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## Welcome to London this July

Some of the biggest sports stars are in the capital this month, as the Wimbledon Tennis Championships take place (1-14 Jul), while top athletes compete at the Müller Anniversary Games at the London Stadium (20-21 Jul).

Meanwhile, join those lining the streets for Pride in London (6 Jul). It's a great example of our city at its best, demonstrating that we are one of the world's most LGBTQI+-friendly places.

Waltham Forest, our first London Borough of Culture, presents the Walthamstow Garden Party (13-14 Jul). Why not join 30,000 others to see inspiring arts, crafts and a circus?

The National Maritime Museum hosts an exhibition to mark the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. See more than 180 artefacts, including items that have been to the moon and back.

Finally, Buckingham Palace, the Queen's official London home, welcomes visitors for its annual summer opening (from 20 Jul). I hope you have a wonderful experience!



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# From PAGE to STAGE

It's hard to keep a good story to yourself, so it's no wonder that many leap off the page and onto the stage.

**Sarah Riches** shines a spotlight on shows inspired by novels, films and TV series

**W**hen a film or TV series gets people talking, a novel flies off the shelves or a single's downloads rocket, you know you're on to something. But if you missed the film on the big screen, or can't wait for the novel's sequel, then you needn't miss out – see the story reinvented on the West End stage instead. Here are some of the best.



#### The inspiration: **NOVELS**

Susan Hill's 1983 novel, *The Woman in Black*, has all the trappings of a gripping horror: a funeral, a house shrouded in fog and eerie noises. It follows Arthur, a solicitor, as he settles the estate of a widow whose house is cut off from the mainland at high tide. While there, he hears a child scream and sees a mysterious woman in black. Who is she, and how will she affect him?

The novel inspired a play, which opened in 1987 in Scarborough, north Yorkshire. It transferred to the West End in 1989 and was released as a film that year, then again in 2012 starring Daniel Radcliffe.

The play's director, Robin Herford, says: 'People are always searching for new stories to tell, and often the inspiration for those stories comes from tales which exist in other formats. But if you've seen *The Woman in Black* film, you are in for a different experience when you see it on stage.

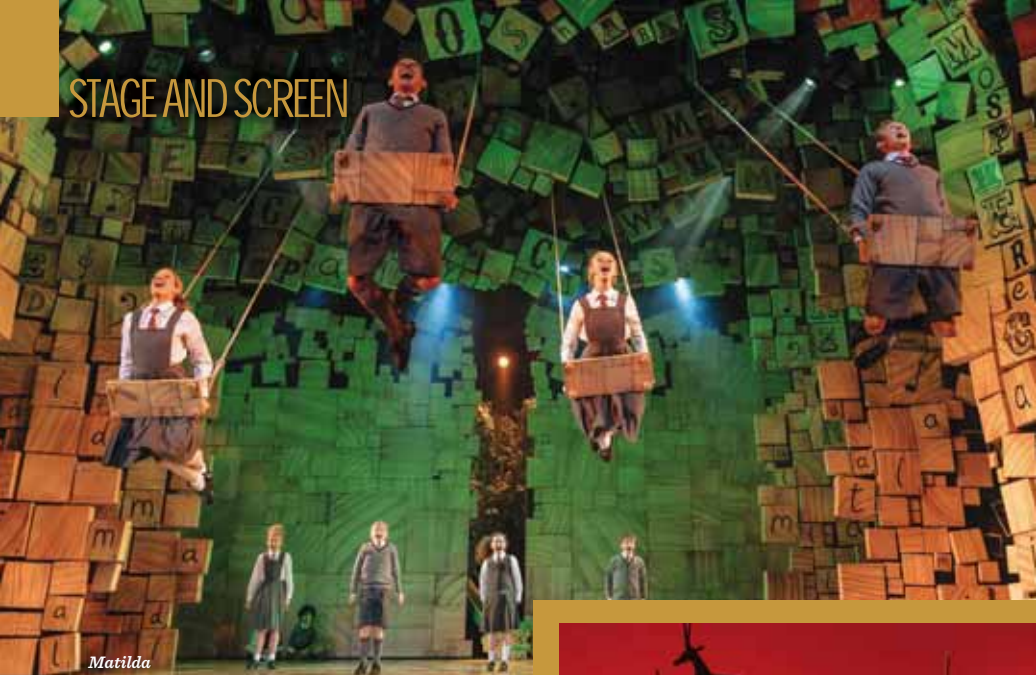
'As often happens with filmmakers, the original novel serves as a starting point for a creation, rather than a faithful retelling of the story. If you've read the novel, then you'll find the stage show satisfying and intriguing. The play celebrates what actors can do before your eyes and guarantees a memorable, if somewhat unsettling, experience that will stay with you long after you've left the theatre.' ▶





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*The Woman in Black*

## STAGE AND SCREEN



Matilda

*Matilda* is another classic 1980s novel which has jumped off the page. Roald Dahl's 1988 novel, illustrated by Quentin Blake, is one of his most popular stories. Children love the clever five year old who is trying to escape her unkind family. And who doesn't love a happy ending? The book became a film in 1996, starring Mara Wilson. In 2011, Tim Minchin wrote the music and lyrics for the West End musical, which has since won Olivier and Tony Awards.

Victor Hugo's 1862 novel, *Les Misérables*, meanwhile, is epic: the English translation runs to 1,500 pages. Once you know the plot, you'll see why it's right for the stage, as it packs a punch. Set in the 1800s, it follows Jean Valjean after he's released from hard labour for committing a minor crime. Following the kindness of a stranger, he turns his life around and becomes a mayor – until a cruel police officer tries to ruin everything. The musical premiered in Paris in 1980 and came to the West End in 1985. It became a film in 2012, starring Hugh Jackman as Valjean.



### The inspiration: FILM SCRIPTS

The film *Aladdin*, about a poor boy who finds a magic lamp with a genie inside it, was released in 1992. On paper, it was a recipe for success: Tim Rice co-wrote the lyrics, Disney created the animation and the genie was voiced by Robin Williams. No wonder it was the world's top earner that year. The story took to the stage in Seattle in 2011 and the West End in 2016 – wowing audiences with a flying carpet.



The Lion King

Its enduring popularity led to the story being given a new life in May, in a film directed by Guy Ritchie and starring Will Smith as the genie.

Another Disney animation, *The Lion King*, melted hearts in 1994 with its story about a lion cub who believes he's responsible for his father's death. The cast included Matthew Broderick, Rowan Atkinson and Whoopi Goldberg. The musical premiered in Minneapolis in 1997, with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Elton John. It transferred to the West End two years later, where it's been ever since. A new Disney film hits UK screens this month, with the voices of Beyoncé, Seth Rogen and Chiwetel Ejiofor.

Meanwhile, the 2003 film *School of Rock* saw Jack Black star as Dewey, a loveable loser trying to make ends meet as a guitarist. After disguising himself as a teacher, he transforms his class into a rock band. A funny script and Craig Wedren's cracking soundtrack made it a hit, and it had all the right ingredients for the stage. It premiered on Broadway in 2015 and the West End a year later. ▶

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**Top to bottom:** *Mamma Mia!*;  
*Faulty Towers: The Dining Experience*;  
*Only Fools and Horses: The Musical*



### **The inspiration:** **TV SCRIPTS**

*Faulty Towers* aired on TV between 1975 and 1979. Its rude hotel manager Basil, hapless Spanish waiter Manuel and bemused guests made audiences cry with laughter. In 1997 the series became an immersive production in Australia. With the audience as hotel guests, the show transferred to the West End in 2009. Alison Pollard-Mansergh co-wrote *Faulty Towers: The Dining Experience* and starred as the hotel's lazy co-owner, Sybil, in the original theatre production.

So what's the appeal of a theatre production based on a TV show? Pollard-Mansergh says: 'Immersive theatre is increasingly being inspired by movies, TV series and novels because people are already attached to the stories and want to be involved in them. People are drawn to the idea of bringing their imagination to life.'

'You are plunged in among the action and interact directly with Basil, Sybil and Manuel. It's an absolute must for any fan. Andrew Sachs, who played Manuel [in the TV series], came as

an audience member and loved it – he had a 'Manuel-off' with our Manuel at the time, Leigh Keily, and the audience were in fits!'

When *Faulty Towers* finished, the comedy *Only Fools and Horses* took its TV crown. David Jason, Nicholas Lyndhurst and Lennard Pearce starred as a get-rich-quick family, which struck a chord with British audiences when it aired on TV between 1981 and 1991. The next version came in February, when it premiered in the West End.



### **The inspiration:** **MUSIC LYRICS**

Everyone knows ABBA's 1975 single, *Mamma Mia!*, and who can't identify with a broken heart? So when the playwright Catherine Johnson teamed up with ABBA's Benny Andersson

and Björn Ulvaeus to create the musical *Mamma Mia!*, the only question is what took them so long?

Producer Judy Craymer says: 'My inspiration for *Mamma Mia!* the musical was ABBA's joyful storytelling anthems. The musical had to be celebratory to match ABBA's timeless hits. Their songs lent themselves to a story from a woman's point of view. I was especially inspired by *The Winner Takes It All*. It portrays such a rollercoaster of emotions and is the perfect centrepiece to a woman's story. The musical premiered in the West End in 1999, inspiring a 2008 film with a 2018 sequel: *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again*. What next, a book? ■



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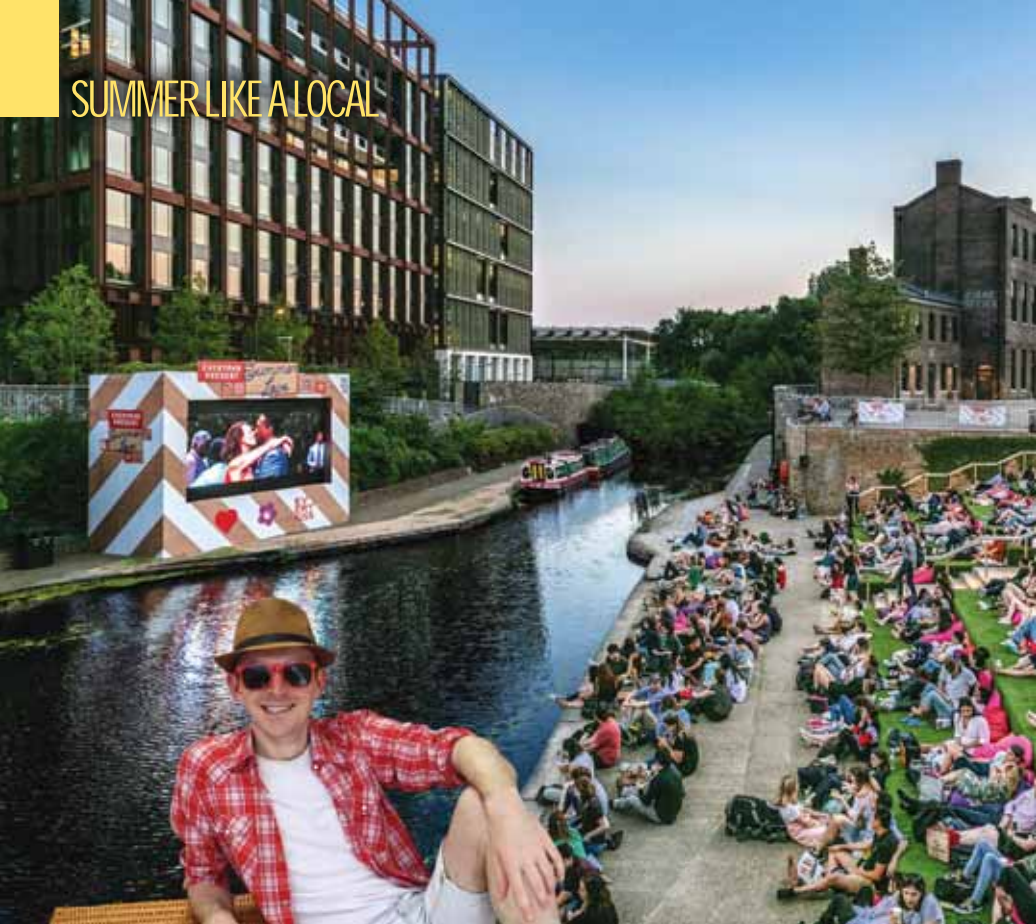
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**A**s the sun shines and the mercury rises, London comes to life. But when a city with a population of more than eight million comes to life, it can become a little bit busy (and sweaty). So, where can a visitor get insider tips on how a Londoner keeps cool, enjoys the outdoors and avoids crowd-surfing all the way to a refreshing drink? The answers lie here, with my guide to enjoying summer like a local.

First things first: my absolute mega-tip is that you should expect the weather to turn cold at any second (this is England, after all), so bring a blanket or your biggest, cosiest jumper with you, everywhere. You can thank me later.

### ALFRESCO NO-NOS

As George Michael once sang: 'Let's go outside, in the sunshine.' Good idea! There's nothing that we love more than going alfresco when the sun comes out. If you'd like to see a Londoner in their natural habitat in summer, simply head to any central London pub with pavement space between 5.30pm and 7pm on a weekday for a lively, fun atmosphere. If you would like a relaxing evening however, do the opposite.

Many central London restaurants put a few tables and chairs outside when the temperature rises, but don't be fooled: you could end up sharing your dinner with traffic fumes, two metres from the gutter. To alfresco like a Londoner, I would suggest picking a high, lesser-known rooftop bar, finding a pretty, tucked-away restaurant courtyard or having a picnic in a park.

I regularly visit the Sky Garden in the City, at the top of the 'Walkie-Talkie' building. It's massive, free to enter and has a very long terrace with breathtaking views – visit during the middle of a work day to beat the queues. I would also suggest Bökan in Canary Wharf. This 39th-floor bar is tricky to find, but that means you'll be sharing its brilliant drinks, huge terrace and impressive London vistas with fewer people.

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Sky Garden

I would urge you to visit hidden dining courtyards including Soho's Ham Yard, Kingly Court off Carnaby Street, Hoxton Square near Old Street and Bleeding Heart Yard in Farringdon. Other favourites are Kenwood on Hampstead Heath, Frederick's in Islington's Camden Passage, Gallery Mess next to the Saatchi Gallery in Chelsea, Pop Brixton and, finally, Ognisko in Exhibition Road, which is convenient for South Kensington's museums.

If you do choose to picnic in a London park, you'll be spoilt for choice – but don't forget, if you discover any areas filled with deckchairs, there's a charge to sit in them.

My top tip is to catch the Overground to Haggerston in east London. I used to live there and the canal is a superb place to spend a lazy day in the sun. You'll find lots of unusual waterside cafés and restaurants (the Venezuelan Arepa & Co is my favourite) and it's a good example of the creative shabbiness that Hackney is loved for. [www.skygarden.london](http://www.skygarden.london); [www.bokanlondon.co.uk](http://www.bokanlondon.co.uk); [www.arepaandco.com](http://www.arepaandco.com)

### OUTDOOR CINEMA

I always take advantage of the city's outdoor cinema screens, which pop up all over the place. Many of them are free, they have a festival atmosphere and they nearly always have street

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food and drinks on sale. I usually choose Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens because even though it's close to Vauxhall station, the screen is in a big field and the traffic feels far away. It usually shows light-hearted classics (I watched *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* last year). You can see this summer's choices online.

Another great outdoor screen that I discovered last year is adjacent to Granary Square in King's Cross (to 14 Jul). The entire area was recently redeveloped and includes amphitheatre-style seats that descend to a canal, with the screen installed on the opposite bank; if you sit in the front row, you'll get to meet swans and ducks as they float past. Films are shown every day

and evening and key Wimbledon tennis matches are screened, too. It's all free, but you do need to book tickets online in advance to secure a space. [www.vauxhallone.co.uk](http://www.vauxhallone.co.uk); [www.kingscross.co.uk](http://www.kingscross.co.uk)







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## TUBE SURVIVAL 101

During a heatwave, the London Underground is not your friend. It retains heat that stays down there for days, which means that even if the rain clouds have arrived outside, deep in the bowels of London it's sweaty. During last summer's heatwave, I watched a tourist concentrate hard on not passing out while she was on the Central line. So, if it's very hot outside and you can avoid the Tube, I recommend doing so.

