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The Mayor's letter

Welcome to London this June

There's so much to do in the capital this month. The London Festival of Architecture (all month) explores the theme of boundaries, with more than 500 events including film screenings, walking tours, cake making and architectural installations.

Open Garden Squares Weekend (8-9 Jun) sees hidden green spaces and gardens open their gates for the public to enjoy. Go along and support the work of the London Parks & Gardens Trust.

If you love the great outdoors, why not combine it with a trip to the theatre? Regent's Park Open Air Theatre is staging *Hansel and Gretel* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* this month.

Meanwhile, the Science Museum's *Driverless* exhibition (from 12 Jun) will give us a glimpse into AI-driven technology: explore self-driving cars, flying drones and underwater vehicles.

And don't forget that Waltham Forest, our first London Borough of Culture, is hosting Art Night, an all-night festival of art in extraordinary spaces (22 Jun). Whatever you decide to do, I hope you have a wonderful time.

Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London



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Free Attractions

London's most popular free attractions compiled according to the latest visitor numbers.
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1 Tate Modern

Former power station in Bankside containing an international modern art collection

2 The British Museum

Famous museum housing the Rosetta Stone, the Elgin Marbles and Egyptian mummies

3 The National Gallery

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

4 Natural History Museum

Displays of the natural world, including prehistoric fossils, dinosaurs and taxidermy

5 Southbank Centre

Major arts centre hosting music, dance and arts events, plus the refurbished Hayward Gallery

6 Victoria and Albert Museum

Incredible artefacts spanning more than 3,000 years, including art, sculpture and fashion

7 Science Museum

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

8 Somerset House

This neoclassical gem beside the river is home to contemporary arts and cultural events

9 Royal Museums Greenwich

Maritime history and world-class art at this immense UNESCO World Heritage Site

10 Royal Academy of Arts

The oldest fine-arts institution in Britain is 250 years old. Its annual *Summer Exhibition* starts this month

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Did you know that Vincent van Gogh once lived in London? **Neil Simpson** visits Tate Britain's exhibition to find out how the city influenced his art



A colourful life



Van Gogh in Britain



The last time that the Tate opened a Vincent van Gogh show, it caused a sensation: the year was 1947 and record numbers of people left post-war Britain behind to enter the Dutchman's world. Walking around Tate Britain's current exhibition, *Van Gogh and Britain* (to 11 Aug), it's easy to see why we keep falling for his kaleidoscopic view of the world.

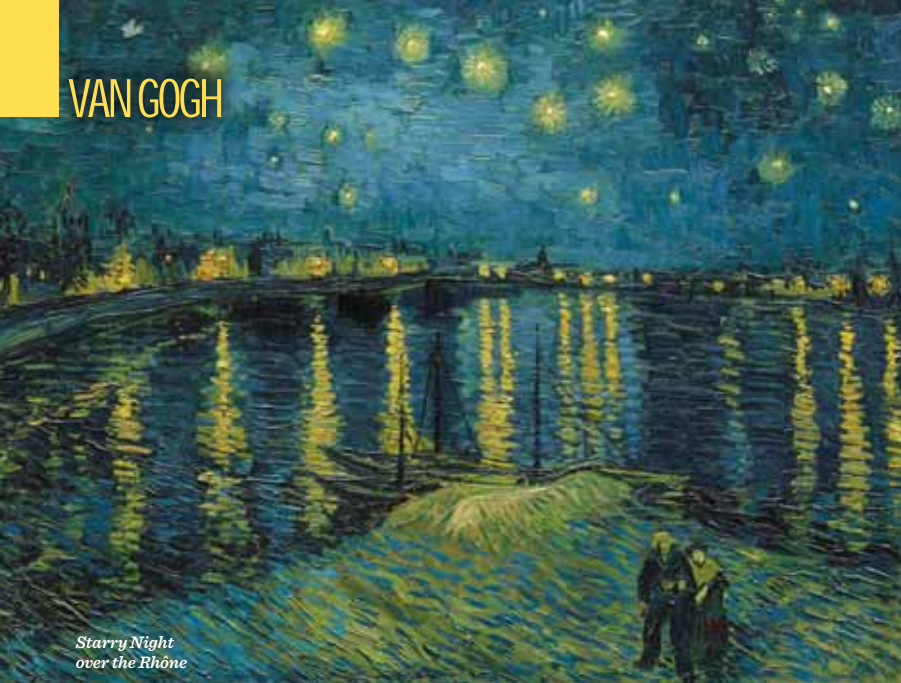
The art gallery has teamed up with Ernst & Young for this blockbuster show, which celebrates the cultural interchange that began when van Gogh arrived in Britain in 1837 – and continues 182 years later. The show includes art by influencers and followers of van Gogh, as well as more than 45 works by the legend himself. ▶

A self-portrait of Vincent van Gogh, showing him with a thick, reddish-brown beard and hair, looking slightly to the left. He is wearing a dark blue jacket with a white shirt underneath. The background is a textured, dark blue. The painting is characterized by visible, expressive brushstrokes.

VAN GOGH

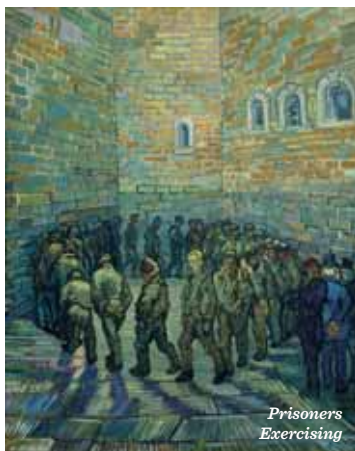
Self-portrait
from 1887

VAN GOGH



*Starry Night
over the Rhône*

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*Prisoners
Exercising*

Miss Jekyll's Gardening Boots
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INSIDE THE EXHIBITION

Tate Britain's spacious galleries are a suitably grand setting, allowing this big collection enough room to breathe. Moreover, *Van Gogh and Britain* is organised in a methodical, manageable way that won't overwhelm you.

It begins with his arrival in London aged 20, to work for the Covent Garden art dealer Goupil & Cie, before sending visitors on a chronological journey through the artist's masterpieces, death and posthumous glory, which has been made possible through the art of those he has since inspired.

THE LONDON LIFE

Van Gogh's letters home piece together his three years in England. Trials in his personal life caused the artist to grow increasingly melancholic and Tate presents us with Meindert Hobbema's oil painting, *The Avenue at Middelharnis*. Van Gogh saw this landscape in London's National Gallery; its depiction of a lone figure on a tree-lined avenue became a theme in his work.

One of Britain's most celebrated painters also had an impact on van Gogh's developing style: John Constable was loved for his ability to capture the landscape of his home county, Suffolk. Van ▶

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Top right: van Gogh's *Sunflowers*, alongside other painters who studied him (from top to bottom): Jacob Einstein; Frank Brangwyn; Christopher Wood



AFTERLIFE

Before his art caught the attention of the world, van Gogh shot himself. The exhibition pushes us from his death in 1890 to 1910, when van Gogh's work was shown to British art lovers for the first time. It is said that the term 'Post-Impressionist' was created for this show and that visitors were shocked by his unfamiliar painting style.

Next, it explores his impact on British artists, with a display of paintings by Matthew Smith, Spencer Gore and Harold Gilman – also known as the Camden Town Group. Van Gogh's 1889 oil painting of pine trees and cedar bushes in Saint-Rémy – a dramatic work of bloody reds and swirling greens – is in the same room, so you can see the similarities for yourself.

The most famous paintings are in the final rooms, which helps you to understand why van Gogh became a giant following his death. His sunflowers stand in a bright room that is filled with flowery work by painters who studied him.

It is easy to think of van Gogh as a tragic talent, who died without knowing the recognition that he would achieve. What this show does is remember his human side, by presenting a fuller artistic story – told from a uniquely British perspective. www.tate.org.uk ■

Gogh's own landscapes, such as *Starry Night over the Rhône*, tell of Constable's influence.

Print-making was a booming business while van Gogh was in London and, through his work at Goupil & Cie, he became a collector. He bought a print of prisoners exercising in Newgate Prison and, during the final year of his life, he returned to this image to create his only scene of London. The liveliness of the brush strokes and colours clash with the sad setting – it's an insight into van Gogh's complicated, mournful mind.



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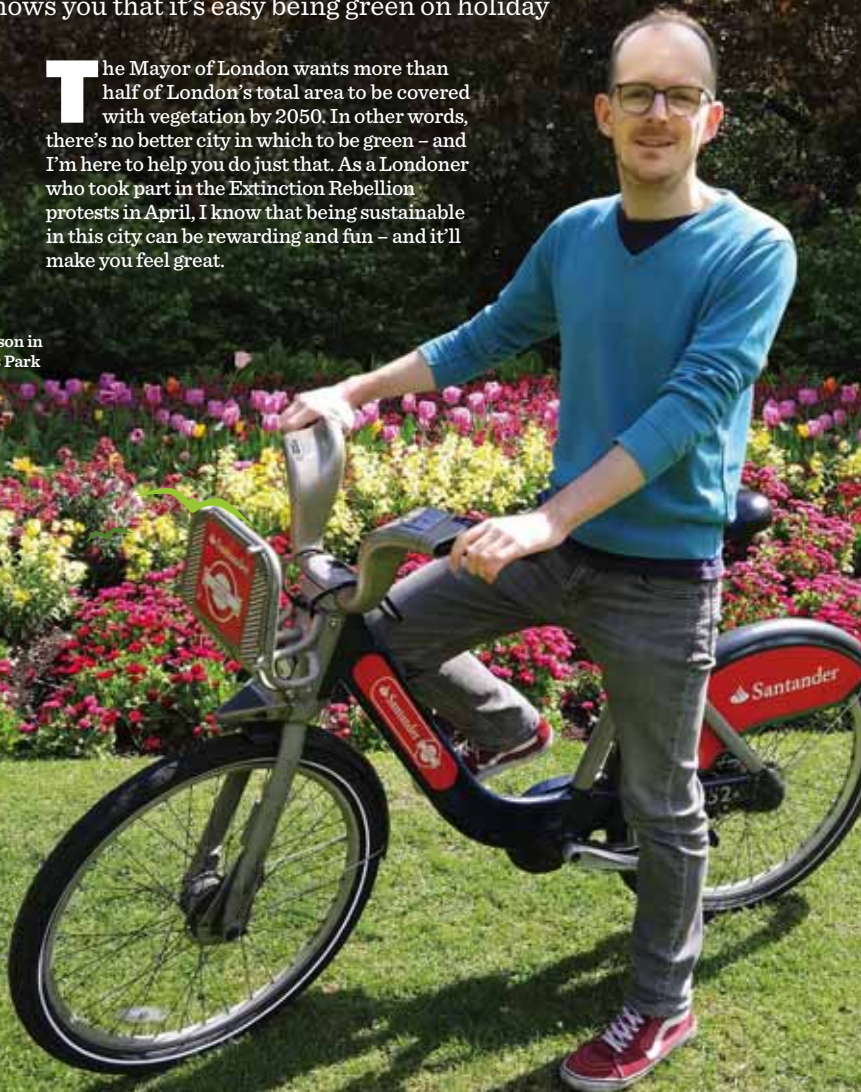


The London Green Guide

As restaurants, hotels and sights aim to be environmentally friendly, our eco-warrior **Neil Simpson** shows you that it's easy being green on holiday

The Mayor of London wants more than half of London's total area to be covered with vegetation by 2050. In other words, there's no better city in which to be green – and I'm here to help you do just that. As a Londoner who took part in the Extinction Rebellion protests in April, I know that being sustainable in this city can be rewarding and fun – and it'll make you feel great.

Neil Simpson in
St James's Park





The Extinction
Rebellion march

SIGHTSEEING

There are plenty of open-top bus tours to try, but one of them is literally greener than most: The Original Tour launched a frog-coloured vehicle last year that was hailed as London's first fully electric sightseeing bus. The carbon-free bus is fully charged in four and a half hours, after which it can travel 150km – catch **Original's Electric Bus Tour** daily at 10am from Victoria.

The company is launching three more and you can expect other firms to follow suit, thanks to the introduction of London's Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) in April by the Mayor (www.theoriginaltour.com).

Of course, there's nothing greener than sightseeing on foot. **Insider London** runs a Cutting Edge Green Tour, a two-hour jaunt which shows you the city's sustainable side, including shops and hotels that are leading the way. You'll find out about centuries-old London landmarks that are becoming greener and see the world's biggest solar-powered structure.

Insider London also runs the Sustainable Architecture Walking Tour, which takes you through the ancient City to discover the area's skyscrapers. It starts at Bishopsgate and takes two hours (www.insider-london.co.uk).



Original's Electric Bus Tour



Silo restaurant



**DOUGLAS
MCMASTER**
Founder of Silo
restaurants

'A walk along the River Lea through Hackney Wick is a simply beautiful way to enjoy east London'

EATING OUT

This month, London's latest zero-waste restaurant opens in the east. **Silo** is in Hackney Wick, on the canal near Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Founded by Douglas McMaster, the restaurant is well worth a visit: the original Silo in Brighton claims to be the UK's first zero-waste restaurant and has become an acclaimed place to eat (www.silobrighton.com).

