This magnificent building is now all that remains of Charles II's principal London residence, Whitehall Palace, which was largely destroyed by a fire in 1698. Built for Charles's grandfather, James I, Banqueting House has witnessed plenty of dramatic ceremonies and events during its time, not to mention the execution of King Charles I in its grounds.

### HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY MUSEUM

The institution of the Household Cavalry was founded in 1661 by the new king and is designed to guard the monarch on ceremonial occasions in London and around the UK. The museum is situated on Whitehall inside

Horse Guards, the official entrance to both St James's Palace and Buckingham Palace since 1660. The daily routine includes changing The Queen's Lifeguard, a ceremony which sees the New Guard ride from Hyde Park Barracks and along The Mall every morning. Similar to Changing the Guard at Buckingham Palace, this lesser-known ceremony is easier to watch thanks to smaller crowds.

### NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

To date, the gallery has almost 300 portraits of Charles II in its collection, making it a great place to become better acquainted with a king who loved to champion the arts. Don't miss Thomas Hawker's 1680 portrait, a regal painting of Charles on a golden throne, at the height of his powers.

### THE ROYAL SOCIETY

Granted a Royal Charter by Charles II in 1662, the organisation was referred to as 'The Royal Society of London for Improving Natural Knowledge'. These days, the Royal Society works with scientists and policymakers across the globe to share knowledge and change the world for the better through science.

### CHARLES II STATUE

This prominent statue was originally right in the middle of Soho Square, which itself used to be called King Square. The statue stood in the centre of a fountain until 1875, when the fountain was removed and the statue sold. In 1938, however, the statue was returned and now you'll find it just north of the centre – Soho Square is a great spot for a picnic and a game of table tennis.

### THEATRE ROYAL

This is London's oldest theatre, opened in 1663 following a patent issued by Charles II. A favourite with the famous diarist Samuel Pepys, the theatre boasted a collection of celebrated actors who performed on a regular basis. Among them was Covent Garden market seller-turned actress Nell Gwyn, who became Charles's mistress – no wonder he visited this theatre so often!

### THE ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA

From the pen of architect Sir Christopher Wren, this home for veteran soldiers was founded by Charles II and opened in 1692. The residents of the Royal Hospital Chelsea have come to be known as 'Chelsea Pensioners', each having served in the UK Armed Forces and now enjoying a retirement in these beautiful surroundings – every May, the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show is held here.



**Charles I: King and Collector**  
*The Royal Academy of Arts launches an exhibit of the ill-fated king's art collection this month*

### ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Following fire damage – not to mention being home to 800 horses during the English Civil War – St Paul's was in serious disrepair by the 1660s. After the Great Fire of London inflicted yet more damage in 1666, a Royal Warrant was issued by Charles II to rebuild St Paul's, with Sir Christopher Wren commissioned. After nine years of planning and 33 years of building, it was completed in 1708.

### THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY

As Britain took to the seas to become the king of international trade, Charles II appointed a Royal Commission to improve the country's navigation expertise via astronomy. In 1675, the Commission proposed Britain's first state-funded scientific institution, The Royal Observatory. Sir Christopher Wren suggested the site of the ruined Greenwich Castle and the rest is history.

*Joint tickets are available to Charles II: Art & Power at The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, and Charles I: King and Collector at the Royal Academy. [www.royalcollection.org.uk](http://www.royalcollection.org.uk)*

**Clockwise from top left:** Charles II by John Michael Wright; Barbara Villiers, Duchess of Cleveland, by Sir Peter Lely; National Portrait Gallery; St Paul's Cathedral; The Exeter Salt by Johann Hass **Bottom left:** silver table, 1670

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## GO AWAY!

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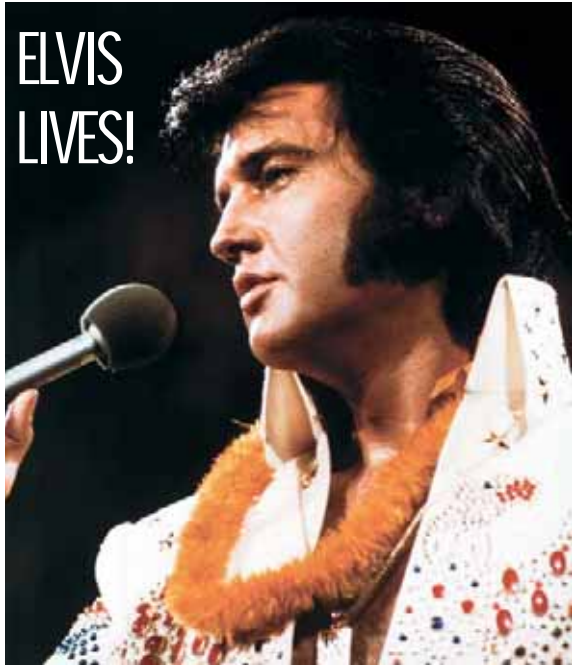


## A TIME TO REMEMBER

**Holocaust Memorial Day** (27 Jan) takes place every year so people can remember and honour the millions of people killed in the Holocaust and subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Check the website for local activities taking place at libraries, cinemas, churches and synagogues. [www.hmd.org.uk/events](http://www.hmd.org.uk/events)



## ELVIS LIVES!



Fans of Elvis Presley will be thrilled to learn that the king of rock 'n' roll is back this winter. Not the man himself, unfortunately, but a huge collection of artefacts that tell the story of his life as a touring artist.

**Elvis on Tour: The Exhibition** at **The O2** arena (to 4 Feb; p. 30) is a follow-up to *Elvis at The O2*, a show seen by more than 200,000 visitors in 2014 and 2015. Elvis' widow, Priscilla Presley, describes being 'overwhelmed by the huge numbers' of fans who attended the first exhibition.

'Elvis was beloved by his fans and they also meant the world to him,' she says. 'We are delighted that this carefully curated selection of over 200 artefacts from the Graceland archives will give them the opportunity to gain a greater insight into his life.'

After a phenomenally successful first few years, the 1960s were a trickier time for Presley, who shifted his focus to films and didn't perform live for almost a decade.

A one-off Christmas TV broadcast turned things around for Presley, and his subsequent American tour was attended by record-breaking crowds. *Elvis on Tour* displays costumes, guitars and more from that tour, including many jumpsuits, a look that became a trademark of Presley's live act during this period.

It's been 40 years since Presley died at his home in Memphis, Tennessee, aged just 42, but the passing of time has done little to diminish the fervour of his legions of fans around the world. *Elvis on Tour*, like *Elvis at The O2*, will keep that memory alive. – *Jo Caird*



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## SIGHTSEEING

### BANQUETING HOUSE

This 17th-century building has an exquisite Baroque painted ceiling by Peter Paul Rubens. Please check for times. Adult £5.50; child free. *Whitehall, SW1A 2ER. T: 020-3166 6000. www.hrp.org.uk. Station: Westminster. E8.*

### THE BRITISH LIBRARY

The world's largest library, with temporary and permanent exhibitions. **To 28 Feb:** *Harry Potter: A History of Magic*. Rare books, manuscripts and magical objects to celebrate the 20th anniversary of JK Rowling's first *Harry Potter* book. Please check for times and prices, plus tours. *96 Euston Rd, NW1 2DB. T: 0330-333 1144. www.bl.uk. Station: King's Cross. C7.*

### BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The London residence of the monarchy has 775 rooms. It's closed to the public, except in summer when you can visit the magnificent State Rooms. *The Mall, SW1A 1AA. T: 0303-123 7300. www.royalcollection.org.uk. Station: Green Park. F6/F7.*

### CHANGING THE GUARD

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

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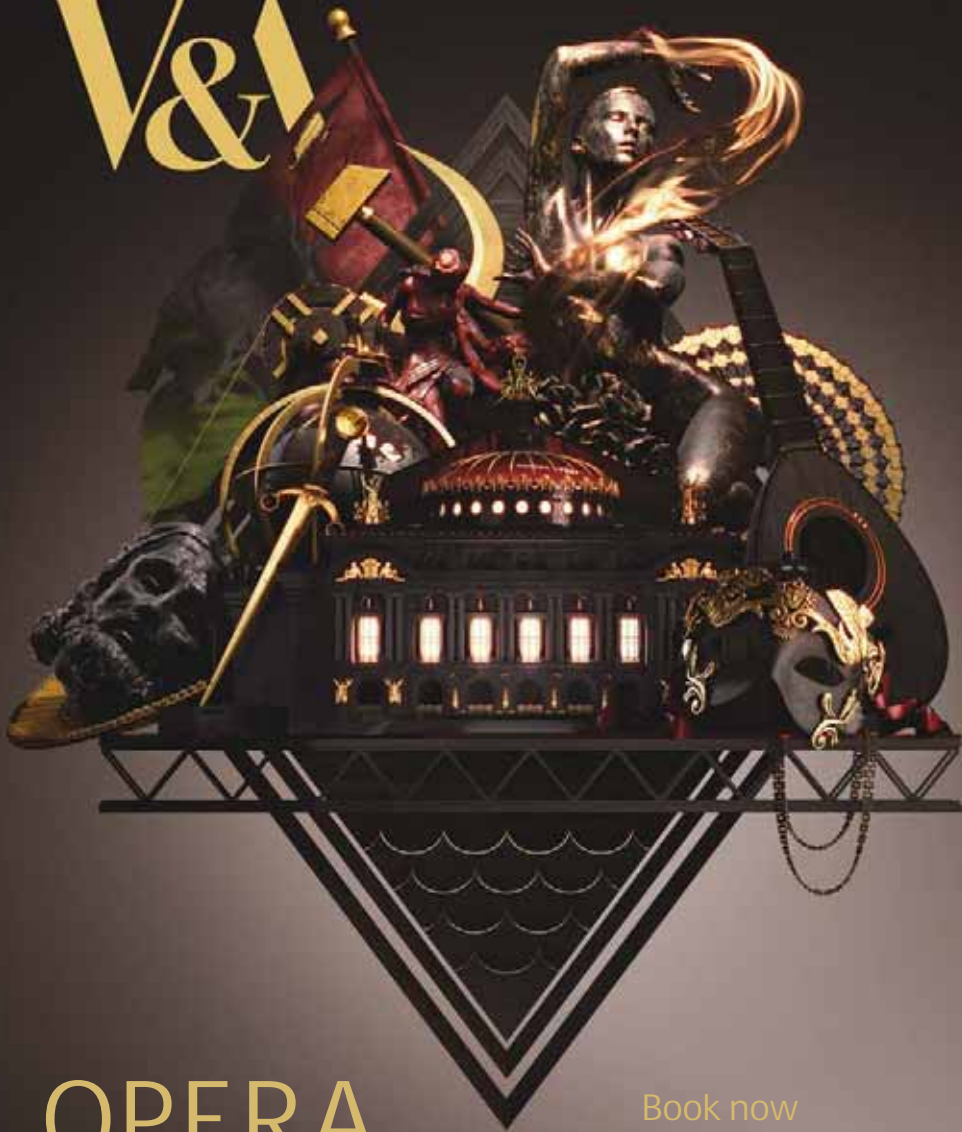
Writer Dr Samuel Johnson compiled his first English dictionary here, first published in 1755. Performances, talks and tours. Mon-Sat 11am-5pm. Adult £6; child £2.50. *17 Gough Square, EC4A 3DE. T: 020-7353 3745. www.drjohnsonshouse.org. Station: Temple/Chancery Lane. D9.*



## GET YOUR SKATES ON!

There are only a few days left to get your ice-skating fix before London's outdoor ice rinks are packed away for another year, though **Canary Wharf** is the exception and stays open until 24 Feb ([www.icerinkcanarywharf.co.uk](http://www.icerinkcanarywharf.co.uk)). Hurry down to the **Tower of London's** rink in the dry moat (2 Jan; p. 34), the atmospheric rink at the **Natural History Museum** (7 Jan; p. 48), and London's first rooftop ice rink, **Skylight**, at Tobacco Dock (to 6 Jan; [www.skylightlondon.com](http://www.skylightlondon.com)). At **Skate at Somerset House** (to 14 Jan; p. 48; above), you can sip mulled wine in Fortnum's Lodge, while **Skate Lates** (5 Jan) sees a takeover by hip-hop club night Supa Dupu Fly.