Of course, that is not always an option, so my Top Hot Tube Tips are: pull the windows down between the train carriages, which lets in lots of air, and stand near them; definitely avoid rush hour, which is approximately 7.30am-9.30am and 5pm-6.30pm; carry a fan; the hottest Tube line is the Bakerloo line, followed by the Central line, so try to avoid those in the heat.

## TUBE ALTERNATIVES

How does a Londoner skip the Underground during a heatwave? That depends on where you live, but as I live in Stratford I cannot avoid the Central line. If I lived close to the Thames, I would use river services. Download the Citymapper app, which gives you journey suggestions for wherever you wish to go, including boats.

London's River Bus is provided by MBNA Thames Clippers and it's inexpensive. To travel east from Westminster to Greenwich costs an adult about £7 with an Oyster card. Alternatively, use the buses, sit at the top (the bottom deck is roasting) and push the windows open.

Londoners often say that this city rewards walkers: there's so much packed in that you could pick one area and spend a day there, which means that you'll minimise humid public transport time. [www.citymapper.com](http://www.citymapper.com); [www.thamesclippers.com](http://www.thamesclippers.com)

Eating alfresco

## HERE COMES THE SUN

London gets hot, hot, hot, but it's not just about temperature: the sun's still going to reach you in this building-stuffed metropolis, so wear at least 30 SPF sunscreen

## SUMMER-FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOODS

### Paddington

It's not just a train station! The Grand Union Canal runs through it. You can enjoy floating restaurants, try paddleboarding or even hire a boat and sail it yourself with GoBoat London. Then you can stroll to Little Venice, which is as pretty as its name suggests.

### Hampstead

Most Londoners can only dream of a garden, so it's no surprise that we love Hampstead Heath: being removed from the city means that it's a little calmer and there's more room to roam. Explore the beautiful Hill Gardens surrounding Hampstead Pergola, enjoy culture at Keats House, or swim in the Heath's natural ponds for a few pounds.

### London Fields

For a slice of the millennial Londoner life, explore the E8 postcode: London Fields fizzes with activity during the summer, thanks to its large park, lido (this is the British word for a public, open-air swimming pool) and proximity to Broadway Market. Hackney Council recently banned personal barbecues here, but the nearby borough of Islington permits them in all of its parks.

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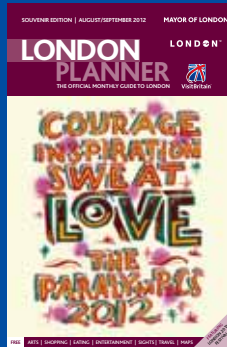
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But it wasn't all bad news: the year also saw Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit musical *Starlight Express* premiered at the Apollo Victoria Theatre; the Queen opened the Thames Barrier in Greenwich, which is designed to protect London from floods; Everton won the FA Cup at Wembley and Princess Diana gave birth to Prince Harry.

It was also the year that *London Planner* was born, in July – just as Frankie Goes to Hollywood's *Two Tribes* was topping the charts. Early issues had just 20 or so pages and were printed in black

and white, but like today they still featured handy listings for sights, theatre, sports and museums and galleries, as well as a useful Theatreland map.

Much has changed since then – for London and *London Planner*. We've since introduced a welcome letter from the Mayor of London, more pages and features, sections dedicated to shopping, eating out and nightlife, plus bus, boat and Tube maps. There's also a section called Britain Planner, which inspires you to take trips out of the capital. And it's all still free.

Loyal readers might remember our souvenir issues to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee (Jun-Jul 2012); the London Olympics (Jul-Aug 2012) and London Paralympics (Aug-Sep 2012).

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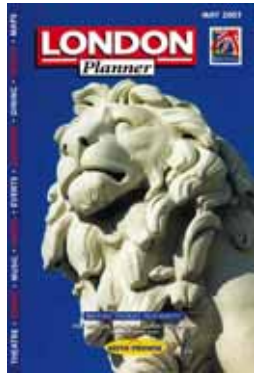
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# THE INSIDE TRACK

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Check out the station's summer picnic pop-up area (22 Jul-31 Aug), and take a snap in front of the storybook selfie seat, just outside the newly refurbished Hatchards bookstore. Enjoy special events including food sampling, workshops and readings, or simply sit and enjoy your picnic treats. Afterwards, head upstairs to St Pancras Brasserie and Champagne Bar by Searcys, which has a summer pop-up inspired by the art of travel, transforming Europe's longest Champagne bar into London's most stylish pre-holiday destination. Guests are invited to soak up the charm of the station as they enjoy

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Clockwise from this image: The station; L'Occitane; a hamper; Jeff Goldblum on the piano



## EAT AND DRINK

St Pancras International is home to cafés and restaurants, bars and pubs which cater to all tastes, time frames and dietary preferences. If you're looking for somewhere to enjoy traditional pub classics, check out The Betjeman Arms, which serves a range of dishes for lunch and dinner as well as a variety of Sunday roasts and locally brewed beers. There's also everything you might want for food and drink on-the-move, from salads and baguettes at Sourced Market, Benugo or Chop'd to smoothies at Joe & The Juice. Or cool down with a delicious dairy-free ice cream from the Dappa pop-up at Sourced Market. When you need a quick refreshment, there's a water fountain on the outside of the station or retailers such as Neal's Yard Remedies offer free water refills if you take in your bottle.

## MUSIC

Since launching their renowned public pianos, the likes of Elton John, Jools Holland and Jeff Goldblum have tinkled the ivories. Fancy a go? ▶

Top up your water bottle





From top: Sip bubbly and enjoy afternoon tea at St Pancras Brasserie and Champagne Bar by Searcys; a statue of Sir John Betjeman

If you film your performance, tag St Pancras International on social media and you could be featured on one of its special Music Mondays posts! For more musical moments, seek out the free-to-play jukebox which has more than 57,000 songs to choose from.

### ART & CULTURE

Arty types shouldn't miss Martin Jennings' statue of Sir John Betjeman on The Grand Terrace. The late Poet Laureate is credited for saving the station from demolition in the 1960s and this summer, in celebration of its ties to poetry, you can read a series of poems that were composed by local schools on boards on The Grand Terrace. You can also see sculptor Paul Day's 9m bronze statue *The Meeting Place*, nicknamed '*The Lovers*', and Tracey Emin's iconic '*I want my time with you*' artwork hanging above the Eurostar trains, which is a popular picture opportunity at the station. ■



### FIND OUT MORE

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# Afternoon teas

Loosen your belt for a whistle-stop tour of some of London's newest and quirkiest afternoon teas

## ***The Tiger Who Came to Tea at The Savoy***

If you're visiting London with children in tow, this afternoon tea is a must-do. Launched last year to mark the 50th anniversary of the treasured children's book of the same name, by the late Judith Kerr, the whimsical menu enchants kids and grown-ups alike. Little ones can dig into a feast of teatime treats, including sandwiches, tiger-striped scones and pastries that reference moments in the story, all of which are served up on chinaware inspired by the picture book. [www.thesavoylondon.com](http://www.thesavoylondon.com)

## ***London Landmarks Afternoon Tea at Town House at The Kensington***

Take a sugar-coated tour of the capital's most iconic buildings with this new-for-2019 afternoon tea. Paying homage to London's attractions, the tea is presented on a London Eye-inspired tea stand

and is served alongside an illustrated map of London. Prepare to be seriously wowed by The Shard made of carrot cake, the 'Gherkin' crafted from dark and white chocolate ganache, a rhubarb mousse telephone box and a Big Ben lemon curd tart, as well as scones. The savoury selection features British classics such as steak and London Ale pie, Colston Bassett Stilton and broccoli quiche, crab cake and sandwiches. [www.townhousekensington.com](http://www.townhousekensington.com)

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### **Prêt-à-Portea: The Dior Couture Collection at The Berkeley**

Fashionistas will love this stylish afternoon tea, which sees legendary Dior designs creatively crafted into cakes. Inspired by the Victoria and Albert Museum's exhibition *Christian Dior: Designer of Dreams*, this afternoon tea transforms designer pieces into exquisite biscuits, bakes and fancies. The collection features a red velvet cake inspired by the Lady Dior handbag, while a bottle of Miss Dior eau de parfum is reimagined as a lychee and raspberry cake. Your tea includes a flavoursome collection of miniature savoury skewers, taster spoons, canapés and sandwiches, washed down with a choice of loose-leaf teas.

[www.the-berkeley.co.uk](http://www.the-berkeley.co.uk)

### **Mad Hatter's Afternoon Tea at Sanderson London**

Feel as though you're hosting your own Mad Hatter's tea party in London with this magical afternoon tea. You'll thoroughly appreciate this trip down the rabbit hole, with clever touches including vintage-book menus and quirky delicacies, such as a King of Hearts croque-monsieur and a March Hare vanilla pocket watch macaron. Wash it all down

with Alice's exotic fruits 'Drink Me' potion and a glass of Champagne for good measure. For traditionalists, there are warm fluffy scones, clotted cream and fruit preserve, paired with Alice-inspired tea infusions. [www.morganshotelgroup.com](http://www.morganshotelgroup.com)

### **Afternoon tea aboard the Bustronome**

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# Sightseeing

White Drawing Room  
at Buckingham Palace

## From one queen to another

The mighty doors to London's most famous dwelling swing open this month, inviting the general public to peek into the world of Queen Elizabeth II. If you dream of stepping inside **Buckingham Palace**, here's your chance.

This year's **Summer Opening** (from 20 Jul; p. 31) includes an exhibition marking 200 years since the birth of the Queen's great-great grandmother, Victoria. *Queen Victoria's Palace* looks at how the young monarch transformed the palace from an unfinished, partially decorated monolith into a national focal point.

Like Elizabeth, Victoria ascended the throne at a young age and quickly moved to her new home from Kensington Palace. The exhibition illustrates her youth with a portrait by Thomas Sully, which was completed while she was a teenage queen.

Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha at the age of 20. Seventeen years and nine children later, Buckingham Palace was

starting to feel a bit cramped for such a large family – it hasn't always been the massive, four-sided structure that you see today. After £70,000 was raised, the East Wing was finished in 1849, closing the square and introducing Buckingham Palace's now-famous balcony.

Aside from *Queen Victoria's Palace*, the *Summer Opening* of Buckingham Palace is a real treat. Ticketholders are granted access to the 19 state rooms and the tour ends as they enter the beautiful garden, covering 160,000sqm and the scene of many royal garden parties.

If you are considering visiting Kensington Palace during your trip, then you may not be surprised to find out that it is also celebrating Victoria's 200th birthday, too. Its two exhibitions explore Victoria's royal childhood at Kensington Palace, as well as the private life behind her carefully managed public image.

– Neil Simpson

Kensington Palace



Right: Thomas Sully's portrait of Queen Victoria



Left: Dress worn by Queen Victoria



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### SIGHTSEEING

#### BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The London residence and principal workplace of the British monarch has 775 rooms. See the Changing the Guard ceremony from 10am.

**NEW From 20 Jul:** *Summer Opening.* Tour 19 state rooms, the garden and *Queen Victoria's Palace* exhibition (p. 30). Daily 9.30am-7.30pm. Adult £25; child £14. *The Mall, SW1A 1AA.* T: 030-3123 7300. [www.rct.uk/buckingham-palace](http://www.rct.uk/buckingham-palace). Station: Victoria/Green Park. F6/F7.

#### CHANGING THE GUARD

Watch the changing of the Queen's Guard on the Palace's forecourt (except in very wet weather), as one regiment takes over from another. The Queen's Guard consists of the St James's Palace and Buckingham Palace detachments. The New Guard, which during the course of the ceremony becomes the Queen's Guard, marches to Buckingham Palace from Wellington Barracks.

From 10am; please check for dates; free to attend. *Buckingham Palace, The Mall, SW1A 1AA.* T: 030-3123 7300. [www.householddivision.org.uk](http://www.householddivision.org.uk). Station: Victoria/Green Park. F6/F7.

#### CHISWICK HOUSE & GARDENS

See Old Masters on display in this manor house.

**To 8 Jul:** *Giffords Circus' Xanadu* is a tale of hippies, rock stars, nomads and police officers, set in 1973. **12-14 Jul:** *Great British Food Festival.* Food, live music, bars and more. House Mon & Wed 11am-3pm, Sat-Sun 11am-4pm; gardens daily 7am-dusk; house closed 6 Jul. House entry adult £7.80; child free. *Burlington Lane, W4 2RP.* T: 020-3141 3350. [www.chgt.org.uk](http://www.chgt.org.uk). Station: Chiswick Park. Off map.

#### CUTTY SARK

**FAMILY** Climb aboard the world's last surviving tea clipper. Meet characters from its past and discover stories of life on board. Daily 10am-5pm. Adult £15; child £7.50. Joint tickets with the Royal Observatory available. Book online to save. *Cutty Sark, King William Walk, SE10 9HT.* T: 020-8312 6608. [www.rmg.co.uk](http://www.rmg.co.uk). Station: Cutty Sark/Greenwich. Map inset.

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## GO APE LONDON

**FAMILY** Treetop obstacle courses in Battersea Park, Alexandra Palace in Wood Green and Black Park near Heathrow. Negotiate ladders, bridges and zip lines while attached to a harness during this three-and-a-half-hour experience. Check online for times and prices. *Various locations.* T: 01603-895 500. [www.goape.co.uk](http://www.goape.co.uk).

