

What's New 2017

Attractions & Sightseeing

STAR WARS Identities: The Exhibition, The O2

Until 3 September 2017

Groundbreaking exhibition explores the concept of identity through the characters of Star Wars. Exclusive collection of 200 artefacts, original costumes, props and artwork from the original Star Wars trilogies. Visitors taken on an interactive identity quest, leaving with their own personalised and unique Star Wars character.

http://www.starwarsidentities.com/

Ocean Invaders: Enter the world of the jellyfish, Sea Life Lond Aquarium

April 2017

The latest wondrous experience to float in to SEA LIFE London Aguarium is Ocean Invaders: Enter the world of the jellyfish. Visitors immerse themselves in the fascinating world of the jellyfish in the new sensory experience. The significant new investment will make Ocean Invaders the largest jellyfish facility in the UK. https://www2.visitsealife.com/london/discover/ocean-invaders/

Behind the scenes at Hampton Court Palace

New! Small parties of 12-15 guests can now step back in time to explore the forgotten stories of these residents on a private Grace and Favour tour. This intimate, hour and a half guided visit will uncover the tales of the men and women who lived in rooms once inhabited by the Kings and Queens of England. These abandoned spaces are not normally accessible to the public and offer a unique glimpse into life at one of the greatest palaces ever built! The tour costs £50 per person plus VAT and must be pre-booked. Travel Trade Contact: groupsandtraveltrade@hrp.org.uk +44 (0)20 3166 6311

Postal Museum

Spring 2017

'Mail Rail' — the subterranean Royal Mail line between Paddington and Whitechapel that closed in 2003 will open to the public this spring. A 1km ride — based underneath the Mount Pleasant Post Office in Clerkenwell — will take visitors on an audio-visual journey that 'peels back' the layers of the Mail Rail, from its initially-abandoned construction during the first world war, through its 1930s heyday, and up to its eventual demise. The ride will be the star attraction of a brand new Postal Museum, opening across the road. Here, five interactive zones will explore the days of the horse-drawn mail coach, the growth of the Royal Mail in the 19th century with the Penny Black, and tell the stories of those from the Post Office 'salvage squad', who braved the Blitz to save mail from bombed post offices and pillar boxes. http://postalmuseum.org/

Painted Hall Ceiling Tours

Spring 2017

The Painted Hall is currently closed as the Old Royal Naval College prepares for an ambitious conservation project. Over 2 years, a team of conservators will work on 3,400 square metres of painted surface, bringing new life and vibrancy to paintings obscured by decades of deterioration. From next spring visitors will have a once in a lifetime opportunity to access a special observation deck and see the vast Lower Hall ceiling at close quarters.

www.ornc.org/paintedhall

Time Out Market

2017

Time Out is preparing to open a major food and drink market in Shoreditch next year after the popularity of its flagship market in Portugal attracted millions of visitors. The London Time Out Market will open in the second half of 2017 at 106 Commercial Street in Shoreditch, just minutes from the popular Spitalfields market, in a bid to replicate the success of its first venture, which launched in Lisbon in spring 2014. At 19,250 sq ft the Shoreditch site will be able to hold seating for 450 people, surrounded by 17 food stalls, four bars and a cooking academy. The market will also include a permanent shop and an art gallery which is expected to tap the local creative talent for which Shoreditch has become known. http://www.timeout.com/about/time-out-group/latest-news/time-out-to-launch-new-culture-and-food-markets-in-london-and-new-york

Photography Galleries, Victoria and Albert Museum

Opening autumn 2017

The V&A was the first museum to collect and exhibit photographs. It now holds the UK's national collection of the art of photography, one of the largest and most important in the world. This collection is growing with the transfer of the spectacular Royal Photographic Society (RPS) collection of approximately 300,000 objects. In celebration, the V&A will open a suite of expanded galleries to show photographs alongside cameras, original negatives, albums, books, letters and magazines, complete with a space for a lively programme of events. On show will be a range of rare and renowned pictures by eminent figures from the Victorian era to the 21st century. Photographs by Roger Fenton, Julia Margaret Cameron and Henri Cartier-Bresson will join recent acquisitions to chronicle a history of photography from its invention in the 1830s to the present day. The galleries will also explore the ground-breaking processes, techniques and technologies of key practitioners, and present a rotating programme of thematic and monographic displays. The new galleries are part of a wider programme to improve the accessibility of the V&A's world class photography collection through digitisation, cataloguing, research and the refurbishment of the Museum's photographic stores.

Banksy Bunker, Hang- Up gallery, Dalston

The elusive graffiti artist now has his very own permanent exhibition space at an east London gallery. Dalston's Hang-Up Gallery has unveiled the 'Banksy Bunker': a room dedicated to the 'Dismaland' creator's canvases, prints and sculptures. 'There's currently nowhere in the capital to view a permanent Banksy collection,' says gallery director Ben Cotton. 'So we thought we'd change that. It's an intimate space packed full of a broad cross-section of his work from the start of his career to the present day – so whether you're a Bansky aficionado or a seasoned collector it's certainly worth a look.' There are 15 works on display in the Bunker at the moment, but it's all up for sale, so it's unlikely you'll ever see the same work twice.

http://hanguppictures.com/

https://www.vam.ac.uk/

The Exhibition Road Building Project

2017

The Exhibition Road Building Project will provide a grand new entrance to the Museum, a beautiful courtyard and a stunning purpose-built gallery for the Museum's world-class temporary exhibitions. The project will showcase the best of contemporary design, as well as celebrating the beauty of the V&A's existing structure. The first ever ceramic tiled courtyard will act as a venue for installations and events and will be served by a glass-fronted cafe. Entry to the new courtyard will be through the arches of the 19th-century screen designed by Sir Aston Webb. Work on the main construction began in January 2014, and the new spaces are due to open to the public in 2017.

https://www.vam.ac.uk/info/exhibition-road-building-project

The Printworks, Canada Water

2017

The 5,000-capacity venue is being billed as an "experimental, multi-purpose cultural destination", with more than just clubbing on the menu. The 16-acre building in Canada Water will be home to an in-house series of music events, including live gigs and all-dayers, as well as multi-room raves hosted by seasoned programmers LWE, the London promoter behind Junction 2 festival and daytime parties at Tobacco Dock, and Broadwick Live, which runs Festival No.6, Field Day and Snowbombing. With six huge spaces available, Printworks hopes to offer everything from food festivals and exhibitions to theatre, ballet and London – What's New www.londonandpartners.com/traveltrade

orchestral performances across the building, which was formerly a printing facility for the Metro and Evening Standard.

http://blankcanvas.co.uk/london-venues/printworks/

Royal Academy of Arts expansion

2018

New public areas will be created, including dedicated spaces for exhibitions and displays across the site for our historic collection, contemporary art projects and new work by Royal Academicians. A double-height lecture theatre with over 260 seats will build on the Academy's heritage of rigorous and lively debate. New facilities will enable us to provide a better welcome for our visitors. There will also be an expanded learning programme and more spaces for the RA Schools.

https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/ra250

Medicine galleries, Science Museum

2019

Due to be completed in 2019, the £24m medicine galleries will transform the first floor of the Science Museum, creating a magnificent new home for the Museum's medicine collections. Based on the extraordinary collections of Henry Wellcome and the Science Museum, this is the one of the most significant medicine collections in the world. The galleries will reveal personal stories about how our lives have been transformed by changes in medicine and health over the last 400 years. http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/visitmuseum/plan_your_visit/exhibitions/medicine

Unlocking the Geffrye

2019

The Geffrye has embarked on a major transformative capital scheme, Unlocking the Geffrye, to open up the museum and greatly improve visitors' experience, create new spaces for its collections and learning activities, and develop the museum for generations to come. The £15m project is due to complete in 2019. http://www.geffrye-museum.org.uk/aboutus/unlocking-the-geffrye/

Smithsonian/ Victoria and Albert Collaboration

TBC

The two museums will work on a permanent gallery space at the V&A's East London museum at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, the site of the 2012 Olympics. The pair will work together on joint exhibitions, drawing on both museums' collections, as well as their expertise in science and the arts and humanities - "and where they intersect".

http://insider.si.edu/2016/06/smithsonianvictoria-albert-museum-create-london-exhibition-space/

Transport & Connections

Cross-rail (The Elizabeth line)

Crossrail is a new railway for London and the South East. From improving journey times across London, to easing congestion and offering better connections, the new railway will provide easier, quicker and more direct travel opportunities across the capital.

http://www.crossrail.co.uk/

- May 2017 The first new train enters passenger service between Liverpool Street Main Line and Shenfield
- May 2018 TfL Rail service opens between Paddington (National Rail) and Heathrow Terminal 4, replacing the existing Heathrow Connect service and part of the Great Western inner suburban service.
- December 2018 The Elizabeth line opens between Paddington and Abbey Wood, Liverpool Street to Shenfield, Paddington Main Line to Heathrow Terminal 4.
- May 2019 The Elizabeth line through service extends from Shenfield to Paddington.
- December 2019 The Elizabeth line is fully open, extending to Reading and Heathrow Terminal 4.

https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/elizabeth-line

Night Tube

London is already a 24-hour city, and thanks to the huge investment to modernise the Underground, we are now rolling out a 24-hour Tube to match. See below for services available.

- Victoria line trains running on average every 10 minutes across the entire line
- Central line trains running approximately every 10 minutes between White City and Leytonstone
 and approximately every 20 minutes between Ealing Broadway to White City and Leytonstone to
 Loughton/ Hainault. No service between North Acton and West Ruislip, Loughton and Epping and
 Woodford and Hainault
- Jubilee line trains running on average every 10 minutes across the entire line
- Northern line (coming 18 November 2016) trains running on average every 8 minutes between Morden and Camden Town and approximately every 15 minutes from Camden Town to High Barnet / Edgware. No service on the Mill Hill East and Bank branches
- Piccadilly line (from 16 December 2016) trains running on average every 10 minutes between Cockfosters and Heathrow Terminal 5

https://tfl.gov.uk/campaign/tube-improvements/what-we-are-doing/night-tube

MBNA Thames Clippers confirm delivery of two new vessels for summer 2017

MBNA Thames Clippers will become the biggest commercial passenger fleet operating solely in English waters when the two newly confirmed boats enter service. The company will have 17 high speed catamarans serving 21 piers across London from Putney in the west to Woolwich in the east. 2017 will also see the extension of MBNA Thames Clippers' route to include new piers at Battersea Power Station and on the eastern side of Canary Wharf.

http://www.thamesclippers.com/

London City Cruise Port

2018

Located on the banks of London's river Thames in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, London City Cruise Port will accommodate vessels up to 240m in length and 8m draught when complete in 2018. It will be London's only cruise terminal with alongside terminal facilities – giving visitors a world class experience. With UNESCO Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site and The O2 – the world's most popular music venue – on its doorstep, visitors can enjoy a wealth of world class maritime and royal attractions and exclusive experiences. There will be a high quality onsite hotel for visitors spending more time in Greenwich and a riverboat service to the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site, Greenwich Peninsula and central London.

http://www.londoncitycruiseport.co.uk/

Anniversaries, Festivals & Celebrations

Centenary of the Russian Revolution

4 November 2017

Under the political leadership of the Bolsheviks, the Revolution overthrew the Provisional Government that had replaced the regime of Tsar Nicholas II in February 1917. The centenary will be marked with a programme of events in London, including exhibitions at the Royal Academy of Arts, and the Tate Modern.