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Whether you wake up on 1 January with a hangover or feeling as fresh as a daisy, there's no better way to kick off 2018 than at **London's New Year's Day Parade** (from noon). Drummers, classic American police cars, cheerleaders and marching bands are some of the participants making their way from Green Park to Parliament Square. Pick a spot along the route – the parade goes past iconic London landmarks including Trafalgar Square – and get to know some of the quirkier aspects of British pageantry, such as London's Pearly Kings and Queens. [www.londonparade.co.uk](http://www.londonparade.co.uk)

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## HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

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## KENSINGTON PALACE

This royal residence was Princess Diana's last home. *Diana: Her Fashion Story*. A long-term exhibition dedicated to the princess' style. Daily 10am-4pm. Adult £15.50; child free. *Kensington Gardens, W8 4PX*. T: 0844-482 7777. [www.hrp.org.uk](http://www.hrp.org.uk). Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.

## KIDZANIA LONDON

This enormous attraction has everything a child could want – including TV studios, a chocolate factory and aviation academy. Check for times and prices. *Westfield London Shopping Centre, Ariel Way, W12 7GA*. T: 0330-131 3333. [www.kidzania.com](http://www.kidzania.com). Station: Shepherd's Bush. Map inset.

## THE LONDON BRIDGE EXPERIENCE & TOMBS

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### THE MONUMENT

This beautiful stone column, built in 1677 by Sir Christopher Wren, has 311 steps to its observation gallery. Daily 9.30am-5.30pm. Adult £5; child £2.50. *Monument St, EC3R 6BD. T: 020-7626 2717. www.themonument.org.uk. Station: Monument. E10.*

### THE O2

Huge entertainment and exhibition venue. **LAST CHANCE To 7 Jan: My Name Is Prince.** The official exhibition about the legendary musician. **To 4 Feb: Elvis on Tour: The Exhibition.** Exhibition about Elvis Presley (p. 24). Please check for times and prices. *Peninsula Square, SE10 ODX. T: 020-8463 2000. www.theo2.co.uk. Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.*

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### ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Sir Christopher Wren's 300-year-old cathedral has stunning mosaics. Climb up the dome to the Whispering Gallery, and head down to the crypt, with its monument to 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. Station: St Paul's. D9/10.*

### TOWER BRIDGE EXHIBITION

This breathtaking bridge, designed in 1884, is one of London's most famous landmarks. Tour the engine rooms. Joint tickets with The Monument available. Daily 9.30am-5pm. Adult £9.80; child £4.20. Please check for bridge lift times. *Tower Bridge Rd, SE1 2UP. T: 020-7403 3761. www.towerbridge.org.uk. Station: Tower Hill. E11.*

### TOWER OF LONDON

This historic landmark includes the Bloody Tower, Traitors' Gate and the Jewel House, and is the home of the dazzling Crown Jewels (p. 26). Enjoy free guided tours by 'Beefeaters' (Yeoman Warders). Please check for times. Adult £24.80; child £11.50. *Tower Hill, EC3N 4AB. T: 0844-482 7799. www.hrp.org.uk. Station: Tower Hill. E11.*

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### OUT OF TOWN

#### HAMPTON COURT PALACE

Once the royal residence of King Henry VIII, this Tudor palace and 300-year-old maze is set in 60 acres of parkland on the river. Daily 10am-4.30pm. Adult £18; child £9. *Hampton*

*Court, East Molesey, Surrey, KT8 9AU. T: 0844-482 7777. www.hrp.org.uk. Station: Waterloo to Hampton Court. Off map.*

#### PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

The Queen's official Scotland residence includes the state apartments, and Mary, Queen of Scots' chamber. 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: Edinburg Waverley. Off map.*



#### WINDSOR CASTLE

The Queen's weekend home, and the world's oldest inhabited castle, includes state apartments with great art.

**LAST CHANCE To 5 Jan:** *Christmas at the Castle.* Marks 20 years since the castle's restoration after the fire. Changing the Guard alternate days 11am. Please check for times and prices. *Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1NJ. T: 0303-123 7304. www.royalcollection.org.uk. Station: Waterloo to Windsor & Eton Central or Windsor & Eton Riverside. Off map.*

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# MUSEUMS & GALLERIES



## ALL'S FAIR

Around 25,000 people attend the **London Art Fair** (17-21 Jan), an annual celebration of modern and contemporary art. Admire installations and limited-edition prints from more than 120 British and international galleries. There's no obligation to buy. [www.londonartfair.co.uk](http://www.londonartfair.co.uk)



## MAKE ROOM

The **Meliá White House** hotel in Regent's Park is transformed by independent artists, each of whom takes over a room to showcase their works in **Artrooms** (20-22 Jan). [www.art-rooms.org](http://www.art-rooms.org)

## AMAZING ANDREAS

When the **Hayward Gallery**, the home of visual arts at the Southbank Centre, opened on the banks of the River Thames in 1968, the now-iconic building 'faced a steady stream of detractors who deplored its design,' says Ralph Rugoff, who has been director of the gallery since 2006. Fifty years later, however, as it reopens following a two-year refurbishment, 'public opinion has shifted quite profoundly, not only about the Hayward but about Brutalist architecture in general.'

The focus of the renovation were the 66 pyramid skylights, one of the building's most recognisable features. Designed to let in natural light, they've never worked as intended, letting in rainwater to the

extent that a false ceiling had to be built to protect the interior. Removing this ceiling and repairing the roof lights gives it a 'luminous feel', says Rugoff.

The Hayward reopens with the first major UK retrospective of the work of **Andreas Gursky** (from 25 Jan). It features 60 of his spectacular large-scale photographs. Gursky couldn't be a better fit to reopen the Hayward, Rugoff believes. He explains: 'We wanted to reopen with a show by an artist who has changed his medium, much in the same way as the design of the Hayward really set a new direction for gallery architecture which today is being copied quite widely.'

– Jo Caird  
*Southbank Centre, Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX. T: 020-3879 9555. [www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk)*

## MUSEUMS

### BANK OF ENGLAND MUSEUM

Explore the story of the bank from its foundation in 1694 to its status today as the UK's central bank. Museum closed 2-12 Jan. Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; closed bank hols. Admission free. *Threadneedle St, EC2R 8AH. T: 020-7601 5545. www.bankofengland.co.uk/museum. Station: Bank. D10.*

### THE BRITISH MUSEUM

See an unrivalled collection of antiquities.

**LAST CHANCE To 14 Jan:** *Scythians: Warriors of Ancient Siberia*. Exhibits from the nomadic tribe. 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. Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7/8.*

### CHURCHILL WAR ROOMS

Explore the fortified secret bunker and the Cabinet War Rooms beneath Westminster. Daily 9.30am-6pm. Adult £17.25; child £8.60. *Clive Steps, King Charles St, SW1A 2AQ. T: 020-7930 6961. www.iwm.org.uk. Station: Westminster. F7.*

### THE DESIGN MUSEUM

Major museum for contemporary design.

**LAST CHANCE To 28 Jan:** *Beazley Designs of the Year*. See the shortlisted pieces (p. 48). Daily 10am-6pm; 5 Jan 10am-8pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *224-238 Kensington High St, W8 6AG. T: 020-3862 5900. www.designmuseum.org. Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.*

### THE GUARDS MUSEUM

**NEW From 23 Jan:** Learn about the five regiments of the Foot Guards. Daily 10am-4pm. Adult £6; child free. *Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, SW1E 6HZ. T: 020-7414 3271. www.theguardsmuseum.com. Station: St James's Park. D5.*

### HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY MUSEUM

See the ceremonial duties and roles of the Household Cavalry Regiments. Daily 10am-5pm. Adult £7; child £5. *Horse Guards, Whitehall, SW1A 2AX. T: 020-7930 3070. www.householdcavalrymuseum.co.uk. Station: Westminster. E7/8.*

### IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Huge displays relating to global conflicts. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free. *Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HZ. T: 020-7416 5000. www.iwm.org.uk. Station: Lambeth North. E5.*

### JACK THE RIPPER MUSEUM

Museum focusing on the serial killer. Daily 9.30am-6.30pm. Adult £12; child £8. *12 Cable St, E1 8JG. T: 020-7488 9811. www.jacktherippermuseum.com. Station: Aldgate East. Off map.*

### JEWISH MUSEUM

Jewish history and culture in the UK from 1066. Please check for times and prices. *Raymond Burton House, 129-131 Albert St, NW1 7NB. T: 020-7284 7384. www.jewishmuseum.org.uk. Station: Camden Town. Off map.*

### LEIGHTON HOUSE MUSEUM

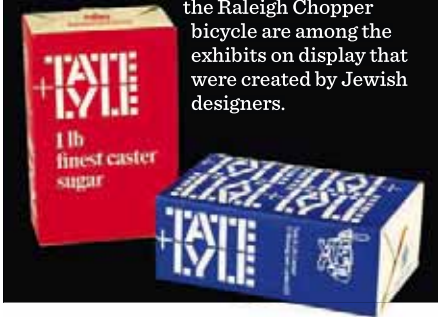
The restored former home of Frederic, Lord Leighton is a museum of his life and work. Wed-Mon 10am-5.30pm. Adult £9; child £7. *12 Holland Park Rd, W14 8LZ. T: 020-7602 3316. www.leightonhouse.co.uk. Station: Kensington Olympia. Off map.*

### LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM

**FAMILY** The story of London's transport system. **To 31 Jan:** *Poster Girls - A Century of Art and Design*. Female graphic artists from the 20th and 21st century who designed for London Transport. Daily 10am-6pm. Adult £17.50; child free. *Covent Garden Piazza, WC2E 7BB. T: 020-7379 6344. www.ltmuseum.co.uk. Station: Covent Garden. E8.*

## THE IMMIGRANT STORY

The Jewish Museum's fascinating *Designs on Britain* exhibition celebrates the impact Jewish émigré designers have had on 20th-century British design. Bringing with them a knowledge of modernism, they transformed the practice of design in the UK. Iconic designs such as Transport for London's bus stop sign, the logo of the Tate+Lyle sugar company, and the Raleigh Chopper bicycle are among the exhibits on display that were created by Jewish designers.



# MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

## MUSEUM OF LONDON

**FAMILY** The world's largest urban history museum has thousands of exhibits. 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.

## MUSEUM OF LONDON DOCKLANDS

The history of the River Thames, from Roman times to the Docklands' regeneration. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free, charges for special exhibitions. T: 020-7001 9844. [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk). Station: Canary Wharf/West India Quay. Map inset.

## 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

**FAMILY** Astounding collections, ranging from whale skeletons to fossils (p. 26). *Wildlife Photographer of the Year*. Daily 10am-5.50pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. Cromwell Rd, SW7 5BD. T: 020-7942 5000. [www.nhm.ac.uk](http://www.nhm.ac.uk). Station: South Kensington. F4.



## DESIGNS FOR LIFE

A hijab designed by Nike, a cargo-carrying robot and the Pokémon Go game are just a few of the nominees for the **Beazley Designs of the Year** competition, on show at **The Design Museum** (to 28 Jan; p. 47). Look out for Yara Said's Refugee Nation flag, designed for Amnesty International, which was flown at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

## QUEEN'S HOUSE

This 17th-century house displays fine art spanning 400 years. 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, with more than 100 outstanding aircraft on show. 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.

## SCIENCE MUSEUM

**FAMILY** This huge museum in South Kensington is dedicated to science and technology, including the IMAX theatre with 3D science films. **LAST CHANGE To 15 Jan:** *Wounded. Conflict, Casualties and Care*. A look at the human impact of World War I. 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

Neo-classical building on the River Thames (p. 26 & p. 50). **To 4 Feb:** *North: Fashioning Identity*. Capturing the essence of the North of England. Please check for times and prices. *Strand, WC2R 1LA*. T: 020-7845 4600. [www.somerset-house.org.uk](http://www.somerset-house.org.uk). Temple. E8.

## TWININGS MUSEUM

The flagship store of Twinings has a tiny exhibition reflecting the tea-making company's 300-year history. Mon-Fri 9.30am-7pm; Sat 10.30am-5.30pm; Sun 11am-5pm. Admission free. *216 Strand, WC2R 1AP*. T: 020-7353 3511. [www.twinings.co.uk](http://www.twinings.co.uk). Station: Temple. D9.

## VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM

The V&A's collection of fine and applied arts spans 3,000 years (p. 24). **To 25 Feb:** *Opera: Passion, Power and Politics*. Exploring the vivid culture of opera over the past 400 years. **To 8 Apr:** *Winnie-the-Pooh: Exploring a Classic*. The story of AA Milne's famous bear. 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](http://www.vam.ac.uk). Station: South Kensington. F4/5.

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www.welcomecollection.org. Station: Euston. C7.

## GALLERIES

### BARBICAN ART GALLERY

Multi-arts venue covering different media.

**LAST CHANGE To 28 Jan:** *Basquiat: Boom for Real*. Works by the late US artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. Check for times and prices. Barbican Centre, Silk St, EC2Y 8DS. T: 020-7638 4141.  
www.barbican.org.uk. Station: Barbican. D10.