## HAM HOUSE AND GARDENS

One of Europe's greatest 17th-century houses. **7 Jul:** *A Midsummer Night's Dream.* House daily noon-4pm; garden, shop and café daily 10am-5pm. Adult £12.50; child £6.25. *Ham St, Surrey, TW10 7RS.* T: 020-8940 1950. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk). Station: Richmond. *Off map.*



## 'Down by the riverside'

Danai Dana, Contributor

Where will you soon be able to enjoy the world's longest public art commission? You guessed it: London. The city's **illuminated River** project will debut this month (late Jul) and bathe the River Thames' bridges in light, emanating from new artworks. The first four to be adorned are the Cannon Street, Southwark, Millennium and London bridges, with up to another 15 Thames crossings due to be incorporated by 2022. The installation, which will be more than two miles long when it's finished, is the work of American light artist Leo Villareal. Each artwork celebrates the stories behind its bridge, including the role it has played in connecting the northern and southern communities of London. *illuminated River* aims to bring more people to the riverside than ever before, so prepare for quite a spectacle to entice you there. [www.illuminatedriver.london](http://www.illuminatedriver.london)

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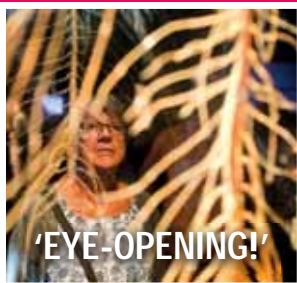
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## THE JEWEL TOWER

Built in 1365 for Edward III, this has an ornate ceiling. Daily 10am-6pm. Adult £5.70; child £3.40. *Abingdon St, SW1P 3JX. T: 020-7222 2219. [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk). Station: Westminster. F8.*

## KENSINGTON PALACE

Princess Diana's last home and the current home of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. *Victoria 2019* honours the late monarch (p. 30). Daily 10am-6pm; 20 Jul 10am-2pm. Adult £19.50, child £9.70. *Kensington Gardens, W8 4PX. T: 0844-482 7777. [www.hrp.org.uk](http://www.hrp.org.uk). Station: High Street Kensington/Queensway. Off map.*



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## ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW

Better known as Kew Gardens, this research centre and World Heritage Site has a Victorian greenhouse, Chinese pagoda and treetop walkway. Don't miss Temperate House, the world's biggest Victorian glasshouse. A children's garden for visitors aged two to 12 is also new. **9-14 Jul:** *Kew the Music*. Six concerts from performers including Billy Ocean, Jess Glynne and Garbage. **20-21 Jul:** *Science Festival*. Free workshops, shows and behind-the-scenes tours. **NEW From 20 Jul:** *Alice in Wonderland*. Outdoor theatre. Please check for times and prices. *Richmond, Surrey, TW9 3AB. T: 020-8332 5655. [www.kew.org](http://www.kew.org). Station: Kew Gardens. Off map.*

## KIDZANIA LONDON

**FAMILY** Three times the size of Trafalgar Square, this play centre has TV studios, a chocolate factory and aviation academy – there's even a tattoo parlour. 1-5 & 8-12 Jul 10am-3.30pm; 6-7 & 13-31 Jul 10am-7pm. Advance: adult from £16; child from £19. On the day: adult from £18; child from £38. *Westfield London Shopping Centre, Ariel Way, W12 7GA. T: 0330-131 3333. [www.kidzania.co.uk](http://www.kidzania.co.uk). Station: Shepherd's Bush. Map inset.*



## Flower power

The annual **RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival** (2-7 Jul; p. 60) returns with a new crop of gardens and events, all designed around the timely theme of 'reconnecting with nature'. The gardens will explore biodiversity and the future of gardening, including botanical engineering developments, a garden to encourage pollination and even a smart meter garden. Discover flora planted by people suffering from mental health illnesses, such as dementia or anxiety, in order to promote just how beneficial gardening can be for our health and wellbeing. London chef Merlin Labron-Johnson will be there, too, creating a five-course menu inspired by nature. [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)

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### THE LONDON BRIDGE EXPERIENCE & LONDON TOMBS

Learn about the 1,700-year-old London Bridge. Special effects and actors bring the experience to life. Tickets also include entry to the London Tombs, located under the bridge in a former plague pit. Check for times and prices. *2-4 Tooley St, SE1 2SY. T: 020-7403 6333. [www.thelondonbridgeexperience.com](http://www.thelondonbridgeexperience.com). Station: London Bridge. E10.*

### THE LONDON DUNGEON

Costumed actors bring the old days back to life. Not for small children or the faint-hearted. Joint tickets available with SEA LIFE London Aquarium, Coca-Cola London Eye, Madame Tussauds and Shrek's Adventure! Please check for times and prices. *County Hall, Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7PB. T: 020-7654 0809. [www.thedungeons.com](http://www.thedungeons.com). Station: Waterloo/Embankment. F8.*

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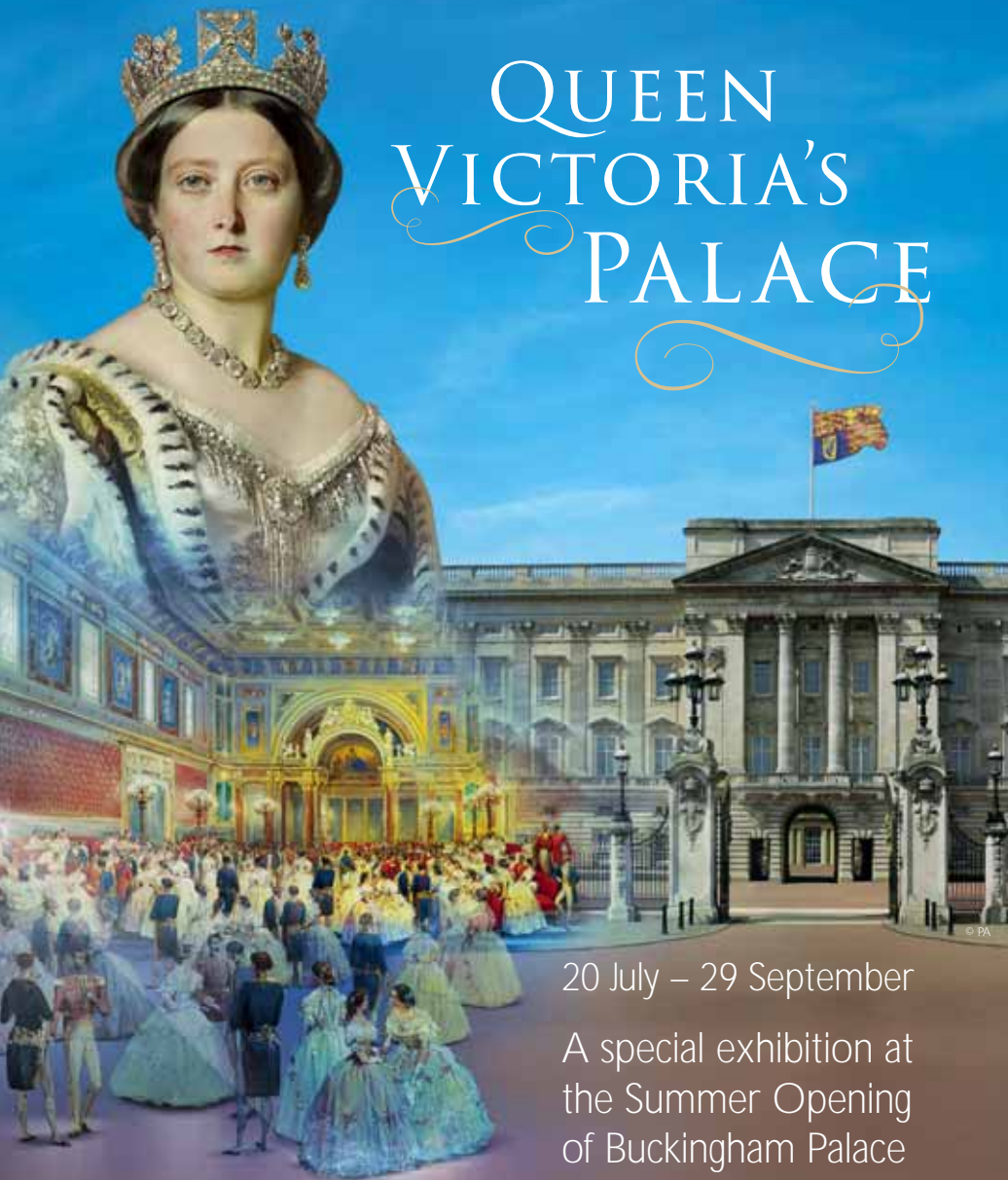
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## LONDON MITHRAEUM

This cultural hub showcases a Roman temple that was built here 2,000 years ago, to honour the god Mithras. The remains are brought to life through an immersive, multi-sensory experience.

**LAST CHANCE To 13 Jul:** *Shift.* Artist Claudia Wieser takes over SPACE (an art gallery) with fine sculptures and intricate wall decorations. Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun noon-5pm; first Thur of the month 10am-8pm. Admission free. *12 Walbrook, EC4N 8AA. T: 020-7330 7500. www.londonmithraeum.com. Station: Bank. D10.*

## ZSL LONDON ZOO

**FAMILY** The world's oldest scientific zoo has 750 species. Highlights include a penguin beach, Asiatic lions and Sumatran tigers. 'Junior Keeper for a Day' allows visitors to feed animals (p. 95).

**LAST CHANCE To 26 Jul:** *Zoo Nights.* Every Friday night, the zoo stays open late for tours, food, drink and music. Daily 10am-6pm; check online for prices. *Regent's Park, NW1 4RY. T: 020-7722 3333. www.zsl.org. Station: Camden Town. B6.*

## MADAME TUSSAUDS

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Sir Christopher Wren's riverside masterpiece, part of the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site, is home to a neoclassical chapel and the Painted Hall, which recently reopened following a major conservation project. Daily 10am-5pm. General admission free; Painted Hall adult £12, child free. *King William Walk, SE10 9NN. T: 020-8269 4799. www.ornc.org. Station: Cutty Sark/Greenwich. Map inset.*



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## SPENCER HOUSE

This aristocratic palace was built in 1766 by Earl Spencer, a relation of Princess Diana. With views of Green Park, it boasts Imperial Rome-inspired interiors. Explore eight state rooms on a one-hour guided tour. Sun 10.30am-5.30pm; Mon pre-booked groups only. Adult £15; child £12. *27 St James's Place, SW1A 1NR. T: 020-7514 1958. www.spencerhouse.co.uk. Station: Green Park. E7.*

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## ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Sir Christopher Wren's 300-year-old cathedral has stunning mosaics and a new *Great Restoration of the 1920s* exhibition, about how the cathedral moved and cracked, causing masonry to fall and smash in the nave. Climb to the Whispering Gallery and a further 271 steps to the Golden Gallery for views, then see monuments to Wren and Lord Nelson in the crypt. The admission price includes a multimedia guide and tours. Mon-Sat 8.30am-4.30pm. Adult £20; child £8.50. *St Paul's Churchyard, EC4M 8AD.* T: 020-7246 8350. [www.stpauls.co.uk](http://www.stpauls.co.uk). Station: *St Paul's.* D9/10.



## Green scene

London Mayor Sadiq Khan has launched the world's first National Park City. In the meantime, this month's **National Park City Festival** (20-28 Jul) kicks off the initiative by celebrating London's green spaces and wildlife through fun activities. There's outdoor swimming, paddleboarding, a chance to visit London's rooftop gardens for free and alfresco entertainment. [www.nationalparkcity.london/festival](http://www.nationalparkcity.london/festival)

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Visit Westminster Abbey, consecrated in 1065 (p. 48)

## TOWER BRIDGE

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## WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Consecrated in 1065, this abbey is the crowning and burial site of most English monarchs. It is also the final resting place of Charles Dickens. In 2018, the abbey unveiled a new tower that leads to The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries in the medieval triforium, which has incredible views. The space tells the story of the abbey through 300 objects. Please check for times and prices. 20 *Dean's Yard, SW1P 3PA. T: 020-7222 5152. www.westminster-abbey.org. Station: Westminster/St James's Park. F7.*



## Blenheim and the Bard

Europe's first pop-up Shakespearean theatre is coming to **Blenheim Palace** in Oxfordshire, which makes for a great day trip on the train from Paddington. ***Shakespeare's Rose Theatre*** (from 8 Jul) is modelled after an Elizabethan-style playhouse, with tiered, covered seats and an open-air standing area at its centre. There will be an Elizabethan village with local ales, ice cream and fun activities. [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com)

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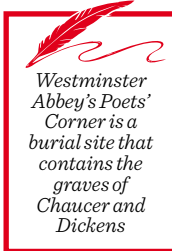
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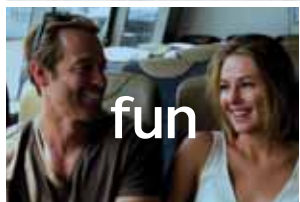
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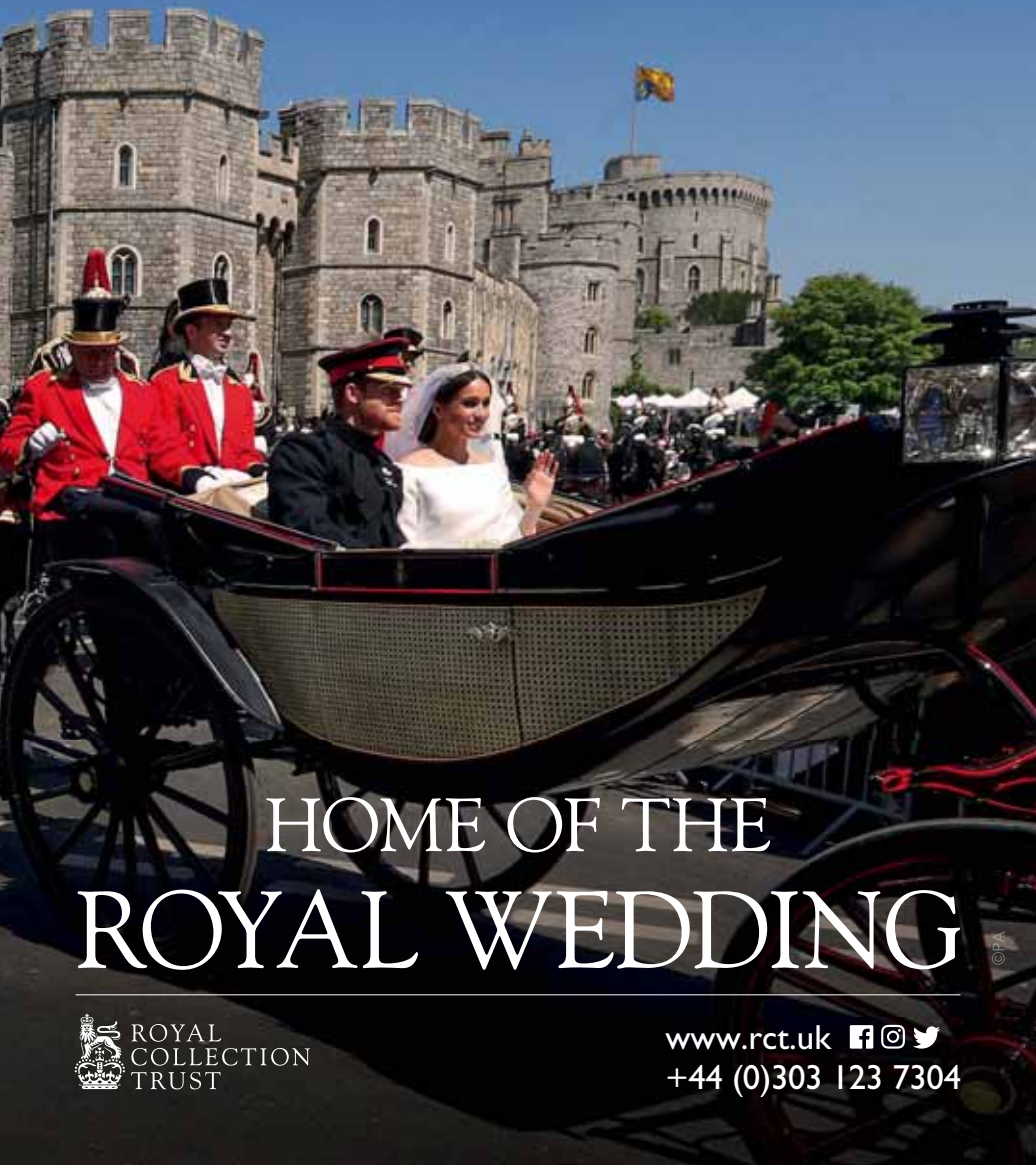
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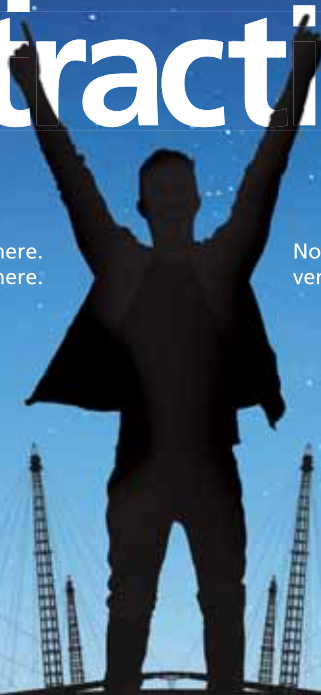
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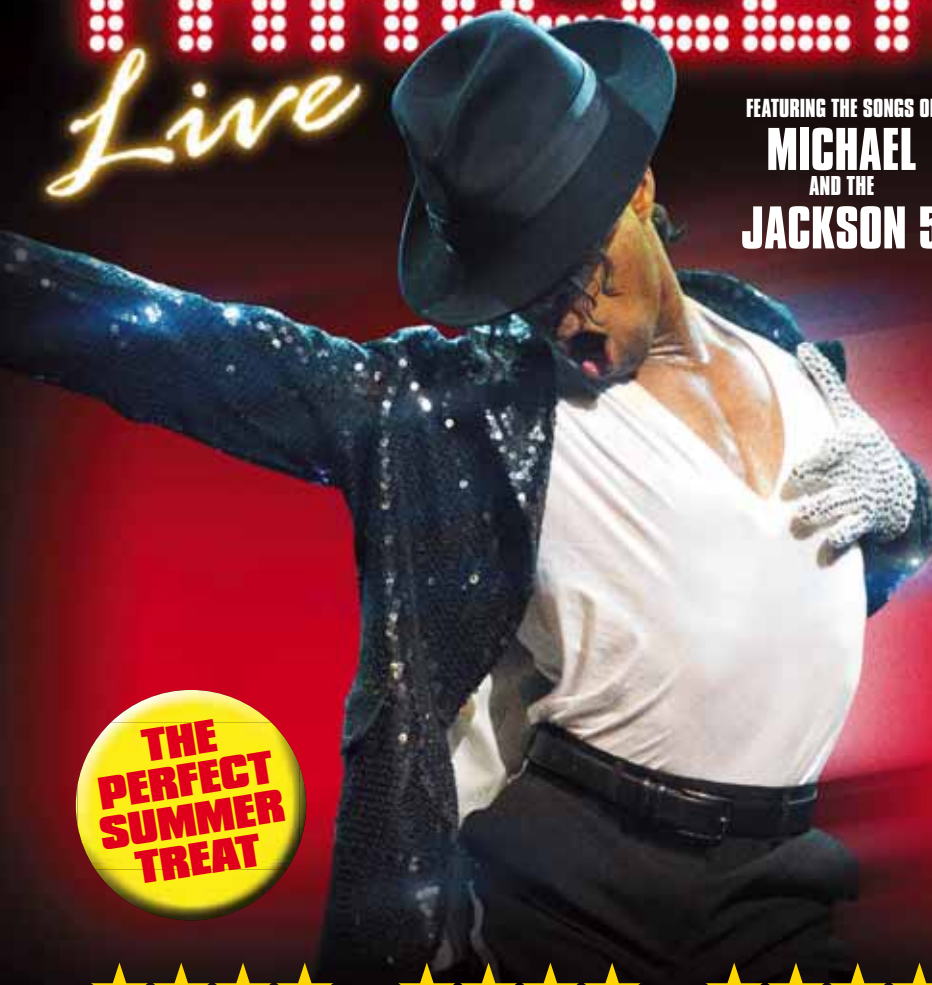
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**20-28 Jul: Tree Trail.** Enjoy this special route, designed in conjunction with London National Park City Week. *Park Rd, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 8JF. T: 020-8560 0882. www.syonpark.co.uk. Station: Syon Lane. Off map.*