Just like Brighton, Hackney's Silo will have its own ecosystem, dealing directly with producers, buying wholefoods, composting food and growing its own produce. McMaster is also helping Crate Brewery and Pizzeria, next to Silo, to improve its own sustainability, making the area a wonderfully green destination (www.cratebrewery.com).

Cub in Hoxton also tries hard to eliminate waste. It's the first restaurant by the world-renowned bartender Ryan Chetiyawardana and trust me, it's brilliant. The entire dining room is made from recycled materials and the menu relies heavily on food waste and overlooked ingredients. Fortunately, the food is creative, unpredictable and delicious.

The set menu is great value, because it incorporates drinks to match most courses. Dinner here was the tastiest sustainability lesson I've ever had (www.lyancub.com). ►



Vivienne Westwood design



Beyond Retro

Since watching the documentary *A Plastic Planet*, acclaimed chef Skye Gyngell has been on a mission to make **Spring** in Somerset House one of London's first plastic-free restaurants: it was one of the first to stop using plastic straws and Gyngell aims to eventually eradicate all single-use plastic at Spring.

Meanwhile, Spring's Scratch menu turns the kitchen's leftover food into delicious dishes, so nothing gets thrown away. The pre-theatre Scratch menu is available every day (5.30pm-6.30pm) and costs £20 for three courses (www.springrestaurant.co.uk).

Finally, check out **@FeastFairly** on Instagram. This scheme encourages London chefs to buy agricultural waste supplied by farmers and turn it into delicious creations for their menus. It'll give you lots more ideas on where to take your growling stomach.

A tip from me to you: never be embarrassed to ask for a doggy bag, anywhere. Otherwise, your leftovers will most likely go in the bin – you'll be glad you did when you're feeling hungry later!



SCARLET EDEN
Head of vintage buying at **Beyond Retro clothing**

'Take a relaxing boat trip on the canals for rarely seen parts of the city. Most canal boats are powered sustainably with electricity to minimise pollution.'

SHOPPING

This city's fashion is celebrated for being cool and confident, so if you want to invest in something distinctly London, go vintage.

Brick Lane, Camden and **Portobello Road**

are all tremendous places to source a one-off fashion fix. Vintage stores to seek out include **Beyond Retro** (with three sites in London) and **Rokit** (four), which both offer affordable and fun clothes shopping (www.beyondretro.com; www.rokit.co.uk).

If you do pick Portobello Road, this is also the place for sustainable shopping beyond clothing: browse rows of shops and stalls filled with retro souvenirs and quirky antiques from the likes of **Portobello Stamp Company** and **Vida Vida**, which sells ethical, handmade leather bags and accessories. Don't forget that the market is closed on Sundays (www.portobelloroad.co.uk).

London's grand dame of fashion is **Vivienne Westwood**, who has become the clothing world's foremost eco-warrior. Her mantra is 'buy well, choose less, make it last'. If I was planning to rip up my holiday budgeting plan in one shop, I would spend it here (www.viviennewestwood.com). ▶



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Green tips

London's deputy mayor for environment and energy, Shirley Rodrigues, shares her eco-friendly ideas

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'The best thing you can do is get yourself out there and hire a bike for the day. You really feel the buzz of the city – get off the main roads and round the backs of some of London's great landmarks to find some lovely hidden gems: Postman's Park has little plaques on a wall that commemorate people who have died heroically. It's a calm place in the City of London with very interesting stories.'

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BRING A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE

'The Mayor has been doing a lot to try to phase out the use of single-use plastic bottles: there are water fountains



EDEN EVANS
Operations manager
for Insider London tours
'I would recommend

traversing London's largest pedestrianised zone – King's Cross – trying out electric scooters and visiting Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.'



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around London, Sadiq Khan has installed another 20 and we're building more this year. Download the **Refill app**; we managed to increase refill sites from the low hundreds to the thousands, by getting chains such as Pret a Manger to let people top up their bottles if they go in and ask – people shouldn't be scared to request a top-up for their water bottle.' www.refill.org.uk

ENJOY LONDON'S GARDENS

'This month is **Open Garden Squares Weekend** (8-9 Jun). People open up their private gardens, so you can go in and see how they have made use of their space. Often, they provide tea and cakes – it's very British.'

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Beyond central London

Explore beyond zone 1 and find a hive of tucked-away treasures, including an Art Deco house and a tranquil wildlife reserve



Greenwich

Royal Observatory Greenwich

Stand with a foot in each hemisphere at Royal Observatory Greenwich, where you'll find the Prime Meridian Line, the UK's largest refracting telescope, a 4.5-billion-year-old asteroid and the only planetarium in London. While you're in Greenwich, it's also worth climbing aboard the Cutty Sark, the world's sole surviving tea clipper; and swinging by the Queen's House, a 1616 royal villa. Grab some street food at Greenwich Market and enjoy knockout views of the Thames and the Docklands from Greenwich Park.

Getting there: Travel to Greenwich Pier by river boat from the Tower of London within 20 minutes.

Eltham Palace

Fusing stunning 1930s Art Deco design with medieval fortifications, Eltham Palace is one of the most unique historical properties in London. Once a favoured hunting spot of King Henry VIII, the royal palace fell into decline until the 1930s, when millionaires Stephen and Virginia Courtauld transformed it into a glamorous home for entertaining leading society figures.

Getting there: Trains from London Charing Cross to Mottingham take 24 minutes. It's then a 15-minute walk to the palace.



Statue in
Eltham
Palace

Warner Bros. Studio Tour London
- The Making of Harry Potter



Warner Bros. Studio Tour London

Delve behind the scenes of the *Harry Potter* film series at this must-see attraction, where you can stroll down Diagon Alley and board the original Hogwarts Express locomotive. New for 2019 is Gringotts Wizarding Bank, the Studio's biggest expansion to date, where visitors can walk through a gallery of goblins and explore the Lestrange Vault. You can also discover the costumes and prosthetics used by the goblin bankers, including Bogrod and Griphook.

Getting there: Trains to Watford Junction from London Euston take 20 minutes. Regular shuttle buses run from Watford Junction to the Studio Tour with a journey time of 15 minutes.

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Escape the bustle of the city at London's largest UNESCO World Heritage Site. To mark its 260th birthday, Kew opened a 10,000sqm Children's Garden in May, featuring an aerial walkway, a giant sand pit, 'pollen' spheres, hammocks, trampolines and stepping stones. And for those with a passion for art, 32 showstopping installations by the world-renowned American glass artist Dale Chihuly are on display at Kew (to 27 Oct).

Getting there: Take the District line to Kew Gardens from central London.

WWT London Wetland Centre

Amble around the lagoons, ponds and sweet-scented gardens of this 105-acre wildlife haven. A hit with families and wildlife lovers, visitors can watch wild birds from numerous hides or from the comfort of the heated observatory. The eagle-eyed can expect to see kingfishers, falcons, herons and sparrowhawks, as well as otters, insects and ducks.

Getting there: Take the Tube to Hammersmith station then jump on the 33 or 72 bus.

Kew Gardens' The Hive



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FOOD:

BIGGER THAN THE PLATE

Take a big bite out of the V&A's new immersive exhibition, *FOOD: Bigger than the Plate*, to explore the pleasure and politics of what and how we eat today



The exhibition falls at a pivotal time where food and our relationship to it are topics of increasing global interest and debate.

Featuring more than 70 contemporary projects, the exhibition explores food from compost to table. The V&A will be showing a range of projects – see edible water bottles, mushrooms growing from coffee grounds and foodie Instagram stars.

Taking a fresh, experimental and often provocative perspective, projects will present ideas and alternative food futures from gastronomic experiments to creative interventions in farming, with some actually physically growing in the museum.

This multi-sensory exhibition unwraps the way we grow and farm, trade, eat and dispose of food. It brings together creativity and innovation from artists and designers working together with scientists, chefs, farmers and communities to change how we eat and reconnect with food.

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Leonardo da Vinci



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Leonardo da Vinci: A Mind in Motion

(from 7 Jun; p. 25) brings together three hallowed artefacts, brimming with the handwritten workings of this revered mind. These notebooks have never been grouped together in the UK and, as the exhibition's name suggests, they'll show da Vinci's major preoccupation with movement.

The movement of objects might seem an unusual obsession but, as far as da Vinci was concerned, motion is at the heart of, well, everything. The core objects in the exhibition are a trio of codices (a codex is an ancient manuscript, in the form of a book), which cover his musings on nature, geometry, mechanics, astronomy and the human body. The *Codex Arundel*, for example, includes a drawing that explores how sunlight dances across

rippling water. It features da Vinci's trademark intense and energetic sketching, but also scattered equations and notations – it's like seeing blueprints for the masterful art that followed.

The *Codex Arundel* is owned by The British Library while the *Codex Forster* has been lent by South Kensington's Victoria and Albert Museum, but the exhibition's third star, the *Codex Leicester*, was purchased by Bill Gates in 1994. This is the first time that the Microsoft founder has released the codex for display in the UK. Gates's book includes studies of different types of surfaces and the use of obstacles; da Vinci's dense writing floods these pages, alongside neat, elaborate doodles.

Institutions around the world are marking 500 years since da Vinci was born (including The Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace, with *Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing*; p.58) but with *A Mind in Motion*, The British Library underlines just how insatiably curious this man was. Da Vinci looked at the world around him and couldn't wait to untangle it all. Now you can gaze at the papers where all of his fantastic energy was transferred.

– Neil Simpson



The British Library

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SIGHTSEEING

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From 10am; please check for dates; free. **8 Jun:** *Trooping the Colour*. The Queen inspects her troops during a majestic procession (p. 28). *Buckingham Palace, The Mall, SW1A 1AA. T: 030-3123 7300. www.householddivision.org.uk. Station: Victoria/Green Park. F6/F7.*

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DR JOHNSON'S HOUSE

Writer Dr Samuel Johnson compiled his first English dictionary here, published in 1755. This is a Grade-I listed historic town house in the City of London. Mon-Sat 11am-5.30pm; closed bank hols. Adult £7; child £3.50 (cash only). *17 Gough Square, EC4A 3DE. T: 020-7353 3745. www.drjohnsonshouse.org. Station: Chancery Lane. D9.*

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

See the stunning art and architecture inside this working parliament building. Tours Sat. Multimedia self-guided tour adult £19.50, young adult (16-18) £17, child £8 (one child free per paying adult); guided tour adult £26.50, young adult £22, child £11.50; child-friendly family guided tour adult £19.50, child free. *Palace of Westminster, Parliament Square, SW1A 0AA. T: 020-7219 4114. www.parliament.uk/visit. Station: Westminster. F8.*

THE JEWEL TOWER

Built around 1365 to house King Edward III's treasures, this is one of only two buildings left from the medieval Palace of Westminster after



Building sights

Drawing boards at the ready: the **London Festival of Architecture** is taking place across the city throughout June. Hundreds of engaging, mostly free events include Studio Lates, which is a chance to visit an architecture studio. Taking place in Clerkenwell (7 Jun), Fitzrovia (14 Jun), Shoreditch (21 Jun) and Southwark (28 Jun), you'll visit various studios, have a drink and get under London's skin. www.londonfestivalofarchitecture.org

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'See the Queen and the royal family'

Neil Simpson, Sightseeing Editor

Royal fans can enjoy two events this month. The first is **Beating Retreat** (5-6 Jun), just before the Queen's official birthday. Named after an old British military tradition, this outdoor spectacular brings music and horsemanship

to Horse Guards Parade from 8pm; book advance tickets online. During **Trooping the Colour** (8 Jun; p. 25) you can see the Queen and the royal family, as well as enjoy a majestic procession close to Buckingham Palace. Book seats online, or stand and spectate for free: pick a spot along The Mall or adjacent to St James's Park from 9am. www.householddivision.org.uk



an 1834 fire. Daily 10am-6pm. Adult £5.70; child £3.40. *Abingdon St, SW1P 3JX. T: 020-7222 2219. www.english-heritage.org.uk. Station: Westminster. F8.*

KENSINGTON PALACE

This royal residence, in Kensington Gardens, was Princess Diana's last home. The new *Victoria 2019* exhibition honours what would have been the late monarch's 200th birthday. Daily 10am-6pm. Check for prices. *Kensington Gardens, W8 4PX. T: 0844-482 7777. www.hrp.org.uk. Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.*

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW

This World Heritage Site contains plants from across the globe, with huge Victorian tropical greenhouses. **To 27 Oct:** *Chihuly: Reflections on Nature*. Glass artist Dale Chihuly displays 32 of his striking pieces (p. 21). Mon-Thur 10am-7pm; Fri-Sun 10am-8pm. Adult £18; child £6; charges for special exhibitions. *Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 3AB. T: 020-8332 5655. www.kew.org. Station: Kew Gardens. Off map.*

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Can you name the largest simultaneous land, sea and air combat operation that has ever taken place? It was World War II's D-Day offensive, which took place 75 years ago this month. Among those paying respect is the **Imperial War Museum** (p. 52). **D-Day 75** (1-9 Jun) takes place at its London museum (as well as its other UK museums), on board **HMS Belfast** and in the **Churchill War Rooms** underneath Whitehall. From stirring sights such as flight displays, to family-friendly events and tours, this is an apt time to visit.