20th Anniversary of the death of Princess Diana

31 August 2017

2017 will mark twenty years since the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. There will be events across London including at Kensington Palace. The Princess of Wales lived at Kensington Palace from the time of her wedding to Prince Charles on 29 July 1981 until her death on 31 August 1997. http://www.hrp.org.uk/kensington-palace/

20th Anniversary of the Harry Potter book series

June 2017

Since the release of J.K.Rowling's first novel, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, on 30 June 1997, the books have gained immense popularity, critical acclaim and commercial success worldwide, inspiring the popular film series. All eight movies were filmed in Britain, with locations spanning England, Scotland and Wales. While in London, Potter fans shouldn't miss a priceless photo opportunity at the enchanted Platform 9 ¾ at King's Cross Station. Would-be sorcerers can try their hand at pushing a trolley through the brick wall between platforms nine and ten, otherwise known as the portal to the wizarding world. A must-visit for any discerning Harry Potter fan is the Warner Bros. Studio Tour – The Making of Harry Potter, a dream come true for anyone – young or old – who watched and loved the movies and the books. https://www.wbstudiotour.co.uk/

25th Anniversary of the Premier League

August 2017

The world-famous Premier League turns 25 in 2017. The first season kicked off in August 1992 and has been drawing international interest ever since. Attending a match is high up on the must-do list of any visitor to Britain – you'll witness the players' skills, the fans' passion, the stadiums' electric atmosphere; altogether a truly unforgettable sports experience. As well as the opportunity to watch the best of English and Welsh football, attending a game is also the perfect chance to visit the clubs' destinations. Reaching from the far north-east of England (Newcastle) to the south of Wales, (Swansea), central England (Leicester), over to London and across to the hip cities of north-west England (Manchester and Liverpool), following Premier League football also means discovering some of Britain's most exciting cities – and, of course, the opportunity to explore behind the scenes as many stadiums run tours. https://stadiumtourbookings.london-stadium.com/booking/default.htm

125th anniversary of the first Sherlock Holmes publication

October 2017

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, by Scottish author and physician Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, was published in 1892; the book was the first collection of Holmes stories, which Conan Doyle had been publishing in magazines since 1887. Now a popular TV series, London is almost a character in itself in the Sherlock stories and it's hard to imagine the detective living anywhere else. Explore the city as Sherlock did and visit some of his favourite haunts. Start with a visit to Sherlock and Watson's famous address, 221B Baker Street. While it doesn't actually exist, the exterior of their flat as seen in the series is shot in this quieter west London road, 25 minutes' walk from Baker Street, at 187 North Gower Street. Other destinations sure to be of interest to Sherlock fans include, The Sherlock Holmes Museum, a Grade II-listed building devoted to the detective. It features a re-creation of his sitting room, and a gift shop. The Sherlock Homes Pub in Westminster is stuffed with memorabilia, including Dr Watson's old service revolver and his favourite food, Cumberland sausages.

http://www.sherlock-holmes.co.uk/

http://www.sherlockholmes-stjames.co.uk

Centenary of the Imperial War Museum

A programme of events to celebrate the centenary to be announced.

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10th Anniversary of the Wellcome collection

Celebration planned for June, details tbc

Games Festival

30 March - 9 April 2017

2017's festival will open with EGX Rezzed at Tobacco Dock (30 March to 1 April 2017), with other events confirmed for the schedule including the British Academy Games Awards (6 April 2017) and the return of Now Play This to Somerset House. Further announcements to come will detail activity around eSports, the Festival Fringe and a range of summits and lectures for professionals. Games.london

UK-India Year of Culture 2017

1 April 2017- 1 January 2018

The Year of Culture 2017 will see an exciting festival of events celebrating the vibrant cultural history of UK and India. Top UK institutions will partner with their Indian counterparts to strengthen cultural and economic ties between the two nations, and showcase British creativity on the global stage. https://www.britishcouncil.in/programmes/uk-india-2017

The London Coffee Festival

6-9 April 2017

The London Coffee Festival will return next year from 6-9 April 2017, and promises to be an unmissable event for discerning coffee lovers and those working in the coffee scene. The festival will feature over 250 artisan coffee and gourmet food stalls, tastings and demonstrations from world-class baristas, interactive workshops, street food, coffee-based cocktails, live music, DJs, art exhibitions and much more. Visitors will also gain access to Milk & Sugar, the fashion and lifestyle district showcasing some of the most inspirational brands spanning from fashion to design and food.

http://www.londoncoffeefestival.com/VenueFAQ

Rendezvous Tall Ships Regatta

13-16 April 2017

Greenwich will host the start of the Sail Training International Rendez-vous Tall Ships Regatta 2017. The regatta marks the 150th anniversary of the Canadian Confederation, and it will see a fleet of around 40 large Class A and B Tall Ships set sail from Greenwich to Quebec, Canada, via Portugal, Bermuda and Boston.

http://www.sailtraininginternational.org/events/2017-canada-150-tall-ships-regatta

London Festival of Architecture

1 — 30 June, 2017

The theme of "memory" will be explored through a wide range of events and activities when the London Festival of Architecture – Europe's biggest annual architecture festival – returns on 1-30 June 2017. http://www.londonfestivalofarchitecture.org/

London History Day in 2017

31 May 2017

Next year on 31st May – the day Big Ben first started keeping time - Historic England is getting Londoners to celebrate the heritage and histories of their city. London's museums and galleries are asked to asked to join the celebrations through our collections and objects. For more details contact Ellen Harrison, Head of Campaigns at Historic England ellen.harrison@historicengland.org.uk

Greenwich + Docklands International Festival

Greenwich+Docklands International Festival (GDIF) is London's leading festival of free outdoor performing arts (theatre, dance, and street arts), an annual 9/10-day celebration of extraordinary outdoor events that transform people's lives. Events take place across Greenwich and East London.

The Festival is committed to breaking new ground in outdoor performance and raising the ambition, quality and diversity of outdoor work produced in this country, with a particular focus on the commissioning and development of outdoor work led by Deaf and disabled artists and artists from diverse backgrounds. www.festival.org/

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On Blackheath

Summer 2017

OnBlackheath is delivers an unforgettable two days of music, food, and family entertainment within an atmosphere that feels communal, inclusive, creative, welcoming, surprising, and offers an escape from the working week. The festival takes place on Blackheath in south east London and previous artists include Grace Jones, Madness, Massive Attack, Primal Scream, Manic Street Preachers and Squeeze. www.onblackheath.com/

Greenwich Music Time, 4-7 July 2017

Greenwich Music time is a six day series of outdoor concerts, taking place in the magnificent surroundings of the Old Royal Naval College, overlooking the Thames, lit by the big city lights of Canary Wharf. The festival has seen headline artists like Tom Jones, Gipsy Kings, Goldfrapp, Jamie Cullum, Seal, 10CC and David Gray. We're looking forward to finding out who will be headlining in 2017. greenwichmusictime.co.uk

Greenwich Comedy Festival – July 2017

Greenwich Comedy Festival takes place in the grounds of the National Maritime Museum with even more legendary line-ups in the Big Top and Apple Top venues. Each year thousands of comedy-fans flock to this iconic location to laugh at hilarious shows in sublime surroundings complete with bars, gourmet street-food and music.

The line-up in 2016 included the provocative Reginald D Hunter, British Comedy Award winner Nina Conti, one-liner maestro Milton Jones, lo-fi genius David O'Doherty, self-styled German Comedy Ambassador Henning Wehn and many more.

greenwichcomedyfestival.co.uk/

Taste of London 2017, Regent's Park

14 June 2017 - 18 June 2017

Discover a tantalising selection of world-class chefs and London's hottest restaurants as the Taste of London festival descends on London's Regent's Park once again. For five summer days, the park in Central London is transformed into a foodie wonderland as many of London's best restaurants gather to show off the hottest dishes from their extensive menus. Watch live cooking demonstrations, meet some of the capital's leading chefs, participate in masterclasses and shop at more than 200 food and drink stalls. http://london.tastefestivals.com/

London Design Festival 2017

16 September 2017 - 24 September 2017

Explore a range of creative installations and events celebrating London's vibrant design scene at the London Design Festival 2017. The annual festival has been showcasing the work of designers, architects, artists and retailers since 2003. During the festival, hundreds of large-scale installations, exhibitions and events pop up in many unique spaces across London, from world-famous museums to small local studios. http://www.londondesignfestival.com/

BFI Film festival

October 2017

The British Film Institute London Film Festival (simply BFI London Film Festival) is an annual film festival held in the United Kingdom, running in the second half of October with cooperation from the British Film Institute. It screens more than 300 films, documentaries and shorts from approximately 50 countries. http://www.bfi.org.uk/lff

Illuminated River

2017

The Illuminated River is a design commission on an unprecedented scale: a unified scheme conceived to light central London's bridges along the River Thames. This work will take place in 2017. http://illuminatedriver.london/

Art Night, Whitechapel Gallery

Saturday 1 July

London's new annual festival Art Night 2017 will take place throughout the city's East End during the night of Saturday 1 July. New commissions and work premiering in the UK by leading contemporary artists will London – What's New www.londonandpartners.com/traveltrade

be presented across more than ten historically significant sites in East London, including Whitechapel Gallery.

http://www.whitechapelgallery.org/about/press/art-night-collaborates-whitechapel-gallery-transform-londons-east-end-2017-date-curator-announced/

Season of American Art at British Museum, Tate Modern and the Royal Academy of Arts London looks back over almost a century of American art through six major exhibitions at three leading museums. The British Museum, Tate an the Royal Academy of Arts will chart a defining period in American history- spanning the Great Depression, the Cold War, the Civil Rights struggle and the rise of Pop culture-to explore how US artists have consistently provided powerful responses to the events and issues of their day. We will see how, throughout the 20th century and beyond, American experience and identity has been distilled into new and often radical art movements of global importance.

Exhibitions & Events

Queer British Art, Tate Modern

5 April - 1 October 2017

The opening of Queer British Art marks the 50 year anniversary of the decriminalisation of male homosexuality in England. Featuring works from the Pre-Raphaelites to Francis Bacon, the show explores how artists expressed themselves in a time when established assumptions about gender and sexuality were being questioned and transformed. Deeply personal and intimate works are presented alongside pieces aimed at a wider public, which helped to forge a sense of community. Together, they reveal a remarkable range of identities and stories, from the playful to the political and from the erotic to the domestic. With paintings, drawings, personal photographs and film from artists such as John Singer Sargent, Dora Carrington and David Hockney the diversity of queer British art is celebrated as never before.

http://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/exhibition/queer-british-art

Rendez-Vous 2017: Tall Ships Regatta in Greenwich and Woolwich

13 April 2017 – 16 April 2017

A fleet of 40 ships takes to the river Thames for four days of festivities over the Easter weekend, as the crews prepare for a 7,000 nautical mile transatlantic race to Canada. Marking the 150th anniversary of the Canadian Confederation and organised by Sail Training International, the vessels will leave London at the end of the weekend, setting sail for Portugal, Bermuda and Boston, before arriving in Quebec on 18 July. http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/100003/community and living/1589/tall ships festivals

Chris Ofili; Weaving Magic, National Gallery

26 April - 28 August 2017

The National Gallery presents Turner Prize-winning artist Chris Ofili's new work, his first foray into the medium of tapestry. Ofili is returning to the National Gallery following the exhibition Titian: Metamorphosis 2012. Like Rubens, Goya and many artists before him who have engaged with this medium, Ofili has been working closely with master weavers to see his design translated into a hand-woven tapestry. The imagery reflects Ofili's ongoing interest in classical mythology and contemporary 'demigods', together with the stories, magic and colour of the Trinidadian landscape he inhabits.

https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/chris-ofili-weaving-magic

Alberto Giacometti, Tate Modern

10 May - 10 September 2017

This exhibition will focus on the influences that shaped Giacometti and the experimental way in which he developed his practice. The exhibition includes some never before seen plasters and drawings alongside more familiar bronze sculptures and oil paintings. Tate has been given unparalleled access to the Fondation Alberto et Annette Giacometti's extraordinary collection and archive. From his first works of art through his Surrealist compositions, to the emergence of his mature style, Giacometti has rarely been explored this fully.