### GUILDHALL ART GALLERY

Paintings collected by the City of London since the 17th century. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm; Sun noon-4pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. Guildhall Yard, off Gresham St, EC2V 5AE. T: 020-7332 3700. www.cityoflondon.gov.uk. Station: St Paul's/Bank. D10.

### THE NATIONAL GALLERY

Works by European masters from the 13th to 19th centuries. **To 2 Apr:** *Reflections: Van Eyck and the Pre-Raphaelites*. Discover how the

Arnolfini Portrait was so influential. *Drawn in Colour: Degas from the Burrell*. See works by the great Impressionist. 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.

### NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

Works depicting famous British people. **To 8 Feb:** *Taylor Wessing Photographic Portrait Prize*. The finalists of this prestigious competition. 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 PHOTOGRAPHERS' GALLERY

London's largest gallery devoted to photography. Please check for times and prices. 16-18 Ramillies St, W1F 7LW. T: 020-7087 9300. www.thephotographersgallery.org.uk. Station: Oxford Circus. D7.

### THE QUEEN'S GALLERY

This gallery adjoining Buckingham Palace has temporary exhibitions. **To 13 May:** *Charles II: Art & Power*. Exploring the role of the arts in the re-establishment of the Stuarts. Daily 10am-5.30pm. Adult £11; child £5.50. Buckingham Palace, SW1A 1AA. T: 0303-123 7301. www.royalcollection.org.uk. Station: Green Park. F7.

### ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS

Attractive 18th-century building with RA Collection works. Daily 10am-6pm; Fri 10am-10pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. 6 Burlington Gardens, Piccadilly, W1J 0BD. T: 020-7300 8000. www.royalacademy.org.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus/Green Park. E7.

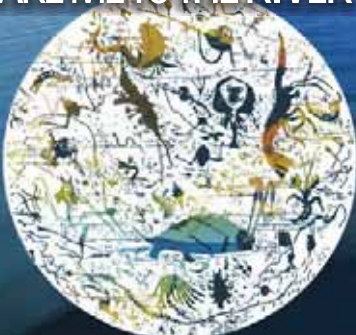
### TATE BRITAIN

The nation's leading collection of British art from 1500 to today. **To 7 May:** *Impressionists in London - French Artists in Exile*. How the artists who fled the Franco-Prussian war coped with London life. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. Millbank, SW1P 4RG. T: 020-7887 8888. www.tate.org.uk. Station: Pimlico. G8.

### TATE MODERN

World-class international modern art. **To 2 Apr:** *Modigliani*. A retrospective of the artist's portraits and nudes. 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.

## TAKE ME TO THE RIVER



British artist Eloise Hawser spent more than a year researching the history of **Somerset House** and the River Thames for *By the Deep, by the Mark* (from 31 Jan; p. 48). Part exhibition, part installation, the show explores the relationship between this 18th-century building, the river that once ran straight into it and civil engineer Joseph Bazalgette's grand sewer project.

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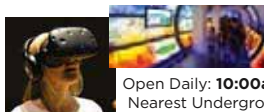
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## OUT OF THIS WORLD

Covent Garden Sinfonia performs live music to a screening of **ET: The Extra-Terrestrial in Concert** at the Royal Festival Hall (25 Jan; p. 62). The classic film follows a cute alien who befriends a 10-year-old boy.



## DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION

The dynamic world premiere of **Fast & Furious Live** gets into gear at The O2 (19-21 Jan; p. 63). With a backdrop of 3D projections, you'll feel the heat from flaming exhausts as you watch Parkour athletes and drivers perform new stunts and key scenes in original cars from the hit film series.



## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

While known for premiering UK independent films, the **London Short Film Festival** (12-21 Jan) now also screens international films. This year, movie buffs can watch up to 500 films of every genre at venues across London, including the ICA near the Mall. [www.shortfilms.org.uk](http://www.shortfilms.org.uk)



## JOIN THE CIRCUS!

The UK debut of **Cirque du Soleil's Ovo** is coming to the **Royal Albert Hall** (from 7 Jan; p. 56). Set to a score of Brazilian samba and Portuguese tunes, *Ovo* delves into a kingdom of insects. It buzzes with life as ants juggle fruit, a spider hangs from a web and butterflies flit across the stage. Dragonflies, fireflies, crickets and cockroaches perform contortion, trapeze and trampoline acts.

Meaning egg in Portuguese, *Ovo* covers a day in the life of an insect when The Foreigner, a fly from a foreign land, brings with him a mysterious egg. It's also a love story between The Foreigner and a ladybug.

Londoner Alanna Baker (above) – crowned gymnastics European Champion in 2011 and winner of bronze in the World Championships in 2012 – is one of the performers.

After seeing a show at the Royal Albert Hall aged eight,

Baker told her parents she wanted to perform. Now, 18 years later, she returns to play the Black Spider. She says: 'The underlying story is that everybody is equal, everyone should be accepted for who they are regardless of their shape, size, colour, race or age. As insects, we welcome the foreign object – The Foreigner – into our community.'

Cirque du Soleil's performers are experts in what they do.

But why should you see this show? 'We've added projections and swinging poles, so there's much more involvement with the audience,'

Baker explains.

Her favourite scene is when the butterflies perform an amazing flying act, swooping and landing in perfect unison. 'It's so elegant, effortless and pleasing to the eye,' she says. 'The wall act is also impressive, with crickets on trampolines and spiders on the wall.'

– Sarah Riches



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## MUSICALS & PERFORMANCES

### ALADDIN

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### AN AMERICAN IN PARIS

**LAST CHANCE To 6 Jan:** A World War II veteran falls for a woman in 1940s Paris. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £19.50-£125. *Dominion Theatre, 268-269 Tottenham Court Rd, W1T 7AQ*. T: 0845-200 7982. [www.americaninparisthe musical.co.uk](http://www.americaninparisthe musical.co.uk). Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

### ANNIE

**FAMILY** Orphan Annie is invited to spend Christmas with a millionaire. Check for times. Tickets £20-£110. *Piccadilly Theatre, 16 Denman St, W1D 7DY*. T: 0844-871 7630. [www.piccadilly theatre.org](http://www.piccadilly theatre.org). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.



## FRINGE BENEFITS

**Vault Festival** (from 24 Jan) is returning to The Vaults for six weeks, bringing cabaret, stand-up comedy, films and parties to the arches beneath Waterloo Station. The subterranean space is known for its immersive productions – recent ones have included a zombie disco, a space show and *Hair the Musical*. The Vaults' director, Kieron Vanstone, says: 'The festival is for emerging artists – it's a bit like Edinburgh's Fringe Festival.' [www.vaultfestival.com](http://www.vaultfestival.com)

### THE BOOK OF MORMON

This satire follows two church missionaries in Uganda. Please check for times. Tickets £32.25-£202.25. *Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry St, W1D 6AS*. T: 0844-482 5110. [www.bookofmormon london.com](http://www.bookofmormon london.com). Station: Leicester Square. E7.

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

**LAST CHANCE To 20 Jan:** New adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic about a miser, Ebenezer Scrooge. Check for times. Tickets £8.50-£125. *The Old Vic, The Cut, SE1 8NB*. T: 0844-871 7628. [www.oldvictheatre.com](http://www.oldvictheatre.com). Station: Waterloo. F9.

### THE CRYSTAL EGG

**NEW From 6 Jan:** HG Wells' story of Charley Cave, who inherits a crystal egg after his father dies, with dangerous results. Check for times. Tickets £20-£30. *The Vaults, Leake St, SE1 7NN*. [www.thevaults.london](http://www.thevaults.london). Station: Waterloo. F8.

### DICK WHITTINGTON

**LAST CHANCE To 14 Jan:** Pantomime starring Julian Clary and Elaine Paige. Check for times. Tickets £22.50-£125. *London Palladium, Argyll St, W1F 7TF*. T: 0844-412 2704. [www.reallyuseful theatres.co.uk](http://www.reallyuseful theatres.co.uk). Station: Oxford Circus. D7.

### DREAMGIRLS

Glee TV star Amber Riley plays Effie, one of a young female singing trio from Chicago. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £20-£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 16-year-old living on a Sheffield council estate has a secret. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £10-£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.

### 42ND STREET

Comedy about a dance troupe, starring Sheena Easton. Please check for times. 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. Please check for times. Tickets £14.75-£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.

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**HAMILTON**

Award-winning musical, which is sung and rapped, about the life of US Founding Father Alexander Hamilton. Check for times and prices. *Victoria St, SW1E 5EA*. T: 0844-482 5138. [www.hamiltonthemusical.co.uk](http://www.hamiltonthemusical.co.uk). Station: Victoria. F6.

**KINKY BOOTS**

A shoe factory starts producing boots for drag queens. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £19.50-£125. *Adelphi Theatre, 409-412 Strand, WC2R 0NS*. T: 0844-579 0094. [www.kinkybootsthemusical.co.uk](http://www.kinkybootsthemusical.co.uk). Station: Charing Cross. E8.

**LES MISÉRABLES**

The world's longest-running musical is set in post-revolutionary France. Please check for times. Tickets £39.75-£152.25. *Queen's Theatre, 51 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 6BA*. T: 0844-482 5160. [www.lesmis.com](http://www.lesmis.com). Station: Leicester Square. D8.

**DISNEY'S THE LION KING**

**FAMILY** Adaptation of the Disney film with ingenious staging. Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Wed, Sat & Sun 2.30pm. Tickets £48-£179. *Lyceum Theatre, 21 Wellington St, WC2E 7RQ*. T: 0844-871 3000. [www.thelionking.co.uk](http://www.thelionking.co.uk). Station: Covent Garden. E8.

**MAMMA MIA!**

A tribute to the popular music of ABBA, with a feel-good story set on a Greek island. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thur & Sat 3pm. Tickets £27.25-£102.25. *Novello, Aldwych, WC2B 4LD*. T: 0844-482 5115. [www.mamma-mia.com](http://www.mamma-mia.com). Station: Covent Garden. E8.

**MATILDA THE MUSICAL**

**FAMILY** Based on Roald Dahl's book about a girl with magic powers. Please check for times and prices. *Cambridge Theatre, 32-34 Earlham St, WC2 9HU*. T: 0844-412 4652. [www.matildathe musical.com](http://www.matildathe musical.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

**MOTOWN THE MUSICAL**

The story of Motown Records, which launched the careers of Diana Ross and more. Please check for times and prices. *Shaftesbury Theatre, 210 Shaftesbury Ave, WC2H 8DP*. T: 020-7379 5399. [www.shaftesburytheatre.com](http://www.shaftesburytheatre.com). Station: Holborn. D8.

**OVO**

**NEW** From 7 Jan: Cirque du Soleil's latest show (p. 52). Please check for times and prices. *Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP*. T: 020-7589 8212. [www.royalalberthall.com](http://www.royalalberthall.com). Station: South Kensington. F4.

**THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**

A mysterious masked man haunts the Paris Opera House. Please check for times. Tickets £48-£97.50. *Her Majesty's Theatre, 57 Haymarket, SW1Y 4QL*. T: 0844-412 2707. [www.thephantomoftheopera.com](http://www.thephantomoftheopera.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

**THE RAT PACK - LIVE FROM LAS VEGAS**

Frank, Sammy and Dean sing classic favourites including seasonal standards. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Thur & Sat 3pm. £15-£89.50. *Royal Haymarket, Haymarket, SW1Y 4HT*. T: 020-7930 8800. [www.trh.co.uk](http://www.trh.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## THE PARTY'S OVER

Harold Pinter's classic drama, *The Birthday Party*, is being staged at the **Harold Pinter Theatre** (from 9 Jan; p. 58) to mark the play's 60th anniversary. Starring Toby Jones, Stephen Mangan and Zoë Wanamaker (right), it tells the story of piano player Stanley (Jones), who lives in a rundown house in an English seaside town, run by Petey and Meg Bowles (Wanamaker). On Stanley's birthday, two ominous strangers arrive to ruin his party.



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## SCHOOL OF ROCK: THE MUSICAL

A musician tries to teach his young students to be rock stars. Check for times. Tickets £15-£129.50. *New London Theatre, 166 Drury Lane, WC2B 5PF*. T: 020-7452 3000. [www.schoolofrockthemusical.com](http://www.schoolofrockthemusical.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

## STOMP

**LAST CHANCE To 7 Jan:** A fusion of theatre, dance, comedy and percussion. Check for times. Tickets £26-£67.50. *Ambassadors Theatre, West St, WC2H 9ND*. T: 020-7395 5405. [www.stomp.london.co.uk](http://www.stomp.london.co.uk). Station: Leicester Square. D7.

