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What's New in London | Christmas

Christmas is just around the corner, and London has plenty of activities and events for visitors to experience. Read on for our highlights...

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Food and Drink

Vauxhall Winter Village

Vauxhall, Open until 22 December 2017

Vauxhall's ski resort village-inspired pop-up will be returning this year. It features a range of food stalls, including a lodge dedicated to fondue. There will also be heated Alpine Cabins available for private hire, each with their own dedicated theme. For more information, contact press@vauxhallwintervillage.co.uk

The Gardening Society at John Lewis

John Lewis, Oxford Street, Open until 24 December 2017

The Gardening Society pop up at John Lewis is now open for the winter season and welcomes its final restaurant residency of the year: The Ethicurean from Bristol. The venue will be offering a range of seasonal serves crafted to complement The Ethicurean's hearty food menu, whilst the pop-up will be decorated with a 12ft Christmas tree and fairy lights. For more information, contact pressoffice@johnlewis.co.uk

Woody Bear

Oxford Street, Open until 31 December 2017

Woody Bear on Oxford Street is the venue's first wintertime pop-up. Design team DENLDN have created a venue inspired by an abandoned urban fairground, featuring food stalls such as a cheese Melt-Shack, a Hot Gin Punch bar and negronis on tap. For more information, contact megan@anteaterpr.com

One Festive Season

One Aldwych, Open until 1 January 2018

This Charlie and the Chocolate Factory inspired afternoon tea at One Aldwych takes on a festive twist

The Orange and the Chocolate Factory inspired afternoon tea at One Aldwych takes on a festive twist during the Christmas period. From gingerbread and orange chocolate pops to cinnamon and chestnut brioche and decadent golden eggs, every item reflects the wit and wonder of Roald Dahl's classic tale. Teatime treats are presented with a selection of award-winning seasonal loose leaf teas from Canton Tea. For more information contact neilyalimohamadi@onealdwych.com

Christmas Bus Tour & Afternoon Tea

B Bakery, 17 November 2017 – 7 January 2018

Capture photos of festive London this holiday season with Christmas lights, festive decorations and spectacular shop windows. Your afternoon tea bus tour will have a sprinkling of Christmas magic with a specially created festive menu, including dishes such as Salmon Rainbow Brioche and Ispahan Tart. For more information, contact info@b-bakery.com

Christmas Afternoon Tea at The Ritz

The Ritz, Open until 30 December 2017

During the Christmas season, traditional Afternoon Tea in The Palm Court at The Ritz will be given a festive twist. The menu includes servings of finger sandwiches, pastries and freshly made scones with Cornish clotted cream and strawberry preserve, all of which guests can enjoy whilst listening to the sounds of The Ritz choir singing carols. Palm Court will be transformed by rich red and gold trimmings and a lavishly decorated Christmas tree. For more information, contact communications@theritzlondon.com

Christmas at The Arch London

The Arch, 27 November 2017 – 8 January 2018

The Arch London, one of the city's finest contemporary boutique hotels, will be hosting luxury Christmas lunches, dinners and parties this festive season. Guests will be able to have a three course dinner in their restaurant, or treat themselves to a classic Christmas dinner on 25 December. For more information, contact roxii@luxep.com

Festive Royal Afternoon Tea

The Rubens at the Palace, 1 December 2017 – 2 January 2018

As Christmas approaches, get into the festive spirit in style with the Festive Royal Afternoon Tea. Indulge in a range of sumptuous treats whilst watching the comings and goings of The Royal Mews. Enjoy a range of festive meals, such as finger sandwiches filled with Royal Scottish smoked salmon, and sweet treats including a Yule Christmas chocolate log. For more information, contact ukpr@ttc.com

Ferrero Rocher: Behind the Layers

Westfield Shepherds Bush, 1 – 17 December 2017

Taking place in a luxury golden bar filled with 360-degree light features is the Westfield Ferrero Rocher pop-up. Sample chocolate drinks created by mixologists Liquid Chefs, or watch a live show of chefs making five desserts inspired by the chocolate's many components - including hazelnut-themed and chocolate-themed options – before getting the chance to taste the desserts yourselves. For more information, follow [@ferreroorange](https://www.facebook.com/ferreroorange) on Facebook.