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# Sightseeing

## WARWICK CASTLE

Built in 914, then enhanced by William the Conqueror in 1068, this castle has landscaped gardens designed by 'Capability' Brown, free tours by a history team, a Castle Dungeon experience, displays of medieval weaponry and a Horrible Histories maze. The new, daily Falconer's Quest attraction is billed as the UK's biggest birds of prey show. Open daily; please check for times. Castle adult £28, child £25; castle & dungeon adult £33, child £29. Advance booking (at least five days) castle adult or child £19; castle & dungeon £24. *Warwick, Warwickshire, CV34 6AH. T: 0871-265 2000. www.warwick-castle.com. Station: Warwick. Off map.*

## WINDSOR CASTLE

The Queen's weekend home and the world's oldest inhabited castle. This is where the Duke and Duchess of Sussex wed. See art by Rubens, Rembrandt and Canaletto. Changing the Guard alternate days 11am (not Sun). Daily 10am-5.15pm. Adult £22.50; child £13. *Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1NJ. T: 0303-123 7304. www.rct.uk/windsor-castle. Station: Waterloo to Windsor & Eton Central or Windsor & Eton Riverside. Off map.*

## WOBURN ABBEY AND GARDENS

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# Museums & Galleries



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## I spy with my little eye...

Head to the **Science Museum** this summer for an exciting, free exhibition exploring UK spies, ciphers and cyber security. **Top Secret** (from 10 Jul; p. 72) will detail the history of communications intelligence over the past century, including the advent of cyber security, as well as what to expect from the future.

Designed to offer a unique and informative experience to people of all ages, *Top Secret* will appeal to anyone who wishes to learn more about intelligence agencies. It's being held to mark the first 100 years of Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), which is the UK's intelligence, security and cyber agency.

Declassified files and artefacts from the private collections of the Science Museum Group and

GCHQ will be displayed, with some being shown to the public for the first time. The exhibition charts the development of gadgets and devices used for intelligence gathering over the years and explores how GCHQ keeps UK residents safe, what it takes to maintain digital security today and the challenges that operatives face.

Visitors will also be able to explore the story behind the breaking of the German Enigma code during World War II at Bletchley Park near Milton Keynes, which was famously led by Alan Turing. This period of history will also be shown from the Nazi perspective, with the inclusion of an Enigma M1070 machine captured by Britain in 1945.

Another object featured is the Pickwick secure telephone system. This innocent-looking red



Enigma M1070  
machine

telephone was used to conduct highly sensitive conversations between President Kennedy and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis. It includes a small plaque that reads 'speech is secure only when lamp glows'.

Children (and big kids) will enjoy taking part in *Top Secret's* interactive challenges, which are key to the end goal of this exhibition: GCHQ's director Jeremy Fleming explains that 'this exhibition is critical to inspire the next generation of cyber security and STEM skills [science, technology, engineering and maths] experts'.

Your mission – should you choose to accept it – won't cost you a penny, but it must be booked in advance on the Science Museum's website. – Danaï Dana

**INFO** To dial the UK, remove the first 0 and add 44. Reductions may be available online. Many venues offer free general admission, but charge entry to temporary exhibitions. Map: refers to the grid coordinates on our Central London Map (p. 122)

## MUSEUMS

### BANK OF ENGLAND MUSEUM

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

### BODY WORLDS

**FAMILY** See how every part of the human body works. Daily 10am-7pm; last Fri every month 10am-10pm. Advance (at least 24 hours) adult £24.50, child £17.50; on the day adult £25, child £18. *London Pavilion, 1 Piccadilly Circus, W1J 0DA*. T: 033-0223 3233. [www.bodyworlds.co.uk](http://www.bodyworlds.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

### THE BRITISH MUSEUM

A huge and priceless collection of antiquities. **To 26 Aug:** *The Citi Exhibition: Manga*. Manga from across Japan. 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](http://www.britishmuseum.org). Station: Russell Square. D7/8.

### CHARLES DICKENS MUSEUM

The former home of the Victorian novelist, where he wrote *Oliver Twist*. Tue-Sun & bank hols 10am-5pm. Adult £9.50; child £4.50. *48 Doughty St, WC1N 2LX*. T: 020-7405 2127. [www.dickensmuseum.com](http://www.dickensmuseum.com). Station: Russell Square. C8.

### CHURCHILL WAR ROOMS

See Churchill's World War II bunker. Daily 9.30am-7pm. Adult £22; child £11. *Clive Steps, King Charles St, SW1A 2AQ*. T: 020-7930 6961. [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk). Station: Westminster. F7.

### CLINK PRISON MUSEUM

This former prison exhibits London's penal past. Daily 10am-9pm. Adult £7.50; child £5.50. *1 Clink St, SE1 9DG*. T: 020-7403 0900. [www.clink.co.uk](http://www.clink.co.uk). Station: London Bridge. E10.

### THE DESIGN MUSEUM

Leading design museum. **To 15 Sep:** *Stanley Kubrick: The Exhibition*. Marks 20 years since his death. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for exhibits. *224-238 Kensington High St, W8 6AG*. T: 020-3862 5900. [www.designmuseum.org](http://www.designmuseum.org). Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.

## Finland's finest

Born in Helsinki in 1862, artist Helene Schjerfbeck became famous for her realist works and abstract self-portraits. The **Royal Academy of Arts** exhibition *Helene Schjerfbeck* (from 20 Jul; p. 74) showcases more than 60 of her pictures. Trace the evolution of this Finnish painter's career from its beginnings in Paris, where Schjerfbeck indulged her fascination with ageing, both in the physical and psychological senses. She incorporated masks and masquerade into her work to explore the relationship between the superficial and what lies beneath. In our social-media age, that's something many visitors will relate to.



### THE GUARDS MUSEUM

Discover the history of the Foot Guards, who protect the royal family. Daily 10am-4pm. Adult £8; child free. *Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, SW1E 6HQ*. T: 020-7414 3271. [www.theguardsmuseum.com](http://www.theguardsmuseum.com). Station: St James's Park. D5.

### HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY MUSEUM

Learn about the Queen's horses. Daily 10am-6pm. Adult £8.50; child £6.50. *Horse Guards Parade, SW1A 2AX*. T: 020-7930 3070. [www.householdcavalrymuseum.co.uk](http://www.householdcavalrymuseum.co.uk). Station: Westminster. E7.

### IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Displays relating to conflicts, from World War I to recent confrontations. Check for times and prices. *Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HZ*. T: 020-7416 5000. [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk). Station: Lambeth North. F9.

### LEIGHTON HOUSE MUSEUM

The former home of Lord Frederic Leighton. Wed-Mon 10am-5.30pm; 3pm tour every Wed and Sun. Adult £9; child free. *12 Holland Park Rd, W14 8LZ*. T: 020-7602 3316. [www.rbkc.gov.uk](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk). Station: Kensington Olympia. Off map.

### LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM

The story of London's transport system. Daily 10am-6pm. Adult £18; child free. *Covent Garden Piazza, WC2E 7BB*. T: 020-7379 6344. [www.lt-museum.co.uk](http://www.lt-museum.co.uk). Station: Covent Garden. E8.

### THE MUSEUM OF FREEMASONRY

English Freemasonry emerged in the 1700s and is celebrated at this museum. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Admission free. *Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen St, WC2B 5AZ*. T: 020-7395 9257. [www.freemasonrylondon.museum](http://www.freemasonrylondon.museum). Station: Holborn. D8.

### MUSEUM OF LONDON

The world's largest urban history museum. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free. *150 London Wall, EC2Y 5HN*. T: 020-7001 9844. [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk). Station: Barbican. D10.

### MUSEUM OF LONDON DOCKLANDS

The history of the River Thames, including the Docklands regeneration. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free. T: 020-7001 9844. [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk). Station: West India Quay. Off map.

### NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

**FAMILY** The world's largest maritime museum (p. 72). Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free. *Romney Rd, SE10 9NF*. T: 020-8858 4422. [www.rmg.co.uk](http://www.rmg.co.uk). Station: Greenwich. Map inset.

### NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Exhibits range from dinosaur skeletons to fossils. Daily 10am-5.50pm. Admission free; charges for some exhibitions. *Cromwell Rd, SW7 5BD*. T: 020-7942 5000. [www.nhm.ac.uk](http://www.nhm.ac.uk). Station: South Kensington. F4.

# A hidden gem in London

**F**ound between Covent Garden and Holborn Tube stations, the Museum of Freemasonry is a hidden gem in central London. Based in Freemasons' Hall, one of the capital's original Art Deco landmark buildings, the museum tells the story of freemasonry through its unique collection.

Did you know freemasons have been at Great Queen Street for almost 300 years? In what is the third Freemasons' Hall on this street, the Grade II-listed building that stands today is the home of English Freemasonry and houses one of the world's important collections.

Open to the public from Monday to Saturday, with free entry, you can discover the history of this social and charitable organisation through the colourful regalia and curious objects on display. Freemasons love to decorate everything they own with a hidden language of symbols and pictures, so this collection includes silver, glass, ceramics and furniture, as well as paintings, jewellery and books.

Between the two galleries and library, you can wander around the museum enjoying the friendly atmosphere and learn about the Grand Master's gigantic gold throne, originally built for the Prince of Wales, who

later became King George IV. How about the badges made using scrap metal? These were created by British freemasons who managed to meet while in Changi Prison, Singapore, during World War II. There are fine examples of 18th-century craft on display too, such as the hand-stitched aprons worn during lodge meetings in bawdy taverns, where masons including the poet Robert Burns and the American patriot Benjamin Franklin would gather.

We welcome all visitors to the museum, so no, you won't need to know a special handshake to enter. So come in, enjoy the museum, join a free daily tour and explore an intricate history brought to light.

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## 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](http://www.oldoperatingtheatre.com). Station: London Bridge. E10.

## THE POSTAL MUSEUM

**FAMILY** The story of postal history. Don't miss a ride on the Mail Rail. Daily 10am-5pm. Adult £17; child £12. *15-20 Phoenix Place, WC1X 0DA*. T: 030-0030 0700. [www.postalmuseum.org](http://www.postalmuseum.org). Station: Russell Square. C8.

## QUEEN'S HOUSE

This royal villa was designed by Inigo Jones. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free. *Romney Rd, SE10 9NF*. T: 020-8858 4422. [www.rmg.co.uk](http://www.rmg.co.uk). Station: Cutty Sark. Map inset.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE MUSEUM

**FAMILY** Explore more than 100 aeroplanes. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free. *Grahame Park Way, NW9 5LL*. T: 020-8205 2266. [www.rafmuseum.org.uk](http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk). Station: Colindale. Off map.

## SCIENCE MUSEUM

**FAMILY** Science, technology and medical achievements (p. 68). Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibits. *Exhibition Rd, SW7 2DD*. T: 0333-241 4000. [www.sciencemuseum.org.uk](http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk). Station: South Kensington. F4.

## SIR JOHN SOANE'S MUSEUM

The former home of the neoclassical architect. Wed-Sun & bank hols 10am-5pm. Admission free. *13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2A 3BP*. T: 020-7405 2107. [www.soane.org](http://www.soane.org). Station: Holborn. D8.

## SOMERSET HOUSE

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

## THE VAULT

Now part of Hard Rock Cafe, this room is 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](http://www.hardrock.com). Station: Hyde Park Corner. E6.

## VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM

The display spans 3,000 years and includes fashion and textiles. Sat-Thur 10am-5.45pm; Fri 10am-10pm. Admission free; charges for exhibits. *Cromwell Rd, SW7 2RL*. T: 020-7942 2000. [www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk). Station: South Kensington. F4/5.

## WELLCOME COLLECTION

Artefacts relating to health. Tue-Wed & Fri-Sun 10am-6pm; Thur 10am-9pm. Admission free. *183 Euston Rd, NW1 2BE*. T: 020-7611 2222. [www.wellcomecollection.org](http://www.wellcomecollection.org). Station: Euston. C7.



**'See objects that have been to the moon'**

**Danaï Dana,**  
Contributor

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, the **National Maritime Museum** in Greenwich is launching **The Moon** (from 19 Jul; p. 70). The exhibition will explore humanity's evolving relationship with our lunar neighbour, from early man through to today. It includes pieces from the Royal Astronomical Society, the Science Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum, as well as artefacts from the Apollo Space Programme. Expect to see objects that have been to the moon, as well as artworks from various periods that were inspired by it. This is set to be an out-of-this-world show.



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### THE NATIONAL GALLERY

One of the world's greatest art galleries. **LAST CHANCE To 7 Jul:** *Sorolla: Master of Light*. See the Impressionist's sun-dappled pieces. Sat-Thur 10am-6pm; Fri 10am-9pm. Admission free; charges for exhibits. *Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN*. T: 020-7747 2885. [www.nationalgallery.org.uk](http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk). Station: *Charing Cross*. E7.

### NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

A prominent gallery depicting British people in paintings. **To 15 Sep:** *Cindy Sherman*. A major new retrospective of works by this leading contemporary American artist. Sat-Thur 10am-6pm; Fri 10am-9pm. Admission free; charges for exhibitions. *St Martin's Place, WC2H 0HE*. T: 020-7312 2463. [www.npg.org.uk](http://www.npg.org.uk). Station: *Leicester Square*. E7.

### THE QUEEN'S GALLERY

Smart gallery adjoining Buckingham Palace. **To 13 Oct:** *Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing*. Marking 500 years since his death. To 19 Jul daily 10am-5.30pm; from 20 Jul 9.30am-5.30pm. Adult £13.50; child £6.70. *Buckingham Palace, SW1A 1AA*. T: 0303-123 7301. [www.rct.uk](http://www.rct.uk). Station: *Green Park*. F7.

### ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS

Attractive building with works in all media. **NEW From 20 Jul:** *Helene Schjerfbeck*. See the late painter's portraits (p. 70). Sat-Thur 10am-6pm; Fri 10am-10pm. Admission free; charges for exhibitions. *6 Burlington Gardens, W1J 0BD*. T: 020-7300 8000. [www.royalacademy.org.uk](http://www.royalacademy.org.uk). Station: *Green Park*. E7.

### ROYAL SOCIETY OF SCULPTORS

Hub for professional sculptors. Mon-Fri 11am-5pm. Admission free. *108 Old Brompton Rd, SW7 3RA*. T: 020-7373 8615. [www.sculptors.org.uk](http://www.sculptors.org.uk). Station: *Gloucester Road*. Off map.

### SOUTHBANK CENTRE

This sprawling arts centre is home to the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall and the newly renovated Hayward Gallery and Purcell Room. Please check for the full programme. *Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX*. T: 020-7928 3232. [www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk). Station: *Waterloo*. E8.

### TATE BRITAIN

The nation's leading collection of British art. **To 11 Aug:** *The EY Exhibition: Van Gogh and Britain*. More than 45 works by the artist. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Millbank, SW1P 4RG*. T: 020-7887 8888. [www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk). Station: *Pimlico*. G8.

### TATE MODERN

International modern art. Sun-Thur 10am-6pm; Fri-Sat 10am-10pm. Admission free; charges for exhibitions. *Bankside, SE1 9TG*. T: 020-7887 8888. [www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk). Station: *Southwark*. E9.

## Feel the electricity

The legendary Greek artist Takis is coming to **Tate Modern** with his first exhibition in the UK since the 1960s. The 93-year-old sculptor incorporates magnetism, light and sounds into his paintings, sculptures and music, which investigate energy. **Takis** (from 3 Jul) presents his antenna-like sculptures, which he calls 'Signals', as well as his music via magnets and electricity. Explore a long career that has impressed everyone from the American Beat poets to artists such as Marcel Duchamp.



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# Entertainment

*'If you're not loyal to one genre, then you'll love Lovebox'*

Whether you're a fan of pop, rap or mixing it up, London's festivals have covered all grounds. Listen to household names at **British Summer Time** in Hyde Park (5-14 Jul), where the special guests are as famous as the headliners. Céline Dion opens the festival on the Friday. Hot on her heels will be the 25-time Grammy Award winner Stevie Wonder on the Saturday, with special guest Lionel Richie (see what we mean about special guests?). Florence Welch from the indie-rock band Florence + the Machine will also sing songs from their *High as Hope* album on the Great Oak Stage, supported by indie band The National.

On the Sunday, let's hope it doesn't rain on our parade... but if it does, at least Barbra Streisand will be belting out her greatest hits. She'll be supported by Bryan Ferry and Kris Kristofferson. Pop star Robbie Williams will round things off, along with special guests The Black Eyed Peas, Keane and Texas ([www.bst-hydepark.com](http://www.bst-hydepark.com)).

**Wireless** in Finsbury Park (5-7 Jul), meanwhile, has morphed from a mix-tape party in 2005 (with New Order, Basement Jaxx, James Blunt and Supergrass) to a rap one: Cardi B headlines with hip-hop group Migos on the main stage. Travis Scott and Future perform on the Saturday, followed by hip-hop duo Rae Sremmurd and A\$AP Rocky on the Sunday ([www.wirelessfestival.co.uk](http://www.wirelessfestival.co.uk)).

If you're not loyal to one genre, then you'll love **Lovebox** (12-13 Jul), which moved to its current location in Gunnersbury Park in 2018. This summer, Beyoncé's sister Solange headlines with R&B, hip-hop and soul, as well as the Latin American hip-hop group Cypress Hill. The festival will go out with a bang on the Saturday thanks to electronic DJ Annie Mac from BBC Radio 1 and Chance the Rapper – the clue's in his name ([www.wirelessfestival.co.uk](http://www.wirelessfestival.co.uk)).

– Sarah Riches



Robbie Williams



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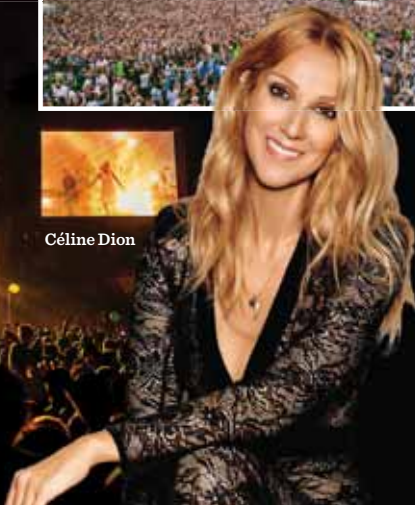
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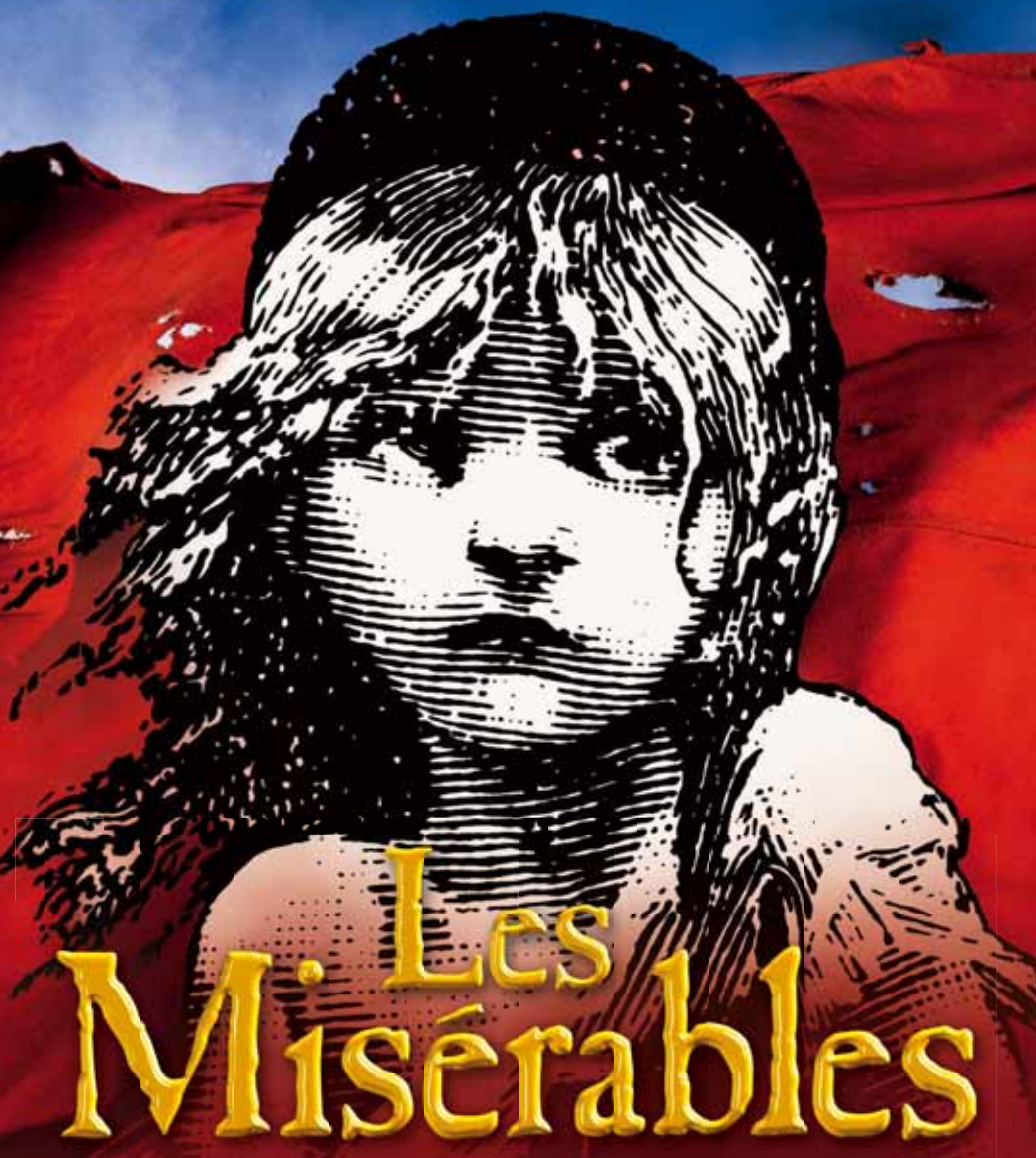
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## MUSICALS & PERFORMANCES

### ALADDIN

**FAMILY** 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](http://www.aladdinthemusical.co.uk). Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.*

### THE BOOK OF MORMON

Satire about two missionaries from the Church of Latter Day Saints. Check for times. Tickets £29.75-£100. *Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry St, W1D 6AS. T: 0844-482 5110. [www.bookofmormonlondon.com](http://www.bookofmormonlondon.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

### COME FROM AWAY

Upbeat musical. Check for times. Tickets £24-£108. *Phoenix Theatre, 110 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0JP. T: 0843-316 1082. [www.phoenixtheatre.london.co.uk](http://www.phoenixtheatre.london.co.uk). Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.*

### THE CRYSTAL MAZE LIVE EXPERIENCE

Interactive experience based on a retro TV show. Check for times and prices. *22-32 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7EJ. T: 0161-791 0727. [www.the-crystal-maze.com](http://www.the-crystal-maze.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

### EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE

Feel-good musical about a 16-year-old boy who overcomes prejudice. Check for times. Tickets £20-£85. *Apollo, 31 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7ES. T: 033-0333 4809. [www.everybodystalkingaboutjamie.co.uk](http://www.everybodystalkingaboutjamie.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. D7.*

### FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Trevor Nunn directs this classic musical, which is set in Russia. Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Tue, Thur & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £20-£125. *Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Ave, WC2N 5DE. T: 0844-871 7631. [www.atgtickets.com](http://www.atgtickets.com). Station: Embankment. E8.*

### HAMILTON

Award-winning hip-hop musical about the USA's founding father, Alexander Hamilton. Check for times and prices. *Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria St, SW1E 5EA. T: 0844-482 5138. [www.hamiltonthemusical.co.uk](http://www.hamiltonthemusical.co.uk). Station: Victoria. F6.*

### THE ILLUSIONISTS

**NEW From 6 Jul:** Magic (p. 84). Check for times. Tickets £27-£125. *Shaftesbury Theatre, 210 Shaftesbury Ave, WC2H 8DP. T: 020-7379 5399. [www.shaftesburytheatre.com](http://www.shaftesburytheatre.com). Station: Holborn. D8.*



## A super show

After two summers at Regent's Park Open Air Theatre, **Jesus Christ Superstar** transfers to the Barbican (from 4 Jul; p. 80). With music and lyrics by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Sir Tim Rice, the musical has toured the world and, after its stint in Regent's Park, it won an Olivier Award. I saw it twice and was blown away by its choreography as well as its contemporary interpretation of Jesus' crucifixion, which sees him being lashed with gold glitter as violently as if real whips had been used. Robert Tripolino, Ricardo Afonso and Matt Cardle star.



**Sarah Riches,**  
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You think you've seen it all, then you watch Another Kind of Blue. This amazing dance troupe from the Netherlands reached the 2016 final of *Britain's Got Talent* – and now it's bringing *Flirt with Reality* to **The Peacock** (9–14 Jul; p. 91). Choreographer David Middendorp creates dream-like shows by setting routines against virtual backdrops. Dancers collide with drones, robots and animation, making it appear as if they're climbing ladders, jumping between stepping stones and falling through clouds that aren't really there. Don't miss it – it's out of this world.

### **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**

**NEW From 4 Jul:** Award-winning musical (p. 78). Check for times. Tickets £15–£62.50. *Barbican, Silk St, EC2Y 8DS*. T: 020-7638 8891. [www.barbican.org.uk](http://www.barbican.org.uk). Station: Barbican. C10.

### **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**

Sheridan Smith stars in this classic musical. Check for times. Tickets £20–£150. *London Palladium, Argyll St, W1F 7TF*. T: 0844-412 2704. [www.reallyusefultheatres.co.uk](http://www.reallyusefultheatres.co.uk). Station: Oxford Circus. D7.

### **LES MISÉRABLES**

**LAST CHANCE To 13 Jul:** The musical will return in December. Check for times. Tickets £42.25–£177.25. *Queen's Theatre, 51 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 6BA*. T: 0844-482 5160. [www.lesmis.com](http://www.lesmis.com). Station: Leicester Square/Piccadilly Circus. D8.

### **THE LION KING**

**FAMILY** Adaptation of the Disney film. Please check for times. Tickets £23–£200.25. *Lyceum, 21 Wellington St, WC2E 7RQ*. T: 0844-871 3000. [www.thelionking.co.uk](http://www.thelionking.co.uk). Station: Covent Garden. E8.

### **MAMMA MIA!**

A tribute to Swedish band ABBA. Mon–Sat 7.45pm; Thur & Sat 3pm. Tickets £27.25–£127.25. *Novello, Aldwych, WC2B 4LD*. T: 0844-482 5115. [www.mamma-mia.com](http://www.mamma-mia.com). Station: Temple. E8.

### **MATILDA THE MUSICAL**

**FAMILY** Fantastic show based on Roald Dahl's book. Check for times. Tickets £20–£122.50. *Cambridge Theatre, 32–34 Earlham St, WC2 9HU*. T: 0844-412 4652. [www.matildathemusical.com](http://www.matildathemusical.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

### **9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL**

Dolly Parton musical. Tickets £20–£125. Mon–Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. *Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2R 0ET*. T: 0844-871 7687. [www.9to5themusical.co.uk](http://www.9to5themusical.co.uk). Station: Covent Garden. E8.

### **ON YOUR FEET!**

Gloria Estefan musical. Check for times and prices. *London Coliseum, 33 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4ES*. T: 020-7845 9300. [www.londoncoliseum.org](http://www.londoncoliseum.org). Station: Charing Cross. E8.

### **ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES: THE MUSICAL**

Comedy based on the sitcom. Mon–Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £16.80–£175. *Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1Y 4HT*. T: 020-7930 8800. [www.trh.co.uk](http://www.trh.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

### **THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**

Gothic drama in which a masked man haunts the Paris Opera House. Check for times. Tickets £25–£175. *Her Majesty's Theatre, 57 Haymarket, SW1Y 4QL*. T: 0844-412 2707. [www.thephantomoftheopera.com](http://www.thephantomoftheopera.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.