http://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/exhibition/alberto-giacometti

The Pink Floyd Exhibition: Their Mortal Remains, Victoria and Albert Museum

13 May 2017 - 1 October 2017

Celebrate the era-defining work of a legendary rock band with The Pink Floyd Exhibition: Their Mortal Remains at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Discover more than 350 objects from the band, including rare artefacts and memorabilia that have never been seen before. Immerse yourself in Pink Floyd's psychedelic world with exclusive video and sound installations, handwritten lyrics, and original posters from their albums and concerts.

https://www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/pink-floyd

Museums at Night

17 May 2017 - 20 May 2017, October 2017

Explore art, history and heritage after dark with Museums at Night events across London. Every year, major museums, heritage sites and historic properties open their doors for the biannual nationwide festival. Discover new exhibitions, listen to expert talks and presentations, watch special performances, take torch-

lit tours, enjoy live music in historic surroundings, and engage in a range of free and ticketed night-time activities.

http://museumsatnight.org.uk/

Sounds of the City, London Transport Musuem

19 may- 3 september

An exhibition of 100 illustrations that interpret artists relationships with sound in an urban context. Elebrating the noise and the quiet spaces the songs and the sounds, of vibrant and multi layered cities. http://www.theaoi.com/events/prize-for-illustration-info.php

The film concert of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, Royal Albert Hall

11, 12 and 13 May 2017

The film played on a 40ft screen, enhanced by John Williams' inimitable score performed by the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra

http://www.royalalberthall.com/tickets/events/2017/harry-potter-and-the-philosophers-stone-in-concert/

Canaletto and the Art of Venice, The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace

19 May - 12 November 2017

The Royal Collection contains the world's finest group of paintings, drawings and prints by Venice's most famous view-painter, Canaletto (1697–1768). These works were bought by the young George III in 1762 from Canaletto's agent and dealer Joseph Smith, British Consul in Venice, along with the rest of Smith's huge collection. Exploring the many delights of 18th-century Venice, from the splendours of the Grand Canal and St Mark's Square to its festivals, theatre and masked carnival, the exhibition brings the irresistible allure of one of the most beautiful cities in the world to The Queen's Gallery.

https://www.royalcollection.org.uk/collection/themes/exhibitions/canaletto-and-the-art-of-venice/the-queens-gallery-buckingham-palace

Hokusai, Beyond the Great Wave, British Museum

25 May - 13 August 2017

Hokusai: beyond the Great Wave will lead you on an artistic journey through the last 30 years of Hokusai's life, when he produced some of his most famous masterpieces. The exhibition will feature sublime prints and paintings, many of which are on loan from across the world, making this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see these works together.

http://www.britishmuseum.org/whats_on/exhibitions/hokusai.aspx

Balenciaga: Shaping Fashion, Victoria and Albert Museum

27 May 2017 - 18 February 2018

Revered by his contemporaries and fashion designers today, Cristóbal Balenciaga represented the pinnacle of haute couture in the 1950s and 1960s and is widely regarded as one of the most innovative and influential designers of the last century. His exquisite craftsmanship and pioneering use of fabrics and cutting set the tone for the modernity of the late 20th century. The V&A will present the first exhibition on Balenciaga in the UK, marking the 100th anniversary of the opening of his first fashion house in San Sebastian and the 80th anniversary of the opening of his famous Paris salon in 1937. Balenciaga: Shaping Fashion will take an almost forensic look at the craftsmanship and skill that made Balenciaga's creations so special and explore how his work has shaped future fashion design. The V&A has a large and important collection of Balenciaga and many pieces have not been seen before. https://www.vam.ac.uk/

Into the Unknown: A Journey through Science Fiction, Barbican Centre

2 June – 1 September 2017

Opening in summer 2017, major Barbican exhibition Into the Unknown: A Journey through Science Fiction is a genre-defining exploration of one of popular culture's most celebrated realms. Featuring work not yet shown in the UK – including original objects and artwork from The Paul G. Allen Family Collection – the private collection of Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen; concept art and models from films Godzilla, Stargate and Dark City; and original manuscripts from iconic authors such as Jules Verne – this unprecedented show encompasses music, film and contemporary art to present a new, global perspective on science fiction.

https://www.barbican.org.uk/artgallery/event-detail.asp?ID=19875

Fahrelnissa Zeid, Tate Modern

7 June - 15 October 2017

Trained in both Paris and Istanbul, Fahrelnissa Zeid (1901–1991) is best known for her large-scale abstract paintings. Her abstract vocabulary has been described as a synthesis of Islamic, Byzantine, Arab and Persian influences combined with stylistic elements that were developed in Europe during the post-war period. The exhibition examines the evolution of Zeid's figurative and abstract work, the themes she pursued and the methods and materials she experimented with during her career. It also highlights the tension in the works and the complex patterns and influences that have dominated Zeid's practice: dynamism, the desire to represent motion through painting and her obsession with geometrical details. http://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/exhibition/fahrelnissa-zeid

Giovanni da Rimini: An Early 14th-Century Masterpiece Reunited, National Gallery

14 June 2017 - 8 October 2017

Learn about a key moment in the history of art, when emphasis on observation and realism was born. The exquisite Scenes from the Lives of the Virgin and other Saints by Giovanni da Rimini, the most talented artist in 14th-century Rimini, was purchased by the National Gallery in 2015. Long thought of as part of a diptych together with a panel depicting 'Scenes from the Life of Christ' in the Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Antica, Rome, the exhibition reunites the paintings, a reconstruction never before seen in the UK. https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/giovanni-da-rimini-an-early-14th-century-masterpiece-reunited

Open Garden Squares Weekend

17 June 2017 - 18 June 2017

Take a peek behind the closed gates of London's private gardens and discover hidden grassy gems during the Open Garden Squares Weekend. More than 200 London gardens, from the historic and traditional to the new and experimental, are opened up to the public for one weekend every year. Venture into private gardens, roof gardens, community allotments, urban wildlife and ecology centres, as well as gardens belonging to historic buildings, museums, restaurants, schools and shops. Many of the gardens provide stalls, music, family entertainment and art activities as well as food and drink. http://www.opensquares.org/

Enlightened Princesses, Kensington Palace

22 June – 12 November 2017

New to Kensington Palace for 2017, Enlightened Princesses will explore the story of three remarkable German royal women, Caroline of Ansbach, Augusta of Saxe-Gotha, and Charlotte of Mecklenberg-Strelitz, who married into the British royal family in the 1700s.

http://www.hrp.org.uk/kensington-palace/#gs.tsG5VTQ

Summer of Love, Shakespeare's Globe

Summer 2017.

A progamme of performances marking 50 years since the Summer of Love. The last summer overseen by artistic director Emma Rice.

http://blog.shakespearesglobe.com/post/152286906128/emma-rices-2017-summer-season-summer-of-love

West End LIVE at Trafalgar Square

June 2017

Sing along to some of the West End's leading musicals and discover London's exciting new shows, with free performances for the 13th annual West End LIVE in Trafalgar Square. Every year, the cast of some of the hottest West End shows take to the stage in front of thousands of spectators, to showcase the best of London's West End.

http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/event/30161454-west-end-live-at-trafalgar-square#v2c0eccilSP2KT2D.97

Franklin, Tthe National Maritime Museum

July 2017-January 2018

An epic story of Arctic endeavour that ended in tragedy, this exhibition will tell the story of Sir John Franklin's famous 1845 expedition to the Northwest Passage, in the wake of the recent discovery of Franklin's flagship, HMS Erebus. New archaeological evidence presented for the first time will give clues to the mystery of what went so tragically wrong when 129 men lost their lives in the ice.

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http://www.rmg.co.uk/national-maritime-museum

Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power, Tate Modern

12 July - 22 October 2017

Exploring how the category "black Art" was defined, rejected and redefined by artists across the United States between 1963 and 1983, this exhibition will shine a bright light on the vital contribution of black artists to a crucial period in American art. With most works visiting the UK for the first time, it will include American artists such as Romane Bearden, Norman Lewis, Lorraine O'Grady and Betye Saar, alongside prominent British Guyanese painter Frank Bowling who was resident in New York much of this time. http://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/exhibition/soul-nation-art-age-black-power

Plywood, Victoria and Albert Museum

15 July – 12 November 2017

Plywood will be the first authoritative history of a material near universally used in industrial, domestic and architectural design, but which continues to be little understood or interpreted. The exhibition will explore the innovative use of plywood in objects ranging from aircraft, boats and vehicles to furniture, architecture and graphic design and offer a new view of this material, its methods of manufacture and history from ancient times to use in today's digital age as well. Highlights will include Charles and Ray Eames' designs for plywood furniture as well as projects such as their 1942 moulded plywood leg splint designed for the US Navy, revolutionary European and American aircraft designs, 1930s surfboards and designs for mass-produced US prefabricated housing. https://www.vam.ac.uk/

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http://www.rmg.co.uk/discover/museum-collections/relics-sir-iohn-franklins-polar-expedition

Buckingham Palace Tour, Summer Opening 2017

July 2017 - October 2017

Visit Buckingham Palace, the official London residence of the Queen, this summer. Buckingham Palace is one of the world's few remaining working royal palaces - don't miss the chance to see it. Explore the lavishly furnished State Rooms, containing some of the greatest treasures from the Royal Collection. https://www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/the-state-rooms-buckingham-palace

Matisse in the Studio, Royal Academy of Arts

5 August — 12 November 2017

Step into the studio of Henri Matisse, brimming with the artist's treasured objects. Focusing exclusively on their important role in his work for the first time, we will reveal how this eclectic collection took on new life in his transcendent art. Matisse drew his collection from the far corners of the world: Buddhist statuary from Thailand, Bamana figures from Mali, textiles from Polynesia. Rarely of material value, these objects were nonetheless precious. Offering points of departure to which he could return again and again, they appear in his work in different guises and across spans of decades, reinvented afresh in each new setting. https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/matisse-in-the-studio

Can Graphic design save your life? Wellcome Collection

7 September 2017- 14 January 2018

Will explire the important relationship between graphic design and health. From hard hitting posters to flashing neon pharmacy signs. Will comprise 300 objects from the wellocme collection, science museum, and private collections.