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THE ROYAL MEWS

This beautiful part of Buckingham Palace houses the Queen's vehicles and horses. Learn about the mews' history – children will enjoy finding out how to harness a horse, as well as taking part in the busy programme of art sessions. Daily 10am-5pm; closed 1 & 8 Jun. Adult £12; child £6.80; under-fives free. *Buckingham Palace Rd, SW1W 1QH. T: 0303-123 7302. www.rct.uk/royalmews. Station: Victoria. F6.*



Secret gardens

These days the news is filled with reminders of the importance of green spaces. In fact, Mayor of London Sadiq Khan wants more than half of London to be green by 2050. **Open Garden Squares Weekend** (8-9 Jun; p. 14) is a great way to explore the capital's beautiful secret greenery. The festival of flora grants access to more than 100 gardens that are usually closed to the public. www.opensquares.org

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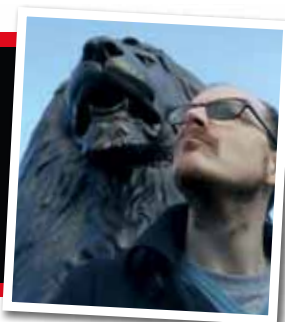
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18 STAFFORD TERRACE

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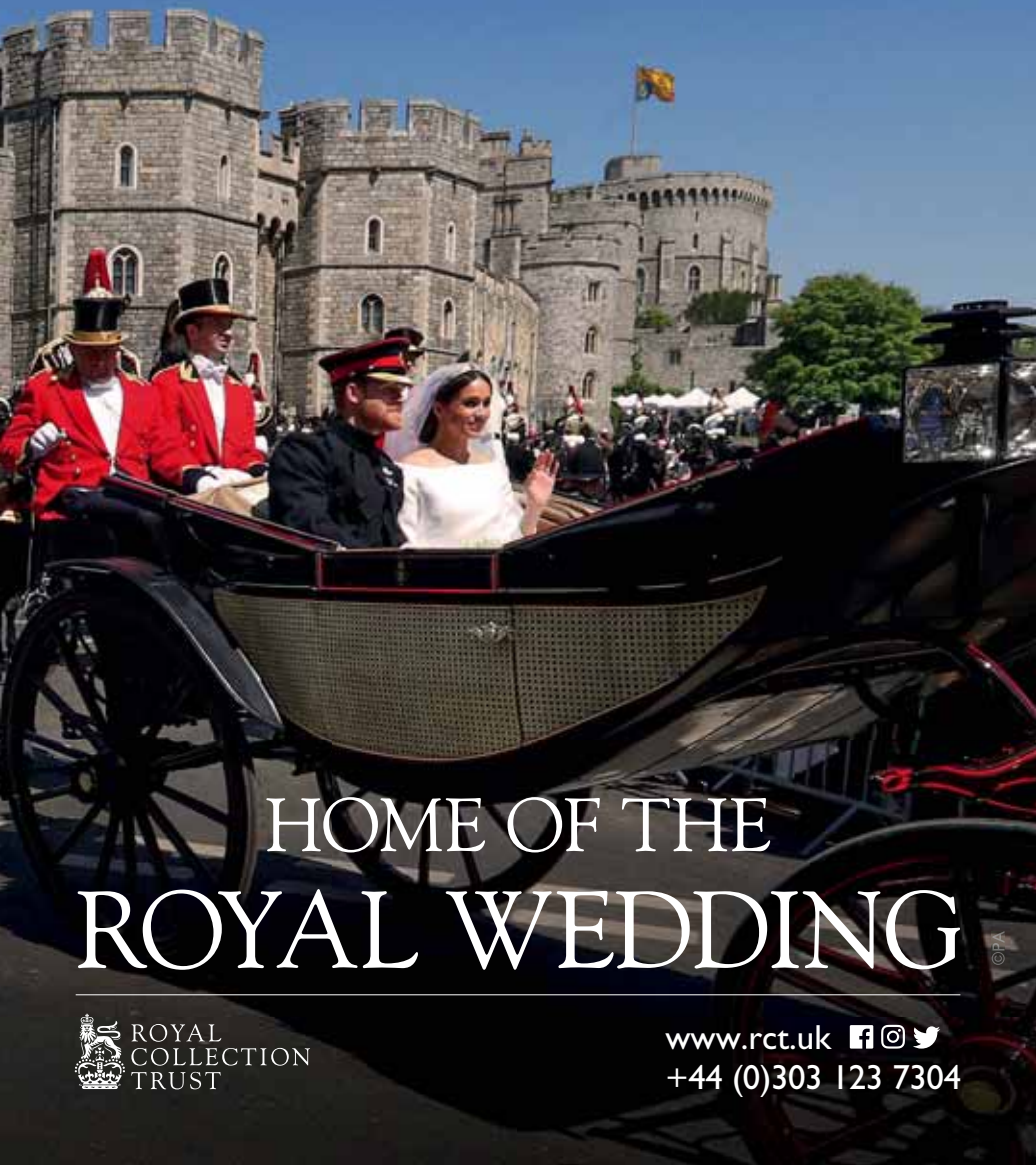
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Consecrated in 1065, this abbey is the crowning and burial site of most English monarchs. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries are housed in the medieval triforium and offer panoramic views. Check for times and prices. *20 Dean's Yard, SW1P 3PA. T: 020-7222 5152. www.westminster-abbey.org. Station: Westminster. F7.*



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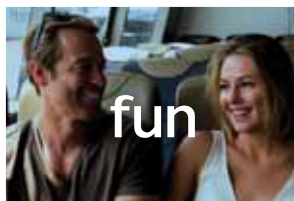
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LEEDS CASTLE

Fairy-tale castle with a moat and gardens. Grounds and garden daily 10am-6pm; castle 10.30am-5.30pm. Adult £26; child £17.50. *Maidstone, Kent, ME17 1PL. T: 01622-765 400. www.leeds-castle.com. Station: Victoria to Bearsted. Off map.*

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The Queen's official residence in Scotland, at the end of Edinburgh's Royal Mile, includes the state apartments and Mary, Queen of Scots' chamber. Daily 9.30am-6pm; closed from 24 Jun to 5 Jul. Adult £15; child £8.70. *Canongate, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh, EH8 8DX. T: 0303-123 7306. www.rct.uk. Station: Edinburgh Waverley. Off map.*

WINDSOR CASTLE

The Queen's weekend home and the world's oldest inhabited castle, where the Duke and Duchess of Sussex got married last year. The dazzling state apartments are furnished with art by Rembrandt, Rubens and Canaletto. Changing the Guard alternate days 11am except Sun. Daily 10am-5.15pm (closed 16-17 Jun). Adult £22.50; child £13. *Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1NJ. T: 0303-123 7304. www.rct.uk. Station: Waterloo to Windsor & Eton Central or Windsor & Eton Riverside. Off map.*



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Museums & Galleries



Bold and beautiful



Happy 251st anniversary to the annual **Summer Exhibition!** The **Royal Academy of Arts'** trademark event has once again invited all kinds of creators to show their work in London. Open to any practitioner who wishes to submit a piece, this huge contemporary art showcase is predictably unpredictable.

The Piccadilly arts institution's mission is to populate the **Summer Exhibition** (from 10 Jun; p. 58) with approximately 1,200 artworks. It was expected that 15,000 artworks would be submitted this year, so that's a lot of decision-making. Every year, this mammoth task is appointed to the *Summer Exhibition* committee.

The 2019 committee is headed up by the British painter Jock McFadyen. Along with a small group of fellow Royal Academicians, he has been narrowing down the works since February's submission deadline. Each committee member is then in charge of one gallery at the RA, which gives the exhibition an eclectic vibe.

McFadyen has previously been the Artist in Residence at The National Gallery, the set and costume designer for Sir Kenneth MacMillan's final ballet *The Judas Tree* and has staged more than 40 exhibitions of his work over the years. In other words, his experience should lead to a typically interesting show.



Summer Exhibition

McFadyen is looking for art that 'responds to the contemporary world', so expect lots of political points to be made throughout. The art on display always covers as many disciplines as possible, from sketches to sculptures and mosaics to movies.

The final decisions on which works are going to be on display are taken during the penultimate eight days before the show opens.

There are two key things to remember about the *Summer Exhibition*: the first is that anyone can enter work for consideration and the second is that it is massive. Thanks to the pairing of these two elements, it is guaranteed to be a thrilling show.

– Neil Simpson

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MUSEUMS

BANK OF ENGLAND MUSEUM

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

BODY WORLDS

FAMILY Exhibits exploring how every part of the human body works. Sun–Thur 9.30am–7pm; Fri–Sat 9.30am–9pm. Adult £28; child £22. *London Pavilion, 1 Piccadilly Circus, W1J 0DA. T: 033-0223 3233. www.bodyworlds.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Unrivalled collection of antiquities. **To 21 Jul:** *Edvard Munch: Love and Angst*. Includes a rare lithograph of *The Scream*. **To 26 Aug:** *The Citi Exhibition: Manga*. The world of manga is brought to life. Sat–Thur 10am–5.30pm; Fri 10am–8.30pm. Admission free; charges for some exhibitions. *Great Russell St, WC1B 3DG. T: 020-7323 8299. www.britishmuseum.org. Station: Tottenham Court Road/Russell Square. D7/8.*

THE DESIGN MUSEUM

Contemporary design and architecture.

To 15 Sep: *Stanley Kubrick: The Exhibition*. Explore the design story behind the director's work. Daily 10am–6pm; first Fri every month 10am–8pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *224–238 Kensington High St, W8 6AG. T: 020-3862 5900. www.designmuseum.org. Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.*

THE GUARDS MUSEUM

The history, stories and regimental heritage of the five regiments of the Foot Guards. Daily 10am–4pm; closed 1 & 8 Jun. Adult £8; child free. *Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, SW1E 6HQ. T: 020-7414 3271. www.theguardsmuseum.com. Station: St James's Park/Westminster. D5.*

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY MUSEUM

Go behind the scenes to see the ceremonial duties and roles of the Household Cavalry Regiments. Museum daily 10am–6pm; closures in early Jun, check online. Adult £8.50; child £6.50. *Horse Guards, Whitehall, SW1A 2AX. T: 020-7930 3070. www.householdcavalrymuseum.co.uk. Station: Westminster/Embankment. E7.*



A community spirit

How has the creativity of Britain's black communities shaped this country?

Somerset House investigates with its big summer exhibition, *Get Up, Stand Up Now* (from 12 Jun; p. 56). It's curated by artist Zak Ové, whose father Horace Ové was the first black person to direct a UK-made film (1976's *Pressure*).

Horace came to Britain during the post-war migrations from Africa and the Caribbean, becoming a key member of the generation of artists who arrived.

Zak highlights the influence of these creators, which covers art, film, literature and fashion.

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Displays relating to conflicts, from World War I to recent confrontations (p. 31). Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for some exhibitions. *Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HZ*. T: 020-7416 5000. www.iwm.org.uk. Station: Lambeth North/Waterloo. F9.

LEIGHTON HOUSE MUSEUM

Restored former home of Frederic, Lord Leighton. Check for times. Adult £9; child free. *12 Holland Park Rd, W14 8LZ*. T: 020-7602 3316. www.rbkc.gov.uk. Station: Kensington Olympia. Off map.

LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM

FAMILY Highlights include red buses, the world's first underground steam train and a train carriage dating back to the 1890s. Daily 10am-6pm. Adult £18; child free. *Covent Garden Piazza, WC2E 7BB*. T: 020-7379 6344. www.lt-museum.co.uk. Station: Covent Garden. E8.

MUSEUM OF FREEMASONRY

Celebrating English Freemasonry. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Free. *Freemasons Hall, First floor, 60 Great Queen St, WC2B 5AZ*. T: 020-7395 9257. www.freemasonry.london.museum. Station: Holborn. D8.

MUSEUM OF LONDON

London from prehistoric to modern times. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free. *150 London Wall, EC2Y 5HN*. T: 020-7001 9844. www.museumoflondon.org.uk. Station: Barbican. D10.

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

FAMILY The world's largest maritime museum. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free. *Romney Rd, SE10 9NF*. T: 020-8858 4422. www.rmg.co.uk. Station: Greenwich/Cutty Sark. Map inset.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Exhibits range from dinosaur skeletons to fossils. **LAST CHANCE To 30 Jun: Wildlife Photographer of the Year**. See this year's shortlist. Daily 10am-5.50pm. Admission free; some charges. *Cromwell Rd, SW7 5BD*. T: 020-7942 5000. www.nhm.ac.uk. Station: South Kensington. F4.

THE OLD OPERATING THEATRE

Museum dedicated to Victorian surgery. Look out for talks and events. Mon 2pm-5pm; Tue-Sun 10.30am-5pm. Adult £6.50; child £3.50. *9a St Thomas St, SE1 9RY*. T: 020-7188 2679. www.oldoperatingtheatre.com. Station: London Bridge. E10.