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**FAMILY** Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical. 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.*

## THRILLER LIVE

Non-stop songs and dance celebrate Michael Jackson's career. Check for times and prices. *Lyric, 29 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7ES. T: 0844-482 9674. www.thrillerlive.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

## 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.tinathe musical.com. Station: Covent Garden/Holborn. D8.*

## WAITRESS

A waitress wants to get out of her small town. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £19.50-£150. *Adelphi Theatre, 409-412 Strand, WC2R 0NS. T: 0844-579 0094. www.waitress themusical.co.uk. Station: Charing Cross. E8.*



## Time heals

Actor and DJ Idris Elba has turned his talents to the stage to bring **Tree** to the **Young Vic** (from 29 Jul; p. 88). He's teamed up with director Kwame Kwei-Armah to create this play, dance and film that's played in the round – so you'll be standing as the story unfolds around you. Following a family tragedy, Kaleo (Alfred Enoch from the *Harry Potter* films) returns to his parents' home in South Africa, where he confronts secrets and mistakes. Elba says: 'It's about that connectivity that you never lose with someone that's passed, and the more you go through the pain of that healing the better you come out on the other side.'

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## PLAYS

### BITTER WHEAT

David Mamet's play stars John Malkovich. Check for times and prices. *Garrick, 2 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0HH. T: 0844-482 9673. www.garricktheatre.org. Station: Leicester Square. E7/8.*

### THE COMEDY ABOUT A BANK ROBBERY

**FAMILY** Play about six crooks. Check for times. Tickets £10-£73.75. *Criterion, 218-223 Piccadilly, W1V 9LB. T: 0844-815 6131. www.thecomedyaboutabankrobbery.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

### FAULTY TOWERS: DINING EXPERIENCE

Theatrical experience based on the cult TV comedy (p. 8). Check for times. Tickets £70-£90. *Radisson Blu Edwardian, 9-13 Bloomsbury St, WC1B 3QD. T: 0845-154 4145. www.faultytowers-uk.com. Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.*



### Trick of the light

Who doesn't love a surprise? Seven talented stars, each with their own skill, perform spectacular tricks and stunts in *The Illusionists* at the **Shaftesbury Theatre** (from 6 Jul; p. 78).

### HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD

**FAMILY** The long-awaited parts I and II of the adaptation of JK Rowling's new story. Father-of-three Harry now works for the Ministry of Magic. Check for returns and times. *Palace Theatre, 113 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 5AY. T: 030-0333 4813. www.harrypottertheplay.com. Station: Leicester Square. D7.*

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## THE LEHMAN TRILOGY

Sam Mendes directs this drama about the collapse of Lehman Brothers bank in 2008, which triggered the largest financial crisis in history. Please check for times. Tickets £18-£145. *Piccadilly Theatre, 16 Denman St, W1D 7DY.* T: 0844-871 7630. [www.piccadillytheatre.org](http://www.piccadillytheatre.org). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## THE MOUSETRAP

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

## THE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA

**NEW From 6 Jul:** Clive Owen and Lia Williams star in Tennessee Williams' classic play, set in Mexico in 1940. Check for times and prices. *Noël Coward Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4AU.* T: 0844-482 5140. [www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk](http://www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk). Station: Leicester Square. E8.

## THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

**FAMILY** Slapstick comedy about a drama society staging a murder mystery. Tue-Sat 7.30pm; Sat 2.30pm; Sun 3pm & 7pm. Tickets £20-£72. *Duchess Theatre, 3-5 Catherine St, WC2B 5LA.* T: 0844-482 9672. [www.theplaythatgoeswrong.com](http://www.theplaythatgoeswrong.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

## PRESENT LAUGHTER

Noël Coward comedy about fame, narcissism and loneliness. Andrew Scott stars. Check for times. Tickets £12-£65. *The Old Vic, The Cut, SE1 8NB.* T: 0844-871 7628. [www.oldvictheatre.com](http://www.oldvictheatre.com). Station: Waterloo. F9.

## THE STARRY MESSENGER

Matthew Broderick makes his West End debut in this comic drama with Elizabeth McGovern. It's about an astronomer who is forced to re-evaluate his life. Check for times. Tickets £27.25-£127.25. *Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0DA.* T: 0844-482 5120. [www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk](http://www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk). Station: Leicester Square. E7.



*Harry Potter and the Cursed Child won a record-breaking nine awards at the Laurence Olivier Awards in 2017*

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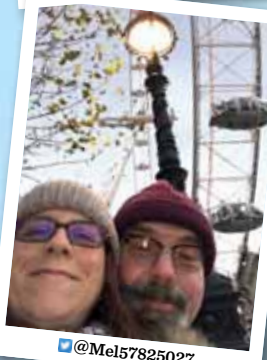
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## Entertainment

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**NEW** From 29 Jul: Kwame Kwei-Armah's new drama (p. 82). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £10-£40. *Young Vic*, 66 *The Cut*, SE1 8LZ. T: 020-7922 2922. [www.youngvic.org](http://www.youngvic.org). Station: Waterloo. F9.

### WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION

Agatha Christie's drama. Check for times. Tickets £10-£79.50. *County Hall*, *Belvedere Rd*, SE1 7PB. T: 0844-815 7141. [www.witnesscountyhall.com](http://www.witnesscountyhall.com). Station: Waterloo/Westminster. F8.

### THE WOMAN IN BLACK

Spooky Gothic story (p. 8). Check for times. Tickets £21.50-£52. *Fortune Theatre*, *Russell St*, WC2B 5HH. T: 0844-871 7626. [www.thewomaninblack.com](http://www.thewomaninblack.com). Station: Covent Garden. D8.

### FESTIVALS & EVENTS

#### BBC PROMS

**NEW** From 19 Jul: Classical music. Check for times and prices. *Royal Albert Hall*, *Kensington Gore*, SW7 2AP. T: 020-7589 8212. [www.bbc.co.uk/proms](http://www.bbc.co.uk/proms). Station: South Kensington. F4.

#### THE LUNA CINEMA

This annual summer festival screens classic films and blockbusters outdoors. Please check for times and prices. *Various locations*. T: 0844-858 6767. [www.thelunacinema.com](http://www.thelunacinema.com).

#### REGENT'S PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE

Watch shows under the stars in this Royal Park. **LAST CHANCE** To 27 Jul: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Check for times and prices. *Inner Circle*, *Regent's Park*, NW1 4NU. T: 0844-826 4242. [www.openairtheatre.com](http://www.openairtheatre.com). Station: Baker Street. C6.

#### SUMMER BY THE RIVER

Annual festival at the Scoop near City Hall. *London Bridge City*, SE1 2DB. [www.londonbridgecity.co.uk](http://www.londonbridgecity.co.uk). Station: London Bridge. E11.

#### UNDERBELLY FESTIVAL

Comedy, circus, cabaret and family shows. Check for times and prices. *Belvedere Road Coach Park*, SE1 8XX. T: 0844-545 8252. [www.underbellyfestival.com](http://www.underbellyfestival.com). Station: Waterloo. E8.

#### CONCERTS: POP, JAZZ & WORLD

##### BARBICAN

13 Jul: Amadou & Mariam with The Blind Boys of Alabama. 7.30pm. Please check for prices. *Silk St*, EC2Y 8DS. T: 020-7638 8891. [www.barbican.org.uk](http://www.barbican.org.uk). Station: Barbican. C10.





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56 Ronnie Scott's .....	A1	61 Southbank Centre .....	C3
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### THE JAZZ CAFE

Live music venue and club. **22-23 Jul:** Evelyn King. Check for times and prices. *5 Parkway, NW1 7PG. T: 0844-847 2514. [www.thejazzcafelondon.com](http://www.thejazzcafelondon.com). Station: Camden Town. Off map.*

### THE O2

Enormous venue for live music. **11 Jul:** Kiss. Check for times and prices. *Peninsula Square, SE10 0AX. T: 0844-856 0202. [www.theo2.co.uk](http://www.theo2.co.uk). Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.*

### WEMBLEY

**6 Jul:** The Who, Eddie Vedder and the Kaiser Chiefs. Check for times and prices. *Wembley, HA9 0WS. T: 0800-169 2007. [www.wembleystadium.com](http://www.wembleystadium.com). Station: Wembley Stadium. Off map.*

### CONCERTS: CLASSICAL

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

Lunchtime and evening concerts and recitals. *Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JJ. T: 020-7766 1100. [www.smitf.org](http://www.smitf.org). Station: Charing Cross. E8.*

### DANCE

#### THE PEACOCK

**9-14 Jul:** *Flirt with Reality*. A blend of modern dance and drones, with virtual reality (p. 80). Please check for times and prices. *Portugal St, WC2A 2HT. T: 020-7863 8222. [www.sadlerswells.com](http://www.sadlerswells.com). Station: Holborn. D8.*

### OPERA

#### OPERA HOLLAND PARK

Outdoor opera. Check for times and prices. *Stable Yard, W8 6LU. T: 030-0999 1000. [www.rbkc.gov.uk/operahollandpark](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/operahollandpark). Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.*

### SADLER'S WELLS

**2-7 Jul:** *Ballet Flamenco*. Sara Baras. Please check for times and prices. *Rosebery Ave, EC1R 4TN. T: 020-7863 8000. [www.sadlerswells.com](http://www.sadlerswells.com). Station: Angel. C9.*

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### AESOP'S FABLES

**To 4 Aug:** 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](http://www.unicorntheatre.com). Station: London Bridge. E10.*



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## Seasoned stars

As the pristine courts of Wimbledon throw open their doors again for this summer's **Wimbledon Championships** (1-14 Jul; p. 93), it looks likely that it will be the old favourites lifting the famous trophy.

It seems that our own former champion, Andy Murray, has played his last major tournament, after being forced to retire from the game due to injury. His older brother Jamie, however, will be gunning for glory in the men's and mixed doubles.

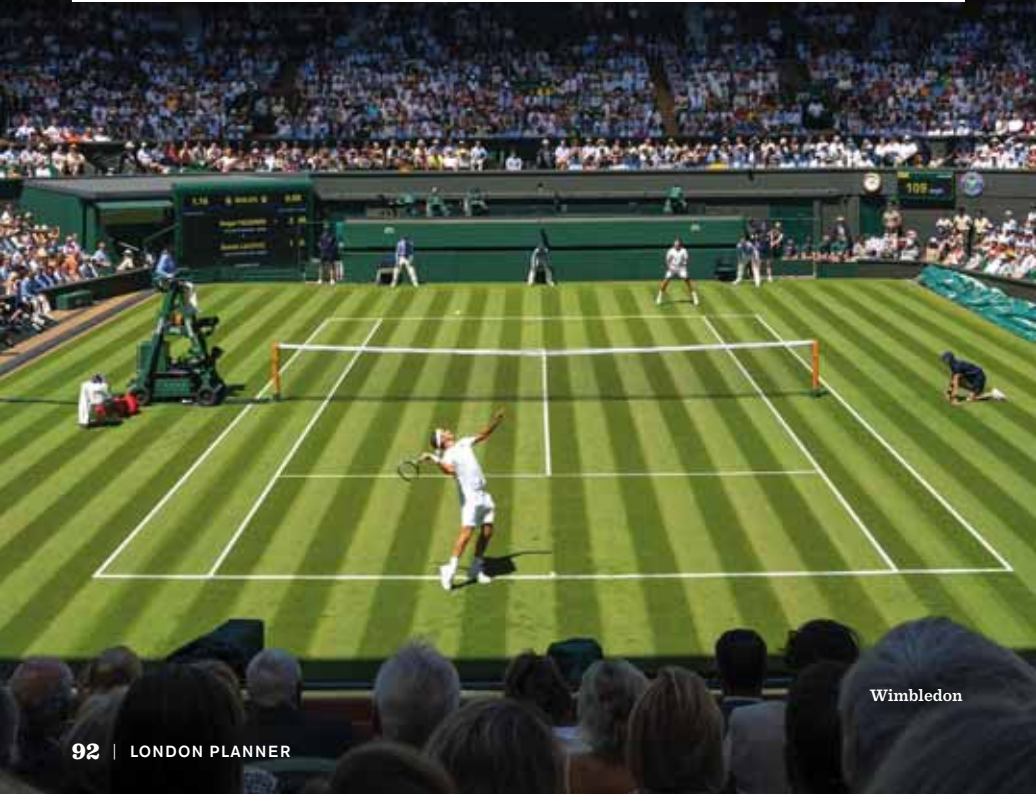
There are many more global evergreen players who show few signs of hanging up their rackets. A huge favourite in SW19, Roger Federer has amassed his own set of fans, known as 'Fed heads', who will no doubt be fluttering their Swiss flags with pride as the star looks to win an astounding ninth Wimbledon title, already winning his 100th overall title earlier this year. At almost 38 years old, he shows no signs of fading.

The women's game is more open, with some pundits predicting a comeback for Petra Kvitová, who was hurt in a knife attack in 2016. And don't write off Serena Williams, who is looking for her eighth singles Wimbledon title, in her 22nd consecutive Championships.

Or perhaps it's time for the young guns to make their mark. Watch out for 20-year-old Greek Stefano Tsitsipas, who knocked out Federer in January's Australian Open. Or maybe Naomi Osaka, 21, will repeat her success of beating Serena Williams in the US Open final last year.

Following the success of the retractable roof on Centre Court, visitors to this year's event will see the new roof on Court No.1. With London's unpredictable weather, it should minimise disruption for the major matches.

– Emma Levine



Wimbledon

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## WATCH CRICKET

**Lord's:** ICC Cricket World Cup. **5 Jul:** Pakistan vs Bangladesh. **14 Jul:** World Cup Final. *St John's Wood Rd, NW8 8QN. T: 020-7616 8500. [www.lords.org](http://www.lords.org). Station: St John's Wood. C4.*

**Kia Oval:** 7-10 Jul: Surrey vs Kent. **23 Jul:** Surrey vs Middlesex. **30 Jul:** Surrey vs Kent. *Kennington, SE11 5SS. T: 020-3946 0100. [www.kiaoval.com](http://www.kiaoval.com). Station: Oval. Off map.*

## HORSE RACING

**27 Jul:** Quipco King George Day. *Ascot Racecourse, Berkshire, SL5 7JX. T: 0844-346 3000. [www.ascot.co.uk](http://www.ascot.co.uk). Station: Waterloo to Ascot. Off map.*

## TENNIS

**1-14 Jul:** Wimbledon Championships (p. 92). *All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, Church Rd, SW19 5AE. T: 020-8944 1066. [www.wimbledon.com](http://www.wimbledon.com). Station: Southfields. Off map.*

## TOURS & MUSEUMS

### ARSENAL STADIUM TOUR & MUSEUM

Self-guided audio tours and legend tours. Check for times. Adult £25; child £16. Museum only £10; child £7. *Drayton Park, N5 1BU. T: 020-7619 5000. [www.arsenal.com](http://www.arsenal.com). Station: Finsbury Park. Off map.*

### CHELSEA FC STADIUM TOUR & MUSEUM

Guided one-hour multimedia tour, plus Legend tours on selected dates. Please check for times. Adult £24; child £15. *Stamford Bridge, Fulham Rd, SW6 1HS. T: 0371-811 1955. [www.chelseafc.com](http://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 the MCC Museum with the Ashes urn. Please check for dates, times and closures. Booking essential. Tour £25; child £16. *St John's Wood Rd, NW8 8QN. T: 020-7616 8595. [www.lords.org](http://www.lords.org). Station: St John's Wood. C4.*

### KIA OVAL GROUND TOURS

Tour the famous ground, home of Surrey CCC since 1845 and host to England matches. Please check for dates, times and closures. Adult £15; child £5. *Kennington, SE11 5SS. T: 020-3946 0100. [www.kiaoval.com](http://www.kiaoval.com). Station: Oval. Off map.*

### TWICKENHAM WORLD RUGBY MUSEUM & STADIUM TOUR

The world's largest stadium dedicated to rugby. Check for times and dates. Adult £25; child £15. *Twickenham Stadium, Whitton Rd, Twickenham, TW2 7BA. T: 020-8892 8877. [www.worldrugby-museum.com](http://www.worldrugby-museum.com). Station: Twickenham. Off map.*

### THE WEMBLEY STADIUM TOUR

Go behind the scenes to relive sporting history at this world-famous stadium, including the England dressing rooms and FA Cup. Regular tours daily 10am-4pm; please check for closures. Adult £19; child £12. *Olympic Way, HA9 0WS. T: 0800-169 9933. [www.wembleystadium.com](http://www.wembleystadium.com). Station: Wembley Park. Off map.*

### WIMBLEDON LAWN TENNIS MUSEUM & TOUR

In the museum, see the 1887 men's singles trophy. The tour includes Centre Court (p. 92). No tours 1-14 & 17-19 Jul. Daily 10am-5pm. Adult £25; child £15. *All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, Church Rd, SW19 5AE. T: 020-8946 6131. [www.wimbledon.com](http://www.wimbledon.com). Station: Southfields. Off map.*



## 'Let the games continue!'

Emma Levine, Sport Editor

Seven years after the London 2012 Olympics, the love for the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park shows no sign of fading. This month it hosts the **Müller Anniversary Games** in the London Stadium (20-21 Jul). This year, global track and field stars include European champion Laura Muir, who achieved double gold in the recent European Championships in the 1,500m and 3,000m, plus sprinter Dina Asher-Smith running in the 100m and 200m. [www.britishathletics.org.uk](http://www.britishathletics.org.uk)



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Biscuiteers

# The little prince

Welcome to the world, Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor. Harry and Meghan's new arrival might be tucked safely away in Windsor, but that doesn't mean you can't indulge in a bit of royal baby fever in the capital. Take a look at our Archie-inspired London souvenir ideas here.