## THRILLER LIVE

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



## SILENCE IS GOLDEN

A festival that champions non-verbal performance returns to venues across London, including the Barbican and Sadler's Wells. The **London International Mime Festival (LIMF; from 10 Jan)**, founded in 1977, features performers from the UK and Europe, Mexico and New Zealand. Co-curator Helen Lannaghan says: 'LIMF is a once-a-year chance to see a curated season of wordless, contemporary, visual theatre. You can't see all these eye-opening shows anywhere else.' [www.mimelondon.com](http://www.mimelondon.com)

## WICKED

**FAMILY** The back story of the witches of Oz, with dazzling sets and original music. Check for times and prices. *Apollo Victoria, 17 Wilton Rd, SW1V 1LG*. T: 0844-871 3001. [www.wickedthemusical.co.uk](http://www.wickedthemusical.co.uk). Station: Victoria. F7.

## YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

The legendary Mel Brooks brings his monster musical movie to life. Please check for times and prices. *Garrick Theatre, 2 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0HH*. T: 0844-482 9673. [www.youngfrankenstein.co.uk](http://www.youngfrankenstein.co.uk). Station: Leicester Square. E7/8.

## PLAYS

### AMADEUS

**NEW From 11 Jan:** Peter Shaffer's play about a young Mozart (p. 60). 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.

### BELLEVILLE

Newlyweds live the high life in bohemian Paris, until things turn sour. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £10-£40. *Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham St, WC2H 9LX*. T: 0844-871 7624. [www.donmarwarehouse.com](http://www.donmarwarehouse.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

### THE BIRTHDAY PARTY

**NEW From 9 Jan:** Pinter's drama (p. 56). Check for times and prices. *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

Six incompetent crooks are desperate to get hold of a diamond. Please check for times and prices. *Criterion Theatre, 218-223 Piccadilly, W1V 9LB*. T: 0844-815 6131. [www.thecomedyaboutabankrobbery.com](http://www.thecomedyaboutabankrobbery.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

### THE EXORCIST

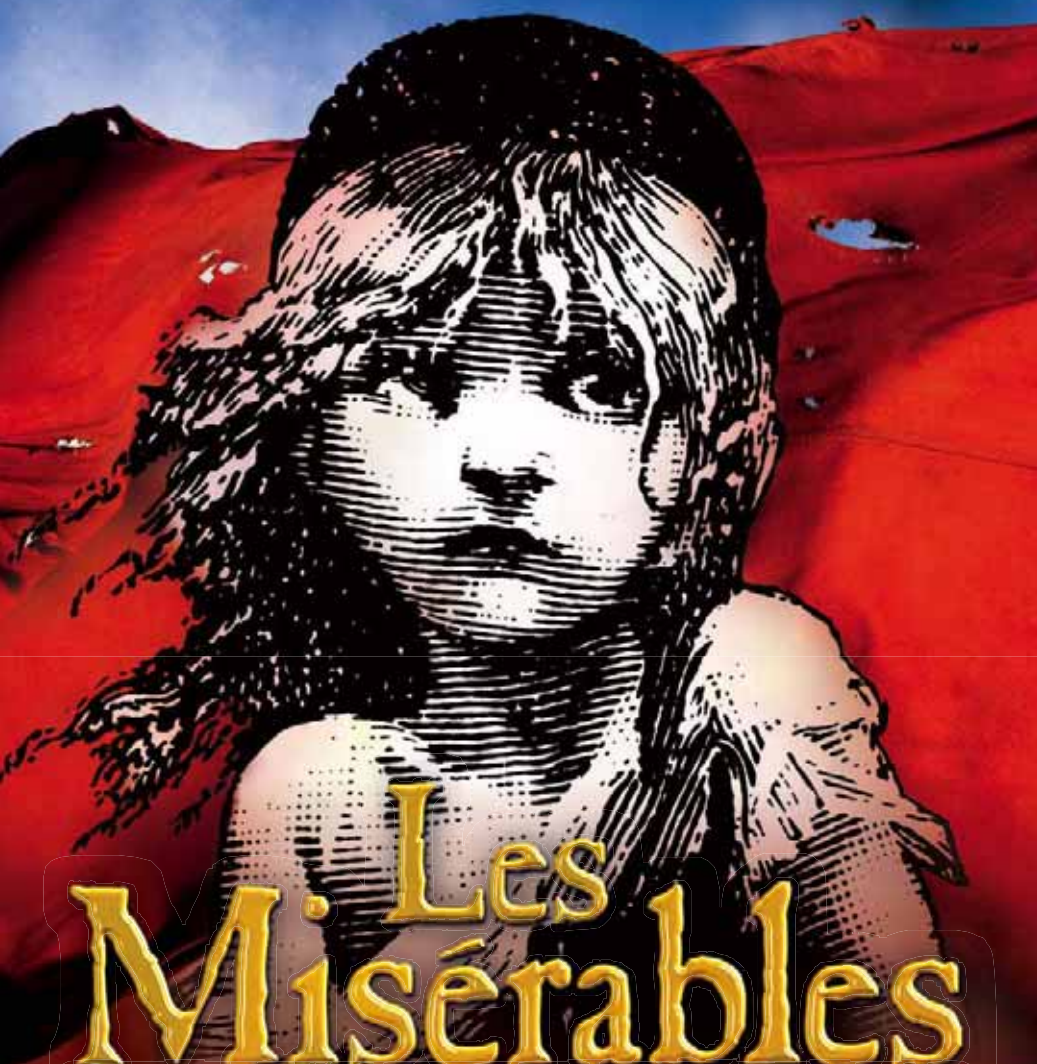
West End premiere of the cult classic horror story. Please check for times. Tickets £15-£75. *Phoenix Theatre, 110 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0JP*. T: 0843-316 1082. [www.phoenixtheatrelondon.co.uk](http://www.phoenixtheatrelondon.co.uk). Station: Tottenham Court Road. E7.

### FAULTY TOWERS:

#### THE DINING EXPERIENCE

Dining and interactive comedy, based on the cult TV series. Please check for times, dates and prices. *Raddison Blu Edwardian, 9-13 Bloomsbury St, WC1B 3QD*. T: 0845-154 4145. [www.faultytowers.com](http://www.faultytowers.com). Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

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Jez Butterworth's intense drama is set in 1981 in Northern Ireland. Please check for times. Tickets £39.50-£89.50. *Gielgud Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 6AR. T: 0844-482 5130. www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

**HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD**

Father-of-three Harry now works for the Ministry of Magic. Please check for returns. *Palace Theatre, 113 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 5AY. T: 0300-333 4813. www.harrypottertheplay.com. Station: Charing Cross.*

**INK**

**LAST CHANCE To 6 Jan:** A young Rupert Murdoch launches *The Sun* newspaper. Check for times and prices. *Duke of York's Theatre, 104 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4BG. T: 0844-871 7627. www.atgtickets.com. Station: Leicester Square. E8.*

**THE JUNGLE**

Okot wants to get to the UK and Beth wants to help him in this drama set across the Channel. Please check for times. Tickets £10-£38. *Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 8LZ. T: 020-7922 2922. www.youngvic.org. Station: Waterloo. F9.*

**LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN**

**NEW From 12 Jan:** Oscar Wilde's classic comedy of manners. Please check for times and prices.

*Vaudeville Theatre, 404 Strand, WC2R 0NH. T: 0330-333 4814. www.vaudeville-theatre.co.uk. Station: Charing Cross/Covent Garden. E8.*

**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. Station: Leicester Square. D7.*

**NETWORK**

Newsreader Howard Beale unravels live on screen – only to become a TV hero. Please check for times and prices. *National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 9PX. T: 020-7452 3000. www.nationaltheatre.org.uk. Station: Waterloo. E8.*

**THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG**

Comedy about a drama society staging a murder mystery. Please check for times. Tickets £22-£67.50. *Duchess Theatre, 3-5 Catherine St, WC2B 5LA. T: 0844-482 9672. www.theplaythatgoeswrong.com. Station: Covent Garden. D8.*

**WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION**

Based on Agatha Christie's gripping drama, staged in a genuine former courtroom. Check for times. Tickets £10-£79. *County Hall, Belvedere Rd, SE1 7PB. T: 0844-815 7141. www.witnesscountyhall.com. Station: Waterloo. F8.*



# HITTING THE RIGHT NOTES

A play that premiered at the **National Theatre** in 1979, scooping multiple awards, is set to return. **Amadeus** (from 11 Jan; p. 58), by the late Peter Shaffer, is a fictional account of an elderly composer, Salieri, who narrates how jealous he felt of his student prodigy – a young Mozart. Salieri hatches schemes to bring about Mozart's downfall, with unexpected consequences. It features a powerful live orchestral score from the Southbank Sinfonia.

*Hamilton* is on  
at the Victoria  
Palace Theatre



## THE WOMAN IN BLACK

A spooky story adapted from Susan Hill's novel. Please check for times. Tickets £21.50-£60. *Fortune Theatre, Russell St, WC2B 5HH. T: 0844-871 7626. www.thewomaninblack.com. Station: Covent Garden. D8.*

## THE WOMAN IN WHITE

Adapted from Wilkie Collins' Victorian thriller. Please check for times. Tickets £24-£48. *Charing Cross Theatre, Villiers St, WC2N 6NL. T: 0844-493 0650. www.charingcrosstheatre.co.uk. Station: Charing Cross. E8.*

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

**To 20 Jan:** Miserly Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by four ghosts. Please check for times and prices. *The Old Vic, The Cut, SE1 8NB. T: 0844-871 7628. www.oldvictheatre.com. Station: Waterloo. F9.*

### THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

**LAST CHANCE To 7 Jan:** Stage adaptation of Eric Carle's illustrated books, bringing 75 puppets to life. Please check for times. Tickets

£15-£27.50. *Ambassadors Theatre, West St, WC2H 9ND. T: 020-7395 5405. www.hungrycaterpillarshow.com. Station: Covent Garden. D7.*

## CONCERTS: CLASSICAL

### ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

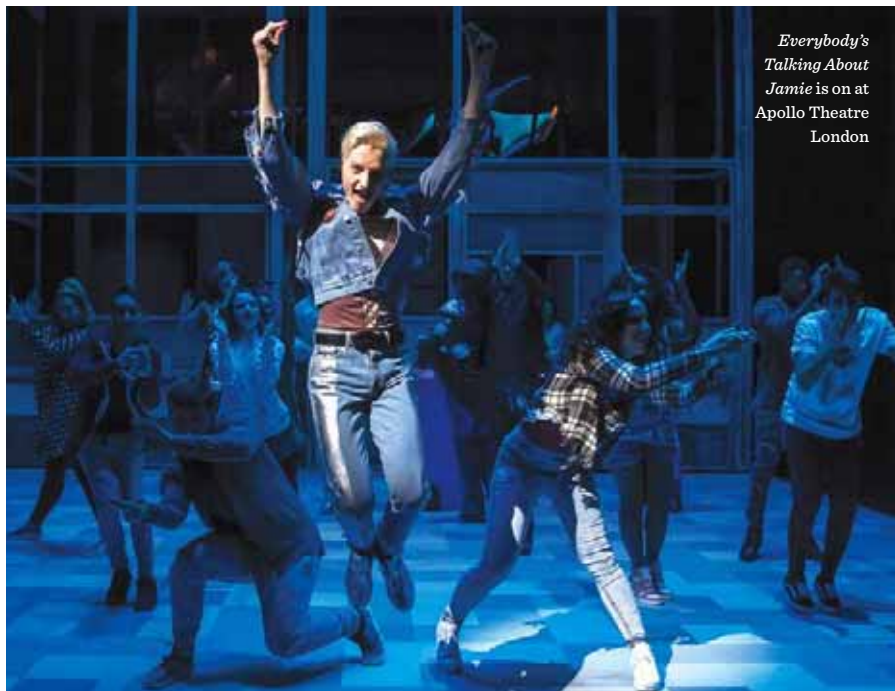
**17 Jan:** London Philharmonic Orchestra: *Russian Epics*. **20 Jan:** *The Johann Strauss Gala*. **24 Jan:** London Sinfonietta 50th Anniversary Concert. **25 Jan:** *ET: The Extra-Terrestrial in Concert* (p. 52). *Royal Festival Hall, Southbank Centre, Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX. T: 0844-545 8252. www.southbankcentre.co.uk. Station: Waterloo. E8.*



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

An extensive programme of lunchtime and evening concerts and recitals. **6 & 13 Jan:** *Vivaldi Four Seasons by Candlelight*. **12 Jan:** *Bach Violin Concertos by Candlelight*. **20 Jan:** *Mozart Requiem by Candlelight*. **30 Jan:** *Moonlight Sonata by Candlelight*. *Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JJ. T: 020-7766 1100. www.smit.org. Station: Charing Cross. E8.*



*Everybody's Talking About Jamie* is on at Apollo Theatre London

## WIGMORE HALL

**3 Jan:** Schumann Quartet (Haydn). **5 & 7 Jan:** Sir Andras Schiff (Schumann, Brahms). **12 Jan:** Elias String Quartet (Beethoven). **13 Jan:** Nash Ensemble (Debussy, Ravel). **14 Jan:** Modigliani Quartet (Haydn, Brahms). 36 Wigmore St, WIU 2BP. T: 020-7935 2141. [www.wigmore-hall.org.uk](http://www.wigmore-hall.org.uk). Station: Bond Street. D6.