OSLO

Hackney, Available throughout December

Set against a Nordic, atmospheric aesthetic with Scandi-inspired interiors and long dark oak tables, Oslo's main bar and restaurant area is an ideal spot to sip on christmassy cocktails and indulge in a festive feast. Examples from the Christmas set menu include baked camembert cheese drizzle with honey and roasted hazelnut served with bread, turkey ballotine with all the trimmings served with homemade gravy and cranberry sauce and mulled wine cheesecake served with berry coulis. For more information, contact harriet@kapranos-pr.com

HIPCHIPS

Soho, Available throughout December

HIPCHIPS, London's first ever crisp and dip concept is set to launch a menu of dips to celebrate the festive season in its Soho store. Set in the form of a Christmas dinner box, think smoked salmon and pickled cucumbers to start, a traditional turkey dinner for main and for that ultimate festive finish - a sweet Christmas pudding and brandy sauce dip paired with handcrafted, vintage crisps dusted in cinnamon. For more information, contact harriet@kapranos-pr.com

Festive Afternoon Tea at The Savoy

Strand, Available throughout December

The Savoy have teamed up with luxury perfumers Penhaligons for a 'Scents of Christmas' Festive Afternoon Tea. With ingredients such as mulled pears, brandy mousse, gingerbread, chestnut and clementines on the menu, the Festive Afternoon Tea will conjure the nostalgia of yuletide. Guests will also have the option to enjoy a glass of Louis Roederer Vintage 2009. The tea is served in the Thames Foyer which will be filled with the woody scent of Penhaligon's Christmas In The Air fir tree aroma. For more information, contact harriet@kapranos-pr.com

Family Fun

Snow Kingdom, Backyard Cinema

Borough, Open until 21 January 2018

Backyard Cinema has been given a new arctic look, with bean bags, blankets and winter drinks for viewers to enjoy whilst they settle down to a festive movie, featuring classics such as *Home Alone* and *Elf*. For more information, contact hello@backyardcinema.co.uk

Hogwarts in the Snow at Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter

Watford, 18 November 2017 – 28 January 2018

Winter has arrived at Hogwarts. Glittering Christmas trees line the Great Hall and a replica festive feast

including flaming Christmas puddings is laid out on the long tables. Special-effect fires roar in the fireplaces, the Gryffindor common room is filled with Christmas treats and the detailed Hogwarts castle model is covered in a special blanket of snow. For more information, contact press@wbstudiotour.co.uk

Christmas Past: 400 Years of Seasonal Traditions in English Homes

The Geffrye Museum, 21 November 2017 – 7 January 2018

The Geffrye Museum's upcoming exhibition will give visitors an evocative glimpse into how Christmas has been celebrated in English homes over the past 400 years. It will feature authentic festive decorations, lighting, music and greenery that will transform the museum's period living rooms. For more information, contact press@geffrye-museum.org.uk

Christmas at Kew

Kew Gardens, 22 November 2017 – 1 January 2018

Take an enchanting journey into a glittering wonderland with Christmas at Kew at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew. The popular after-dark Christmas event returns with a new mile-long trail through the famous botanic gardens, lit up with more than one million lights. For more information, contact pr@kew.org

Festive Feasting Treasure Hunt

V and A Museum, South Kensington, 25th November 2017 – January 2018

Treasure hunt creators THATMuse have launched a 'Festive Feasting' treasure hunt taking place at the V&A Museum involving an outing of yuletide to search for foodie treasures from throughout history. The challenge is simple: scavengers must compete to find and photograph themselves with as many of the bacchanalian delights on their clue list as possible, within a given time. Light-hearted bonus questions are embedded in the clue text which takes a fireside game of Charades to the next level. For more information, contact harriet@kapranos-pr.com

Greenwich Wintertime Festival

Royal Naval College, 1 – 31 December 2017

Set in the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site, with the iconic Cutty Sark and river Thames as a backdrop, the festival mixes Christmas traditions with modern additions for an alternative Christmas day out in London. The festival features attractions such as an ice rink, Christmas markets and an art display. For more information, contact mel@impressivepr.com

The Design Museum Market

Design Museum, 1 – 3 December 2017

The Design Museum Market presents a selection of jewellery, ceramics, glassware, textiles, homewares, graphic design, digital and children's products. Returning for the second year, the market offers visitors the opportunity to meet new designers, find out more about their work, and view, buy or commission items. For more information, contact Jordan.Lewis@designmuseum.org