Rachel Whiteread, Tate Modern

12 September 2017 – 4 February 2018

The most comprehensive exhibition to date of Rachel Whiteread, one of the Britain's leading contemporary artists. Her work is characterized by its use of industrial materials such as plaster, concrete, resin, rubber and metal to cast the surfaces and volume in and around everyday objects and architectural space, creating evocative sculptures that range from the intimate to the monumental.

http://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/exhibition/unilever-series-rachel-whiteread-embankment/rachel-whiteread

Basquiat: Boom for Real, Barbican Art Gallery

21 September 2017- 28 January 2018

Basquiat: Boom for Real is the first large-scale exhibition in the UK of the work of American artist Jean-Michel Basquiat (1960- 1988). One of the most significant painters of the 20th century, Basquiat came of age in the post-punk underground art scene in Lower Manhattan in the late 1970s. More than any other exhibition to date, Basquiat: Boom for Real focuses on the artist's relationship to music, text, film and television, placing it within the wider cultural context of the time. Paintings, drawings and notebooks are presented alongside rare film, photography, music and ephemera in a design that aims to capture the dynamism of Basquiat's practice.

https://www.barbican.org.uk/artgallery/event-detail.asp?ID=20335

Jasper Johns, Royal Academy of Arts

23 September- 10 December 2017

Jasper Johns's position in the art world was established in the late 1950s when he first showed his iconic paintings of targets, flags and numbers in New York; motifs which, as he put it, "the mind already knows". Charting his development over the last six decades and featuring paintings, prints, drawings, and sculpture, this exhibition will seek to bring Johns's work to a new audience, and confirm his continuing status as one of the most significant and influential living artists.

https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/jasper-johns

Opera: Passion, Power and Politics, Victoria and Albert Museum

30 September 2017 - 25 February 2018

Together the V&A and the Royal Opera House will create a vivid and immersive journey through opera, from its origins in late-Renaissance Italy to the present day, in the inaugural exhibition of the new Sainsbury Gallery. The exhibition will focus on seven opera premieres, seven opening nights in seven distinct cultural landscapes, which culminate in the international explosion of opera in the 20th and 21st century. The exhibition will show how the creation of a new opera can reflect the social, political, artistic, and economic conversations, which define cities and will reveal the process of making opera from libretto to score, design to performance. The cities and premieres that will be explored are: Venice (Monteverdi's L'Incoronazione di Poppea, 1642); London (Handel's Rinaldo 1711); Vienna (Mozart's Le Nozze di Figaro, 1786); Milan (Verdi's Nabucco, 1842); Paris (Wagner's Tannhäuser, 1861); Dresden (Strauss' Salome. 1905) and St Petersburg (Shostakovich's Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk, 1934). https://www.vam.ac.uk/

Reflections; Van Eyck and the Pre-Raphaelites, National Gallery

4 October 2017 - 2 April 2018

Jan van Eyck's Arnolfini Portrait (1434) was one of the beacons by which the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood took its stylistic bearings in forging a radical new style of painting. The painting informed the Pre-Raphaelites' belief in empirical observation, their ideas about draughtsmanship, colour and technique, and the ways in which objects in a picture could carry symbolic meaning. The exhibition will examine early responses to the technique and style of the painting, from the first press notices to the writings of the painter and National Gallery Director, Charles Eastlake, and draws attention to the different ways in which the Pre-Raphaelite artists responded to the Arnolfini Portrait.

https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/reflections-van-eyck-and-the-pre-raphaelites

Dalí / Duchamp, Royal Academy of Arts

7 October 2017 — 7 January 2018

Take another look at two artistic giants: father of conceptual art Marcel Duchamp, and larger-than-life Surrealist Salvador Dalí. This is the first exhibition to throw light on their surprising relationship and its influence on the work of both artists. On the surface, these two great 20th-century artists could hardly be more dissimilar, but Dalí and Duchamp maintained a lasting bond of friendship and mutual admiration throughout their careers. What fuelled this seemingly unlikely friendship was deeper than their shared London – What's New www.londonandpartners.com/traveltrade

artistic interests – amongst them eroticism, language, optics and games. More fundamentally, the two men were united by a combination of humour and scepticism which led both, in different ways, to challenge conventional views of art and life. This original exhibition brings together around 60 works, including some of Dalí's most inspired and technically accomplished paintings and sculptures, and Duchamp's groundbreaking assemblages and readymades. But it will also showcase the less familiar: photographs by Dalí, paintings by Duchamp, correspondence and collaborations between the two artists. https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/dali-duchamp

Poster Girls, London Transport Museum

13 October 2017- summer 2018

Girl power comes to covent garden. A major new exhibition about 20th and 21st century female graphic artists. Will highlight some of the key female artists who have designed for London transport. Stunning original posters and accompanying material.

http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/whats-on/exhibitions

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone Exhibition, The British Library

20 October 2017 - 28 February 2018

Marking the twentieth anniversary of the publication of JK Rowling's first instalment in the Harry Potter series, this exhibition will showcase an extraordinary range of wizarding books, manuscripts and objects, and combine centuries-old British Library treasures with original material from Bloomsbury's and the author's archives. From medieval descriptions of dragons and griffins, to the origins of the philosopher's stone, the exhibition will take readers on a journey to the heart of the Harry Potter stories. https://www.bl.uk/press-releases/2016/august/harry-potter-exhibition-at-the-british-library

Museums at Night

26-28 October 2017

Explore art, history and heritage after dark with Museums at Night events across London. Every year, major museums, heritage sites and historic properties open their doors for the biannual nationwide festival. Discover new exhibitions, listen to expert talks and presentations, watch special performances, take torchlit tours, enjoy live music in historic surroundings, and engage in a range of free and ticketed night-time activities.

http://museumsatnight.org.uk/

Cézanne Portraits, National Portrait Gallery

26 October 2017 - 11 February 2018

Next year the Gallery will stage the first exhibition devoted entirely to portraits by Paul Cézanne, widely understood to be one of the most influential artists of the nineteenth century. This major exhibition will bring together for the first time over 50 of Cézanne's portraits from collections across the world, including works which have never been on public display in the UK. Paul Cézanne (1839-1906) painted almost 200 portraits, including 26 of himself and 29 of his wife, Hortense Fiquet. Cézanne Portraitswill explore the special pictorial and thematic characteristics of Cézanne's portraiture including his creation of complementary pairs and multiple versions of the same subject. In collaboration with Musée d'Orsay, Paris and National Gallery of Art, Washington DC

http://www.npg.org.uk/whatson/exhibitions/2016/cezanne-portraits.php

Monochrome; Painting in Black and White, National Gallery

1 November 2017 – 18 February 2018

This exhibition will explore the tradition of painting in black and white from its beginnings in the Middle Ages through the Renaissance and into the 21st century. Organised in a chronological manner, Monochrome: Painting in Black and White will present a series of case studies that investigate where and when painting en grisaille was used and to what effect: from early religious works, which stipulated that sacred images for particular locations or seasons in the liturgical calendar should be painted 'without colour', to paintings that emulate sculpture or respond to other media such as printmaking, photography, and film. https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/monochrome-painting-in-black-and-white

The EY Exhibition: Impressionists in London: French artists in exile, Tate Britain

2 November 2017 - 29 April 2018

In the 1870s, France was devastated by the Franco-Prussian war and insurrection in Paris, driving artists to seek refuge across the Channel. Their experiences in London and the friendships that developed not only London – What's New www.londonandpartners.com/traveltrade

influenced their own work but also contributed to the British art scene. This exhibition is the first to map the connections between French and British artists, patrons and art dealers during a traumatic period in French history. Highlighting their engagement with British culture, traditions and social life, their art is a fascinating insight into how London was perceived by the visiting French artists, and the remarkable works that came from their time here.

http://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/exhibition/impressionists-london

Red Star Over Russia, Tate Modern

8 November 2017 – 18 February 2018

The year 2017 will mark the centenary of the October Revolution, which heralded a wave of innovation and design in Russia. In the years that followed 1917, as Russia became the Soviet Union, these early experiments and diverse practices formed a new visual culture for a nation that covered one sixth of the Earth. Red Star Over Russia explores artworks made by Russian and Soviet artists over five decades, from the first revolution of 1905 to the death of Stalin in 1953. Rarely seen posters, photographs, and other graphic works from the David King Collection – now part of Tate – are on display, including work by El Lissitzky, Gustav Klutsis, Dmitri Moor, Alexander Deineka, Nina Vatolina and Yevgeny Khaldei. http://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/exhibition/red-star-over-russia

Modigliani, Tate Modern

22 November 2017 - 2 April 2018

Amedeo Modigliani (1884–1920) produced some of the most memorable art of the early twentieth century. Born in Livorno, Italy and working in Paris from 1906, his career was tragically short but experimentation was a consistent priority. Connecting biography with practice, and including works in different media, the exhibition places Modigliani's work in dialogue with pieces by his contemporaries including Brancusi and early Picasso. His sculpture, portraiture, nudes and paintings of young peasants reveal a body of work that borrowed from – and contributed to – the visual culture of his time. http://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/exhibition/modigliani

Australia's Impressionists, National Gallery

7 December – 26 March 2017

Australia's Impressionists will be the first exhibition in the UK to focus on Impressionist artists from Australia. The exhibition will examine their work against the backdrop of the global 19th century. This exhibition will be the latest example of the National Gallery's expansion, by representing not only great works of art by Western European painters, but also paintings produced around the world in the Western European tradition. The exhibition takes inspiration from the long-term loan of Arthur Streeton's Blue Pacific (1890) to the National Gallery – the first time a painting by an Australian artist has ever been shown among the Gallery's world-renowned collection.

https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/australias-impressionists

Charles II: Art & Power, The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace

8 December 2017 - 13 May 2018

After over a decade of austere Cromwellian rule, the restoration of the monarchy in 1660 led to a resurgence of the arts in England. The court of Charles II became the centre for the patronage of leading artists and the collecting of great works of art, which served not only as decoration for the royal apartments but also as a means of glorifying the restored monarchy and reinforcing the position of Charles II as the rightful king. From John Michael Wright's monumental portrait of Charles II in his coronation robes and a glittering silver-gilt dish which adorned the high-altar of Westminster Abbey during the King's coronation, to old master paintings, tapestries and spectacular silver-gilt furniture, the exhibition shows the rich material world of Charles II's court and the role of the arts in the re-establishment of the Stuart monarchy. https://www.royalcollection.org.uk/collection/themes/exhibitions/charles-ii-art-power/the-queens-gallery-buckingham-palace

Another Russia: Post-Soviet Printmaking, Victoria and Albert Museum

8 December 2016 - 15 August 2017

After the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991, Russian artists who no longer felt defined by resistance to authority could relect wistfully, ironically or polemically on utopian concepts like the Ideal City or the New Soviet Man. They also brought a fresh point of view to issues informing the western cultural conversation: architecture and urban living, rationally-planned versus informal settlements, the interplay of aesthetics

and ideology, new technology and social change, national and other forms of identity, conflict and migration.

https://shop.vam.ac.uk/whatson/index/view/id/3742/event/Another-Russia--Post-Soviet-Printmaking/dt/2016-12-08/free/1

Winnie-the-Pooh: Exploring A Classic, Victoria and Albert Museum

16 December 2017 - 8 April 2018

This exhibition will reveal the story behind the creative partnership of A.A. Milne and E.H. Shepard and the factors contributing to the success and enduring popularity of Winnie-the-Pooh. It will be designed for both children and adults encouraging visitors to rediscover the classic books and will look at discovering language as a child, as well as inspiring creativity with drawing. It will consider the real-life personalities and relationships that created Pooh, including Christopher Robin's make-believe with his toys and the collaboration between the genius of Milne as author and Shepard as talented illustrator. It will look at the development of Pooh from pre-views of verses and stories in periodicals to the published books and show the illustrative process and the interrelation of text and image. The exhibition will draw on the V&A's collection of pencil sketches, proofs, letters and photographs, and many key loans. In addition, the original manuscript of Winnie-the-Pooh from the Wren Library at Trinity College will be on display for the first time at the V&A.

https://www.vam.ac.uk/

Splendours of the Subcontinent: A Prince's Tour 1875–76, Royal Collection 2018

Some of the finest Indian treasures from the Royal Collection will go on display in a new Royal Collection Trust exhibition that tells the story of the grand tour of the Subcontinent made by the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) at the end of the 19th century. Splendours of the Subcontinent: A Prince's Tour of India 1875–76 has been developed in collaboration with Cartwright Hall, Bradford, and New Walk Museum & Art Gallery, Leicester.

https://www.royalcollection.org.uk/news/dazzling-indian-objects-from-the-royal-collection-to-go-on-display-in-a-new-touring-exhibition

Lift Festival, East Wall

Summer 2018

A major dance and music production to be performed in the Tower of London moat during LIFT 2018. East Wall will be a large-scale, spectacle of dance and live music, which will take place at the Tower of London, one of the capital's most iconic buildings, in summer 2018. Directed by world-renowned choreographer, Hofesh Shechter, East Wall will bring together a large cast of dancers, musicians and community participants to celebrate East London's rich cultural heritage. East Wall will see Hofesh Shechter working in collaboration with a group of up-and-coming choreographers, alongside artists and young people. Shechter will create a score for, and direct, the final production which will seek to explore the modern realities of race, diversity and cultural identity alongside the rich history of the Tower of London and Tower Hamlets. https://www.liftfestival.com/east-wall-2018/