## CONCERTS: POP, JAZZ & WORLD

### THE JAZZ CAFE

**3 Jan:** The soundtracks of John 'ET' Williams. **5 Jan:** Beat of Brazil. **7 Jan:** Sunday Soul. **9 Jan:** Essential Ella Fitzgerald. **13 Jan:** The Latin Sounds of Detroit. **25 Jan:** Jah Wobble. 5 Parkway, NW1 7PG. T: 0844-847 2514. [www.thejazzcafelondon.com](http://www.thejazzcafelondon.com). Station: Camden Town. Off map.

## THE O2

Huge entertainment venue. **19-21 Jan:** Fast & Furious Live. **27-28 Jan:** Chris Rock. Peninsula Square, SE10 OAX. T: 0844-856 0202. [www.theo2.co.uk](http://www.theo2.co.uk). Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.

## RONNIE SCOTT'S JAZZ CLUB

**4-6 Jan:** Alice Russell. **11-14 Jan:** The Brubecks play Brubeck. **22-24 Jan:** Ruby Turner. 47 Frith St, W1D 4HT. T: 020-7439 0747. [www.ronniescotts.co.uk](http://www.ronniescotts.co.uk). Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

## DANCE

### LONDON COLISEUM

Home to the English National Ballet. **To 6 Jan:** *The Nutcracker*. **9-13 Jan:** *Song of the Earth/La Sylphide*. 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

**To 10 Jan:** *The Nutcracker*. **From 19 Jan:** *Giselle*. Bow St, WC2E 9DD. T: 020-7304 4000. [www.roh.org.uk](http://www.roh.org.uk). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

## SADLER'S WELLS

**To 27 Jan:** Matthew Bourne's *Cinderella*. **15-16 Jan:** Gandini Juggling (Lilian Baylis Studio). Rosebery Ave, EC1R 4TN. T: 020-7863 8000. [www.sadlerswells.com](http://www.sadlerswells.com). Station: Angel. C9.

## OPERA

### ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

**To 16 Jan:** *Rigoletto* (Verdi). **8-30 Jan:** *Salome* (R Strauss). **From 15 Jan:** *Tosca* (Puccini). Bow St, WC2E 9DD. T: 020-7304 4000. [www.roh.org.uk](http://www.roh.org.uk). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

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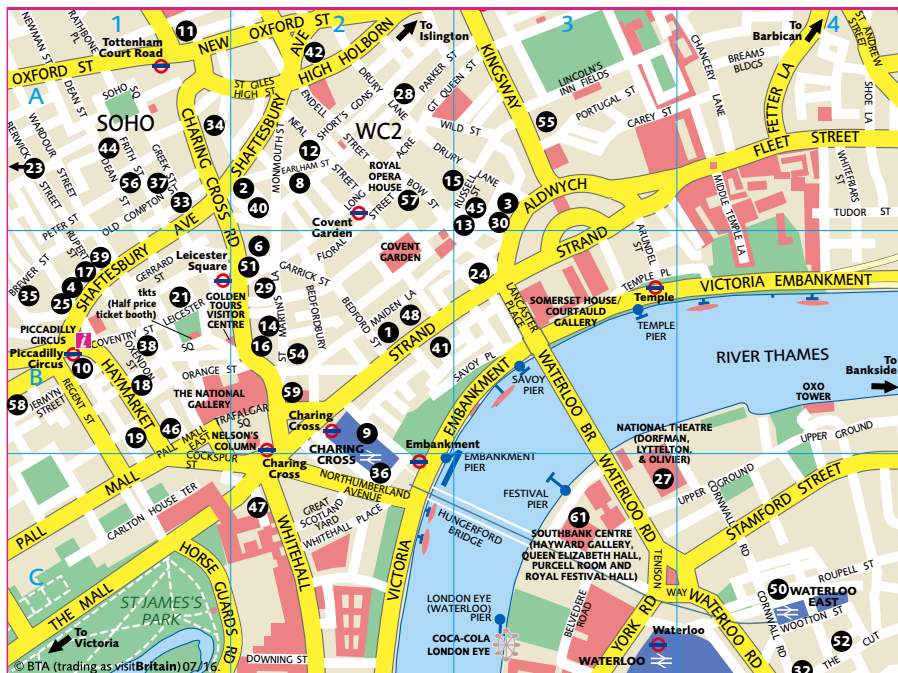
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## Key to Theatres

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	40 St. Martin's .....	A2
25 Lyric .....	B1	41 Savoy .....	B2
26 Menier Chocolate		42 Shaftesbury .....	A2
Factory .....	D	43 Shakespeare's Globe ..	D
27 National Theatre .....	C3	44 Vaudeville .....	B3
28 New London .....	A2	45 Theatre Royal	
29 Noël Coward .....	B2	Drury Lane .....	A3
30 Novello .....	A3	46 Theatre Royal	
31 Old Red Lion .....	E	Haymarket .....	B1
32 Old Vic .....	C4	47 Trafalgar Studios .....	C2
33 Palace .....	A1	48 Vaudeville .....	B2
34 Phoenix .....	A1	49 Victoria Palace .....	F
35 Piccadilly .....	B1	50 Waterloo	
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37 Prince Edward .....	A1	51 Wyndham's .....	B2
38 Prince of Wales .....	B1	52 Young Vic .....	C4
39 Queen's .....	B1		

## 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

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## FIRING THE ROCKET

Staged at Alexandra Palace, the **Dafabet Masters** tournament sees the world's top 16 snooker players in action (14-21 Jan). It's always been a sell-out event, with a home crowd cheering on Ronnie 'the Rocket' O'Sullivan. [www.worldsnooker.com](http://www.worldsnooker.com)

## HORSING AROUND

Ascot Racecourse gets the New Year started in style with the **Clarence House Chase Raceday** (20 Jan; p. 67). You might see some of the leading contenders for the Queen Mother Champion Chase, part of the Cheltenham Festival in March.



Basketball, one of the USA's greatest sporting exports, makes a welcome return. **The O2** hosts the **NBA London Game** (11 Jan; p. 67), an encounter between two key teams from the National Basketball Association (NBA): the Philadelphia 76ers and the Boston Celtics.

So who should fans look out for? Well, there are plenty of impressive names. The 76ers' squad includes the NBA All-Rookie Joel Embiid, from Cameroon, who led All-Rookies in points and rebounds. Hailing from Croatia, the 6ft 10in Dario Šarić was voted second in the Rookie of the Year awards last season, and, according to TV channel ESPN, is versatile on the court.

Since its debut in 2011, this is the eighth consecutive year that the capital has hosted a regular-season game, part of an ongoing drive to turn basketball's popularity into

a global phenomenon. And this year is no different.

Benjamin Morel, NBA's senior vice president, says: 'Our tradition of hosting NBA games in London has a real impact on the popularity of the sport in the UK and with fans visiting from Europe.'

London Mayor Sadiq Khan also recognises the pleasure that this fixture brings. 'I am determined to make sure London remains the sporting capital of the world, and a key part of that is bringing major sporting events here,' he says.

Equalling the NBA with passion, the **London Lions** – London's only professional basketball team – host two of their league matches at the **Copper Box Arena** (p. 67). See domestic talent at their British Basketball League matches against Sheffield Sharks (7 Jan) and Cheshire Phoenix (12 Jan).

– Emma Levine

## WATCH

### BASKETBALL

**11 Jan:** NBA London Game: Philadelphia 76ers vs Boston Celtics (p. 66). *The O2 arena, Peninsula Square, SE10 0DX. T: 0344-809 0202. www.theo2.co.uk. Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.*

**7 Jan:** London Lions vs Sheffield Sharks (p. 66).

**12 Jan:** London Lions vs Cheshire Phoenix (p. 66). *Copper Box Arena, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, E20 3AB. T: 020-3288 1800. www.londonlionsbasketball.co.uk. Station: Stratford. Off map.*

### DARTS

**To 1 Jan:** William Hill World Darts Championship. *Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace Way, N22 7AY. T: 020-8365 2121. www.alexandrapalace.com. Station: Alexandra Palace. Off map.*

### EQUESTRIAN

**20 Jan:** Clarence House Chase Raceday (p. 66). *Ascot Racecourse, High St, Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 7JX. T: 0844-346 3000. www.ascot.co.uk. Station: Waterloo to Ascot (52 mins). Off map.*

### FOOTBALL

*Premier League fixtures; dates subject to change*

**1 Jan:** Arsenal vs Chelsea. **20 Jan:** Arsenal vs Crystal Palace. *Emirates Stadium, Drayton Park, N5 1BU. T: 020-7619 5000. www.arsenal.com.*

*Station: Holloway Road/Arsenal/Finsbury Park. Off map.*

**13 Jan:** Chelsea vs Leicester City.

**31 Jan:** Chelsea vs Bournemouth. *Stamford Bridge, Fulham Rd, SW6 1HS. T: 020-7958 2190. www.chelseafc.com. Station: Fulham Broadway. Off map.*

**13 Jan:** Tottenham vs Everton.

**31 Jan:** Tottenham vs Manchester United. *www.tottenhamhotspur.com. T: 0344-844 0102. See 'Wembley Stadium' for address.*

## TOURS & MUSEUMS

### ARSENAL STADIUM TOUR & MUSEUM

Self-guided audio tours including the changing rooms, players' tunnel and the museum. The club's record 13 FA Cup trophies are on show. The Legends Tour is led by former Arsenal players. Please check for times. Adult £22; child £14. *Emirates Stadium, Drayton Park, N5 1BU. T: 020-7619 5000. 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 rooms, players' tunnel and press room, plus the museum with trophies. Legends Tours, led by former players, on selected dates. Please check for times and online discounts. Adult £22; child £15. *Stamford Bridge, Fulham Rd, SW6 1HS. T: 020-7958 2190. www.chelseafc.com/tours. Station: Fulham Broadway. Off map.*

### 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. 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. Museum closed until further notice. Tour £20; child £12. *Twickenham Stadium, Whitton Rd, TW2 7BA. T: 020-8892 8877. www.englandrugby.com. Station: Twickenham. Off map.*

### THE WEMBLEY STADIUM TOUR

Go behind the scenes to relive sporting history at this world-famous stadium – the UK's largest sports and music venue – including the England dressing rooms and the FA Cup. Regular tours daily 10am-4pm; please check for closures. Adult £20, child £12. *Olympic Way, HA9 0WS. T: 0800-169 9933. www.wembleystadium.com/tours. Station: Wembley Park. Off map.*

*Pall Mall takes its name from the French game, paille-maille (literally ball and mallet)*

### 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 3 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. Station: Southfields. Off map.*

# SHOPPING

## SPECTACULAR SALES



### ONE FOR THE BOYS



Formerly a one-day men's display at the end of the female-centric London Fashion Week, these days brothers are doing it for themselves. **London Fashion Week Men's** (6-8 Jan) promises to showcase the best of British menswear design, with shows and events organised across the weekend. Designers exhibit their work in the Designer Showrooms at The Store Studios on the Strand. [www.londonfashionweekmens.com](http://www.londonfashionweekmens.com)

**O**n your marks, get set... discounts! Despite the crowds and competitive queuing, there is no better time for a shopping lover than January.

A dream destination for lovers of luxe, **Harrods** (p. 70; above) launched its sale on Boxing Day – though some diehard shoppers started queuing earlier.

A troupe of butlers break out the dance moves for the hordes of waiting bargain-hunters, before handing out complimentary nibbles in the new Roastery and Bake Hall.

Take a deep breath before entering **Fortnum & Mason** (p. 70) for its January sale, as it's sure to be packed. Slashing prices across its sumptuously packaged festive range, this

is a perfect opportunity to invest in some British bargains.