Winter Arts Fair

Half Moon Young People's Theatre, 2 December 2017

The Winter Arts Fair is a part of the Pictures at Play exhibition, and is an arts and crafts fair that will feature local artists and children's book illustrators, as well as free events in the theatre with some of the illustrators on show. Half Moon's patron, actress Linda Marlowe, will also be reading from some of the featured books. For more information, contact stephen@halfmoon.org.uk

Portobello Winter Festival

Portobello, 8 – 10 December 2017

Enjoy a Christmas festival with a carnival twist at the Portobello Winter Festival. Soak up the festive atmosphere during a weekend of seasonal street entertainment, showcasing everything from traditional choirs and Christmas tunes, to steel pans, calypso music and Moroccan performances. For more information, contact will.hoyles@westway.org

Christmas Carols at Trafalgar Square

Trafalgar Square, 11 – 22 December 2017

In the build-up to Christmas, 40 carol groups each sing for an hour beneath the world-famous Trafalgar Square Christmas tree (an annual gift from Norway since 1947). These free Christmas carol concerts in Trafalgar Square raise funds for voluntary and charitable organisations. For more information, contact press@londonandpartners.com

The Peter Pan Cup

Hyde Park, 25 December 2017

Watch brave outdoor swimmers compete in the icy waters of the Serpentine Lake in Hyde Park at the annual Christmas Day race. The race on 25 December starts at 9am and takes place on the south bank of the lake, close to the Serpentine Cafe. For more information, contact press@royalparks.gsi.gov.uk

Outdoor Ice Rinks

Natural History Museum

Natural History Museum, Open until 7 January 2018

Get your skates on in the east lawn of this iconic museum, transformed for winter with twinkling fairy lights and a magnificent Christmas tree. The ice skating rink at the Natural History Museum is open all day and well into the evening. After your session, warm up with hot chocolate or mulled wine in the cosy museum cafe which overlooks the rink, or enjoy chocolatey treats at the rink-side Hotel Chocolat pop-up. For more information, contact press@nhm.ac.uk

Skate Somerset House with Fortnum & Mason

Somerset House, Open until 14 January 2018

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visitors will be welcomed by a 40ft Christmas tree, decorated by leading contemporary artist Ryan Sanger OBE. There will be an array of activities for all ages, including exhibitions, installations, special events and cutting-edge music across the site. For more information, contact press@somersethouse.org.uk

Ice Skating at the Tower of London

Tower of London, 17 November 2017 – 2 January 2018

Take to the ice at the Tower of London's ice rink. This gleaming central London ice skating rink is nestled in the attraction's famous dry moat in the shadow of the 1,000-year-old London landmark. Visit the ice rink for an evening skating session to see hundreds of snowflake lights illuminate the walls of the castle. For more information, contact catherine.steventon@hrp.org.uk

Canary Wharf Ice Rink

Canary Wharf, 17 November 2017 – 1 January 2018

Enjoy a post-work spin or a quieter ice skating session on weekends at Ice Rink Canary Wharf. Flanked by gleaming modern glass buildings, and thanks to its clear roof covering, you can continue to enjoy the ice whatever the weather. This winter, the popular Skate Path returns with a new glittering route through the trees. For more information, contact info@icerinkcanarywharf.co.uk

Hampton Court Palace Ice Rink

Hampton Court Palace, 24 November 2017 – 7 January 2018

Drop by Hampton Court Palace for a quick spin on the ice, or make a day of it by exploring the former home of King Henry VIII, before heading out onto the rink. The Hampton Court ice skating rink is located in front of the spectacular Tudor facade, which lights up with beautiful colours as darkness falls. For more information, contact adam.budhram@hrp.org.uk

Christmas Markets

Wintertime at the Southbank Centre

Southbank, Open until 4 January 2018

See Southbank Centre transformed into a Nordic-inspired wonderland for Wintertime, the art centre's annual winter festival along the Thames. Enjoy a packed programme of free and ticketed events, including a Christmas market, festive shows and family entertainment. Over the Christmas and New Year's Eve season, the riverside area glows with glittering lights, festive decorations and a huge Christmas tree. For more information, contact press@southbankcentre.co.uk