Entertainment, Theatre, Dance, Music & Film

Bob Dylan at The SSE Arena, Wembley

9 May 2017

http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/event/44969161-bob-dylan-at-the-sse-arena-wemblev#bQULM5XtO2eBpfev.97

The Vamps, The O2 13 may 2017

http://www.theo2.co.uk/events/detail/thevamps

Ariana Grande, The O2

25 May 2017

http://www.theo2.co.uk/events/detail/ariana-grande

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Kiss, The O2

31 May 2017

http://www.theo2.co.uk/events/detail/kiss

Shawn Mendes The O2

1-2 June 2017

http://www.theo2.co.uk/events/detail/shawn-mendes

Take That, The O2

6 - 7, 9 - 11 June 2017

http://www.theo2.co.uk/events/detail/takethat

Guns 'N Roses, Not In This Lifetime Tour, London Stadium

Friday 17 June 2017

Will be the first time that Axl Rose, Slash and Duff McKagan have reunited in the U.K. http://www.gunsnroses.com/tour

Celine Dion, The O2

20-21 June 2017

http://www.theo2.co.uk/events/detail/celine-dion

The Maccabees, Alexandra Palace

29 June- 1 July

http://tickets.london/tour/the-maccabees

Blink 182, The O2

19-20 July 2017

http://www.theo2.co.uk/events/detail/blink-182

BBC Proms 2017, Royal Albert Hall

From 14 July 2017 to 9 September 2017

From classical favourites to contemporary world premieres and family concerts, the BBC Proms offer a stage for leading musicians, singers, orchestras and soloists from across the world with a broad programme of music.

http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/event/14261083-bbc-proms#6aEHYk8BqMPFAzQf.99

Marc Bolan: The 40th Anniversary Celebration at O2 Shepherd's Bush Empire

15 September 2017

Marc Almond, T-Rextasy, Tony Visconti and Neal X perform in tribute to the legendary front-man who tragically died in a car accident 40 years ago.

 $\frac{http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/event/44682824-marc-bolan-the-40th-anniversary-celebration-at-o2-shepherds-bush-empire\#hzDbqH4AGpIJLgAK.97$

Neil Diamond. The O2

17 October 2017

http://www.theo2.co.uk/events/detail/neil-diamond

Emeli Sande, The O2

18 October 2017

http://www.theo2.co.uk/events/detail/emeli-sande

Little Mix, The O2

26 October- 26 November 2017

http://www.theo2.co.uk/events/detail/littlemix

New Theatre & Musicals

Finding Neverland

Coming soon

Finding Neverland is based on the Academy Award-winning film of the same name and follows playwright J.M. Barrie as he summons the courage to become the writer – and the man – he yearns to be. With songs penned by Take That star Gary Barlow, the audience will be able to let their imaginations run away with them for the evening.

http://findingneverlandthemusical.com/

The Girls, Phoenix Theatre

22 February onwards 2017

Gary Barlow will have a busy year in the West End in 2017, when it is rumoured that three productions with music by the Ivor Novello Award-winning composer will make their West End debuts. The first of these three shows, and so far the only one to be confirmed, is The Girls. Written with Tim Firth, The Girls is a musical inspired by the hit film Calendar Girls which enjoyed huge success on its 2003 release. Tim Firth wrote the film Calendar Girls, and grew up in the same town as Gary Barlow. They have been friends for twenty five years and The Girls marks their first collaboration. http://www.phoenixtheatrelondon.co.uk/the-girls/

Othello, Sam Wanamaker Playhouse

23 February- 16 April 2017

Tracks Othello's descent into jealousy and madness after the scheming lago convinces him of his wife Desdemona's infidelity.

http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/theatre/whats-on/sam-wanamaker-playhouse/othello-2016

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead, Old Vic

Sat 25 February - Sat 29 April 2017

Half a century after its premiere on The Old Vic stage, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead, the play that made a young Tom Stoppard's name overnight, returns to The Old Vic in its 50th anniversary celebratory production. Against the backdrop of Shakespeare's Hamlet, this mind-bending situation comedy sees two hapless minor characters, Rosencrantz (**Daniel Radcliffe**) and Guildenstern (Joshua McGuire), take centre stage. Increasingly out of their depth, the young double act stumble their way in and out of the action of this iconic drama. In a literary hall of mirrors, Stoppard's brilliantly funny, existential labyrinth sees us witness the ultimate identity crisis.

http://www.oldvictheatre.com/whats-on/2017/rosencrantz-and-guildenstern/

Stepping Out

1 March- 17 June 2017

Stepping Out follows eight individuals from a mix of backgrounds who find themselves together in a North London church hall for a weekly tap dancing class. Whilst they begin the class for a variety of reasons, their motivations develop as we begin to meet each of the characters. Many begin the class with a lack of coordination and skill but as the weeks develop they each begin to master the basics, leading to a performance at a charity gala. The group continue to tap their troubles away and their distinct personalities begin to shine through, creating a funny and heart-warming comedy. Starring **Amanda Holden**. https://www.londontheatre.co.uk/show/stepping-out

An American In Paris, Dominion Theatre

4 March 2017 - 30 September 2017

Witness the story of Jerry Mulligan, an American GI striving to make it as a painter in a city suddenly bursting with hope and possibility. Following a chance encounter with a beautiful young dancer named Lise, the streets of Paris become the backdrop to a sensuous, modern romance of art, friendship and love in the aftermath of war. Performed by a company of over 50 actors, dancers and musicians, and directed and choreographed by Olivier and Tony® Award-winner Christopher Wheeldon, this stunning re-imagining of the Oscar® winning film played a sold out, world premiere engagement at the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris before transferring triumphantly to Broadway, where it became the most awarded musical of the year. https://www.anamericaninparisthemusical.co.uk/

The Goat, Or Who is Sylvia? Theatre Royal Haymarket

24 March- 24 June 2017

Following his recent passing, Edward Albee's dark comedy The Goat, or Who is Sylvia? returns to the West End at the Theatre Royal Haymarket. Directed by Ian Rickson (Jerusalem, former artistic director at the Royal Court) and starring Emmy Award winner Damian Lewis (Homeland, Band of Brothers, Wolf Hall), this brand new production will play from 24th March 2017, with an official opening on 5th April 2017. https://www.londontheatre.co.uk/show/the-goat-or-who-is-sylvia

42nd Street, Theatre Royal Drury Lane

4 April onwards 2017

The musical is based on the novel by Bradford Ropes and the subsequent 1933 Hollywood film adaptation of the same name. A classic backstage musical, the show follows famed director Julian Marsh as he attempts to put on a brand new musical production during the height of the Great Depression. Peggy Sawyer, an unknown chorus girl, gets her big break and goes out on the stage a "youngster" and comes back a "star".

http://www.42ndstreetmusical.co.uk/

Carousel, London Coliseum

7 April- 13 May 2017

Katherine Jenkins and Alfie Boe lead the cast of Carousel at the ENO's London Coliseum for a limited run in London's West End from 7 April 2017. Directed by Lonny Price the production will feature a 40 strong orchestra and full cast and chorus.

Angels in America by Tony Kushner, National Theatre

From April 2017

Marianne Elliott directs the two-part landmark play. The first part, Millennium Approaches, received its British premiere in the Cottesloe in 1992, joined by Perestroika in a double bill the following year. Andrew Garfield plays Prior Walter.

https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/coming-up-at-the-nt

The Ferryman, Royal Court Theatre

24 April - 20 May 2017

Rural Derry, 1981. The Carney farmhouse is a hive of activity with preparations for the annual harvest. A day of hard work on the land and a traditional night of feasting and celebrations lie ahead. But this year they will be interrupted by a visitor.

https://royalcourttheatre.com/whats-on/the-ferryman/

Obsession, Barbican

19 April 2017 - 20 May 2017

Jude Law plays the magnetically handsome, down-at-heel Gino in a new stage adaptation of Visconti's penetrating social drama directed by Ivo van Hove.Drifter Gino, powerful and graceful as a puma, encounters Giuseppe and his much younger, trapped wife Giovanna at their roadside restaurant and petrol station. He and Giovanna are so irresistibly attracted to one another they begin an affair while plotting to murder her husband. But the crime does not unite them in this chilling story where passion can lead only to destruction.

http://theatre.barbican.org.uk/event-obsession-book.html

The Winter's Tale, Barbican

5 - 22 April 2017

Recently awarded the Golden Lion of Venice for his ability to bring classic works to life for a contemporary audience, Declan Donnellan directs a revelatory Winter's Tale that is 'as intoxicating as a summer night' (Les Echos).

https://www.barbican.org.uk/theatre/event-detail.asp?id=20262&pg=10572

The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui

21 April- 17 June 2017

Chicago! A city of jazz and gangsters, prohibition and poverty. Amongst the murk of the Great Depression, there's room for a small time crook like Arturo Ui to make a name for himself. Ui and his henchmen just want to look after you, to offer protection for workers, for jobs, for businesses. Nothing to fear. But a little London – What's New www.londonandpartners.com/traveltrade

bribery here, some harmless corruption there, and soon something much more dangerous takes hold. Starring **Lenny Henry**

https://www.londontheatre.co.uk/show/the-resistible-rise-of-arturo-ui

Woyzeck, Old Vic Theatre

6 May- 24 June 2017

The multi-award winning Jack Thorne breathes new life into Woyzeck, one of the most influential plays ever written, creating for our time what Büchner intended for his: an unforgettable howl of rage. **Starring John Boyega (Star Wars: Episode VII – The Force Awakens).**

http://www.oldvictheatre.com/whats-on/2017/woyzeck/

887. Barbican

1 - 10 June 2017

Robert Lepage's most autobiographical play to date is a riveting tale about memory, belonging and collective history, conveyed in a tender one-man performance animated by a transforming set. Standing beside a rotating doll's house replica of his childhood home – the block of flats at 887 Murray Avenue – Lepage opens a beguiling window to the past. Delivered in a mixture of poetry and prose, his intimate recollections of family life illuminate the struggles of Québécois society of the time while inviting us into his present-day world.

https://www.barbican.org.uk/theatre/event-detail.asp?ID=20250

The Wind in the Willows, London Palladium

17 June- 9 September 2017

The major new musical based on Kenneth Grahame's much-loved classic opens at the London Palladium from June 2017. Starring **Rufus Hound** as the amazing Mr Toad in a spectacular new production reuniting Downton Abbey creator Julian Fellowes and Olivier Award-winning composer and lyricist George Stiles and Anthony Drewe.

https://www.londontheatre.co.uk/show/the-wind-in-the-willows-the-musical

A Tale of Two Cities, Regent's Park Open Air Theatre

7 July- 5 August 2017

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times; it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness; it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair; we had everything before us, we had nothing before us"

https://www.londontheatre.co.uk/show/a-tale-of-two-cities

Yerma, Young Vic

26 July- 31 August 2017

Billie Piper plays a woman whose inability to have a child tears her life apart. Simon Stone's contemporary version of Lorca's tragedy of yearning and loss won plaudits from audiences and critics alike when it premiered in the Young Vic's Main House in July 2016, with Billie Piper receiving the Natasha Richardson Award for Best Actress at the 2016 Evening Standard Theatre Awards. Maureen Beattie, Brendan Cowell, John MacMillan and Charlotte Randle return to join Billie in the company.

https://www.londontheatre.co.uk/show/yerma

Hamilton the Musical, Victoria Palace Theatre

21 November 2017 onwards

Broadway show re-opens in London in October. A musical about the life of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton.

http://www.hamiltonthemusical.co.uk/

The Addams Family at St. James Theatre

TBC

The Broadway hit musical The Addams Family is coming to the St James Theatre London. Featuring an original story, the show is based on The Addams Family characters created by cartoonist Charles Addams; a family who like all things macabre and ghoulish and are a satirical inversion of the perfect American family.

https://www.stjamestheatre.co.uk/

Frank Sinatra

2018

The Ambassador Theatre Group is to produce a brand new stage musical based on the life of the legendary Frank Sinatra, in partnership with Stewart Till and Frank Sinatra Enterprises. The show, which is planned to open in 2018, will feature a number of timeless hit songs from Sinatra's incredible catalogue of over 1400 tracks recorded during his illustrious career. Script development for the Frank Sinatra musical is planned to start shortly.