It may have branched out from Dublin to Dubai, but a shopping pilgrimage to London isn't complete without a January sales spree to the original **Harvey Nichols** (109-125 Knightsbridge, SW1X 7RJ). Last year it wiped 50 per cent off designer clothing from a range of fashion luminaries including Valentino and Marques'Almeida.

**Westfield** (p. 70) is fast becoming the king of London shopping. As well as big discounts on both designer and high-street names, tourists and business trippers can take advantage of tax-free shopping. Visit the Travelex desks at both centres for more information. – *Neil Simpson*

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## MAJOR STORES

### FORTNUM & MASON

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 (p. 68). *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, accessories and lavish food halls, as well as many bars and restaurants (p. 68). *87-135 Brompton Rd, SW1X 7XL. T: 020-7730 1234. www.harrods.com. Station: Knightsbridge. F5.*

### 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. *Great Marlborough St, W1B 5AH (and Westfield Stratford City). T: 020-7734 1234. www.liberty.co.uk. Station: Oxford Circus. B5.*

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## WESTFIELD LONDON

This huge mall has more than 300 luxury and high-street stores and 65 restaurants (p. 68). *Ariel Way, W12 7GF (and Stratford mall). T: 020-3371 2300. www.uk.westfield.com. Station: Shepherd's Bush. Map inset.*

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### TWININGS

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## SHOES

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

UK	US	Euro
<b>MEN</b>		
7	8	41
8	9	42
9	10	43
10	11	45
11	12	46
12	13	47

UK	US	Euro
<b>CHILDREN</b>		
7	8	24
8	9	25.5
9	10	27
10	11	28
11	12	29
12	13	30.5

## CLOTHES

UK	US	Euro
<b>WOMEN</b>		
XS	6	34
S	8	36
	10	38
M	12	40
	14	42
L	16	44

UK	US	Euro
<b>MEN (CHEST)</b>		
S	34	44
	36	46
	38	48
M	40	50
	42	52
L	44	54

UK	US	Euro
<b>CHILDREN</b>		
4-5yrs	4-5yrs	110cm
6-7	6-7	116-122
8-9	8-9	128-134
10-11	10	140-146
12-13	12	152-158
14-15	13	164-170



## TAX-FREE SHOPPING

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

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# EATING OUT



Clockwise from this image: Ichibuns; Schmaltz; Gilly's Fry Bar



## FINE FAST FOOD

### BURN, BABY, BURN

Celebrate Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, on Burns Night (Jan 25). Enjoy Scottish dishes such as haggis and a wee dram of whisky at branches of **Boisdale**, the Scottish restaurant **Irvin** in Crouch End, north London, and elsewhere. We'll say slàinte to that! [www.boisdale.co.uk](http://www.boisdale.co.uk). [www.irvinbargrill.com](http://www.irvinbargrill.com)

### CHILD'S PLAY

Children up to the age of 12 eat for free when adults are indulging in a three-course meal at **Galvin at Windows** (1-5 Jan). What's more, children designed the menu, which also has kids' activities. [www.galvinatwindows.com](http://www.galvinatwindows.com)



Fish and chips, burgers and fried chicken aren't usually considered high-end, but you might reassess your opinion of what is and isn't fancy when you know celebrity chefs are influencing the dishes.

**Gilly's Fry Bar** in Finsbury Park is inspired by the chippies that chef and owner Neil Gill visited in the North of England.

But Gill worked for famous Chinese restaurateur Alan Yau and decided to incorporate tempura cooking techniques and Asian ingredients into his dishes. Even the drinks here are fusion – think whisky flavoured with salt and pickled onion juice (*4a Clifton Terrace, N4 3JP*).

**Schmaltz** by Liverpool Street is also jumping on the fancy fast-food wagon, literally, as it's a bespoke mobile kitchen decorated in a boldly surreal dandelion print.

It might be a takeaway van for midweek diners, but don't let its appearance fool you because

behind its countertop it serves French free-range chicken with a Label Rouge certificate, indicating only the highest quality birds are used.

Michelin-trained chef Karl Burdock developed the menu. Teardrop-shaped sandwiches have been designed to fit a whole chicken breast (*Broadgate Circle, EC2M 2QS*).

Soho's Japanese diner, **Ichibuns**, meanwhile, serves burgers made with prized Wagyu beef. Its coleslaw is made with hispi and red cabbage, mustard and yuzu vinaigrette, while its crisps are made with kale, dried sweet miso, shichimi and Maldon salt. It might be a diner, but it's not skimped on décor – the funky interior is designed by the team behind Japanese favourites Zuma and ROKA (*22 Wardour St, W1D 6QQ*).

Fast food is having quite a moment.

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## AMERICAS

### BUBBA GUMP SHRIMP CO.

This fun seafood restaurant serves seafood and other US classics. Daily L & D. ££. 13 Coventry St, W1D 7AB. T: 020-3763 5288. [www.bubbagumpshrimp.co.uk](http://www.bubbagumpshrimp.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

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### OBLIX

On the 32nd floor of The Shard, enjoy New York-style rotisserie/grill cuisine. Daily L & D. £££. 31 St Thomas St, SE1 9RY. T: 020-7268 6700. [www.oblixrestaurant.com](http://www.oblixrestaurant.com). Station: London Bridge. E10.

### PLANET HOLLYWOOD

Enjoy burgers, pizzas and cocktails at this huge outlet, plus movie memorabilia. Daily L & D (bar to 1am). ££. 57-60 Haymarket, SW1Y 4QX. T: 020-7287 1000. [www.planethollywoodlondon.com](http://www.planethollywoodlondon.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.



REVIEW

It seems that 2018 is Alan Yau's year, as the restaurateur behind Yauatcha, Hakkasan and Wagamama has opened **Yamabahçe**. If you're after something casual, this is for you: it serves eggs and simit (sesame bagels) for breakfast; has a no-reservation, no-cash policy; you can sit inside, on the pavement or get a takeaway; and there's no menu – you just browse what's on offer via Pinterest. Yamabahçe specialises in pide, or Turkish flatbread, cooked in a wood-fired oven. 26 James St, W1U 1EN. T: 020-3905 3139. [www.yamabahce.com](http://www.yamabahce.com)

## RAINFOREST CAFE

Dine on pasta, burgers and wraps in a mock rainforest setting with animatronic animals. Daily L & D. ££. 20 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7EU. T: 020-7434 3111. [www.rainforestcafe.co.uk](http://www.rainforestcafe.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E3.

## BRITISH

### AQUA SHARD

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### CAFÉ IN THE CRYPT

In this landmark church's basement, the café serves tasty English food. Mon-Sat B, L & D; Sun 11am-6pm. £. St Martin-in-the-Fields, corner of Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JJ. T: 020-7766 1158. [www.smitforg](http://www.smitforg). Station: Charing Cross. D7.

### SOPHIE'S STEAKHOUSE & BAR

Excellent burgers and steaks. Daily L & D. ££. 42-44 Great Windmill St, W1D 7NB (and branch). T: 020-7352 0088. [www.sophiessteakhouse.co.uk](http://www.sophiessteakhouse.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## 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.

### ROYAL CHINA CLUB

This huge Cantonese restaurant is popular for its excellent dim sum. Daily L & D. ££. 24-26 Baker St, W1U 3BZ (and branches). T: 020-7487 4688. [www.rcguk.co.uk](http://www.rcguk.co.uk). Station: Baker Street. D6.

## FRENCH

### AUBAINE

Cosmopolitan, classic dishes in a bistro setting. Daily B, L & D. ££. 38 Broadgate Circle, EC2M 1QS (and branches). T: 020-3773 3650. [www.aubaine.co.uk](http://www.aubaine.co.uk). Station: Liverpool Street. F5.

### BRASSERIE ZÉDEL

This huge, Parisian-style brasserie serves great-value French food, especially with its set menu. Daily L & D. £-££. 20 Sherwood St, W1F 7ED. T: 020-7734 4888. [www.brasseriezedel.com](http://www.brasseriezedel.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## INDIAN

### AMAYA

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

### CHUTNEY MARY

This long-standing restaurant offers a 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

This cosy restaurant offers an excellent range of 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

Cosy, informal restaurant with a good seafood menu. Daily L & D. ££. *32 Gloucester Rd, SW7 4RB*. T: 020-7584 3476. [www.littleindialondon.com](http://www.littleindialondon.com). Station: Gloucester Road. F4.

### MASALA ZONE

Enjoy Indian street food and thalis at this popular chain. 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 South Kensington's 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 cuisine. 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.

### VEERASWAMY

London's oldest Indian restaurant has a Michelin star and plush décor. Daily L & D. £££. *99 Regent St, W1B 4RS*. T: 020-7734 1401. [www.veeraswamy.com](http://www.veeraswamy.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

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Clockwise from this image: Mr Fogg's of Mayfair; CircusXO; Cahoots



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**Cahoots** in Soho, meanwhile, also transports you to another

era – the London Blitz in the 1940s. Hidden in a disused Tube station, it has a staircase disguised as an escalator, which leads you down into the bar, where you'll be entertained by singalongs around a piano.

Try the Apple of My Eye, made with apple juice, elderflower, lime, pear and five-peppercorn mix, or Thowin' a Paddy, a blend of Seedlip Garden 108, raspberry-infused rice vinegar, ginger, spices, blood orange and pomelo, an Asian-style grapefruit (13 *Kingly Court, W1B 5PG*).

Fast-forward into the future at **CircusXO** in Mayfair, a new bar with *Blade Runner*-style décor and neon lights, from the team behind StreetXO. Its XO Driver's Experience cocktail menu has the Madrizzzzz, which comes in a glass as big as your head. It's filled with violet shrub, lime, ginger and jasmine perfume (15 *Old Burlington St, W1S 2JR*).

– Sarah Riches

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A cosy, ancient pub by Hampstead Heath, which author Charles Dickens frequented. *Spaniards Rd, NW3 7JJ*. T: 020-8731 8406. [www.thspaniards-hampstead.co.uk](http://www.thspaniards-hampstead.co.uk). Station: *Hampstead. Off map*.

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**Cantina Laredo**, a bar in Covent Garden, knows how to do tequila. The menu comes with tasting notes because its 100 per cent blue agave tequilas are meant to be sipped, not slammed. It also offers margaritas with toasted coconut, lychee, avocado and ancho chilli shrub, or pickled pepper – and that's before you've even seen the cocktail list. Cocktails come with names such as *The Juan That Got Away*, a sweet blend of Del Maguey Crema de Mezcal and watermelon. *10 Upper St Martin's Lane, WC2H 9FB*. T: 020-7420 0630. [www.cantinalaredo.co.uk](http://www.cantinalaredo.co.uk)

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### RYE

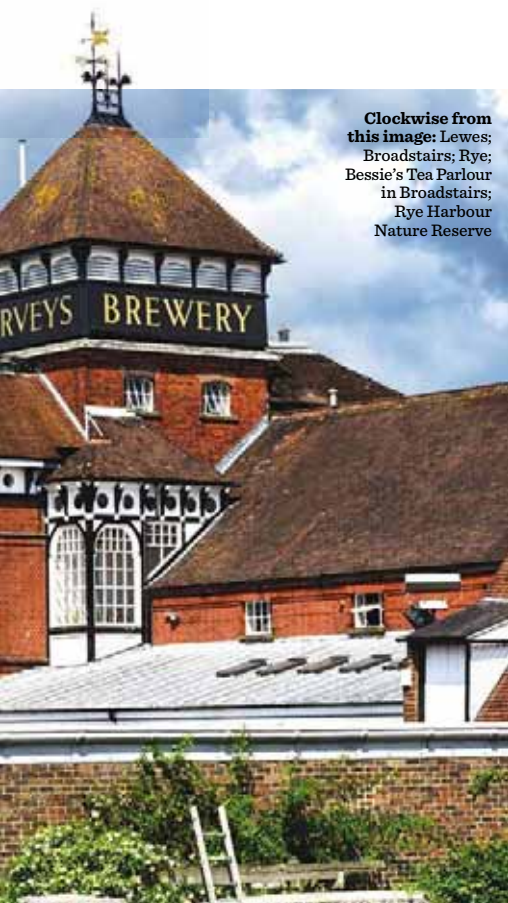
Just 6km inland, Rye in East Sussex may only have two main streets, but you can spend a day wandering the cobbled alleyways that branch off them. Start by visiting Ypres Tower (also called Rye Castle), a fortress built in the 1300s that later became a jail, and is now Rye Castle Museum. A gardener in medieval costume may guide you around its herb garden, while inside you can see cells and a signaling lantern used by smugglers. The balcony has great views of Rye Harbour.