THE POSTAL MUSEUM

FAMILY Discover the story of postal history. Daily 10am-5pm. Museum only: Adult £11; child free. Museum and Mail Rail: Adult £17.05; child £10.45. *15-20 Phoenix Place, WC1X 0DA*. T: 030-0030 0700. www.postalmuseum.org. Station: Russell Square. C8.

QUEEN'S HOUSE

Beautiful royal villa. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free. *Romney Rd, SE10 9NF*. T: 020-8858 4422. www.rmg.co.uk. Station: Cutty Sark. Map inset.

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SCIENCE MUSEUM

Science, technology and medical achievements.

NEW From 12 Jun: *Driverless: Who is in Control?* Machines that can drive themselves. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for some exhibitions. *Exhibition Rd, SW7 2DD. T: 0333-241 4000. www.sciencemuseum.org.uk. Station: South Kensington. F4.*

SOMERSET HOUSE

Neo-classical, 18th-century building by the river.

NEW From 12 Jun: *Get Up, Stand Up Now*. Celebrating the creativity of Britain's black communities (p. 52). Check for times. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Strand, WC2R 1LA. T: 020-7845 4600. www.somerset-house.org.uk. Station: Temple. E8.*

TWININGS MUSEUM

A small museum of tea memorabilia. Mon-Fri 9.30am-7pm; Sat-Sun 11am-6pm. Admission free. *216 Strand, WC2R 1AP. T: 020-7353 3511. www.twinnings.co.uk. Station: Temple. D9.*

The ultimate pop-up

One of London's artistic highlights every summer takes place in Kensington Gardens: the **Serpentine Pavilion** (from 21 Jun; p. 58) is a provocative and often beautiful structure, providing a place to eat and drink. This year's pavilion is by the Japanese architect Junya Ishigami.



THE VAULT

Home to iconic rock 'n' roll memorabilia. Daily 11.30am-10.30pm. Admission free. *Hard Rock Cafe London, 150 Old Park Lane, W1K 1QZ. T: 020-7514 1700. www.hardrock.com. Station: Hyde Park Corner. E6.*

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM

Home to a wonderful collection of fine and applied arts. **To 1 Sep:** *Christian Dior: Designer of Dreams*. Check for times. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Cromwell Rd, SW7 2RL. T: 020-7942 2000. www.vam.ac.uk. Station: South Kensington. F4/5.*

'How close are we to a world that's driven by machines?'



Neil Simpson,
Museums & Galleries Editor

The **Science Museum's** latest free exhibition, ***Driverless: Who is in Control?*** (from 12 Jun), investigates how close we are to a world driven by machines. Robocar – a self-driving racing car that looks like the Batmobile – is a highlight, while the Stained Glass Driverless Sleeper Car of the Future, by

artist Dominic Wilcox, envisages the tranquil roads that artificial intelligence may usher in. *Driverless* also features an autonomous submarine that can dive deep below the Antarctic ice to study the effects of climate change: if developments in AI conjure up nightmares from the *Terminator* movies, get the facts here.





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THE QUEEN'S GALLERY

Smart gallery adjoining Buckingham Palace.

To 13 Oct: *Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing*. See more than 200 drawings (p. 24). Daily 10am-5.30pm. Adult £12; child £6. *Buckingham Palace, SW1A 1AA*. T: 0303-123 7301. www.rct.uk/queensgallerylondon. Station: Green Park/Victoria. F7.

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NEW From 10 Jun: *Summer Exhibition* (p. 50). Sat-Thur 10am-6pm; Fri 10am-10pm. Admission free; charges for some exhibitions. *6 Burlington Gardens, W1J 0BD*. T: 020-7300 8000. www.royalacademy.org.uk. Station: Green Park. E7.

SERPENTINE GALLERY

Beautiful gallery in Kensington Gardens.

NEW From 21 Jun: *Serpentine Pavilion* (p. 56). Tue-Sun & bank hols 10am-6pm. Admission free. *Kensington Gardens, W2 3XA*. T: 020-7402 6075. www.serpentinegalleries.org. Station: Marble Arch/Queensway. E4.

TATE BRITAIN

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To 11 Aug: *Van Gogh and Britain*. Explore his influence on British artists (p. 8). Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Millbank, SW1P 4RG*. T: 020-7887 8888. www.tate.org.uk. Station: Pimlico. G8.

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LAST CHANCE To 9 Jun: *Dorothea Tanning*. Works by the surrealist. Sun-Thur 10am-6pm; Fri-Sat 10am-10pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Bankside, SE1 9TG*. T: 020-7887 8888. www.tate.org.uk. Station: Southwark. E9.

Gender roles

Do you know the difference between trans, non-binary and intersex? These are just some of the terms explored in the **Hayward Gallery's** exhibition *Kiss My Genders* (from 12 Jun). Celebrating artists whose work explores and engages with gender fluidity, the exhibition includes Catherine Opie, Victoria Sin and Juliana Huxtable. It features works from the 1960s through to today, and focuses on artists who draw on personal experiences to create challenging content via film, painting and photography. *Southbank Centre, Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX*. T: 020-3879 9555. www.southbankcentre.co.uk



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Entertainment



An artful show

Cirque du Soleil's *Toruk – The First Flight* at The O2 (26-30 Jun) is a hat trick of creativity, with elaborate make-up, costumes and sets. The show is a prequel to James Cameron's 2009 science-fiction film *Avatar*, which is set during a time when Earth's natural resources have been depleted and humans are colonising the jungle planet of Pandora to mine its resources. With input from the film's director, you'll be wowed by the circus show even if you've never seen the film.

Despite *Toruk* being set in the 22nd century, its plot is still relevant. A natural catastrophe threatens to destroy a tree that's sacred to Pandora's native Na'vi tribe. So when two

teenagers discover the flame-coloured flying predator Toruk can help save it, they set out on a quest to the Floating Mountains to find it.

As always, the acts are impressive, with acrobats racing up trees thanks to a pulley system and vertical mattresses, and performers flying enormous kites and climbing up silks.

But what the performers are wearing really brings the show to life. Costume and make-up designer Kym Barrett says: 'Most of our costumes look like they were made by Na'vi hands; they have an organic, handmade look. We use a lot of materials that look like they grew on a tree or came from the forest.'



Blue contouring make-up depicts the Na'vi tribe, who dress in costumes made from shells, bones and woven wool. Expect feather skirts, elaborate headpieces and capes that fan out like peacock tails.

Carl Fillion's stunning set is just as creative: puppets fly across the stage, lava pours from a volcano, a willow tree is illuminated and ultraviolet light recreates bioluminescence. It's all set to a soundtrack of birdsong, the calls of wild animals and the buzz of cicadas – effects that will leave you buzzing.

– Sarah Riches
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MUSICALS & PERFORMANCES

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Broadway and West End hit. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £27.25-£99.75. *Prince Edward Theatre, Old Compton St, W1D 4HS*. T: 0844-482 5151. www.aladdinthemusical.co.uk. Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

THE BOOK OF MORMON

Award-winning satire. Check for times. Tickets £29.75-£100. *Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry St, W1D 6AS*. T: 0844-482 5110. www.bookofmormonlondon.com. Station: Leicester Square. E7.

COME FROM AWAY

A show set after the terrorist attacks on September 11. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £24-£108. *Phoenix Theatre, 110 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0JP*. T: 0843-316 1082. www.phoenixtheatre.london.co.uk. Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

HAMILTON

Award-winning hip-hop musical. Check for times and prices. *Victoria Palace, Victoria St, SW1E 5EA*. T: 0844-482 5138. www.hamiltonthemusical.co.uk. Station: Victoria. F6.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

NEW From 27 Jun: Sheridan Smith and Jason Donovan star in this classic musical. Check for times. Tickets £20-£150. *Palladium, Argyll St, W1F 7TF*. T: 0844-412 2704. www.reallyusefultheatres.co.uk. Station: Oxford Circus. D7.

LES MISÉRABLES

The world's longest-running musical. Please check for times. Tickets £42.25-£177.25. *Queen's Theatre, 51 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 6BA*. T: 0844-482 5160. www.lesmis.com. Station: Leicester Square. D8.

THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA

NEW From 14 Jun: Love story set in Florence (p. 69). Please check for times. Tickets £35-£150. *Royal Festival Hall, Southbank Centre, Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX*. T: 020-3879 9555. www.southbankcentre.co.uk. Station: Waterloo. F8.

THE LION KING

Wonderful adaptation of the Disney film. Check for times. Tickets £23-£200.25. *Lyceum Theatre, 21 Wellington St, WC2E 7RQ*. T: 0844-871 3000. www.thelionking.co.uk. Station: Covent Garden. E8.

MAMMA MIA!

A tribute to the music of ABBA, with a feel-good story set in Greece. Mon-Sat 7.45pm; Thur & Sat 3pm. Tickets £27.25-£127.25. *Novello, Aldwych, WC2B 4LD*. T: 0844-482 5115. www.mamma-mia.com. Station: Covent Garden. E8.

MATILDA THE MUSICAL

FAMILY Show based on Roald Dahl's book about a girl with magic powers. Check for times. Tickets £20-£122.50. *Cambridge Theatre, 32-34 Earlham St, WC2 9HU*. T: 0844-412 4652. www.matildathemusical.com. Station: Covent Garden. D8.

ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES: THE MUSICAL

Based on a British sitcom about a family scheming to get rich. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £16.80-£175. *Theatre Royal Haymarket, Haymarket, SW1Y 4HT*. T: 020-7930 8800. www.trh.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Long-running show in which a masked man haunts an opera house. Check for times. Tickets £25-£175. *Her Majesty's Theatre, 57 Haymarket, SW1Y 4QL*. T: 0844-412 2707. www.thephantomoftheopera.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

SCHOOL OF ROCK: THE MUSICAL

FAMILY Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest musical, based on the film of the same name. Please check for times. Tickets £15-£150. *Gillian Lynne Theatre, 166 Drury Lane, WC2B 5PF*. T: 020-7452 3000. www.schoolofrockthemusical.com. Station: Covent Garden. D8.

TINA - THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL

Musical based on the life of singer Tina Turner. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Thur & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £10-£159.50. *Aldwych Theatre, 9 Aldwych, WC2B 4DF*. T: 0845-200 7981. www.tinathemusical.com. Station: Covent Garden. D8.

WAITRESS

A waitress wants to get out of her small town and leave her unhappy marriage behind. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £25-£150. *Adelphi Theatre, 409-412 Strand, WC2R 0NS*. T: 0844-579 0094. www.waitressthemusical.co.uk. Station: Charing Cross. E8.

WICKED

FAMILY The backstory of the witches of Oz. Check for times and prices. *Apollo Victoria, 17 Wilton Rd, SW1V 1LG*. T: 0844-871 3001. www.wickedthemusical.co.uk. Station: Victoria. F7.

PLAYS

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A play about a bunch of crooks. Tickets £10-£73.75. *Criterion Theatre, 218-223 Piccadilly, W1V 9LB*. T: 0844-815 6131. www.thecomedyaboutabankrobbery.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

FAULTY TOWERS:

THE DINING EXPERIENCE

Interactive show based on a TV comedy. Includes a three-course meal. Check for times and prices. *Radisson Blu Edwardian, 9-13 Bloomsbury St, WC1B 3QD*. T: 0845-154 4145. www.faultytowers-uk.com. Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