**Buckingham Palace Shop** (p. 96) has lots of official souvenirs. Its Buckingham Palace Guardsman Sleepsuit (£14.95) is made from 100 per cent cotton, making it perfect for babies with one eye on the British throne.

The Buckingham Palace Cuddly Corgi (£19.95) is a popular item at the store, too. Archie's probably familiar with corgis already, so we can't think of a better cuddly toy to pick up on your trip to London.

**Cath Kidston** has plenty of gift ideas, from stationery to bags. If you're after something royal, its bib set (£12) features an embroidered crown and corgis. The best part? If food ends up being sprayed all over the design, you've still got another bib to ensure dinner remains royal ([www.cathkidston.com](http://www.cathkidston.com)).

Even **ZSL London Zoo** (p. 38) has got in on the act – its cute little Elephant Bodysuit (£10) comes with a matching bib. Any baby wearing this onesie is destined to grow into a real-life Dr Dolittle. The Baby Zookeeper socks (£3) are just as dinky.

The treat shop **Biscuiteers** creates lots of delicious biscuits inspired by London. The Royal Baby Luxe Biscuit Tin (£45) is an impressive souvenir – the handmade biscuits are stored in a cute commemorative tin and are available in the brand's boutiques in Clapham and Notting Hill.

If you collect stamps, don't miss out on the chance to visit **Stanley Gibbons** on the Strand, near Charing Cross Station. You'll find all sorts of (alarmingly expensive) collections to browse, but the Isle of Man Post Office has released this more affordable sheet of stamps (£7.50), which will be on sale at Stanley Gibbons.



**Neil Simpson,**  
Associate Editor

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## MAJOR SHOPPING AREAS

### CARNABY STREET

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

This former vegetable market is 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 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 Road Market. *Station: Notting Hill Gate/Westbourne Grove. Off map.*

### REGENT STREET

Prestigious retail area (p. 96) with stores including Apple, Liberty and the first British Ferrari shop. *Station: Oxford Circus/Piccadilly Circus. B/C5.*

### SAVILLE ROW

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

## 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](http://www.fortnumandmason.com). *Station: Green Park. E7.*

# Shopping



## Word on the street

Regent Street is home to some legendary British brands, from Hamleys to Burberry. Completed in 1825, the curved thoroughfare, which is almost a mile long, was designed by John Nash, the architect behind Buckingham Palace. **Summer Streets**, in which the area becomes traffic-free, takes place every Sunday (to 15 Sep) – a festival vibe fills the air and there is entertainment, activities, giveaways and plenty of food and drink stalls. [www.regentstreetonline.com](http://www.regentstreetonline.com)

### 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](http://www.harrods.com). Station: Knightsbridge. F5.

### JOHN LEWIS

Hats, gifts, beauty and electrical items. 300 Oxford St, W1A 1EX (and branches). T: 020-7629 7711. [www.johnlewis.com](http://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](http://www.liberty.co.uk). Station: Oxford Circus. D7.

### MALLS & FACTORY OUTLETS

#### BICESTER VILLAGE

This Oxfordshire haven showcases fashion brands, including Balenciaga, Burberry and Givenchy, at a reduced price. Please check for times. Bicester, Oxfordshire, OX26 6WD.

T: 01869-323 200. [www.bicestervillage.com](http://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](http://www.iconattheo2.co.uk). Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.

#### LONDON DESIGNER OUTLET

Around 70 high street retailers with reductions of up to 70 per cent. Wembley Park Boulevard, HA9 0QL. T: 020-8912 5210. [www.londondesigneroutlet.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.uk.westfield.com/stratfordcity). Station: Stratford. Map inset.

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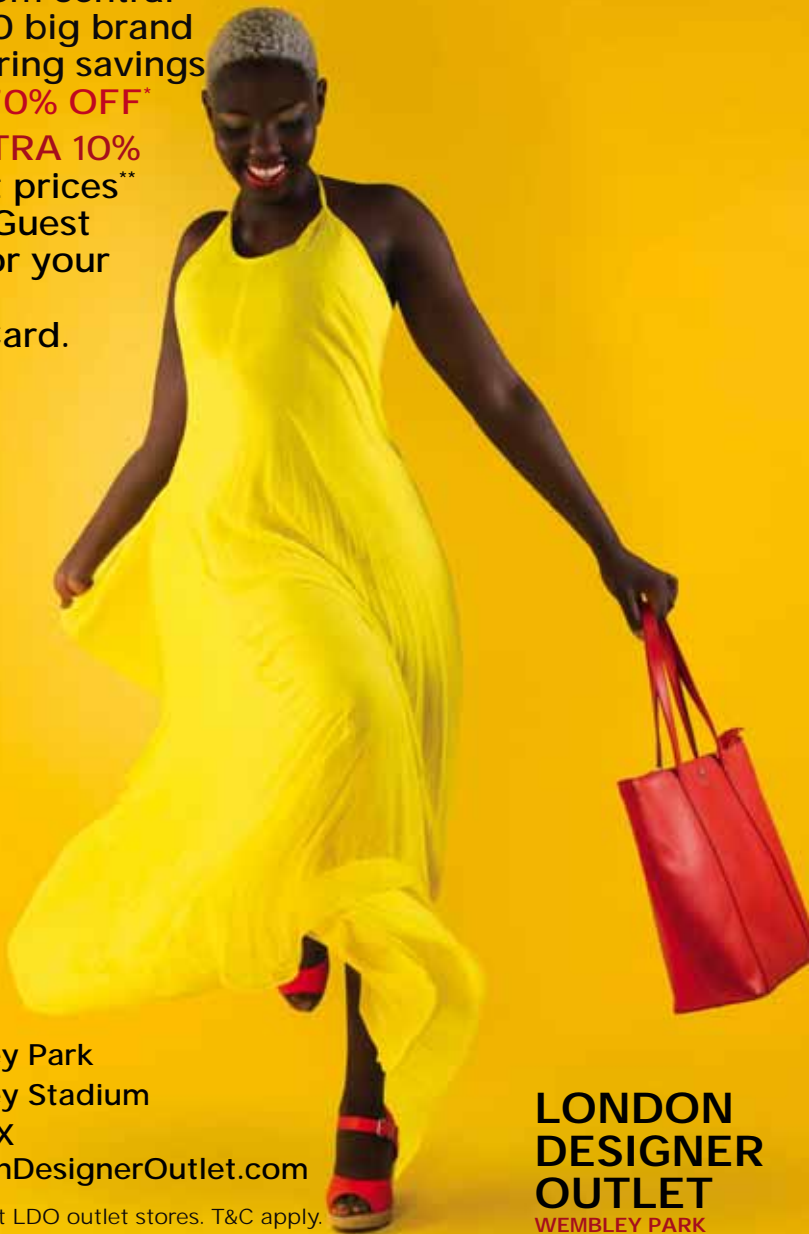
Royal souvenirs (p. 95). 7 Buckingham Palace Rd, SW1W 0PP. T: 020-7839 1377. [www.royalcollectionshop.co.uk](http://www.royalcollectionshop.co.uk). Station: Victoria. F6.






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## HAMLEYS

With seven floors selling everything a child could dream of, this is one of the world's biggest toy shops. There are children's entertainers and demonstrations, too. 188-196 Regent St, W1B 5BT. T: 0371-704 1977. [www.hamleys.com](http://www.hamleys.com). Station: Oxford Circus. D7.

## THE HARRY POTTER SHOP AT PLATFORM 9¾

Browse merchandise, souvenirs and collectibles – many of the products are exclusives. You can also have your photo taken with the famous trolley. Platform 9¾, King's Cross Station, N1 9AP. T: 020-3196 7375. [www.harrypotterplatform934.com](http://www.harrypotterplatform934.com). Station: King's Cross. Off map.

## IT'S ONLY ROCK 'N' ROLL

Shop selling rock memorabilia, T-shirts, autographs, photographs and more. 230 Baker St, NW1 5RT. T: 020-7224 0277. [www.itsonlyrocknrolllondon.co.uk](http://www.itsonlyrocknrolllondon.co.uk). Station: Baker Street. C5.

## JAPAN CENTRE

Seek out this subterranean shop for sushi, hot dishes, Japanese ingredients, ceramics and fans. 35b Panton St, SW1Y 4EA (and branches). T: 020-3405 1246. [www.japancentre.com](http://www.japancentre.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

## LONDON BEATLES STORE

London's only Beatles shop stocks new and original memorabilia. 231-233 Baker St, NW1 6XE. T: 020-7935 4464. [www.beatlesstorelondon.co.uk](http://www.beatlesstorelondon.co.uk). Station: Baker Street. D5.

## LONDON GLASSBLOWING STUDIO

Watch glass objects being created as you browse pieces for sale. You can even take part in a glassblowing class. 62-66 Bernondsey St, SE1 3UD. T: 020-7403 2800. [www.londonglassblowing.co.uk](http://www.londonglassblowing.co.uk). Station: London Bridge. F11.

## THE NOBLE COLLECTION

Licensed, finely crafted treasures from *Fantastic Beasts*, *Harry Potter*, *Game of Thrones* and *The Lord of the Rings*. 26-28 Neal St, WC2H 9PS. T: 020-3795 6298. [www.noblecollection.co.uk](http://www.noblecollection.co.uk). Station: Covent Garden. D8.



Pick up Paddington Bear-inspired souvenirs at Harrods (p. 96)

## RED BUS SHOP

This leading souvenir gift shop stocks London-related products. Look out for a great range of *Harry Potter* merchandise. 59-61 York Rd, SE1 7NJ (and branches). T: 020-7401 7033. [www.redbusshop.co.uk](http://www.redbusshop.co.uk). Station: Waterloo. F8.

## TWININGS

There are more than 100 varieties of teas and infusions at one of the oldest shops in London. It's also home to a small but fascinating tea museum. 216 Strand, WC2R 1AP. T: 020-7353 3511. [www.twinnings.co.uk](http://www.twinnings.co.uk). Station: Temple. D8.

## WE BUILT THIS CITY

Quirky spin on classic souvenirs. 56 Carnaby St, W1F 9QF. T: 020-3642 9650. [www.webuiltthiscity.com](http://www.webuiltthiscity.com). Station: Oxford Circus. D7.

## THE WHISKY EXCHANGE

Find a wide range of whiskies and fine spirits, with more than 1,000 varieties in stock. 2 Bedford St, WC2E 9HH. T: 020-7403 8688. [www.thewhiskyexchange.com](http://www.thewhiskyexchange.com). Station: Charing Cross. E8.



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4 Winchester Wharf, Clink Street,  
London, SE1 9DG,  
TEL: 020 7407 8822

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# Eating out



**Above:** The Landmark London.  
**Below:** The Quince Tree Café



## Bring the outside in

**D**espite its global reputation for poor weather, London shines in summer. So when the sun comes out, why not make the most of it by dining inside a conservatory?

One of my favourites is in **The Landmark London** near Regent's Park. The five-star, Grade II-listed hotel opened in 1899 as the Grand Central Hotel and it's just as grand today. Its Winter Garden restaurant is in a covered courtyard. The original roof was much lower than it is now; it was removed before being put back on in 1991 to create an eight-storey atrium and it now bursts with natural light. The Winter Garden is home to 13 real, freeze-dried palm trees from Florida. Listen to a pianist or harpist as you dine on yellowfin tuna tartare, chicken breast with hispi cabbage or a Wimbledon-themed afternoon tea (1-14 Jul), which goes well with a cup of mango midsummer tea ([www.landmarklondon.co.uk](http://www.landmarklondon.co.uk)).

**The Quince Tree Café** at Clifton Nurseries near Little Venice has a more casual feel to it but it's just as pretty, with mismatched furniture and watering cans and plants that hang from the glass ceiling. The garden centre's café is open for breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea. Most dishes are light, including the roasted vegetable, feta and herb fritters with tomato salsa ([www.clifton.co.uk](http://www.clifton.co.uk)).

On the other side of town is the **Barbican**, an arts centre. Looking at its Brutalist architecture, you wouldn't guess it hides a pretty conservatory, which is open on select Sundays (21 & 28 Jul).

Take a stroll around the raised walkways, fountains and ponds with terrapins and carp, or go for afternoon tea. All dishes are made with fruit, flowers or herbs grown in the conservatory. You'll dine among 2,000 species of tropical plants and trees, including vines, palms, Swiss cheese plants and coffee bushes ([www.barbican.org.uk](http://www.barbican.org.uk)).  
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## 'Opt for a Kermit the Frog-green sundae

*Sarah Riches, Eating Out Editor*

Europe's largest Japanese food hall, **Ichiba** (p. 108), is celebrating its first birthday, so why not toast the occasion by raising a glass of saké? Even though it's in Westfield London, it feels authentic as most staff are Japanese. The team behind the Japan Centre serves steak cooked on a hot lava stone along with street food such as takoyaki (battered balls filled with diced octopus) and okonomiyaki, a dense pancake of noodles and shredded cabbage. Instead of birthday cake, opt for a Kermit the Frog-green sundae with matcha powder and biscuits.



### AMERICAS

#### BUBBA GUMP SHRIMP CO.

This fun seafood restaurant is themed around the film *Forrest Gump*. Load up on ribs, Cajun shrimp and mac and cheese. Daily L & D. ££. 13 Coventry St, W1D 7AB. T: 020-3763 5288. [www.bubbagumpshrimp.co.uk](http://www.bubbagumpshrimp.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

#### HAM HOLY BURGER

Italian burgers in the John Lewis department store. Please check for times. £. 300 Oxford St, W1A 1EX. T: 020-7499 8296. [www.hamholyburger.co.uk](http://www.hamholyburger.co.uk). Station: Oxford Circus. D6.

#### HARD ROCK CAFE

**FAMILY** This legendary burger bar dates back to 1971 and displays rock memorabilia. Daily L & D. ££. 150 Old Park Lane, W1K 1QZ. T: 020-7514 1700. [www.hardrock.com](http://www.hardrock.com). Station: Hyde Park Corner. E6.