Warm up with a cup of hot chocolate from Knoop's – try the 34 per cent with sea salt, caramel and lime zest – then look at wildlife at the nearby Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Stop for scones in Avocet Tea Room, or walk along Camber Sands, a beautiful 8km beach.

Back in town, stroll the grounds of The Parish Church of St Mary.

Lamb House is nearby: the building is the former home of the author Henry James, who wrote the novel *The Portrait of a Lady*. EF Benson, who wrote the *Mapp and Lucia*



**Clockwise from this image:** Lewes; Broadstairs; Rye; Bessie's Tea Parlour in Broadstairs; Rye Harbour Nature Reserve



series, also lived here, and fans will recognise the house from the novels. Now a National Trust property, you can explore the rooms.

Once you've seen the sights, make a beeline for Rye Heritage Centre, which is close to a handful of antique shops. You can also browse independent galleries such as Rye Pottery, which is opposite the nautical-themed Mermaid Street Café.

Rye is lined with cafés, and among the best is The Cobbles Tea Room. Teacups hanging on brick walls make it feel cosy – expect jacket potatoes, toasties and pork pies. If The Cobbles is full, try The Apothecary on the High Street, a wood-panelled café lined with gilt mirrors and bookshelves. Take a pew by a fireplace and order a toasted teacake, soup or Welsh rarebit.

## BROADSTAIRS

Broadstairs in Kent might be a seaside town, but it's equally wonderful in winter. On a fine day, stroll from Viking Bay in the centre of town along West Cliff Promenade, a grassy clifftop path that hugs the coast to Dumpton Bay in the south and Stone Bay to the north. Whatever the weather, pop by Morelli's Gelato near the bandstand in Victoria Gardens, which has been selling sundaes since 1932. It's now a global chain, run by the fifth generation of the Morelli family.

Don't leave without looking around Bleak House Museum, the site where writer Charles Dickens lived from 1837 to 1859. Built in 1801 and named Fort House, it was renamed to honour Dickens' novel *Bleak House*. Fans should also visit ►



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Dickens House Museum near Morelli's, which the novelist regularly visited – the character Betsey Trotwood in *David Copperfield* is based on Mary Pearson Strong, who lived in the house. Once you've seen the sights, explore the town's gift shops and galleries: New Kent Art Gallery & Studio is around the corner from Bleak House Museum, while Kent Coast Gallery is opposite the station. Wander down quaint cobbled alleyways such as the aptly named Serene Place and you'll find The Old Bakehouse bakery; you can also stop for tea and chai latte cake at Bessie's Tea Parlour. For dinner, order fish and chips or try to get a table at Wyatt & Jones, which serves British dishes such as Dover sole in seaweed butter, or Stour Valley rabbit.

### LEWES

Start your day trip by climbing Lewes Castle, a 1,000-year-old Norman fort with views across East Sussex. A combined ticket includes admission to Anne of Cleves House Museum, a medieval house with a Tudor garden and storytellers in medieval costume. Lewes Priory Park, home to 11th-century monastery ruins, and Southover Grange Gardens, 16th-century landscaped gardens, are nearby – stroll around the gardens' flowerbeds, sculptures and stream and see trees planted by the Queen in 1951.

Walk up to the High Street, past The Fifteenth Century Bookshop, and turn left up the hill to visit St Anne's Galleries and The Pelham Arms, which has an on-site smokehouse and microbrewery. At the bottom of the hill, browse Cliffe High Street's farmers' market on the first and third Saturdays of each month, then cross the River Ouse for Cliffe Antiques Centre and Lewes Antiques Centre.

For lunch, seek out Café du Jardin, in the courtyard of a former coaching inn – its coffee beans come from its barista's family-run plantation in Colombia. In the evening, book a table in its wine cellar, or eat at The Snowdrop Inn. Tucked beneath a white cliff, it is named after the devastating Lewes Avalanche of 1836. The pub is painted like a Romany caravan, complete with a multi-coloured spiral staircase and birdcages, teapots and surfboards on the ceiling. It stages live music on Saturdays and Mondays and has a reputation for using local suppliers such as Harveys, which has brewed ales since 1790.



Lewes



Rochester



Audley End

Rochester Castle appears in Charles Dickens' *The Pickwick Papers* and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*

### ROCHESTER

This town in Kent has a lot going for it: Churchfields and the Esplanade on the banks of the River Medway; the 34m-high Rochester Castle, which dates from 1127; and Rochester Cathedral, founded in 604AD – visitors can attend services and

concerts, join a tour and explore the refurbished crypt. On the High Street, local history buffs can visit Guildhall Museum, which was built in 1687; and the Huguenot Museum, where you can learn how Huguenots brought their craft skills to the UK. Eastgate House is a Grade I-listed former townhouse and now a museum.

Once you've had enough of historical sites, pop into The Cheese Room, Frances Illes Galleries and Sweet Expectations, a traditional sweet shop that sells vegetarian fudge and sweets. If you need to warm up, buy a hot drink from Bruno's Bakes and Coffee, or sit in Fleur de Thé. For a more filling meal, visit The Coopers Arms – built for monks in the 1100s, it opened as an inn in 1543. Sit by an open fire as you tuck into a Sunday roast or pub favourites such as chilli con carne.

Watch falconry displays at Audley End near Saffron Walden



## SAFFRON WALDEN

Start your visit to this medieval town in Essex at Saffron Walden Museum, by the ruins of Walden Castle. The museum has everything from drums in the local history section to tribal leather slippers. Follow pretty houses along Castle Street to Bridge End Garden, a restored

Victorian garden with a hedge maze and sunken Dutch garden. The 15th-century

St Mary's Church is opposite. Visit on Tuesdays and Saturdays for a produce and crafts market – there's been a market on this spot since 1141.

Later, grab a freshly roasted coffee from Angela Reed Café & Baker in nearby Great Dunmow, or try soup at Café Cou Cou on Hill Street. The Old English Gentleman is opposite – it's a 19th-century pub with an open fire and log burner, serving hearty Sunday roasts. Afterwards, pop by The Saffron Walden Gallery to browse contemporary paintings, sculpture and ceramics. Audley End Miniature Railway, meanwhile, is a treat for kids.

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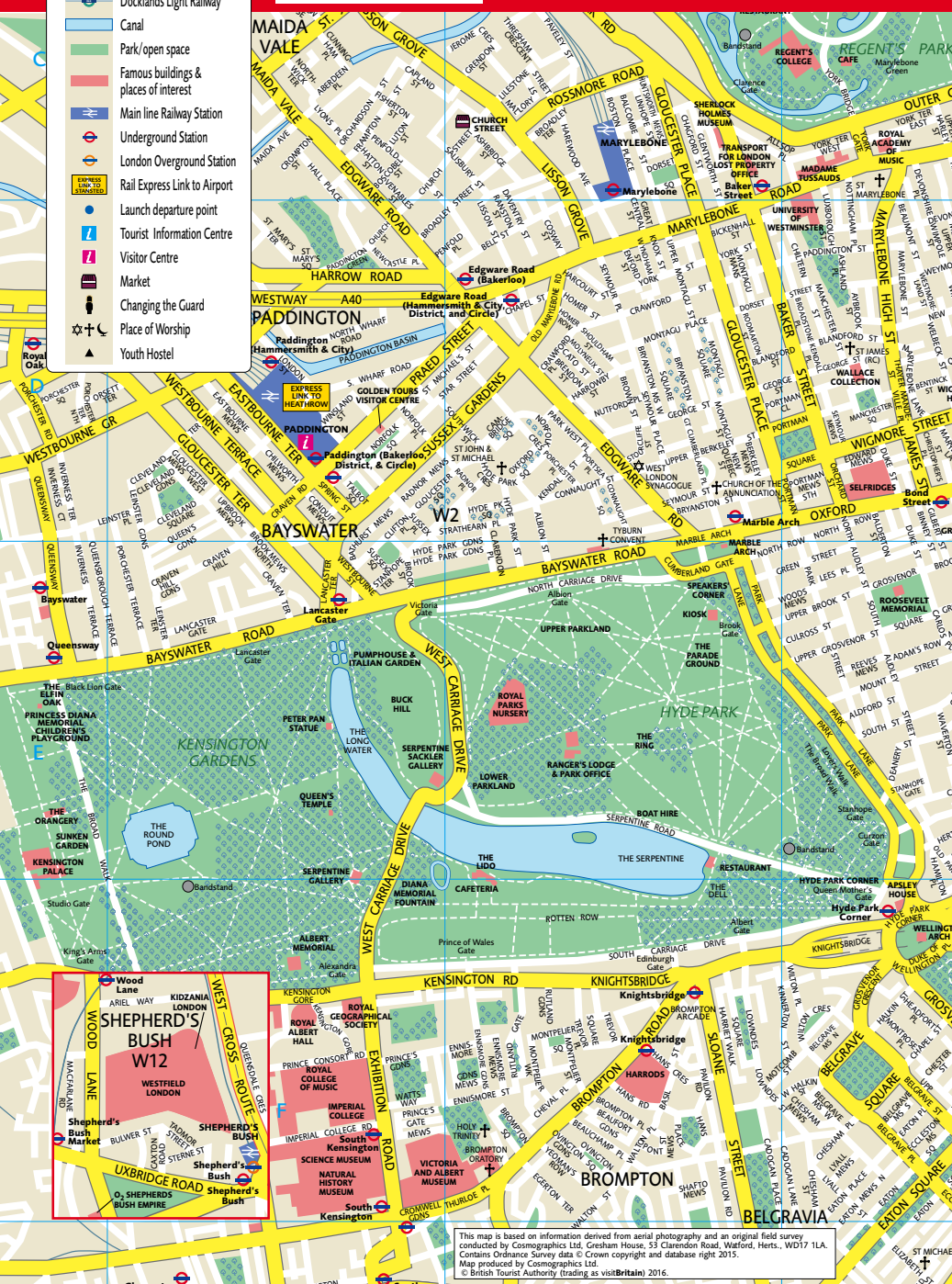
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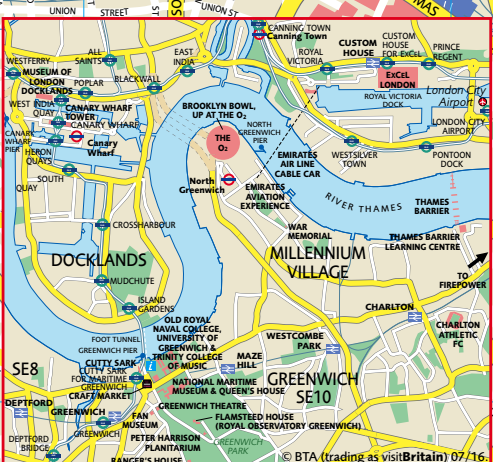
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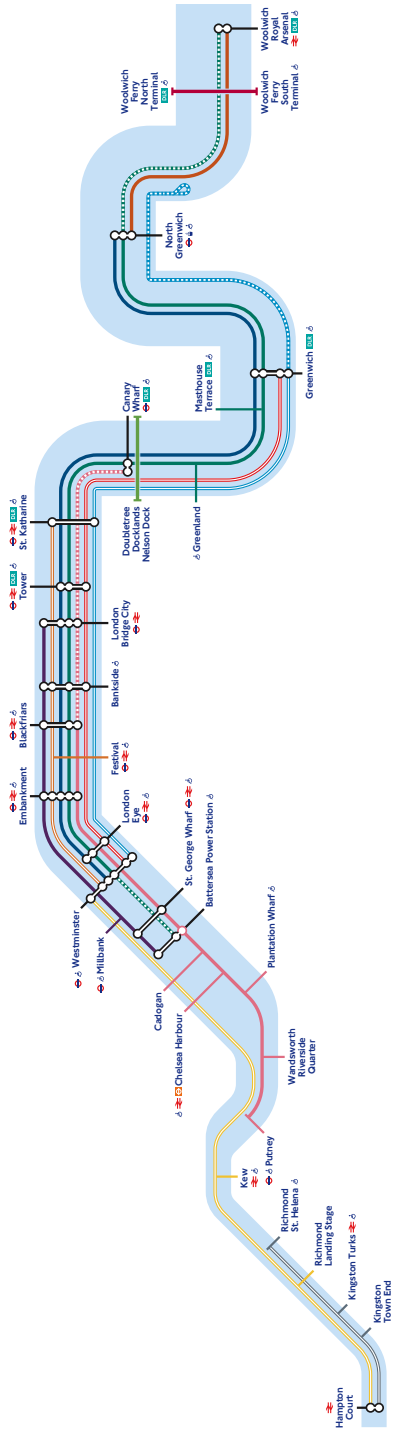