Christmas in Leicester Square

Leicester Square, Open until 7 January 2018

Browse more than 25 stalls for handcrafted gifts, festive decorations and more at the traditional Christmas market, plus treat yourself to some warming winter fare. Afterwards, step inside the velvet-draped Belgian spiegel tent to catch an array of festive entertainment for all ages, including Black Cat Cabaret's spellbinding Parisian circus, The Showstoppers' Christmas Kids Show! and a performance of Roald Dahl's Marvellous Medicine for little ones. For more information, contact enquiries@underbelly.co.uk

Kingston Christmas Market

Kingston-upon-Thames, Open until 31 December 2017

Browse the traditional wooden chalets, which line Kingston upon Thames' Ancient Market Place and its surrounding streets, for Christmas gifts, foodie treats and decorations while listening to seasonal tunes. Once you're all shopped out, warm up with mulled wine or some German-style street food from one of the outdoor bars. Head over to the Alpine Village to relax among more than 200 snow-covered trees, and take part in seasonal workshops in many of Kingston's shops. For more information, contact marketing@kingstonfirst.co.uk

Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park

Hyde Park, 17 November 2017 – 1 January 2018

Get into the Christmas spirit as Winter Wonderland returns to London's Hyde Park for the 11th year. This free-to-enter family event includes a host of festive fun and activities, including Winter Wonderland ice skating, big top circus shows, an observation wheel and a huge Christmas market. For more information, contact Emma on emma@plus1comms.com

Winterville on Clapham Common

Clapham Common, 23 November – 24 December 2017

Enter a frosty town brimming with festive activities at Winterville on Clapham Common. From attractions to entertainment and food and drink, Winterville offers a packed programme of seasonal classics and dazzling alternatives for all ages. For more information, contact info@winterville.co.uk

Magical Lantern Festival

Chiswick House and Gardens, 24 November 2017 – 1 January 2018

Set in the landscape of Chiswick House and Gardens, the Magical Lantern Festival will transform the area with light installations and decorations for visitors to enjoy. Follow a magical trail past attractions such as a lantern snowman, a giant Father Christmas riding his sleigh full of presents, penguins and dolphins diving in and out of the water, and a spectacular lantern rendition of Noah's Ark. For more information, contact info@welcreative.com

Christmas Fair at Chelsea Physic Garden

Chelsea, 25 – 26 November 2017

Shop for unique seasonal gifts in the tranquil surroundings of Chelsea Physic Garden at the annual Christmas Fair. Browse more than 100 stalls for extra special presents including garden plants, and artisan food and drinks. You'll also be able to get your hands on one of Chelsea Physic Garden's popular handmade wreaths to fill your home with the scent of fresh pine. For more information, contact enquiries@chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk

Christmas by the River at London Bridge City

London Bridge, 30 November 2017 – 3 January 2018

Explore the twinkling wooden cabins and savour seasonal fare with Christmas By The River at London Bridge City. The traditional Christmas market stretches along The Queen's Walk from Hay's Galleria and London Bridge City Pier to The Scoop at More London, overlooking London icons including Tower Bridge, the Tower of London and the City of London. For more information, contact

events@morelondonstates.co.uk

Festive Nightlife

Queen of Hoxton's Moroccan Medina

Queen of Hoxton, Open until March 2018

Taking inspiration from both Morocco and festivals alike, this rooftop bar is decorated with Moorish-inspired archways, a Moroccan feasting hall under canvas, giant lantern snug, fire pits and shisha pipes. Guests can also get a henna tattoo, and try Christmas inspired drinks such as spiced hot buttered rum. For more information contact lucy@mothershipgroup.com

Social Fun & Games Club at Roof East

Stratford, Open until 31 January 2018

This East End rooftop bar features various attractions for visitors to enjoy, including sliders curling, igloo dining dens and a ski-lodge bar. This is the only rooftop bar in the city to offer sliders curling. Drinks on offer include hot toddies and ski shots. For more information, contact Info@sfgclub.com

The Churchill Bar's Vintage London Winter Terrace

The Churchill Bar, Marylebone, Open until May 2018

The Vintage London Winter Terrace is decorated with iconic British posters and classic London memorabilia, as well as blankets and hot water bottles to keep the chill at bay. The Churchill Bar team has also crafted nine winter cocktails including the Darkest Hour, which celebrates Churchill's golden years, and the Charleston Punch, which remembers Churchill as a 'bon vivant'. On the food menu are winter dishes like White Truffle Croque Monsieur and Homemade Braised Lamb & Potato Croquettes. For more information contact bar.hrlondon@hyatt.com