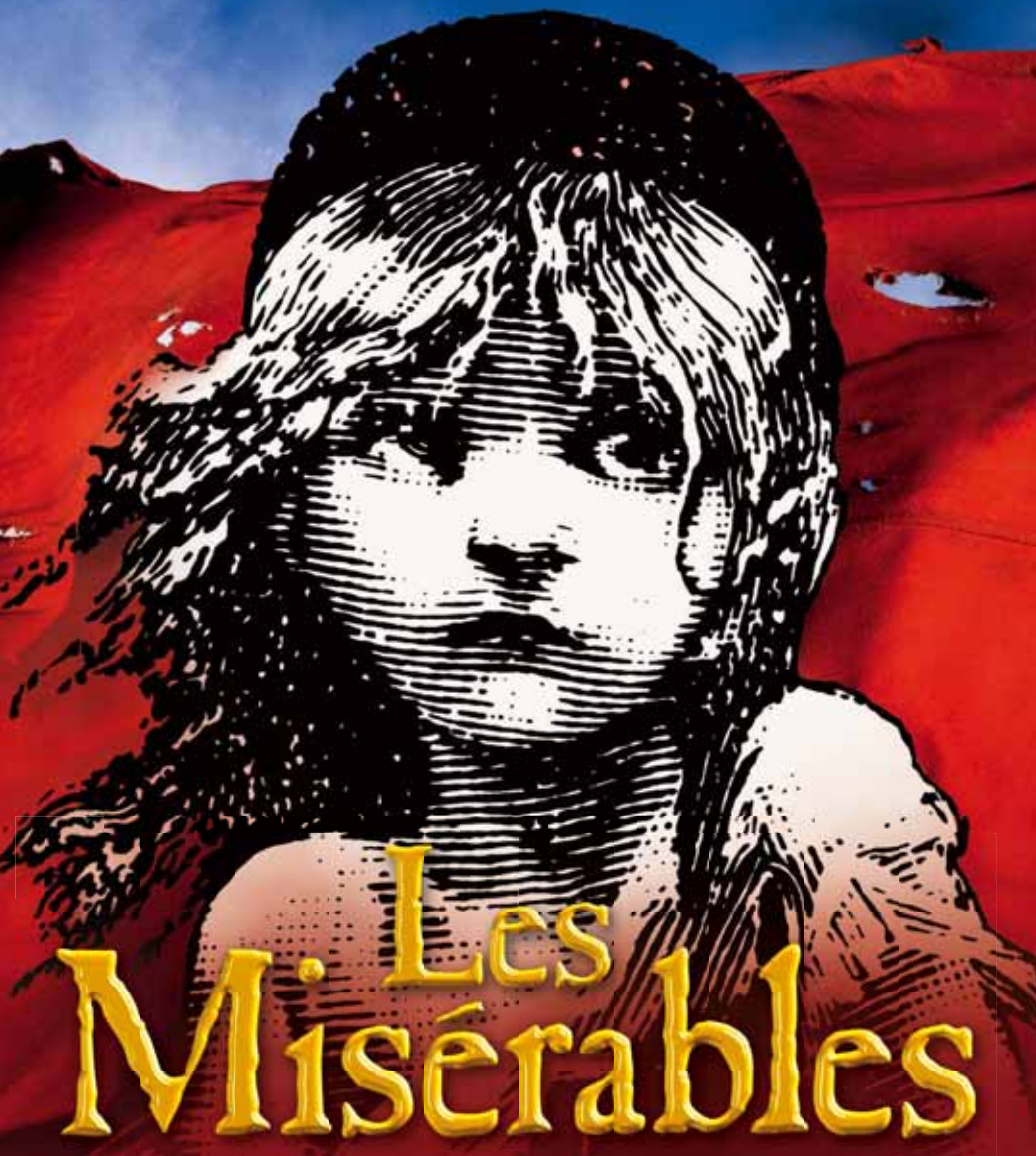


'Prepare for your mission briefing'

Sarah Riches, Entertainment Editor

Have you always secretly wanted to be a spy? Then take part in **Secret Cinema's Casinó Royale** (from 5 Jun). The experience is so much more than just a film. Since 2007, Secret Cinema has built a reputation for hosting elaborate productions set in unusual locations; this summer, it has turned its attention to the 2006 James Bond film starring Daniel Craig. Set in a secret London location, it brings scenes from the film to life and you take the lead. So dress up in cocktail attire or tuxedos, brush up on your poker skills and prepare for your mission briefing – which arrives via email, by the way. www.secretcinema.org

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THE MOUSETRAP

A murderer strikes in Agatha Christie's story. Check for times and prices. *St Martin's Theatre, West St, WC2H 9NZ. T: 0844-499 1515. www.themousetrap.co.uk. Station: Leicester Square. D7.*

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This show is based on Agatha Christie's gripping courtroom drama. Please check for times. Tickets £10-£79.50. *County Hall, Belvedere Rd, SE1 7PB. T: 0844-815 7141. www.witnesscountyhall.com. Station: Waterloo. F8.*



On the beat

The Grammy Award-winner Gloria Estefan has inspired a new musical, **On Your Feet!**, at the **London Coliseum** (from 14 Jun). Featuring hits such as *Get on Your Feet*, *Rhythm is Gonna Get You* and *Conga*, it tells the story of how Estefan fell in love with Emilio Estefan from their band Miami Sound Machine, which fused Cuban rhythms with American disco. **33 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4ES. T: 020-7845 9300. www.eno.org**

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Balance of power

Sex, money and power: ***Bitter Wheat*** at the **Garrick Theatre** (from 7 Jun) will no doubt make headlines. Set in Hollywood, it stars John Malkovich as film mogul Barney Fein, with Doon Mackichan as his assistant Sondra. Fein exploits young people around him until he's caught out – and falls from power. Sound familiar? While the content is controversial, so is the treatment: David Mamet has written the play as a farce. *2 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0HH.*

T: 0844-482 9673. www.garricktheatre.org



THE WOMAN IN BLACK

A lawyer settles affairs after a woman's death. Check for times and prices. **Fortune Theatre**, *Russell St, WC2B 5HH.* T: 0844-871 7626. www.thewomaninblack.com. Station: Covent Garden. D8.

CONCERTS: POP, JAZZ & WORLD

THE O2

Iconic venue for live music. **1 Jun:** Michael Bublé. **2-7 Jun:** Hugh Jackson: *The Show*. Check for times

and prices. **The O2**, *Peninsula Square, SE10 0AX.* T: 0844-856 0202. www.theo2.co.uk. Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.

DANCE

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

The Royal Ballet Company's home base.

To 11 Jun: *Romeo and Juliet*. Check for times and prices. *Bow St, WC2E 9DD.* T: 020-7304 4000. www.roh.org.uk. Station: Covent Garden. D8.



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Key to Theatres

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6 Arts	B2	18 Gillian Lynne	A2
7 Barbican Centre	G	19 Harold Pinter	B1
8 Cambridge	A2	20 Her Majesty's	B1
9 Charing Cross Theatre	B2	21 King's Head Theatre	E
10 Criterion	B1	22 Leicester Square Theatre	B1
11 Dominion	A1	23 Little Angel Theatre	E
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24 London Palladium	A1	40 St Martin's	A2
25 Lyceum	B3	41 Savoy	B2
26 Lyric	B1	42 Shaftesbury	D
27 Menier Chocolate Factory	D	43 Shakespeare's Globe	A2
28 National Theatre	C3	44 Soho Theatre	B3
29 Noël Coward	B2	45 Theatre Royal Drury Lane	A3
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31 Old Red Lion	E	47 Trafalgar Studios	C2
32 Old Vic	C4	48 Vaudeville	B2
33 Palace	A1	49 Victoria Palace	F
34 Phoenix	A1	50 Waterloo East Theatre	C4
35 Piccadilly	B1	51 Wyndham's	B2
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38 Prince of Wales	B1		
39 Queen's	B1		

Key to Dance, Music and Multi-arts Venues

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

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

AESOP'S FABLES

NEW From 21 Jun: Aesop was a slave in Greece and a famed storyteller. Check for times. Tickets £8-£20. *Unicorn Theatre, 147 Tooley St, SE1 2HZ.* T: 020-7645 0560. www.unicorntheatre.com. Station: London Bridge. E10.

BABY BROADWAY

1 Jun: The family can sing and dance to *Mary Poppins*, *The Sound of Music* and *The Lion King*. 10.15am & 11.30am. *The Other Palace, 12 Palace St, SW1E 5JA.* T: 0844-264 2140. www.theotherpalace.co.uk. Station: Victoria. F7.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

LIVE AT CHELSEA

13-16 Jun: Watch the Gipsy Kings and Tom Jones. Tickets £51.75-£290. *Royal Hospital Chelsea, Royal Hospital Rd, SW3 4SR.* www.liveatchelsea.com. Station: Sloane Square. Off map.

LONDON BURLESQUE FESTIVAL

To 29 Jun: Watch fire eaters and belly dancers. Various locations. www.londonburlesquefest.com.

THE LUNA CINEMA

This festival of outdoor film screens classic movies. Various locations. www.thelunacinema.com.

UNDERBELLY FESTIVAL

Comedy, circus and cabaret. *Belvedere Road Coach Park, SE1 8XX.* T: 0844-545 8252. www.underbellyfestival.com. Station: Waterloo. E8.

WEST END LIVE

22-23 Jun: Watch acts from musicals on a stage for free. *Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN.* www.westendlive.co.uk. Station: Charing Cross. E7.

Let there be Light

Catch the six-time Tony Award-winning musical *The Light in the Piazza* at the Royal Festival Hall (from 14 Jun; p. 61).



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World-class cricket

The Ashes, the Test match series between England and Australia, usually grabs the sporting spotlight for the whole summer. But this year there's an extra boon for cricket fans, as England is also hosting the **ICC Cricket World Cup** (to 14 Jul; p. 71).

The tournament takes place every four years and sees the world's greatest teams take part, fighting to win cricket's most prestigious prize. All 10 teams play each other in a 50-over match in a round-robin format, with the top four nations qualifying for the semi-finals.

This month in London, Kia Oval hosts four of these thrilling encounters, seeing the crème de la crème of international teams including England, South Africa, India and Australia (2, 5, 9 & 15 Jun). Lord's, considered to be the world's home of cricket, also hosts five matches (plus the final). It includes what's likely to be a humdinger of a match, between England and the current world champions (and five-time winners) Australia (25 Jun).

In contrast Afghanistan are taking part in their second World Cup – they're a nation whose players mainly learned to play in refugee camps in Pakistan. 'Now, it's not like it was before. In 2015, people said it's a proud moment that Afghanistan are a part of the World Cup,' their batsman Hashmatullah Shahidi told the ICC. 'Now, it's time to say this to everyone else: "Wake up, Afghanistan is coming!"'

So who will lift the trophy on 14 July? Many cricket luminaries say England. 'The strong favourites in the World Cup tournament are England,' said former Indian international Sunil Gavaskar recently. 'And it is not just because it will be a home World Cup for them, but because they have changed their attitude towards ODI [one-day international] cricket.'

England have never won the World Cup, having made the semi-finals three times, so perhaps it's their turn. And don't rule out India, as it could even be these two teams in the final.

– *Emma Levine*



ICC Cricket
World Cup

CRICKET TERMS

OVER A series of six deliveries/balls from the same bowler

NO-BALL The bowler steps over the crease (the white line next to the non-striking batsman) before he lets go of the ball – this gives one run to the batting side

DUCK The batsman is out for 0 runs

OUT The batsman is out (or 'loses their wicket') in 10 ways including bowled, caught, hit wicket, LBW and run out

LBW The batsman is out when the ball hits his pads in front of his stumps

MAIDEN An over with no runs scored

FOUR The batsman hits the ball to the boundary rope, scoring 4 runs

SIX The batsman hits the ball over the boundary rope without it touching the ground, scoring 6 runs

RUN-RATE How many runs are scored (or need to be scored) per over

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WATCH BASEBALL

29-30 Jun: New York Yankees vs Boston Red Sox (part of regular season from the US). *London Stadium, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, E20 2ST. T: 020-8522 6000. www.london-stadium.com. Station: Stratford. Off map.*

CRICKET

ICC Cricket World Cup (p. 70). **2-5 Jun:** Middlesex vs Sussex. *Lord's Cricket Ground, St John's Wood Rd, NW8 8QN. T: 020-7616 8500. www.lords.org. Station: St John's Wood. C4.*

ICC Cricket World Cup (p. 70). **23-26 Jun:** Surrey vs Warwickshire. *Kia Oval, Kennington, SE11 5SS. T: 020-3946 0100. www.kiaoval.com. Station: Oval. Off map.*

EQUESTRIAN

7-9 Jun: Polo in the Park. *Hurlingham Park, SW6 3RH. www.polointheparklondon.com. Station: Putney Bridge. Off map.*

18-22 Jun: Royal Ascot (p. 72). *Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 7JX. T: 0844-346 3000. www.ascot.co.uk. Station: Waterloo to Ascot (52 mins). Off map.*

TENNIS

17-23 Jun: ATP Fever-Tree Championships. *The Queen's Club, Palliser Rd, W14 9EQ. T: 0844-209 7356. www.lta.org.uk. Station: Baron's Court. Off map.*

TOURS & MUSEUMS

ARSENAL STADIUM TOUR & MUSEUM

Self-guided audio tours include the changing rooms, players' tunnel and the museum. The Legend Tour is led by former Arsenal players. Please check for times. Adult £23; child £15. Museum only £10; child £7. *Drayton Park, N5 1BU. T: 020-7619 5000. www.arsenal.com. Station: Holloway Road/Arsenal/Finsbury Park. Off map.*

CHELSEA FC STADIUM TOUR & MUSEUM

Guided one-hour multimedia tour which includes the home and away dressing rooms, players' tunnel and press room, plus the museum. Legends Tour, led by former players, on selected dates. Please check for times. Adult £24; child £15. *Stamford Bridge, Fulham Rd, SW6 1HS. T: 0371-811 1955. www.chelseafc.com. Station: Fulham Broadway. Off map.*

LORD'S TOUR & MCC MUSEUM

Guided tour of the home of cricket includes the Pavilion, Long Room and Honours Board, plus the England team's dressing room and the MCC Museum with the Ashes urn. Please check for dates & times. Booking essential. Tour £25; child £16. *St John's Wood Rd, NW8 8QN. T: 020-7616 8595. www.lords.org. Station: St John's Wood. C4.*

KIA OVAL GROUND TOURS

Tour the famous ground, home of Surrey County Cricket Club since 1845 and host to England matches. See the architecture, history and famous sporting faces. Please check for times and closures due to ICC World Cup (p. 70). Adult £15; child £5. *Kennington, SE11 5SS. T: 020-3946 0100. www.kiaoval.com. Station: Oval. Off map.*

TWICKENHAM WORLD RUGBY MUSEUM & STADIUM TOUR

The world's largest stadium dedicated to rugby. Tours include the England dressing room, royal box and pitch. The World Rugby Museum houses 38,000 objects. Please check for times and days. Adult £25; child £15. *Twickenham Stadium, Whitton Rd, Twickenham, TW2 7BA. T: 020-8892 8877. www.worldrugbymuseum.com. Station: Twickenham. Off map.*

THE WEMBLEY STADIUM TOUR

Go behind the scenes to relive sporting history at this world-famous stadium – the UK's largest sports and music venue – including the England dressing rooms and FA Cup. Please check for dates. Adult £19; child £12. *Olympic Way, HA9 0WS. T: 0800-169 9933. www.wembleystadium.com. Station: Wembley Park. Off map.*

WIMBLEDON LAWN TENNIS MUSEUM & TOUR

In the museum, see the 1887 men's singles trophy, Victorian tennis fashions and John McEnroe's 'ghost' in the changing rooms. The tour includes Centre Court. Daily 10am-5pm. Adult £25; child £15. *All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Church Rd, SW19 5AE. T: 020-8946 6131. www.wimbledon.com. Station: Southfields. Off map.*

ACTIVITIES

LEE VALLEY VELOPARK

The venue of cycling events during the 2012 Olympics offers taster sessions for all levels, including the velodrome, track, BMX and road racing. Check times, prices and special events.

Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Abercrombie Rd, E20 3AB. T: 0845-6770 603. www.visitleevalley.org.uk. Station: Stratford. Off map.

LEE VALLEY WHITE WATER CENTRE

Rafting, canoeing and kayaking for all abilities. Open daily; check for times, prices and events. *Station Rd, Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire, EN9 1AB. T: 0845-6770 606. www.gowhitewater.co.uk. Station: Waltham Cross. Off map.*

LONDON AQUATICS CENTRE

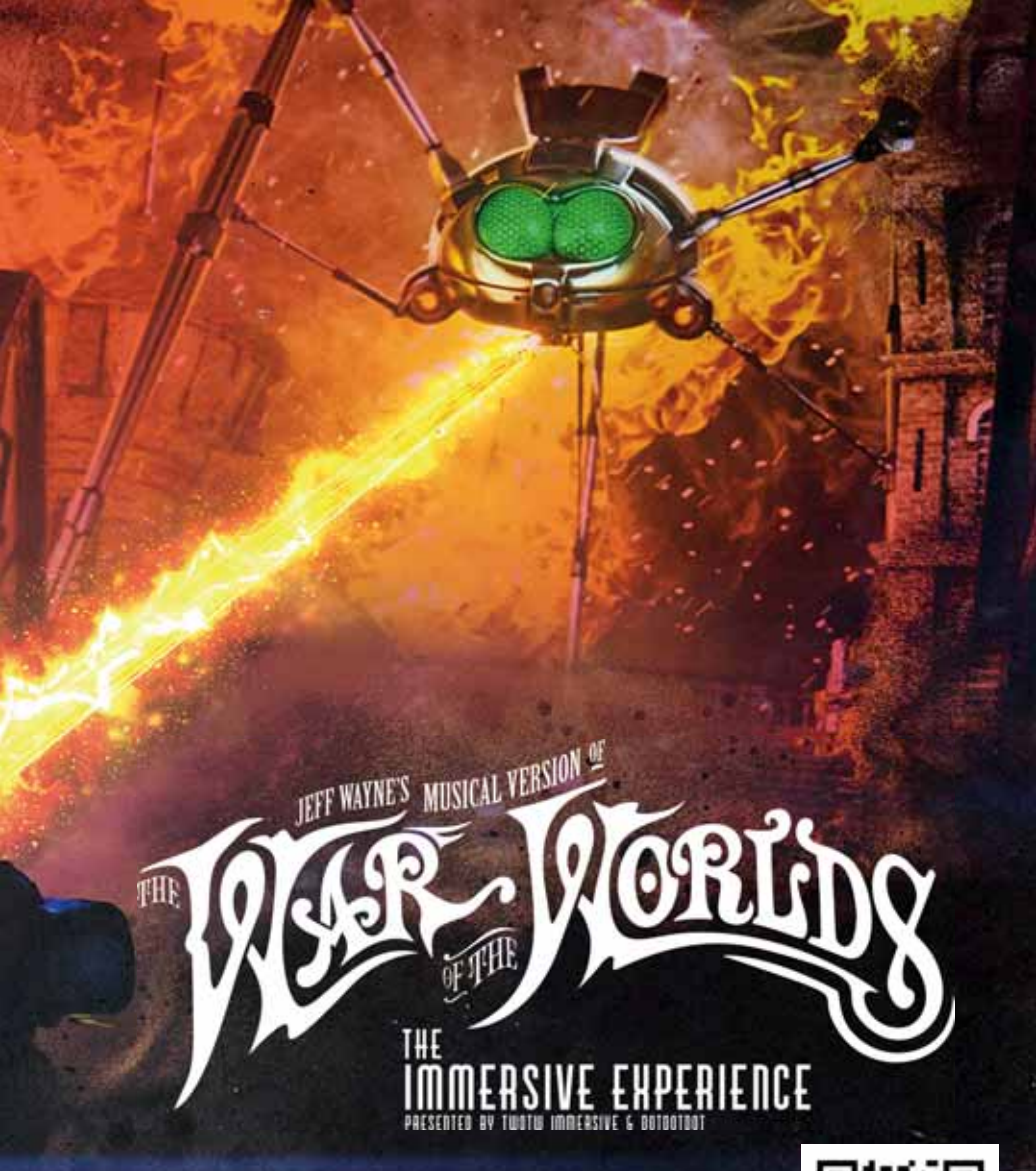
Venue for the 2012 Olympics, with swimming pools, the Tom Daley Diving Academy, classes and family events. Please check for opening days, times and special events. Adult swim from £4.95; child £2.50. *Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, E20 2ZQ. T: 020-8536 3150. www.londonaquaticscentre.org. Station: Stratford. Off map.*



'The royal family arrive on the track'

Emma Levine, Sport Editor

It's time to put on your smartest hat, dress or suit for the summer's most prestigious horse-racing gathering (and there is a very strict dress code, different for each section of the venue). **Royal Ascot** (p. 71) is a glorious five-day festival that sees the world's finest horses compete for glory with six races each day. But what sets this festival apart from other race meetings is the royal connection. The Queen – herself an avid racing fan and horse trainer – and other members of the royal family arrive on the track, each day at 2pm, in graceful horse-drawn landaus. Start practising your bowing and curtsying!



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Once the domain of 1960s mods and rockers, these days the area appeals to the fashionable set, with sports-inspired stores and independent boutiques. *Station: Oxford Circus. D7.*

COVENT GARDEN

A former vegetable market, now a popular centre for arts and crafts stalls, plus restaurants, cafés and pubs. *Station: Covent Garden. B/C6.*

KENSINGTON HIGH STREET

A mix of chain stores and specialist boutiques. Kensington Church Street has great antiques shops. *Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.*

KING'S ROAD

High-street names and boutiques, plus adjacent Duke of York's Square is great for fashion and antiques. *Station: Sloane Square. Off map.*

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

A designer shopping area including department stores Harrods and Harvey Nichols, plus many high-end boutiques. *Station: Knightsbridge. F5.*

OXFORD STREET

Europe's busiest shopping street has major department stores and popular high-street chains. *Station: Oxford Circus/Bond Street/Marble Arch. B4/5/6.*

NOTTING HILL

Boutiques ranging from fashion to antiques, plus Portobello Market. *Station: Notting Hill Gate/Westbourne Grove. Off map.*

REGENT STREET

Prestigious retail area with stores including Apple, Liberty and the first British Ferrari shop. *Station: Oxford Circus/Piccadilly Circus. B/C5.*

SAVILE ROW

One of London's most famous and exclusive streets, great for stylish, well-dressed gentlemen and home to a great choice of bespoke tailors. *Station: Piccadilly Circus. C5.*



The modern man

London is famous for men's fashion.

Men's London Fashion Week (8-10 Jun) includes shows by emerging designers and esteemed labels such as Band of Outsiders, E.Tautz, Kent & Curwen and Michiko Koshino. The actual catwalk shows are by invite only, but if you want to visit one of the most fashionable areas for men, head to Savile Row. This legendary Mayfair street is famous for tailored suits and brands including Richard James, Ozwald Boateng, Hardy Amies and Gieves & Hawkes. www.londonfashionweekmens.co.uk

MAJOR STORES

FORTNUM & MASON

Established in 1707, this historic store is famed for its food hall, hampers and china. 181 Piccadilly, W1A 1ER. T: 0845-300 1707. www.fortnumandmason.com. *Station: Green Park. E7.*

HARRODS

One of the world's most famous stores includes top fashion labels and jewellery, plus a food hall. 87-135 Brompton Rd, SW1X 7XL. T: 020-7730 1234. www.harrods.com. *Station: Knightsbridge. F5.*

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Main image:
Girl Reading by
Roderic O'Connor
Inset: Silver
cup made by John
Swift in 1755

Masters at work

Pick up unique souvenirs at this year's **Masterpiece London** (from 27 Jun), a bustling art fair and one of the world's most prestigious. Though hailed as a must for those with a trained eye in art, this is a cross-collecting fair boasting impressive breadth, from Chippendale-period giltwood brackets to paintings by 20th-century female abstractionists – just don't expect a shredding drama à la Banksy.

Now in its 10th year, Masterpiece has earned an international reputation as the art fair with it all. Due to the mix of genres, the fair will feature everything from modern sculpture to ancient art created more than 6,000 years ago. While prices can be steep, it's still a fantastic opportunity to look at great art, from old to new.

There are plenty of Instagram opportunities. Attendees will walk through the opening doors to an installation. Last year's *Turning World* by Chiharu Shiota did the rounds on social media. This doesn't reduce the fair to a series of photo

opportunities, however, as period works admired by seasoned art-goers are given equal billing.

Masterpiece's reputation for eclectic collections proves it's an occasion for all tastes – where else would you meet the biggest names in 19th-century furniture just a few doors down from a dazzling display of contemporary jewellery?

If hunger strikes, you can dine at institutions including Le Caprice, or whet your whistle at the Perrier-Jouët Champagne Terrace while soaking in views of the Royal Hospital Chelsea.

Each year Masterpiece draws crowds from across the world wanting to look at what the art world has to offer. So what's stopping you from opening your eyes to the hottest pieces? *South Grounds, Royal Hospital Chelsea, SW3 4LW. T: 020-7499 7470. www.masterpiecefair.com*



Helen Salter,
Contributor

Shopping

JOHN LEWIS

Established more than 150 years ago, this store sells everything from homeware to hats. *300 Oxford St, W1A 1EX (and branches). T: 020-7629 7711. www.johnlewis.com. Station: Oxford Circus. D6.*

LIBERTY

Beauty, haberdashery and fabrics. *Great Marlborough St, W1B 5AH. T: 020-7734 1234. www.liberty.co.uk. Station: Oxford Circus. D7.*

MALLS & FACTORY OUTLETS

BICESTER VILLAGE

This Oxfordshire haven showcases fashion brands at a reduced price. Check for times. *Bicester, Oxfordshire, OX26 6WD. T: 01869-323 200. www.bicestervillage.com. Station: Marylebone to Bicester Village. Bus: Shopping Express Village coach from London hotels. Off map.*

ICON AT THE O2

This new outlet mall offers discounts on designer brands. *The O2, Pensinsula Square, SE10 0DX. T: 020-8463 2000. www.iconattheo2.co.uk. Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.*

LONDON DESIGNER OUTLET

Around 70 high-street retailers offer reductions of up to 70 per cent. *Wembley Park Boulevard, HA9 0QL. T: 020-8912 5210. www.londondesigneroutlet.com. Station: Wembley Stadium/Wembley Park/Wembley Central. Off map.*

WESTFIELD LONDON

This huge mall has luxury and high-street shops. *Ariel Way, W12 7GF. T: 020-3371 2300. www.uk.westfield.com. Station: Shepherd's Bush. Map inset.*

WESTFIELD STRATFORD CITY

This vast shopping centre boasts 270 shops, cafés and restaurants. *2 Stratford Place, Montfichet Rd, E20 1EJ. T: 020-8221 7300. www.uk.westfield.com/stratfordcity. Station: Stratford. Map inset.*

SPECIALIST STORES

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Browse merchandise, souvenirs and collectibles – many of the products are exclusives. You can also have your photo taken on the famous platform. *Platform 9¾, King's Cross Station, N1 9AP. T: 020-3196 7375. www.harrypotterplatform934.com. Station: King's Cross. Off map.*

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Eating out

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THE
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ISSUE

Have you been inspired by a blockbuster exhibition? Then dine in a restaurant surrounded by art, from sculptures and murals to paintings and illustrations.

Rex Whistler Restaurant, a British restaurant inside Tate Britain gallery (p. 58), opened in 1927 and is known for its wine and mural. All four walls feature Rex Whistler's *The Expedition in Pursuit of Rare Meats*, which depicts a scene of a deer hunt in a forest.