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# LONDON RIVER SERVICES MAP



**River Bus:**

- R81** Westminster to North Greenwich Daily
- R84** Doubletree Docklands Nelson Dock to Canary Wharf Daily
- R85** North Greenwich to Woolwich Royal Arsenal Limited service: morning peak only
- R86** Westminster to North Greenwich Weekends only
- R81X** Westminster to North Greenwich Weekends only
- R82** Battersea Power Station to Embankment Daily

River bus services are operated by HSBM, Thames Clippers

**River Tours year-round:**

- Westminster's Jubilee circular cruise Operated by City Cruises
- Woolwich to Greenwich Operated by City Cruises
- Woolwich to Greenwich Operated by Thames River Services

**River Tours summer-only:**

- Westminster to Hampton Court Operated by Thames River Services
- Romney St. Helena to Hampton Court Operated by City Cruises
- Thames Barrier stop Operated by Thames River Services

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

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

**Ferry services:**

- Woolwich Ferry Operated by Biggs-Marine

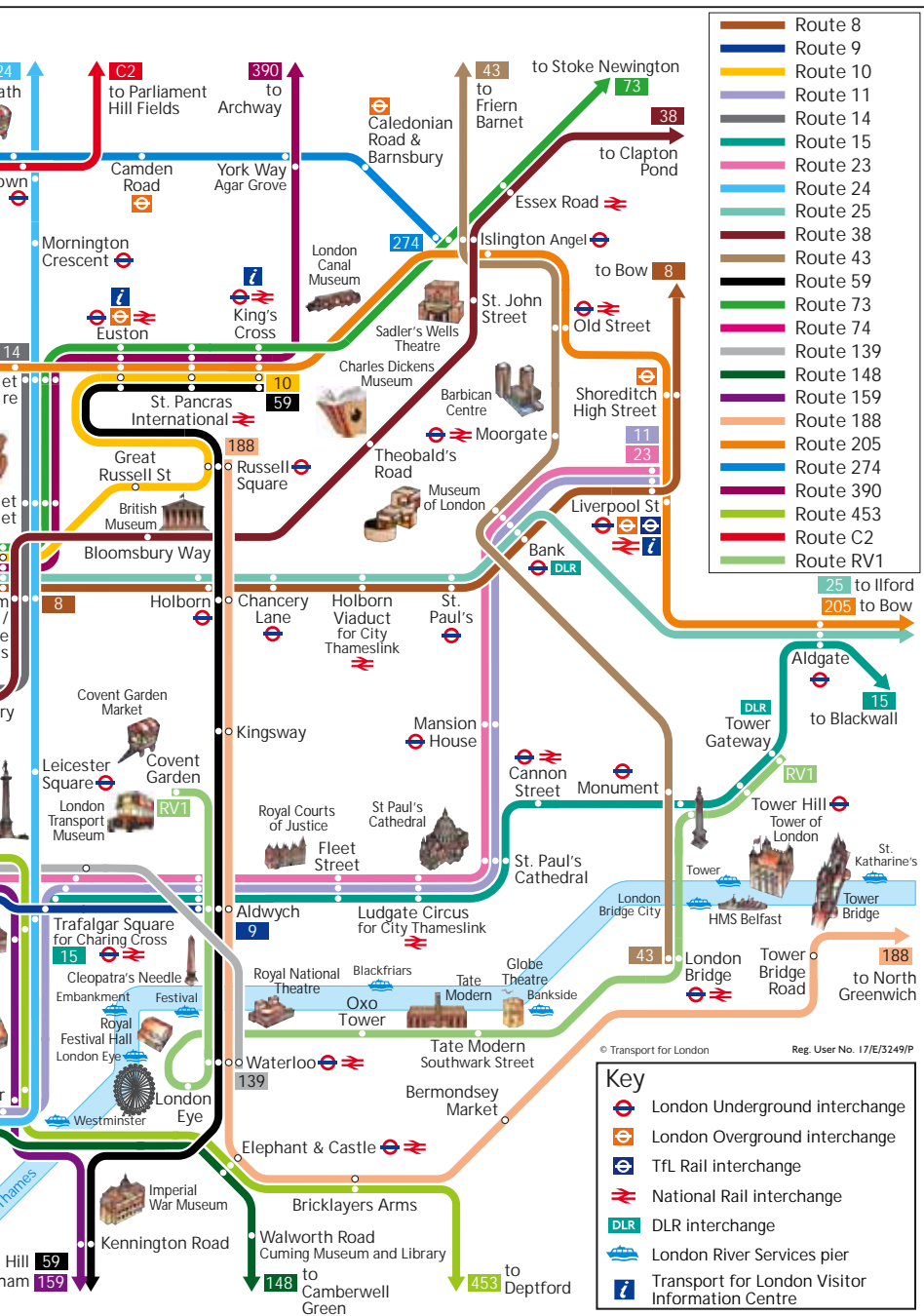
**Key to symbols:**

- Increasing piers
- Docklands Light Railway
- Emirates Air Line
- London Underground
- London Underground
- National Rail
- Step-free access from street level to pier

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## Key bus routes in central London





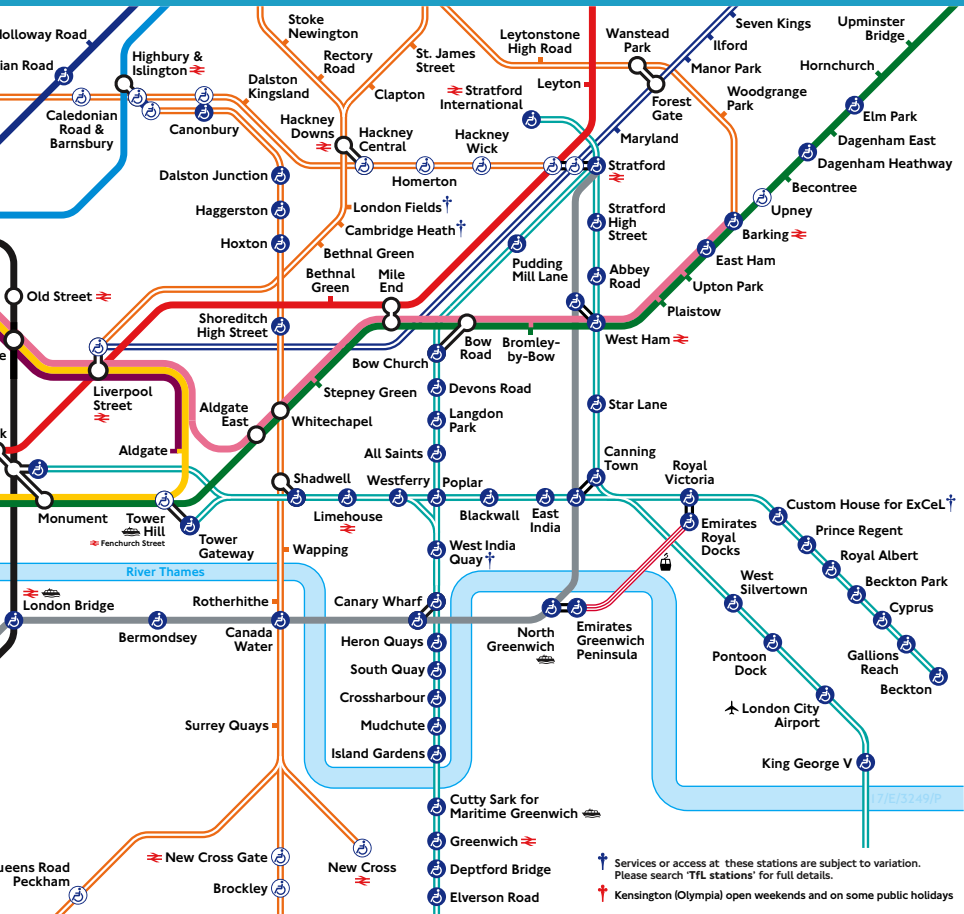
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- Route 148
- Route 159
- Route 188
- Route 205
- Route 274
- Route 390
- Route 453
- Route C2
- Route RV1

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**Key**

- London Underground interchange
- London Overground interchange
- TfL Rail interchange
- National Rail interchange
- DLR interchange
- London River Services pier
- Transport for London Visitor Information Centre





↑ Services or access at these stations is subject to variation. Please search 'TfL stations' for full details.  
 † Kensington (Olympia) open weekends and on some public holidays

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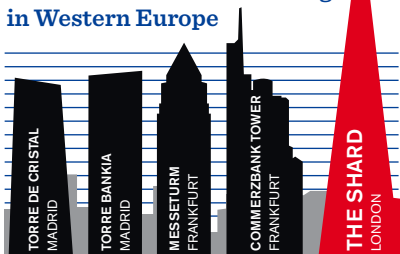
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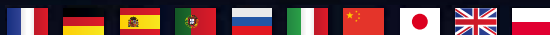
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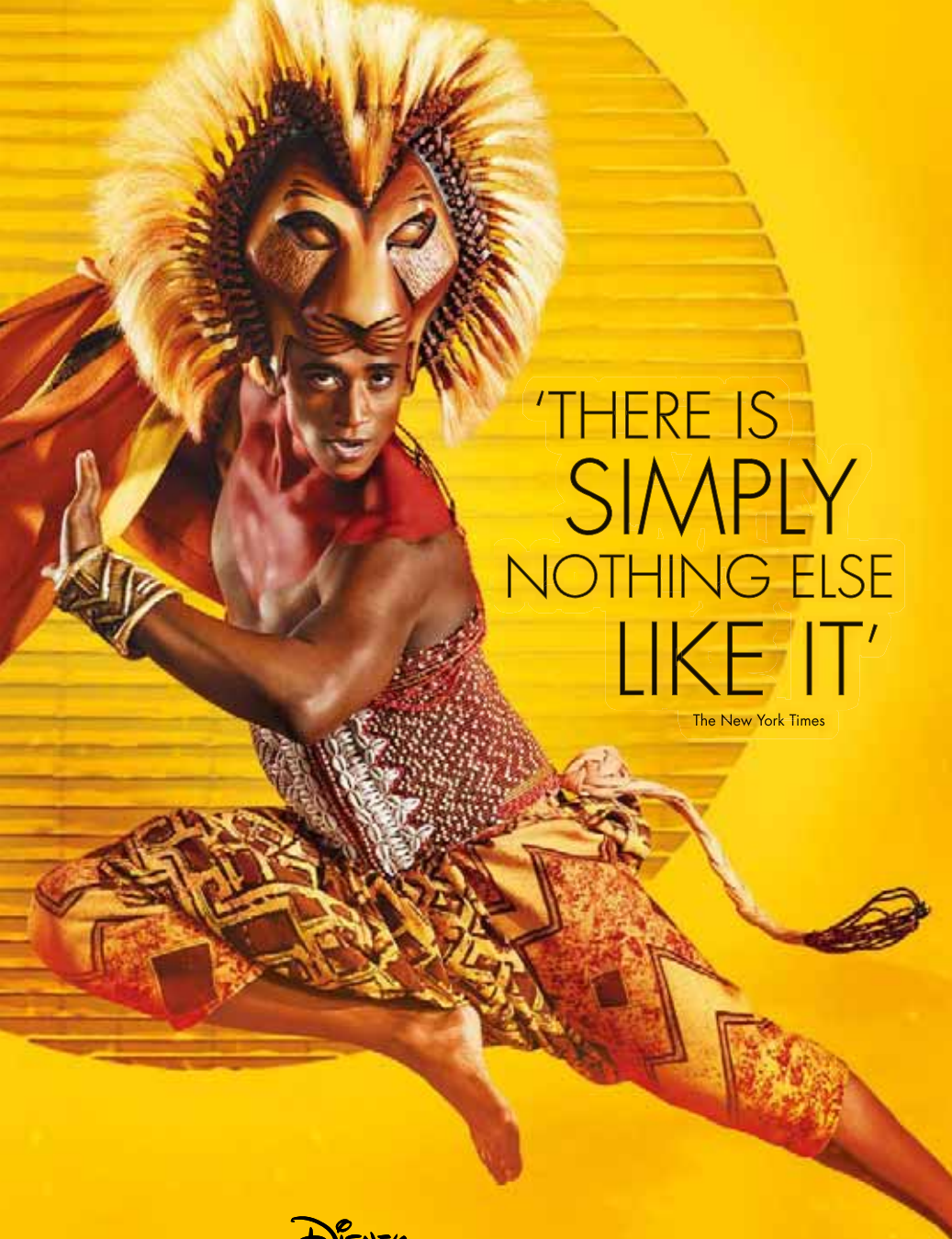
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