More West End shows

Mamma Mia! At Novello Theatre

Ongoing

A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget. More than 10 million people all around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story and the music that make Mamma Mia! the ultimate feel-good show.

http://www.mamma-mia.com/london.php

Stomp at Ambassadors Theatre

Ongoing

Enjoy the revamped Stomp in London with new music, new dance routines, and an exciting new act starring old paint cans! Stomp is a fast-paced combination of music, tap dance and percussion with its own special brand of fun, high-energy performance. With new routines, Stomp is now better than ever! https://www.theambassadorstheatre.co.uk/Online/

Les Misérables at Queen's Theatre

Ongoing

Cameron Mackintosh's legendary production of Boublil and Schönberg's Les Misérables is a global stage sensation. Seen by more than 60 million people in 42 countries and in 21 languages around the globe, it is still breaking box-office records everywhere.

http://www.lesmis.com/uk/

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Theatre Royal Drury Lane

Ongoing

See the new musical version of Roald Dahl's classic tale, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, live in London's West End. Roald Dahl's deliciously dark tale of young Charlie Bucket and the mysterious confectioner Mr Willy Wonka comes to life in a brand new musical directed by Academy Award winner Sam Mendes. A chocolate garden, an army of squirrels and the curiously peculiar Oompa-Loompas all feature in this spectacular new musical that is choc-full of fantastical treats to dazzle your senses. http://www.charlieandthechocolatefactory.com/

Matilda the Musical at Cambridge Theatre

Ongoing

Roald Dahl's much-loved story bursts into life on stage in this musical version by Dennis Kelly and award-winning musician and comedian Tim Minchin.

http://uk.matildathemusical.com/

The Book of Mormon at The Prince of Wales Theatre

Ongoing

This comedy musical follows the plight of a pair of teenage Mormon missionaries sent to convert a village in a dangerous part of Uganda. The brainchild of South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone, this hit Broadway musical has won nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

For more information on all London shows and tickets contact <u>sales@encoretickets.co.uk</u> or call +44 (0)20 7492 1500.

Accommodation

New Openings

Aloft Tobacco Dock and Element London Tobacco Dock

Early 2017

To the north of the historic Tobacco Dock, the Tobacco Dock Hotel will include 242 fully serviced hotel rooms and 63 apartments, a hotel bar, restaurant and cafe facing a publicly accessible piazza. The design features a dramatic six storey entrance atrium and uses materials in keeping with the history of the site - traditional brick detailing, metal windows and terracotta cladding. Interiors also reference the docks' original use as a warehouse for tobacco, wines, wool, and animal skins in the 1800s.

The Ned

Spring 2017

The Grade I listed former Midland Bank headquarters in the City of London, becomes a new flagship 5-star hotel from the Soho House group in 2017. The Ned hotel gets its name from the eminent architect who designed the building - Ned was Sir Edwin's nickname - and has been redesigned using the faded glamour of a 1930s transatlantic ocean liner as inspiration. Making the most of its historic features, the Portland stone facades will be sympathetically restored and the banking hall's 92 green verdite marble columns and walnut panelling preserved. It's here you'll find seven of the bars and restaurants including an American cafe, a New-York-style deli, Parisian cafe, Grill Room and a branch of Cecconi's, the Soho House favourite. Former directors' and managers' offices on the upper floors, all designed by Lutyens, become 252 suites, 9 restaurants and a rooftop bar with landscaped terraces, health spa and gym. The vast Ned hotel also includes event spaces and a private members' club featuring a rooftop space with swimming pool and an underground bar in what used to be the safety deposit vault underneath the great banking hall. https://www.thened.com/

Old Street Courthouse Hotel

May 2017

To be based in Shoreditch. Renovating the former magistrate's court and adding a new wing, the hotel will have 128 rooms, a bar that incorporates some of the former jail cells, conference facilities, and an underground swimming pool.

http://www.shoreditch.courthouse-hotel.com/

Hampton by Hilton Hotel Stansted Airport

Summer 2017

Work is due to start on the new hotel by the end of the year and Hampton by Hilton Stansted Airport is set to open with direct terminal access in summer 2017. It will be the largest Hampton by Hilton in Europe with 357 guestrooms.

Ibis Styles Piccadilly Circus

2017

It will be located within Criterion Capital's world famous Trocadero complex. The 583 room hotel will open in 2017, following an extensive renovation of the existing building, and will offer a distinctly 'London' personality reflecting the colourful, bright and energetic brand persona of the Ibis Styles brand, with a hint of humour perfectly matching the electric eccentricity of the Trocadero. The historic London landmark's proximity to leisure, commercial and retail areas within the West End is second to none.

Manhattan Loft Gardens Design Hotel

2017

The 150-room hotel occupies the seven lower levels of the 42 storey Manhattan Loft Gardens, a mixed used development with three 'sky gardens', one on the 7th floor, a second on the 35th and a third on the 36th floor ensuring that residents are never more than 9 stories from an outdoor space. Above the hotel is a 34 storey residential tower and hotel and residents share the use of communal spaces including the lobby, leisure facilities, swimming pool, spa facilities, meeting and conference spaces as well as an external roof garden that overlooks the Olympic Park.

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http://manhattanloftgardens.co.uk/extraordinary-architecture/

Belmond Cadogan

2017

Belmond, the luxury hotel group behind Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons, is backing the £28 million (US\$48 million) investment project in The Cadogan, the prestigious hotel on Sloane Street where Lillie Langtry courted the future King of England. Built in 1887 in the Queen Anne style, The Cadogan was also the location of Oscar Wilde's infamous arrest - if only the walls of could talk. Building on this colourful history, the historic property is undergoing a two-year renovation project which reduces the number of rooms and suites from 64 to 54 to accommodate the demands of luxury travellers. http://www.belmond.com/cadogan-hotel-london/

Nobu Hotel – Shoreditch

2017

Master sushi chef Nobu Matsuhisa is planning his first European hotel, the Willow Street Hotel in London's Shoreditch. The new hotel has been designed by Ron Arad Associates and will house 143 bedrooms and a statement restaurant: a dramatic 5 metre high space in the basement. The five storey hotel includes its own garden, while rooms are clustered around a central bathroom screened off by a full-height curved unit. This will be the first UK building by Ron Arad, the designer responsible for the stunning design museum in Holon. Israel.

http://nobuhotels.com/london-nobu-hotel

citizenM Tower of London

2017

Built on top of the exit hall of Tower Hill tube station, the flagship hotel will be its largest with 370 modular rooms, constructed offsite and craned into place. The top two floors will have a SocietyM business club. https://www.citizenm.com/destinations/london/tower-of-london-hotel

L'Oscar Holborn

2017

Will be set within the Grade-II listed former Baptist Church headquarters and chapel, bringing 67 hotel rooms from prolific designer Jacques Garcia, as well as a restaurant, bar, spa, gym, and conference facilities.

The Curtain Hotel and Members Club

2017

Also a new build, the hotel will have 120 rooms and suites, two restaurants, and a 1,600 square meter Moroccan-inspired rooftop with swimming pool, bar, and café. The Curtain spa will have a hammam and fitness centre. The members club will be integrated within the hotel but have separate facilities. http://www.thecurtain.com/

Soho House hotel

2017

Set within the Grade-I listed former Midland Bank on Poultry, there will be around 200 rooms, a members club, multiple restaurants, a spa with indoor pool and gym, and an underground bar in the bank's vault.

Hotel Costes

2017

Taking over a former apartment building on Sloane Gardens, it will have just 40 rooms, as well as a destination restaurant and bar.

The Wellington Hotel

2017

Robert DeNiro is becoming a London hotelier, opening this big new hotel in Covent Garden. And it will have two restaurants alongside a deli/cafe.

Bespoke Hotels MGallery Leicester Square

Late 2016/2017

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The inaugural property will be an 86-bedroom MGallery, London, Leicester Square, situated on the North side of Leicester Square and set to open in late 2016. This will be followed by further sites in Leicester Square, Piccadilly and Greenwich.

Hard Rock Hotel

2018

A conversion of the existing Cumberland Hotel, once frequent host to guitar legend Jimi Hendrix, the upcoming Hard Rock Hotel London will be situated in one of the city's most sought after locations – directly at Marble Arch on Hyde Park and at the crossroads of Oxford Street and Park Lane. Offering panoramic views over Hyde Park, the 900-room Hard Rock Hotel London is scheduled for completion in summer 2018. http://www.hardrockhotels.com/

The Penny Brook

TBC

The scheme located in Stratford will consist of a 137-bed Adagio building and a 249-bed boutique hotel, called the Penny Brook. The Penny Brook will be a situated in a 25-storey tower, offering spacious rooms that maximise daylight. The scheme will also provide a 530sq m (5705sq ft) ground floor restaurant, 1270sq m (13,670sq ft) of conference space, a 276sq m (2,970sq ft) top floor restaurant and an accompanying lounge.

Peninsula Hotel

TBC

In a prime location, the Peninsula is going to be built at Grosvenor Place (no's 1-5). HSH (Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels) and Grosvenor will work together to design and submit a planning application to develop the site following an extensive consultation phase with the local community. http://www.peninsula.com/en/default

Admiralty Arch Hotel

TBC

Admiralty Arch, the ceremonial archway built as a memorial to Queen Victoria in 1911, will be turned into a five star hotel to be designed by fashion house Armani. The 147,300 square foot grade I listed building will be transformed into 100 guestrooms, a ballroom, spa and a fine dining restaurant which will be open to the public. The Portland stone gateway, which links Trafalgar Square with Buckingham Palace via The Mall, occupies a prime London location, not only putting its guests in the heart of the city but also giving them a wonderful view of the annual ceremonial parades which pass by the arch on their way to the Queen's London residence.

http://www.admiraltyarch.co.uk/hotel/

Starboard Hotel

TBC

The new 18-storey hotel with up to 500 bedrooms will overlook the former London 2012 Athletes' Village, now known as East Village. It will be directly adjacent to Westfield Stratford City, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Stratford International station, providing hotel guests with a unique retail, leisure, entertainment and workplace destination benefiting from unrivalled access to the City, West End and Canary Wharf. http://starboardhotels.com/

Great Scotland Yard Hotel

TBC

The original Scotland Yard headquarters is being transformed into a luxury hotel where the most expensive rooms cost £10,000 a night. The Edwardian, Grade II-listed site, which was home to Scotland Yard from 1829 until 1890, becomes a £100million hotel with 236 rooms, and restaurant, bar and function facilities. The historic address, which was rebuilt in 1910, was where investigations into the likes of Jack The Ripper were centred, and has featured in the novels of Charles Dickens and Arthur Conan Doyle. The grand seven-storey building has also been used by other Government departments, most recently by the Ministry of Defence as a storage base, and has also featured in the 2007 film 'Atonement' starring Keira Knightley. London developer Galliard Group is working with EPR Architects who designed the back of house areas of the Rosewood - another stunning revival of a Edwardian Belle Epoque building in London. They are doing a sensitive conversion, replacing the 1980s additions while adding new attic storeys and maintaining the

principle elements of the original building. Once construction completes in 2016, it will become one of the capital's most expensive hotels.