Skylight

The Tobacco Dock, Wapping, Open until 14 January 2018

The Tobacco Dock rooftop venue Skylight in Wapping is getting a winter makeover. The urban après-skate bar will feature London's only rooftop skating rink, as well as seasonal drinks, fondue and street food, DJs, ice hockey shooting, indoor and outdoor heated areas, and some of the best views in the city. For more information, contact katy@kapranos-pr.com

Winter Forest

Exchange Gate, Broadgate, Open Until 31 January 2018

Snow-covered pine trees, three giant tipis, a pop-up festive cinema and a Christmas market are set to transform Broadgate's Exchange Square into a Nordic-inspired wonderland with a snow-covered, pine-scented forest with reactive twinkling lights. There will be a Tipi Cinema, a Winter Market with stalls run by independent artisans, plus the chance to enjoy mulled wine and prosecco under the stars at the Bar & Grill or book private-dining booths in The Hideaway. For more information, visit the website on

thewinterforest.broadgate.co.uk

Sink the Pink: The Queen's Head

Selfridges Theatre, Oxford Street, Open until 15 December 2017

Set to be outrageously funny, but strictly for adults only, the production The Queen's Head sees your favourite East End pub brought to life in a classic panto style: pints, pianos, and soap-opera style theatrics await. 'Sink the Pink' are London's notorious queer movement and drag performance collective, and have been spreading love across the world for the past eight years. For more information, contact

bruno.barba@selfridges.co.uk

Christmess in The Imaginarium

Borough Market, 18th November - 23rd December 2017

The Imaginarium is a naughty and anarchistic world inhabited by St Nicky and his revolutionary theatrical entourage. Christmess is set in the Olde London, Victorian surroundings of The Hunter Penrose, a barely touched warehouse in the heart of Borough Market. Prepare to enter a mesmeric world of Mama Claus' hidden parlour-come-blues room, and a Santa's Whiskey Grotto where guests can pay St Nick a visit to help plan the revolution and find out if they've been naughty or nice, with suitable consequences for either. There will also be live music, food, and crafty workshops. For more information, contact

harriet@kapranos-pr.com

Sky Pod Bar Winter Pop-Up

Sky Pod Bar, Sky Garden, 21 November 2017 – March 2018

Every evening (6.30pm weekdays and 9.30pm weekends) Sky Garden will become a 'Christmas haven' with alpine-inspired dishes, hot cocktails, vin chaud, faux furs and highland tartans. Sky Pod Bar are also partnering with Moët & Chandon, and each Champagne drinker will receive a Moët bauble. For more information, contact media@landsecurities.com

South Pole Saloon, Brixton Rooftop

Brixton, 23 November 2017 – 1 January 2018

Head over to Brixton Rooftop for the ultimate festive night out. Here you'll find woodland lodges, multiple bars, Candy Caner Cabins, live music, interactive entertainment, creative cocktails and festive street food by the likes of Vudu Food, Mac to the Future, Fancy Funkin Chicken and The Lambassadors. For more

information, contact brixtonrooftop@kkcom.co.uk

Christmas Party at Sky Garden

Sky Garden, 14 December 2017

For one night only the Sky Garden will host a festive event, complete with stylish drinks, delicious canapés and bowl food along with all-night live music and dancing, courtesy of the house DJ and renowned house band. The building will be transformed by festive theming throughout the gardens. For more information, contact media@landsecurities.com

Entertainment

A Christmas Carol

The Old Vic, 20 November 2017 – 20 January 2018

See Rhys Ifans return to the stage as Ebenezer Scrooge in Charles Dickens' tale of A Christmas Carol. Journey to the past, present and future, as four ghosts attempt to show Scrooge the error of his miserly ways in this uplifting Christmas show. For more information, contact joanna.down@oldvictheatre.com

The Snowman

The Peacock, 23 November – 31 December 2017

Twinkling with festive spirit, this stage show is now celebrating 20 consecutive years at The Peacock. Based upon the book by Raymond Briggs and the film directed by Dianne Jackson and produced by John Coates, this play has transported a generation of children and their families into the wintery world of a boy and his magical snowman. For more information, contact rachel.mcclure@sadlerswells.com