Fans of fine art might also want to dine in the British restaurant **Berners Tavern** in The London Edition hotel. A former ballroom, it has high ceilings, chandeliers and walls covered in gilt-framed landscapes and still-life images of flowers and fruit (www.bernertavern.com).

Prefer sculpture? If dining eye to eye with a male nude is too much to stomach then eat at Mark Hix's **Tramshed** in Shoreditch instead, in

the shadow of Damien Hirst's *Cock and Bull* – a chicken and cow preserved in formaldehyde. You can also see Hirst's work at **Brasserie of Light** inside Selfridges. You can't miss his huge, crystal-encrusted statue of Pegasus, a winged horse which flies out of one wall (www.hixrestaurants.co.uk; www.brasserie-of-light.co.uk).

Sexy Fish in Mayfair, meanwhile, serves sushi in sexy surroundings. Have a drink next to Hirst's mermaid statues and beneath carp sculptures, then eat tuna tataki under a ceiling decorated with seaweed (www.sexyfish.com).

Sketch in Mayfair is another arty spot. Every two years, an artist is given free rein to transform the Gallery, a pastel-pink restaurant with velvet banquettes. Currently, the Turner Prize-nominated David Shrigley's satirical sketches line the walls (www.sketch.london).

– Sarah Riches



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Italian burgers in the John Lewis store. Please check for times. £. 300 Oxford St, W1A 1EX. T: 020-7499 8296. www.holyburger.co.uk. Station: Oxford Circus. D6.

HARD ROCK CAFE

FAMILY This legendary burger bar has lots of rock memorabilia. Daily L & D. ££. 150 Old Park Lane, W1K 1QZ. T: 020-7514 1700. www.hardrock.com. Station: Hyde Park Corner. E6.

PLANET HOLLYWOOD

FAMILY Hollywood-inspired dining experience. Daily L & D (bar to 1am). ££. 57-60 Haymarket, SW1Y 4QX. T: 020-7287 1000. www.planethollywoodlondon.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

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CHENESTON'S RESTAURANT

Wood-panelled dining room. Daily B, L & D. £££. The Milestone Hotel, 1 Kensington Court, W8 5DL. T: 020-7917 1000. www.milestonehotel.com. Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.

SOPHIE'S STEAKHOUSE & BAR

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FISH & SEAFOOD

SEA SHELL

This decades-old restaurant, with an aquarium, serves fish and chips. Mon-Sat L & D. ££. 49-51



Review



'These dishes look pretty on your plate'

Sarah Riches, Eating Out Editor

Catering, cookery books and photography: is there anything Lucy Carr-Ellison and Jemima Jones can't do? Now they have launched **Wild by Tart**, a huge space near Victoria Station. Part juice bar and deli, part restaurant with a wood-burning oven, the venue also has a shop selling clothes designed by the duo and a photo studio. As the two grew up on farms, expect an emphasis on provenance. Dishes change often – try duck and fig salad and hibiscus ice cream. 3-4 Eccleston Yards, SW1W 9AZ. www.wildbytart.com

Lisson Grove, NW1 6UH. T: 020-7224 9000. www.seashellrestaurant.co.uk. Station: Marylebone. C5.

GASTROPUBS

BEAR & STAFF

Order classic comfort food such as soup, pies or Whitby scampi. Daily B, L & D. £-££. 10-12 Bear St, WC2H 7AX. T: 020-7321 0814. www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk. Station: Leicester Square. E7.

THE PORCUPINE

This was a popular hangout for Freemasons, and is known for its real ale. Mon-Sat B, L & D; Sun L & D. £-££. 48 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0BS. T: 020-7379 9855. www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk. Station: Leicester Square. E7.

WHITE HORSE

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Good as gold

This month, the Mayfair tapas restaurant **El Pirata** (the Spanish word for pirate) celebrates its 25th anniversary (p. 86). Grab an outdoor table under the hanging baskets and start with sangria or Spanish wine. Then nibble some olives as you peruse the seafood-heavy menu – try scallops, monkfish and prawns in olive oil followed by paella. El Pirata is hidden on a quiet side street – but as all pirates know, buried treasure is well worth seeking out.



WHITE SWAN

Enjoy fish and chips, grilled dishes and mezze. Mon-Sat B, L & D; Sun L & D. £-££. 14 New Row, WC2N 4LF. T: 020-3077 1129. www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk. Station: Leicester Square. E8.

INDIAN

AMAYA

This Michelin-starred restaurant has an open-grill kitchen. Daily L & D. £££. Halkin Arcade, 19 Motcomb St, SW1X 8JT. T: 020-7823 1166. www.amaya.biz. Station: Knightsbridge. F6.

CHUTNEY MARY

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GAYLORD RESTAURANT

This North Indian venue has served thalis and chaat for 50 years. Daily L & D. ££. 79-81 Mortimer St, W1W 7SJ. T: 020-7580 3615. www.gaylordlondon.com. Station: Oxford Circus. D7.

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INTERNATIONAL

THE CAVENDISH

The European menu includes black pudding Scotch egg. Daily L & D. ££-£££. 35 New Cavendish St, W1G 9TR. T: 020-7487 3030. www.35newcavendish.co.uk. Station: Baker Street. D6.

ITALIAN

GRANAIO

This family-friendly restaurant serves Italian classics. Daily L & D. ££. 224 Piccadilly, W1J 9HP. T: 020-7930 1459. www.ristorantegranaio.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

VERDI ITALIAN KITCHEN

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WILDWOOD

Tuck into crowd-pleasers such as pasta and pizza. Daily L & D. £-££. 35-36 Bow St, WC2E 7U (and branches). T: 020-7836 8640. www.wildwoodrestaurants.co.uk. Station: Covent Garden. E8.

JAPANESE

BENIHANA

FAMILY Chefs grill dishes at your table in this lively, theatrical restaurant. Daily L & D. £££. 37 Sackville St, W1S 3EH. T: 020-7494 2525. www.benihana.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

ICHIBA

Ramen, rice and noodles. Mon-Sat B, L & D; Sun L & D. £. Level 2, Westfield London Shepherd's Bush, W12 7HB. T: 020-3405 9410. www.ichiba-london.com. Station: White City. Map inset.



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Eating Out

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Moored restaurant boat. Daily L & D. ££. Victoria Embankment, WC2N 5DJ. T: 020-7839 3011. www.hispaniola.co.uk. Station: Embankment. E8.

SPANISH

EL PIRATA

Established Mayfair restaurant serving great tapas (p. 84). Mon-Fri L & D; Sat D. ££. 5-6 Down St, W1J 7AQ. T: 020-7491 3810. www.elpirata.co.uk. Station: Green Park. E6.

SOUTH EAST ASIAN

CHI KITCHEN

Pan-Asian cuisine in a Debenhams store, with an open kitchen. Daily B, L & D. ££. 334-348 Oxford St, W1C 1JG. T: 020-3841 6888. www.chikitchen.co.uk. Station: Oxford Circus. D6.

MANGO TREE

Upmarket restaurant serving Thai dishes. Daily L & D. ££-£££. 46 Grosvenor Place, SW1X 7EQ (and Harrods branch). T: 020-7823 1888. www.mangotree.org.uk. Station: Victoria. F6.

THAI POT

This casual spot offers good-value dishes such as stir-fried beef and sticky rice. Mon-Sat L & D. £. 1 Bedfordbury, WC2N 4BP. T: 020-7379 4580. www.thaipot.biz. Station: Covent Garden. E8.

VEGAN & VEGETARIAN

THE GATE

Serving dishes by candlelight since 1989. Daily L & D, Sat & Sun B. ££. 22-24 Seymour Place, W1H 7NL (and branches). T: 020-7724 6656. www.thegaterestaurants.com. Station: Marble Arch. D5.

MILDREDS

This informal Soho institution serves hearty meat-free dishes such as wild mushroom and ale pie. Mon-Sat L & D. ££. 45 Lexington St, W1F 9AN (and branches). T: 020-7494 1634. www.mildreds.co.uk. Station: Oxford Circus. D7.

'Dine on oysters with elderflower Champagne'

The windswept isles in the Outer Hebrides off north-west Scotland are tricky to access, but at least now you can sample their cuisine. **Orasay** has a menu inspired by the islands where its co-owner Jackson Boxer spent his childhood holidays. Dine on oysters with

elderflower Champagne, sea bass and wild garlic, or roast brill with cockles. Ingredients come from Boxer's organic farm in West Sussex, which you can wash down with wine served on tap or Ecuadorean coffee. The minimalist decor has denim canvases that are reminiscent of crashing waves. 31 Kensington Park Rd, W11 2EU. T: 020-7043 1400. www.orasay.london



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Nightlife

The Devil's Darling

A colourful evening

Whether you want to drink among art or make art while you drink, London's nightlife scene is among the world's most creative. Where else can you enjoy a tipple in bars decorated with murals or street art?

Fans of graffiti should visit **HUCKSTER**, a multi-venue space for 400 near Little Venice. Its arty interior is a mash-up of styles with neon club signs, graffiti and Chinese lanterns. Ask a bartender to spin the wheel of fortune above the main bar, drink the results and get dancing to the DJ, or show off your moves on dancing poles in High Line, an '80s New York underground carriage (www.hucksterlondon.co.uk).

You can also see urban art in **Graphic Bar** in Soho, which features art by Turner Prize-winner Mark Wallinger as well as Ben Allen, Ben Eine and Jim Sharp – think alphabet prints and typeface on metal shutters. The bar has 305 types of gin and its drinks are as elaborate as its interiors – order a

cocktail and it might arrive at your table in a paint tin, light bulb or glass skull (www.graphicbar.com).

The Devil's Darling, in The Napoleon Hotel near Dennis Severs' House, has a mural in which a picture from inside a church has been graffitied over with alien-like characters. Manager Alex Francis says: 'We had a refurbishment in January, going from a clean and polished hotel bar aesthetic to a moody, more intimate cocktail bar. The mural – by art collective Republic.¥ – is over a print of the painting of Napoleon's Coronation by Jacques-Louis David.' The menu features just three classic cocktails a night (www.napoleon-hotel.com).

If you'd rather make art than just admire it, visit **Drink, Shop & Do** near King's Cross, which hosts events for creatives. This month you can make macramé plant hangers (16 Jun) or use fluorescent pastels to draw a model painted in glow-in-the-dark neon (27 Jun; www.drinkshopdo.co.uk).

– Sarah Riches



Review



'Listen to jazz and watch a magician'

Sarah Riches, Nightlife Editor

If you're strolling around Leadenhall Market, look out for a barbershop with vintage leather seats, as it harbours a secret entrance to a new bar. **The Gobpsy**'s name is inspired by *The Great Gatsby* and its vibe feels straight out of the Roaring Twenties. At the bottom of a staircase, enter a dimly-lit bar where you can listen to jazz and watch a magician while you sip a Smoky Old Bastard – Scotch, vermouth and smoke served in a glass pipe. 142 Fenchurch St, EC3M 6BL. T: 020-7283 0999. www.thegobpsy.com

TRADITIONAL PUBS

MAGPIE & STUMP

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

WAXY O'CONNOR'S

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

WAXY'S LITTLE SISTER

A smaller, slightly quieter sister venue of the huge Waxy's (above), which has traditional Irish beers and whiskies plus great bar food. 20 Wardour St, W1D 6QG. T: 020-7287 0255. www.waxyoconnors.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

YE OLDE CHESHIRE CHEESE

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

INFO Most bars are open 11am-11pm, most nightclubs are open 10pm-3am. The UK's legal drinking age is 18 years old. ID may be required. Map: refers to the grid coordinates on our Central London map (p. 98)

BARS & CLUBS

THE BACK ROOM

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

BELOW ZERO ICE BAR

Wrap up in faux fur capes and gloves at this basement bar made from ice. Entry price includes a cocktail served in an ice glass. 31-33 Heddon St, W1B 4BN. T: 020-7478 8917. www.belowzeroicebar.com. Station: Oxford Circus. E7.

CITY GARDEN BAR

This bar, on the roof terrace of the 'Walkie Talkie' building, has spectacular views and a three-storey, tiered garden. Sky Garden, 20 Fenchurch St, EC3M 8AF. T: 0333-772 0020. www.skygarden.london. Station: Monument. D11/E11.

GORDON'S WINE BAR

Enjoy a big selection of global wines in this brick-walled basement, which opened in 1890. 47 Villiers St, WC2N 6NE. T: 020-7930 1408. www.gordonswinebar.com. Station: Charing Cross. E8.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

RONNIE SCOTT'S

Soho jazz club with nightly performances. 47 Frith St, W1D 4HT. T: 020-7439 0747. www.ronniescotts.co.uk. Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

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This landmark 24-hour venue has gaming over three floors, a Boozy Tea Room bar inspired by the film *Magic Mike* and a steak restaurant, Heliot. Cranbourn St, off Leicester Square, WC2H 7JH. T: 020-7769 8888. www.hippodromecasino.com. Station: Leicester Square. E7.