Ten Trinity Square

TBC

One of the most iconic buildings in the City of London, Ten Trinity Square, is to be sympathetically transformed into a luxury Four Seasons hotel, due to open in 2016. The landmark building, originally the headquarters of the Port of London Authority, opened in 1922 to a design by well-known architect Sir Edwin Cooper. The hotel - the third Four Seasons Hotel London occupies the lower ground to the third levels, with 100 guest rooms and suites, restaurants, bars, meeting salons and spa. Occupying a prominent location overlooking the Tower of London and with views of the River Thames, the development of the hotel is one of the most exciting building projects in the City.

http://www.tentrinitysquare.com/

Serviced apartments

Marlin apartments, various locations

3 times the space of a London hotel room, with full-size kitchens in each apartment - even in studios. The apartments are located a short walk from the underground - never more than 5 mins walk at locations including London Bridge & Tower Bridge. 24/7 Concierge at each location. No minimum stays available from 1 night to 1 year and more.

http://www.marlinapartments.com/

Go Native, various locations

If you rate space, privacy and independence, you'll love the experience. A serviced apartment is typically 25% cheaper than an equivalent standard hotel. "Go Native" and you'll also get the neighbourhood included. This means that the team will tell you all you need to know about the surrounding area, so you'll be living like a local in no time.

http://www.gonative.com/uk/london

39 Studios, Bayswater

MStay 39 Studios provides ultra-modern, chic, comfortable, boutique accommodation in central London. Minutes away from Queensway and Bayswater Underground stations, near Hyde Park, MStay 39 Studios is just steps to Baker Street, Oxford Circus and Marble Arch. MStay 39 Studios offers its guests 24 stylish, modern, boutique serviced studios, all furnished with all comforts one would expect from their own home. Equipped with a variety of amenities including a fully arranged kitchenette, air-conditioning, rain shower and smart TV, plus complimentary Wi-Fi and daily maid service, MStay 39 Studios is the perfect place to stay for a touch of luxury.

http://www.mstay39studios.co.uk/

Cheval, various locations

Cheval Residences offer a collection of London's most desirable Serviced Apartments and Residences, located in some of its most sought-after neighbourhoods. Each residence has its own individual style, yet all share the same ethos and levels of service rarely enjoyed outside the world's finest hotels. Available for one night or more as well as for extended stays of 3 months or more, these 5 star residences offer unequalled luxury in the heart of London.

http://www.chevalresidences.com/

Visitors on a budget

Tune hotels, various locations

Tune Hotels feature space-efficient rooms with high-quality basics, including five-star beds and power showers. A 'pay as you use' system is in place for optional energy-consuming amenities. There are five Tune Hotels in Central London, including Westminster, Liverpool Street, Paddington, Canary Wharf and King's Cross.

http://www.tunehotels.com/gb/en

St Giles hotel, Fitzrovia

In the heart of London's main shopping district, St Giles Hotel is perfectly located for all major landmarks. Oxford Street, the West End and the British Museum are all just minutes away. Guests can enjoy access to one of central London's most comprehensive health and fitness centres, as well as a casino within the hotel.

http://www.stgiles.com/hotels/united-kingdom/london/stgiles-london

The Westbridge hotel, Stratford

The Westbridge Hotel exudes all the luxury and comfort you would expect from a modern 4-star hotel situated in a Grade II listed building. There are 80 rooms with free WiFi internet access, individually-controlled air conditioning units and private bathrooms with walk-in showers, luxury amenities and a hairdryer, LED TVs, phone, small fridge, safe, iron, plus tea and coffee making facilities. Our Restaurant is open from 7am to 10pm offering breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Westbridge Hotel also has a state of the art gym, furnished with all the latest fitness equipment; guest-exclusive Lounge and Courtyard; and it is all just 15 minutes' away from ExCel London.

http://www.thewestbridge.com/

Haverstock hotel, Chalk Farm

Haverstock Hotel is a lovingly restored public house formerly known as The Haverstock Arms, providing very modern, boutique accommodation. The minimalistic hotel is situated on Haverstock Hill between Belsize Park and Camden Town, providing unrivalled access to what London has to offer, yet set within the relaxing surroundings, restaurants and bars of Hampstead. We are ideally placed for you to explore all of London on our doorstep. Hampstead Village has a wealth of attractions including Hampstead Heath, Hampstead Theatre and upmarket boutiques. You will be spoilt for choice with London's fabulous bars and restaurants providing the finest dining London has to offer. http://www.haverstockhotel.co.uk/

Castleton hotel, Paddington

The Hotel offers 46 comfortable en-suite bedrooms. The hotel provides a light and airy breakfast room in which to enjoy a delicious cooked English breakfast. The friendly, helpful staff are available around the clock to offer a warm welcome when you arrive and whatever assistance you might require during your stay.

http://www.thecastletonhotel.com/

Restaurants

Flat Iron Square

Located in the heart of London's Bankside, Flat Iron Square is a five minute walk from London Bridge station, open every day for breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night drinking. Comprising seven railway arches and Grade II listed building Devonshire House, Flat Iron Square is the first stop on London's Low Line – an ambitious long term project to open up a world-class walking route along the base of the rail viaduct in Bankside. Flat Iron Square's ethos is to create a casual and vibrant environment where music, food, entertainment, retail and culture blend together.

http://flatironsquare.co.uk/

InterContinental London Park Lane

Early 2017

Martha Ortiz has won plaudits for Mexico City's Dulce Patria and now she's coming to the InterContinental Park Lane, joining Theo Randall as the hotel's second restaurant. The restaurant will have the prestigious address of 1 Park Lane.

http://parklane.intercontinental.com/

Red Rooster

Early 2017

NYC chef Marcus Samuelsson has cooked for everyone from Barack Obama to John Legend and Mindy Kaling. And now he's bringing his Harlem restaurant Red Rooster to London. Samuelson confirmed that his legendary yardbird fried chicken and Helga's meatballs will be making it onto the menu.

Hawksmoor Borough

Spring 2017

This sees the steak and cocktails masters at Hawksmoor head south of the river for their latest. Expect a huge big-windowed building filled with all your favourites.

Claude Bosi at Bibendum

Spring 2017

He may have shut up shop at Hibiscus, but Claude Bosi is reappearing at the classic Bibendum building. There he's in charge of both the downstairs seafood restaurant and the fine dining upstairs.

Fatty Crab London

2017

There are three Fatty Crabs - one in New York's West Village, one in Hong Kong and one in the US Virgin Isles. They're the older, not necessarily wiser, sibling restaurant to the popular Williamsburg barbecue spot Fatty Cue. "Fatty Crab, in all its non-fusion, food-focused glory, is a bone-gnawing, crab-leg-sucking kind of place," said New York magazine when it reviewed it. http://www.fattycrab.com/locations/

Jamie Oliver's Pub

2017

This is Jamie Oliver's next big thing - a canalside pub in King's Cross. The pub will have a roof conservatory and outdoor roof terrace overlooking the Canal while upstairs will be a "creative centre" for the Jamie's empire and there will be a restaurant on the lower level arches.

Bob Bob Exchange

2017

This is the next restaurant from the people behind opulent Bob Bob Ricard and it promises plenty of booths, special private rooms and even a mini sushi restaurant inside. It will feature "press for Champagne" buttons on every table.

Sushisamba Covent Garden

2017

Sushisamba are taking over the Opera Terrace at Covent Garden- there will be a mix of Japanese, Brazilian and Peruvian food as the original, as well as a large bar.

Dean and Deluca London

2017

Dean and Deluca is a very well respected American deli, known best for its outlets in New York. Expect the London store to combine deli, cafe and butcher's all in one.

Clare Smythe restaurant

2017

Clare Smyth has been responsible for keeping Gordon Ramsay's main restaurant at its three star level and now she's opening her own restaurant.

Ruth Rogers restaurant

2017

This will be the first new restaurant for River Cafe owner Ruth Rogers since the opening of the Hammersmith favourite. It will serve Italian food and will have an open kitchen on the ground floor, similar to the original. However, they're still finalising a location.

Soho House City Hotel Sosharu

TBC

The next restaurant from the unstoppable Jason Atherton. This time the theme is Japanese with Teppanyaki, robatayaki, and sashimi on the menu plus "an innovative izakaya".

Shaun Rankin at Flemings

TBC

Focusing on the Michelin starred chef's Jersey heritage, the new Mayfair restaurant will offer a modern British menu. The dining room will have room for 80 diners while there'll be a substantial 40 seat bar too, along with a Chef's Table and two private dining rooms.

Beef & Brew

TBC

Beef and Brew is the newest steak joint to open in North London's Kentish Town. Serving succulent cuts of meat and mouth-watering side dishes, their chefs have worked tirelessly to produce a menu well worth its salt. From steak rolls and salt beef brisket to exquisite Flat Iron steak, the flavour combinations of each dish produce an explosion of taste as soon as they touch the tongue. But if steak isn't really your thing, fear not, the menu features a range of refreshing salads and fried chicken dishes to please even the most cowhostile diner. Enhancing the flavours even more, the venue's bar is stocked full of a range of different beers. Wash down those bites of flavoursome steak with a few gulps of your favourite beer. http://www.beef-and-brew.co.uk/

Shopping

Westfield London & Stratford City

Effortlessly cool and always fashionable, Westfield London and Westfield Stratford City are the Capital's biggest and best places to shop, dine and relax, each with over 250 shops and 65 eateries in safe and stylish surroundings. For a fashion fix, "The Village" at Westfield London houses over 40 luxury brands including Louis Vuitton, Prada, Burberry and Versace, while Westfield Stratford City, Europe's largest shopping mall, adds entertainment to its offering with a cinema, bowling alley and a 24-hour casino. What's more, Westfield Stratford City is situated on the doorstep of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park so you will be able to include a bird's eye view from the top of the ArcelorMittal Orbit as part of your itinerary. To ensure you get as much as you can from your visit to either Westfield, we offer a range of exclusive customer services. Our dedicated multilingual Concierge team can help with tax-free shopping, offer translation assistance, arrange deliveries to your home, hotel, or overseas, and much more. We also offer Brazilian Portuguese mall guides so you can find you way around. For the travel trade Westfield offers the VIP Pass giving your customers access to exclusive discounts at a wide range of shops and restaurants. We can also arrange private appointments, personal stylists, FIT restaurant bookings and guided tours at trade rates. For groups specifically, we offer a wide range of services including free coach parking, pick up/drop off bays, group rates in our top restaurants, and a meet and greet service by our concierge team.