La Soirée

Aldwych Theatre, 24 November 2017 – 3 February 2018

Experience one of London's most unusual Christmas shows with La Soirée. Expect a quirky and saucy performance filled with circus, burlesque, cabaret and contemporary acts during this award-winning variety show in its dazzling new West End home. For more information, contact clare@thecornershoppr.com

The Nutcracker

Royal Opera House, 5 December 2017 – 10 January 2018

Peter Wright's nigh-on definitive production for The Royal Ballet ranks as one of the most enduring and enchanting versions of The Nutcracker. With its festive period setting, dancing snowflakes and enchanting stage magic, Lev Ivanov's 1892 ballet has become the perfect Christmas entertainment, with Tchaikovsky's music the most recognisable of all ballet scores. For more information, contact ashley.woodfield@roh.org.uk

Scarlet & Gold

Cadogan Hall, 6 – 7 December 2017

The Bands of the Household Division will be performing their winter concert in December. Featuring musicians from the five regiments of Foot Guards alongside musicians of the Household Cavalry Band and the Countess of Wessex's String Orchestra, the concert showcases an eclectic mix of music and performances. For more information, contact karenlim@householddivision.org.uk

Dick Whittington

London Palladium, 9 December 2017 – 14 January 2018

Follow the adventures of Dick Whittington during this side-splitting pantomime, starring Julian Clary, Ashley Banjo with Diversity, and Elaine Paige. This celebrity-studded show brings a festive mix of Christmas mischief, audience participation and lots of laughs. For more information, contact online_team@reallyuseful.com

Capital's Jingle Bell Ball

The O2, 9 – 10 December 2017

Get set for one of London's biggest Christmas parties with Capital's Jingle Bell Ball. Sing, dance and tap your feet along to some of the world's hottest artists, including Taylor Swift, Craig David and Niall Horan, as the sell-out Christmas concert returns for its 10th year in London. For more information, contact communications.team@theo2.co.uk

Christmas Festival at the Royal Albert Hall

Royal Albert Hall, 13 – 24 December 2017

Hosting a series of traditional and joyful concerts and seasonal performances, the festival gets the Christmas party in full swing in the beautiful surroundings of the historic hall. Featuring performances from Katherine Jenkins, the Choir of King's College of Cambridge and the Mozart Festival Chorus and Orchestra. For more information, contact rickb@royalalberthall.com

Nativity! The Musical

Eventim Apollo, 13 – 17 December 2017

Chuckle at a primary school's hapless attempt to put together a festive production during Nativity! The Musical. Based on the Christmas film series, this family-friendly stage adaptation features many of its catchy tunes, including Sparkle and Shine, Nazareth and One Night One Moment. For more information, contact info@hammersmithapollo.com

Slava's Snowshow

Royal Festival Hall, 18 December 2017 – 4 January 2018

Experience the award-winning Slava's Snowshow, performed by a highly renowned company of clowns. The festive phenomenon mixes masterful clowning with dazzling theatrical effects, including a snow-filled finale in the Royal Festival Hall. For more information, contact press@southbankcentre.co.uk

Disney on Ice presents *Recessed to Adventure*

Disney on Ice presents Passport to Adventure*The O2, 20 – 30 December 2017*

Spend Christmas with Mickey Mouse and all his friends during Disney on Ice presents Passport to Adventure. Be transported to the worlds of The Lion King, Peter Pan, Frozen and The Little Mermaid through song, dance and spectacular ice skating routines at The O2. For more information, contact info@instinct-pr.com

Peter Pan – An Arena Spectacular*The SSE Arena, Wembley, 29 – 30 December 2017*

For the first time ever, The World's Biggest Pantomime Ltd will play in London, presenting Peter Pan – An Arena Spectacular. Starring Bradley Walsh as Mr Smee, Martin Kemp as Captain Hook, and Matt Knight as Peter Pan, J.M. Barrie's original story and characters will be brought to life by a cast of over 100 performers, including a team of BMX riders, stuntmen and trapeze artists. For more information, contact info@amandamalpass.com

New Year's Eve

London New Year's Eve Fireworks*Southbank, 31 December 2017 – 1 January 2018*

This year's stunning spectacle will once again be focused around the Coca-Cola London Eye on the River Thames. More than 3,000 people, from pyrotechnicians to stewards, work together to ensure that the capital's celebrations run smoothly and are the most dazzling on the planet. You must purchase a ticket for admission. Members of the media can apply for accreditation from the Mayor of London's office by completing this form. For more information, contact communitydesk@london.gov.uk