A tale of two cities

As 175,000 people flock to Somerset for Glastonbury Festival, **Sarah Riches** looks at two great musical cities

Manchester was home to the Bee Gees, The Stone Roses and Oasis. But when it comes to music greats and legendary venues, Liverpool vies for the top spot, as the city spawned The Beatles, Gerry & the Pacemakers, Cream and The Cavern Club. So, in the battle of the bands, which city comes out on top?

MUSICAL HERITAGE

MANCHESTER

The Bee Gees put Manchester on the music map in the 1950s, back when they were known as The Rattlesnakes. They paved the way for rock bands Joy Division, 10cc and The Smiths, led by vocalist Morrissey.

At the same time, after the suicide of Joy Division's singer Ian Curtis and the demise of the band, the remaining members formed New Order with Gillian Gilbert, releasing *Regret*, *True Faith* and *Blue Monday* – and opening the legendary Hacienda nightclub in 1982. Simply Red, Lisa Stansfield and The Stone Roses were making it big then, too.

By the late '80s, Manchester's music scene was booming, and 'Madchester' – a blend of alternative rock, acid house and dance – was taking off at raves. The movement morphed into Britpop in the '90s, led by Manchester band Oasis. The '90s also heralded the Brit



Award and Mercury Prize-winning group M People, who became known for *Moving on Up*, *One Night in Heaven* and *Search for the Hero*.

They were all songs you'd listen to while getting ready to go out, as well as those by boy band Take That – unless you were more of an electronic music fan, in which case you'd listen to N-Trance and The Chemical Brothers. After Oasis split in 2009, fans had to wait until 2010 to listen to Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds.



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LIVERPOOL

Not to be outdone, Liverpool's music heritage dates back to the 1940s, with the arrival of Frankie Vaughan. The 1950s saw the opening of The Cavern Club, a jazz and blues joint that hosted Ronnie Scott, Paul McCartney and Richard Starkey, who was later better known as Ringo Starr.

Of course, every music fan knows The Beatles hailed from Liverpool. If the '80s and '90s was Manchester's era, the '60s was Liverpool's, as while The Beatles' fame was rising, so was Cilla Black's, Gerry & the Pacemakers' and Billy Fury's, who, like The Beatles, had numerous hits that decade.

Fast forward to the '80s and teenagers across the country were telling their parents to *Relax* thanks to Frankie Goes to Hollywood – the single was banned by the BBC because of its sexual lyrics.

Come the '90s, just as The Hacienda in Manchester was attracting ravers, so was Cream in Liverpool. The local pop band

Atomic Kitten made it big at the same time – so it's little wonder, then, that the *Guinness Book of Records* named Liverpool the City of Pop in 2001.

Fellow Liverpudlian Rebecca Ferguson charmed audiences on the reality TV show *The X Factor* in 2010, helping the city to be labelled City of Music by UNESCO in 2015. ▶

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MUSIC VENUES

MANCHESTER

If you want to soak up the scene, listen to The Bridgewater Hall's resident orchestras, the BBC Philharmonic, Hallé and Manchester Camerata. There are also free lunchtime concerts at the Royal Northern College of Music and chamber music at The Stoller Hall, which opened in 2012. You can watch a musical at the 2,000-seat Manchester Opera House, too.

Pop fans can attend gigs at the O2 Apollo, Manchester Academy or Manchester Arena, which seats 21,000 – making it Europe's largest indoor arena. This month, catch Mumford & Sons (6 Jun), Backstreet Boys (10 Jun), The Eagles (26 Jun) and Westlife (28-29 Jun) at the Arena.

Prefer indie bands? Then listen to upcoming rock, reggae and folk acts at Band on the Wall, YES and The Deaf Institute, a Grade II-listed music hall. If the acts inspire you to seek out new music, shop for vinyl at Piccadilly Records, Eastern Bloc and Vinyl Exchange in the Northern Quarter cultural district. You can also learn about the city's music scene on a Manchester Music Tour.



LIVERPOOL

In Liverpool you can brush up on music facts on a Magical Mystery Tour about The Beatles or at The Beatles Story museum. The British Music Experience is also a must – see handwritten lyrics and Beatles memorabilia, practise dance moves taught by a virtual instructor, belt out tunes in a music booth and play electric guitars.

When it comes to music venues, Liverpool rivals Manchester. Liverpool Philharmonic Hall is the biggie; listen to Stereophonics' Kelly Jones (6 Jun), Mozart by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra (8 Jun), The Music of John Williams (14-15 Jun) and Ministry of Sound (21 Jun).

You can also listen to big names at Eventim Olympia's former ballroom; The Smyths tribute band (1 Jun) at O2 Academy Liverpool, and Take That (6 Jun), Bon Jovi (19 Jun) and Pink (25 Jun) at Anfield Stadium. M&S Bank Arena, meanwhile, will host Mumford & Sons (2 Jun), the Grammy Award-winning Sean Paul (5 Jun), a Michael Jackson tribute (22 Jun) and Westlife (25-26 Jun).

If you prefer intimate venues, then check out The Cavern Club – it moved location, but is still going strong 62 years after it opened. It has indie acts and resident bands including The Beatles tribute Made in Liverpool. Live venues Eric's Liverpool and SGT Peppers are on the same street. It's worth checking out the 19th-century

Arts Club Liverpool in the former Royal Institute of Arts & Science, too, as well as The Shankly Hotel, as its Garden of Eden rooftop hosts occasional gigs.





Parklife



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SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVALS

All Points East (to 2 Jun) – London
Isle of Wight Festival
 (13-16 Jun) – Isle of Wight
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 (15-18 Aug) – Powys
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 – Berkshire and Yorkshire
South West Four
 (24-25 Aug) – London

MUSIC FESTIVALS

MANCHESTER

If Garden of Eden gives you a taste of the outdoors, attend Parklife in Heaton Park, a 600-acre space in Manchester (8-9 Jun). Dance to rapper Cardi B, George Ezra, the electronic dance trio Major Lazer and Khalid.

Repeat visitors might also want to check out the biennial Manchester International Festival (4-21 Jul), which celebrates original work in venues across the city. Highlights include the world premiere of Yoko Ono's orchestra of bells and the Mercury Prize-winner Skepta performing in a secret location. At Sounds from the Other City (6-13 Jul) in Castlefield Bowl meanwhile, you can listen to the BBC Philharmonic and Grobags.

LIVERPOOL

Over in Liverpool, you can dance to house, techno and grime at Baltic Weekender (to 2 Jun) in the Baltic Triangle district, which is now in its third year. Nina Kraviz is the 2019 headliner. Global music fans, meanwhile, can listen to African tunes and Caribbean and Latin-American styles such as salsa, soca and reggae at Africa Oyé (22-23 Jun), a free annual festival in Sefton Park.

If your trip lasts all summer, then make time for Liverpool International Music Festival (20-21 Jul), which is also in Sefton Park. Drum and bass duo Sigma headline along with Disco Classical, an orchestra that performs disco classics.

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





















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

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









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


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



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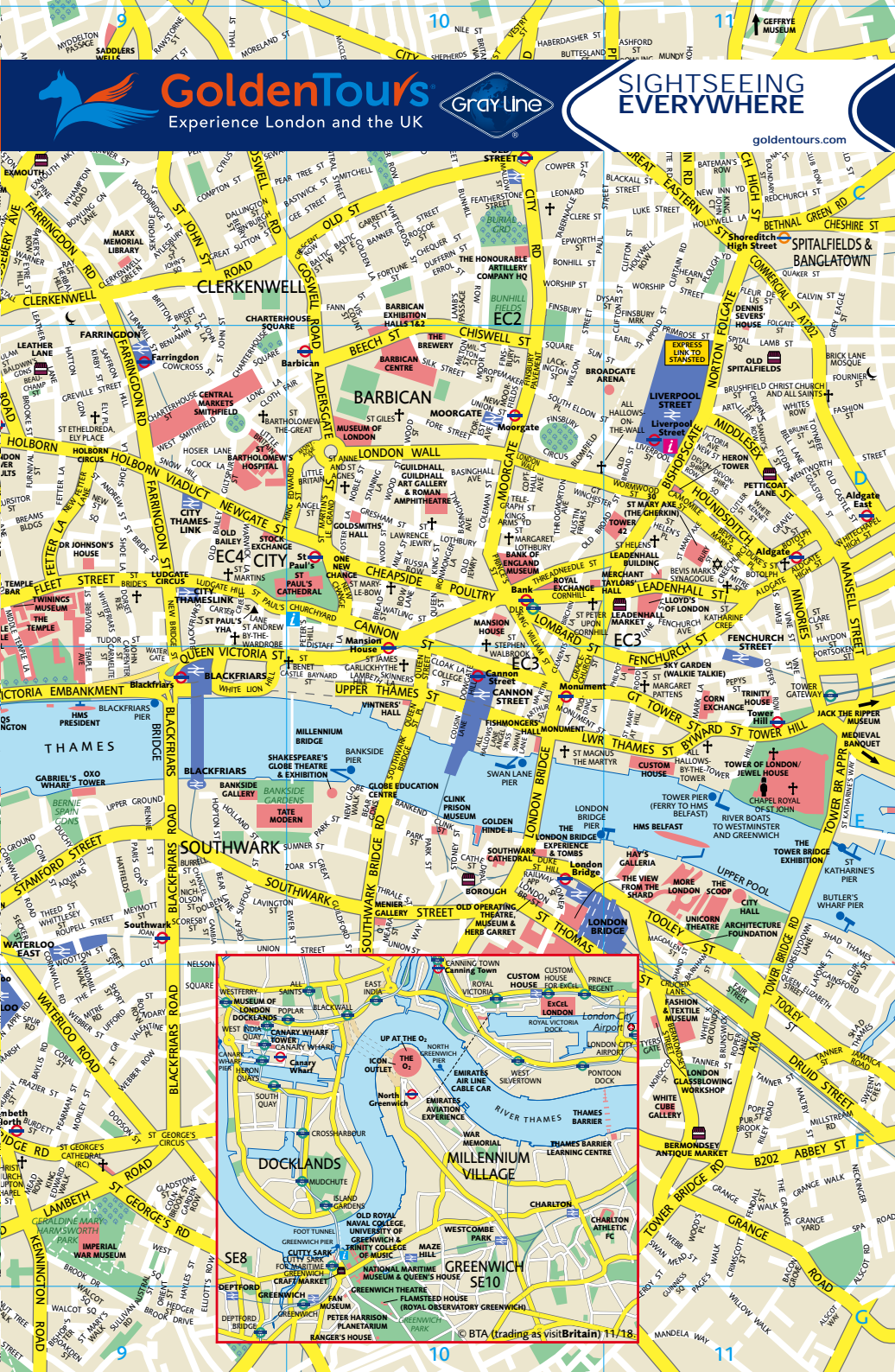
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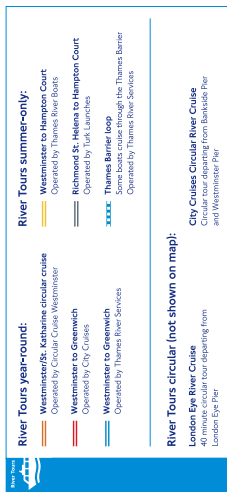
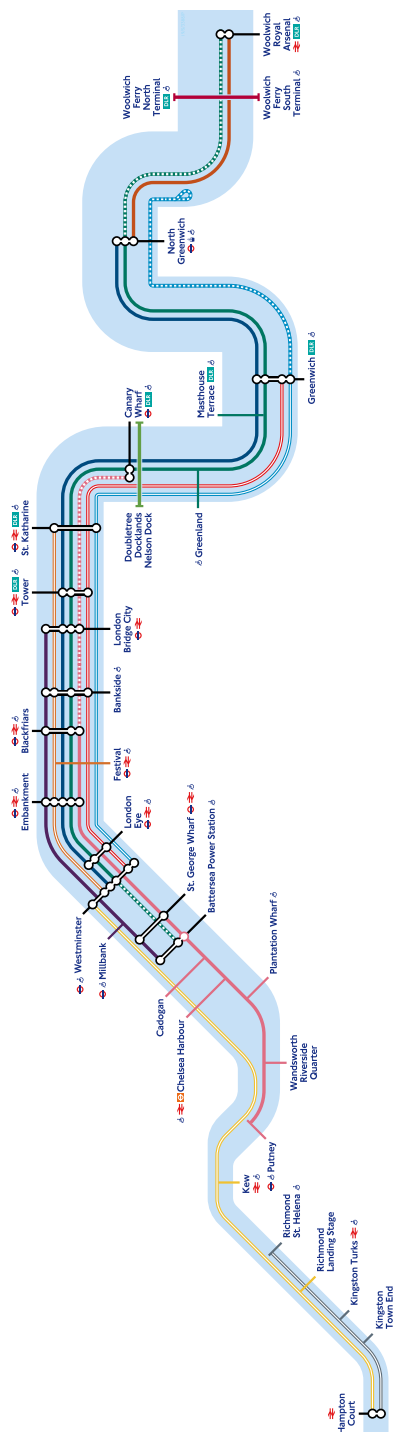
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