For more info: Gwyn.Davis@westfield-uk.com or visit www.westfield.com/br

Oxford Street

Oxford Street offers an unrivalled shopping experience thanks to its exciting mix of high-street fashion and international brands, accessories, childrens wear, technology and home wear. With over one and a half miles of high street brands such as Topshop, Gap, River Island and endless iconic department stores including Selfridges, John Lewis, House of Fraser and Marks & Spencer, Oxford Street really is the ultimate shopping paradise! You'll also be spoilt for choice when it comes to dinning out, whether it's al fresco dining at St Christopher's Place, cocktails in Apres or Afternoon Tea at one of the many luxury hotels - there is something for everyone.

www.oxfordstreet.co.uk

Regent Street

Regent Street is the best shopping and lifestyle destination in the West End. Added attractions include listed architecture, interiors, art galleries, hotels and spas. There are more than 100 global brands, including Liberty, Apple, Hamleys and Anthropologie. Before you come to Regent Street download the Regent Street Shopping and Walking Tour apps or visit regentstreetonline.com to plan your trip. A

transformation has taken place in Regent Street and you'll be impressed by the new shops, food quarters and hotels. Recent openings include the world's largest Burberry store set in a listed building that was once a cinema. Two new restaurants Brasserie Zedel and MASH are set in Art Deco interiors, noted as some of the most prominent Art Deco interiors in Europe. The Café Royal, once a banqueting venue and restaurant frequented by Oscar Wilde, has recently relaunched as a contemporary, luxury hotel but still retains the famous Grill Room with original interiors. www.regentstreetonline.com

London Luxury Quarter

London Luxury Quarter, covering 42 luxury streets across Mayfair, Piccadilly and St James's in London's popular West End, is the world's most exclusive shopping and cultural destination. Home to high-end retailers with elegant stores and exclusive designer fashion, internationally renowned art galleries and auction houses, five star hotels and Michelin starred restaurants, all within a close vicinity, the area offers a truly unique proposition to visitors. In the heart of the London Luxury Quarter is Bond Street, revered for its wealth of fashion, fine jewels, art and antiques, attracting visitors from across the globe. To explore the extent of the area's offer, visitors can download the London Luxury Quarter app, available on iPhone, iPad and Android. London Luxury Quarter can also organise bespoke tours, giving visitors exclusive behind-the-scenes access to businesses within the area and a full concierge service is available to meet all shoppers' needs.

www.londonluxuryquarter.com

Chinatown

Nestled in the heart of London's West End, Chinatown plays host to a raft of international restaurants, serving up a feast for all the senses. With over 100 restaurants in the area covering 20 different cuisines, Chinatown is one of the most diverse culinary destinations in London whether you're looking for a bite to eat before heading out to the theatre, or a wealth of exotic ingredients to cook up your own feast. Chinatown is also home to a vibrant bar scene with hidden speakeasies nestled alongside traditional British pubs, and has long been a popular highlight on the London social scene.

www.chinatownlondon.org

Berwick Street, Soho

Berwick Street is a vibrant and diverse community in London's Soho. Discover vinyl shops, traditional London pubs, bespoke tailoring, colourful textiles, vintage clothing, original restaurants, coffee shops and independent fashion boutiques. It's also a place for one-off concepts and flagships such as the world's only Underground Shoes, the first ever Nudie Jeans repair shop, Soho's oldest shop – the family run antique lighting shops Sitch and Co, and London's highest concentration of indie music shops. As home to one of the capital's oldest markets established in the 18th century, Berwick Street has a rich heritage. Berwick Street is Soho's local high street.

www.berwickstreetlondon.co.uk

The Opera Quarter WC2, Covent Garden's Historic Food Quarter

The Opera Quarter is THE destination for food and drink lovers in London. Once part of Covent Garden's famous fruit market, today the Opera Quarter boasts some of London's finest restaurants, pubs, bars, and specialist food emporiums by some of the UK's leading restaurateurs including Russell Norman and Oliver Peyton. Steeped in history; it is here that Henry Fielding formed the Bow Street Runners London's first police force, Nell Gwyn had secret assignations with Charles II, Thomas de Quincey wrote 'Confessions of an Opium Eater' and Charles Dickens ran his magazine 'All the Year Round'. Today, the Opera Quarter is home to a buzzing cafe culture and its position between the Royal Opera House, The National Film Museum, Theatre Royal Drury Lane, Novello and the Lyceum makes this an exciting destination for visitors to London.

www.operaguarter.co.uk

St Martin's Courtyard

A shopping and dining destination in the heart of Covent Garden, St Martin's Courtyard offers a unique mix of fashion, beauty and lifestyle boutiques and flagships. Covetable brands include Banana Republic, Jaeger London, Pretty Ballerinas, Joules, Massimo Dutti, Jack Wills, Barbour and COS. For the ultimate shopping experience, St Martin's Courtyard offers a VIP shopping and styling service. Our professional stylist, The Wardrobe Consultant, will advise on the season's latest trends and shop for a new look, wardrobe overhaul or special occasion. In addition to the fabulous shopping, St Martin's Courtyard is also home to six restaurants, a luxurious day spa, yoga studio and florist.

London – What's New <u>www.londonandpartners.com/traveltrade</u>

www.stmartinscourtyard.com

Seven Dials

In the heart of London's West End, Seven Dials shopping village brings together seven streets of over 120 independent boutiques, heritage brands, indulgent beauty and grooming salons, unique venues, 5-star hotels and renowned theatres all carefully curated for those of discerning taste. Browse the cobbled streets for handcrafted British clothing for him at stores including Farrell, Peter Werth and Cro'Jack before stopping off at English barbershop Murdock London. For her, fashion-forward styles can be found at The Cambridge Satchel Company, Tatty Devine, Orion London and Poste Mistress - a haven for designer shoes. Seven Dials also boasts a rich heritage from Dickensian times through to the offices of Monty Python's Flying Circus and Beatles' manager Brian Epstein. Visit classic British heritage brands including the first Neal's Yard Remedies store in picturesque Neal's Yard, or grab a coffee from the original Monmouth Coffee Company and soak up London life from the Seven Dials monument.

Royal Warrant Holders in London

Shop at the same places as The Queen, at London's Royal Warrant holders. Royal Warrants are a mark of recognition for those who have supplied goods or services for at least five years to the Households of HM The Queen, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh or HRH The Prince of Wales. These include Fortnum & Mason, John Lewis Oxford Street, House Of Fraser Oxford Street, Berry Bros & Rudd and Gieves & Hawkes. www.visitlondon.com/tag/royal-warrant-holder?ref=mosaic

BoxPark, Shoreditch

Effortlessly fusing the concepts of the modern street food market and the pop-up retail mall, Boxpark stands proudly in the heart of London's Shoreditch to deliver a community of brands specialising in fashion, arts, food and drinks. Boxpark is the world's first pop-up mall. This distinctive model not only provides an alternative set-up for customers but it allows retailers an affordable and flexible opportunity to showcase their brand, image and talent to create a vibrant space in the capital where customers can shop, dine and unwind.

http://www.boxpark.co.uk/shoreditch/

Boxpark, Croydon

After 5 successful years in Shoreditch, Boxpark is taking the leap south of the river into Croydon to premiere the first food and beverage only site, with over 200 events planned each year. http://www.boxpark.co.uk/shoreditch/

POP Brixton

Pop Brixton is a temporary project that has turned disused land into a creative space for local, independent businesses. Come and discover South London's most exciting start-ups working in food, retail, design and social enterprise. Pop Brixton is now home to 53 independent businesses including restaurants, retailers, makers, street food traders, designers, digital start-ups, a community barbershop, a youth radio station and a number of social enterprises.

https://www.popbrixton.org/

Peckham levels

Peckham Levels is a new creative community, transforming the inner levels of a multi-storey car park in the centre of Peckham into a makeshift creative workshop for artists, designers, makers and doers. Spread over 7 floors, it will turn the currently empty structure into 90,000 sq ft of workspaces, artists' studios, public areas, event venues and community space. It will be an open venue that will invite local people to participate, interact and take advantage of free events, shared facilities and public spaces. http://www.peckhamlevels.org/

Hackney Walk

Hackney Walk is the new fashion outlet district for London, combining an international urban, luxury shopping experience, within an industrial environment. Hackney Walk is home to many of East London's most emerging fashion designers. As part of the evolving outlet district of E9, Hackney Walk offers an eclectic mix of iconic leisure, food and drink opportunities.

http://www.hackneywalk.com

Sport events

Football: FA Cup Final in London

May 2017

The FA Cup is the oldest and longest-running football (soccer) competition in the world and was first held in 1871-72 with entries from 15 clubs. Since then, the FA Cup has grown considerably and each year several hundred teams enter the competition.

http://www.thefa.com/news/the-fa-cup/2016/jul/emirates-fa-cup-final-date-2016-17

Virgin Money London Marathon 2017

London, 23 April 2017

Since 1981, the London Marathon has been an extraordinary annual event for charity, with amateurs and professionals taking the streets of the city to raise money. A record number of UK applicants registered for a ballot place in the 2017 marathon, an increase of over 6,000 from 2016's previous record. Cheer on the runners, become a volunteer, or simply watch the race unfold.

https://www.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com/en-gb/

Chestertons Polo in the Park, Hurlingham Park

9 June 2017 - 11 June 2017

Enjoy a thrilling game of polo with plenty of pitch-side fun at Chestertons Polo in the Park in Fulham's Hurlingham Park. The annual three-day polo tournament is one of the largest in Europe and brings together international teams from six cities to the historic headquarters of British polo. The rules of the game have been specially simplified to bring the action closer to the spectators and enable everyone to follow the game with ease. Watch the England International match on 9 July, put on your most stylish outfit for Ladies' Day on 10 July, or bring the whole family for Finals' Day on 11 July.

http://www.polointheparklondon.com/

Horse-racing: Royal Ascot 2017

20 - 24 June 2017

Surround yourself with fast horses and fancy hats at the most glamorous event in London's sporting calendar, the world-famous Royal Ascot race meeting. Britain's most popular race meeting is the place to see and be seen for high society, royal watchers, fun seekers and horse-racing enthusiasts alike. Founded by Queen Anne in 1711 and steeped in tradition, heritage and pageantry, Royal Ascot is attended by members of the Royal Family, including the Queen herself. Royal Ascot features a daily horse-drawn procession from Windsor Castle to Ascot Racecourse led by the royal carriage. https://www.ascot.co.uk/Royal-Ascot

Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships 2017

3 - 16 July 2017

Enjoy one of the tennis sporting events of the year at Wimbledon, one of four annual Grand Slam tennis tournaments held around the world. The world of tennis descends on Wimbledon in South West London every summer for the longest-running tennis tournament in the world, and one of four annual Grand Slam tennis events held around the globe. Games are still played on the original playing surface, grass, and there's a strict white-only dress code for players. The tournament attracts around 500,000 spectators and millions of television viewers worldwide.

http://www.wimbledon.com/index.html

IPC World ParaAthletics Championships 2017, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

14 – 23 July 2017

See the world's best para-athletes compete in The Stadium at the 2017 IPC Athletics World Championships. The city will be hosting this prestigious competition a month before the IAAF World Athletics Championships. London will be the first city to host the two championships side-by-side, recreating the summer of sport that transformed the British capital in the summer of 2012. http://www.london2017athletics.com/

RideLondon, London-Surrey

28 - 30 July 2017

London - What's New

Developed by the Mayor of London and his agencies in 2013, Prudential RideLondon is a world-class festival of cycling. Prudential RideLondon provides a fantastic platform to help fulfil The Mayor and TfL's goal of encouraging more people to cycle more safely, more often. TfL anticipates tens of thousands of spectators and participants every year will take up regular cycling after each event. There is no other closed-road event like it that combines the fun and accessible element of a free family ride in central London with the excitement of watching the world's best professional cyclists race in the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey Classic and Prudential RideLondon Classique. https://www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk/

IAFF World Athletic Championships 2017, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

4 - 13 August 2017

After fantastic performances at the World Athletics Championships in Beijing, Team GB brings the baton home as preparations begin for the next championships, in London in 2017. Hear the roar of the home crowd once again, as more than 3,300 athletes from across the globe battle it out for world domination. Be part of the action and relive the thrills of the London 2012 Olympic Games, when star athletes Jessica Ennis, Mo Farah and Usain Bolt won their gold medals in the Olympic Stadium in Stratford. www.london2017athletics.com

Events 2017:

May June

FA Cup Final Olympia Art and Antiques Fair

Photo London at Somerset House Southbank Centre Summer Festival

Chelsea Flower Show Father's Day

Wimbledon

July August

Hampton Court Palace Flower Show Film 4 Summer Screen at Somerset House

RideLondon

Notting Hill Carnival

BBC Proms

Kids Week

September October

London Fashion Weekend Restaurant Festival

Open House London Frieze Art Fair

Totally Thames BFI London Film Festival

London Design Festival

November December

Bonfire Night Fireworks New Year's Eve Fireworks

Remembrance Day Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park



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