New Year's Eve City Cruise*The Thames, 31 December 2017*

Wine and dine on one of the city cruisers whilst watching one of the biggest spectacles of the year, the London New Year's Eve Fireworks. Ranging from a package that offers canapés and light snacks, to a full gala dinner offer, there is something to suit everyone. Each package also offers live music on board. For more information, contact citycruises@brightergroup.com

A Vintage New Year's Eve Party*Southbank Centre, 31 December 2017*

The eagerly-awaited Vintage New Year's Eve event will see Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall transformed into five floors of entertainment with vintage night clubs, delicious dining, a vintage hair and beauty salon and photo studios capturing the fun as it unravels. The night includes live music, a TIKI bar and dance led by a professional jive teacher. For more information, contact press@southbankcentre.co.uk

New Year's Eve Boogies Nights Themed Party*Planet Hollywood, 31 December 2017*

See in the New Year at Planet Hollywood by indulging in a four-course meal among iconic movie memorabilia. On arrival, you will receive a glass of fizz, before tucking into four delicious courses as a live band performs. You can then enjoy a few drinks in the spectacular cocktail bar, where a DJ will provide the party soundtrack. For more information, contact london-restaurant@planethollywoodintl.com

Once Upon a Crime*Gong Bar, Shangri-La Hotel, The Shard, 31 December 2017*

Enjoy a spectacular skyline view of the New Year's Eve fireworks up The Shard, complete with entertainment. The drinks area will be taking on the theme of crime movies, and will feature entertainers who will construct your very own original film. The night will also feature performances from the likes of Tempest Rose and Underbelly. Enjoy a complimentary drink and canapés throughout the evening. For more information, contact Laura.Baker@shangri-la.com

New Year's at Quaglinos*St James, 31 December 2017*

Welcome 2018 in true Gatsby style in the heart of Mayfair at Quaglinos. Enjoy a three-course signature New Year's Eve Menu accompanied by a live acoustic outfit, late-night live music, a DJ and dancing. Bands performing will include the acoustic trio The Fix and the Hollywood-inspired group, Belle Noir. For more information, contact quaglinos@danddlondon.com

New Year's Eve with Greg Wilson and Special Guests*Jazz Café, Camden, 31 December 2017*

See in the New Year at Camden's hip Jazz Cafe, either from its luxurious restaurant on the mezzanine or from the dancefloor down below. Revellers can expect a combination of live music and DJs playing late into the night. With performances from the jazz neo-soul quartet Yakul, and soul singer Barney Artist. For more information, contact fergus@thecolumbogroup.com

The 2017 London New Year's Eve Ball at The Battersea Evolution*Battersea Park, 31 December 2017*

Step into an electrifying Apres Ski Party this New Year's Eve as Battersea Evolution is transformed into an ice cool alpine wonderland. The evening will feature live entertainment from dancers and acrobats throughout the night, and various food options on offer. For more information, contact batterseevolution@smartgrouppltd.co.uk

Devonshire Club*The City, 31 December 2017*

New Year's Eve celebrations at luxurious private members club, Devonshire Club, will include a decadent three or five course dinner as well as drinks and canapés beforehand. For guests who would rather not

take part in the dinner, live performances from The Night Lights as well as specialist DJs will entertain revellers on the first floor from 9pm until the early hours of 2018. Dinner guests will also be welcomed to join the first-floor party-goers at any time throughout the evening. The event is open to non-members too. For more information, contact harriet@kapranos-pr.com

The Black Cat Cabaret and The Black Cat Ball

Leicester Square, 31 December 2017

London's favourite purrrveyors of dark and daring cabaret entertainment, The Black Cat Cabaret are offering two chances to join the soirée this New Year's Eve. Taking place within the 1920s surroundings of the Paradiso spiegelent at Christmas in Leicester Square, there will first be a 6.30pm cabaret show. Then from 9.30pm – 2.00am, revellers at The Black Cat Ball will be treated to a gloriously daring cabaret show, a promenade circus spectacle, live music from carnival show-band extraordinaire Tankus The Henge, roving performers and an extended DJ set. For more information, contact harriet@kapranos-pr.com

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