#### PLANET HOLLYWOOD

**FAMILY** A Hollywood-inspired dining experience, with sharing platters, loaded potato skins, burgers and more. Daily L & D (bar to 1am). ££. 57-60 Haymarket, SW1Y 4QX. T: 020-7287 1000. [www.planethollywoodlondon.com](http://www.planethollywoodlondon.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

### RAINFOREST CAFE

**FAMILY** Dine in a mock jungle with animatronic animals, a real aquarium and American-style food. Daily L & D. ££. 20 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7EU. T: 020-7434 3111. [www.rainforestcafe.co.uk](http://www.rainforestcafe.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

### BRITISH

#### CAFÉ IN THE CRYPT

This church crypt is lined with flagstones. It serves sandwiches, fish and chips and hot puddings including apple crumble and custard. Stay for jazz Wed evenings. Mon-Sat B, L & D; Sun 11am-6pm. £. St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JJ. T: 020-7766 1158. [www.smitf.org](http://www.smitf.org). Station: Charing Cross. E8.

#### 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](http://www.milestonehotel.com). Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.

#### SOPHIE'S STEAKHOUSE & BAR

Steakhouse with an open kitchen and terrace. Daily L & D. ££. 42-44 Great Windmill St, W1D 7ND (and branch). T: 020-7836 8836. [www.sophiessteakhouse.co.uk](http://www.sophiessteakhouse.co.uk). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

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## VIVI

All-day dining, including afternoon tea. Daily B, L & D. ££. *Centre Point, 11 St Giles Square, WC2H 8AP. T: 020-8812 3200. www.vivirestaurant.co.uk. Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.*

## CHINESE

### DIM T

Dine on dim sum, noodles, crispy duck and Korean fried chicken at this restaurant near *HMS Belfast*, which overlooks fountains and Tower Bridge. Sit on the terrace on a sunny day. Daily L & D. £. *2 More London Place, Tooley St, SE1 2DB (and branches). T: 020-7403 7000. www.dimt.co.uk. Station: London Bridge. E11.*

## ROYAL CHINA BAKER STREET

This huge flagship branch – decorated with the obligatory red tasseled lanterns – is known for its dim sum and crispy aromatic duck. Daily L & D. ££. *24-26 Baker St, W1U 3BZ (and branches). T: 020-7487 4688. www.rcguk.co.uk. Station: Baker Street. D6.*

## FISH & SEAFOOD

### SEA SHELL

This decades-old restaurant, which has an aquarium, serves fish and chips and British desserts. Mon-Sun L & D. ££. *49-51 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, traditional pies and hearty Sunday roasts. Mon-Sat B, L & D; Sun L & D. £-££. *48 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H OBS. T: 020-7379 9855. www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk. Station: Leicester Square. E7.*



## The American dream

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### WHITE HORSE

This pub was rebuilt in the 1930s. There's a buffet selection and space to stand and drink outside. Mon-Sat B, L & D; Sun L & D. £-££. *16 Newburgh St, W1F 7RY. T: 020-7494 9748. www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk. Station: Oxford Circus. D7.*

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### MASALA ZONE

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Review

## Sweet dreams

**The Franklin London**, a Victorian redbrick boutique hotel near the Victoria and Albert Museum, has launched a Culinary Fashion Experience tea (to 31 Jul) to celebrate the museum's *Christian Dior: Designer of Dreams* exhibition. Michelin-starred chef Alfredo Russo has created sandwiches decorated with pansy petals, macarons on miniature chairs, chocolates in mirrored boxes and a peanut sponge served with vaporised Calvados sprayed from a Dior-inspired perfume bottle. *24 Egerton Gardens, SW3 2DB. T: 020-7584 5533. www.starhotelscollezione.com*

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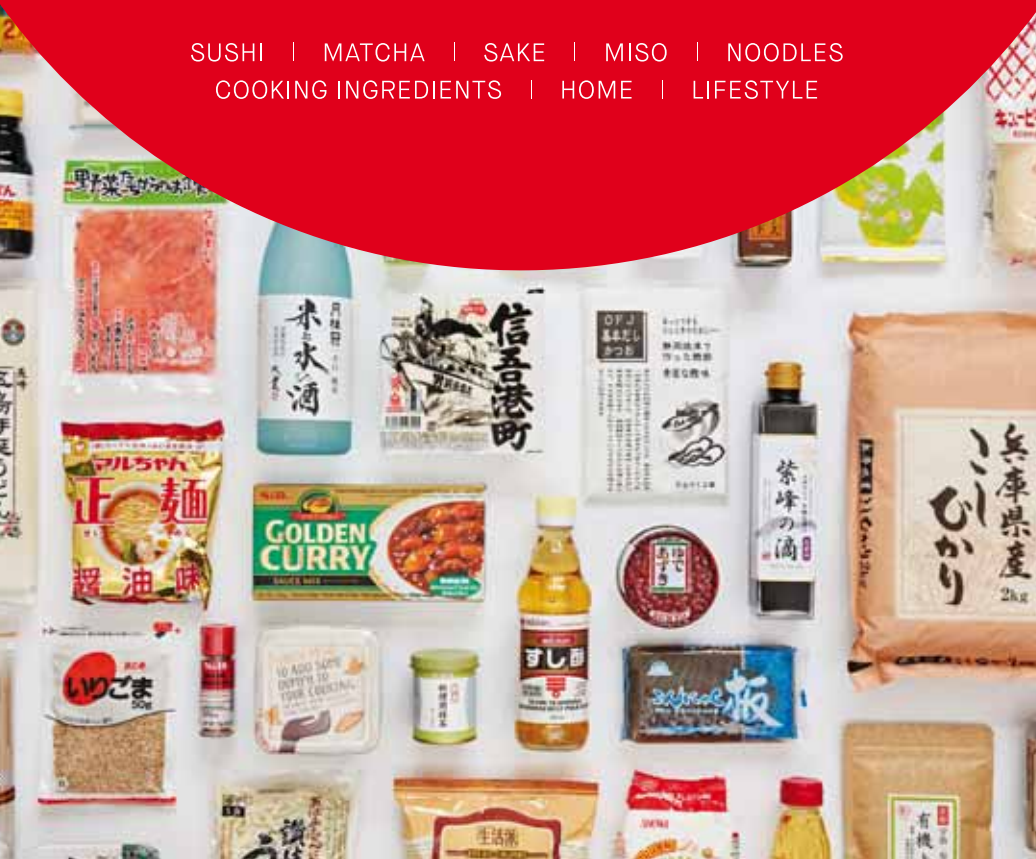
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## INTERNATIONAL

### 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](http://www.35newcavendish.co.uk). Station: Baker Street. D6.

## THE TERRACE

This hotel restaurant and bar above Charing Cross Station dates back 150 years. Tall ceilings, chandeliers and velvet chairs make it feel opulent. Choose from sandwiches, salads, burgers and small plates. ££. Daily B, L & D. [www.amba-hotel.com](http://www.amba-hotel.com). Amba Hotel Charing Cross, The Strand, WC2N 5HX. T: 0800-330 8397. Station: Charing Cross/Embankment. E8.

## ITALIAN

### ASK ITALIAN

Sit outside, or indoors under the conservatory-style ceiling. Conveniently located opposite Paddington Station, this branch has friendly staff, pizzas and dangerous chocolate desserts. ££. Daily L & D. 41-43 Spring St, W2 1JA (and branches). T: 020-8115 7091. [www.askitalian.co.uk](http://www.askitalian.co.uk). Station: Paddington. D4.

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## VERDI ITALIAN KITCHEN

Dine on pizzas or afternoon tea. Tue-Sun L & D. ££. Door 12, Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP. T: 020-7070 4401. [www.royalalberthall.com/verdi](http://www.royalalberthall.com/verdi). Station: South Kensington. F4.

## WILDWOOD

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

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## ICHIBA

Ramen and noodles (p. 102). 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](http://www.ichiba.london.com). Station: White City. Map inset.

## SAKAGURA

The food at this izakaya-style 'Japanese pub' is designed to be shared. Daily L & D. ££. 8 Heddon St, W1B 4BS. T: 020-3405 7230. [www.sakaguralondon.com](http://www.sakaguralondon.com). Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

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### SOUTH EAST ASIAN

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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.*

### SPANISH

#### EL PIRATA

This legendary Mayfair tapas restaurant celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. It's popular with celebrities. Mon-Fri L & D; Sat D. ££. *5-6 Down St, W1J 7AQ. T: 020-7491 3810. www.elpirata.co.uk. Station: Green Park. E6.*



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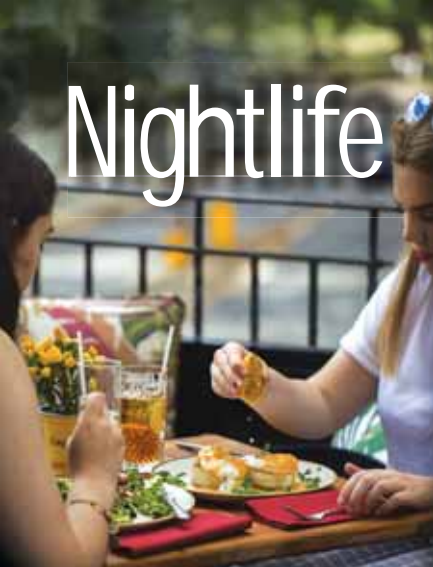
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# Nightlife



The Queen's



## Pubs with parks

Is it just me, or do you think parks reveal a city's personality? In Mexico, people ballroom dance in public squares; in China they do tai chi and in London, we drink. I won't dwell on what that says about us, but I will tell you my favourite park pubs so that you can experience British culture.

**The Queen's**, by Primrose Hill, is a proper British pub. After taking in the view of London Zoo, the London Eye and The Shard from the top of the hill, stroll to the bottom and nab a table on the pub's terrace, which overlooks Regent's Park. If that's full, there are tables on the pavement.

Order a craft beer, Bloody Mary or Pimm's. Food-wise, the upstairs dining room serves British cuisine such as Devon crab with pickled fennel and epic Sunday roasts, while at night there's live music on Sundays and a Monday quiz downstairs ([www.thequeensprimrosehill.co.uk](http://www.thequeensprimrosehill.co.uk)).

**Greenwich Tavern** is a classic. This dog-friendly pub has stools outside with views of Greenwich Park and a spruced-up courtyard with a flower wall. Order Meantime lager – made at Meantime Brewery down the road (which you can tour) – or Camden Hells, which is served from a pump that looks like a telephone box. You can sip gin cocktails with rose petals, too ([www.greenwichtavern.co.uk](http://www.greenwichtavern.co.uk)).

The **Crooked Billet**, meanwhile, is right on Wimbledon Common, and its hanging baskets burst with pink and orange petunias in summer. You can play chess and on Sundays order a roast piled so high your Yorkshire pudding threatens to fall off your plate. When the sun is out, grab a pint of cask ale and sip it on the common, watching a game of cricket. It doesn't get more British than that ([www.thecrookedbilletwimbledon.com](http://www.thecrookedbilletwimbledon.com)).

– Sarah Riches



## 'There's a flamingo on the roof terrace'

*Sarah Riches, Nightlife Editor*

As you dangle your feet from a chair swaying from the ceiling, surrounded by cacti, you can almost feel the sand between your toes. But a beach is the only thing missing from **Near & Far**, a bar that overlooks Camden Market. It has four floors, but you'll want to sit on the roof terrace, which is home to a flamingo. Listen to a DJ spin Latin house and disco, reggae and Afrobeat as you order cocktails – try a Castaway, made with coconut gin. 48 Chalk Farm Rd, NW1 8AJ. T: 020-7267 2700. [www.nearandfarlondon.com](http://www.nearandfarlondon.com)

### TRADITIONAL PUBS

#### MAGPIE & STUMP

This cosy pub dates back to the 1500s. 18 Old Bailey, EC4M 7EP. T: 020-7248 5085. [www.maggieandstump.com](http://www.maggieandstump.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](http://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](http://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. 122)

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.gordonswinebar.com). Station: Charing Cross. E8.

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

#### RONNIE SCOTT'S

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### CASINOS

#### CASINO AT THE EMPIRE

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#### HIPPODROME CASINO

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

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## The Pride of Britain

With Pride festivities in full swing, **Neil Simpson** takes a look at places beyond the capital that are celebrating, too





Brighton

**Y**ou've chosen to visit London at the height of Pride season, so if you're planning a trip beyond the capital, why not make time for a Pride-friendly landmark or two? Here's a look at UK attractions that hold significance for Britain's LGBTQI+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and more) community.

### **CANAL STREET, MANCHESTER**

Before LGBTQI+ Manchester, there was Madchester. This cultural movement emerged in the late 1980s, as local musicians began blending alt rock with acid house and dance (no wonder they used the word 'mad'). As Manchester evolved to become a beacon of creativity and fun for north-west England, its gay community grew.

LGBTQI+ people received a harsher reception in the industrialised north of England than in the south, which made parts of Manchester buzzing safe havens. In 1991, the city became home to the UK's first glass-fronted gay bar. Called Manto (formed from the words 'Manchester' and 'today'), it represented a milestone for the nation.

Manto was on Canal Street and before long, the whole area transformed into one of the UK's hottest gay villages. It was immortalised as the backdrop for *Queer as Folk*, a groundbreaking UK TV show that generated headlines when it was broadcast in 1998. Written by Russell T Davies (who went on to write BBC's relaunched *Doctor Who* from 2005 onwards), *Queer as Folk* brought Canal Street a new level of fame and today, it stands as a true gay landmark for Britain. These days, the area is commercialised and its dedicated LGBTQI+ venues are closing as the rest of Manchester becomes increasingly welcoming, but Canal Street is still an essential destination. [www.canal-st.co.uk](http://www.canal-st.co.uk)

### **THE LESBIAN ARCHIVE, GLASGOW**

Here is some fantastic news for anyone with XX chromosomes, no matter their sexual identity: Glasgow has its very own Women's Library. It is the only one in the United Kingdom that has been accredited and four years ago, the library was also awarded the status of ▶

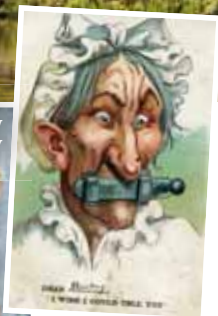


*Undefinable Gender*  
by Katy Davies at The  
Museum of Transology

Postcard at Glasgow  
Women's Library



Hogarth painting on the  
Liverpool LGBTQI+ Trail



## **BLETCHLEY PARK, MILTON KEYNES**

If Bletchley Park sounds familiar but you're not sure why, it might be because you've seen *The Imitation Game*, a film about code breaker Alan Turing starring Benedict Cumberbatch.

Set in Bletchley Park, it tells the story of what happened there during World War II, when a team worked to decipher the coded messages being sent between the Nazis. These codes included Enigma, which was thought to be unbreakable. Turing was homosexual and, due to the laws of the day, he was forced to undergo hormonal treatment to reduce his sexual urges and eventually committed suicide in 1954.

Due to the major part that Turing played in the Allied victory, he has become an icon for LGBTQI+ struggles, making Bletchley Park a key location at which to honour that fight. The site, with an impressive mansion at its heart, houses exhibitions and wartime artefacts. There's also a centre dedicated to the cracking of Enigma. [www.bletchleypark.org.uk](http://www.bletchleypark.org.uk)

## **ALTHORP HOUSE, NORTHAMPTON**

This majestic stately home has been the seat of Britain's noble Spencer family for five centuries. Sir John Spencer grazed his sheep here from 1486, buying the estate in 1508. Just in case you haven't guessed yet – this is the family that Diana, Princess of Wales was born into.

Diana made a huge, positive difference to the perception of people suffering from AIDS across the world. A little island in the middle of a lake in the grounds is Diana's resting place, making Althorp a landmark in the UK's LGBTQI+ story. ▶

being a 'Recognised Collection of National Significance' by the Scottish government. The library emerged in 1991, thanks in no small part to Glasgow becoming European Capital of Culture in 1990. It boasts mountains of books, as well as a museum and an archive.

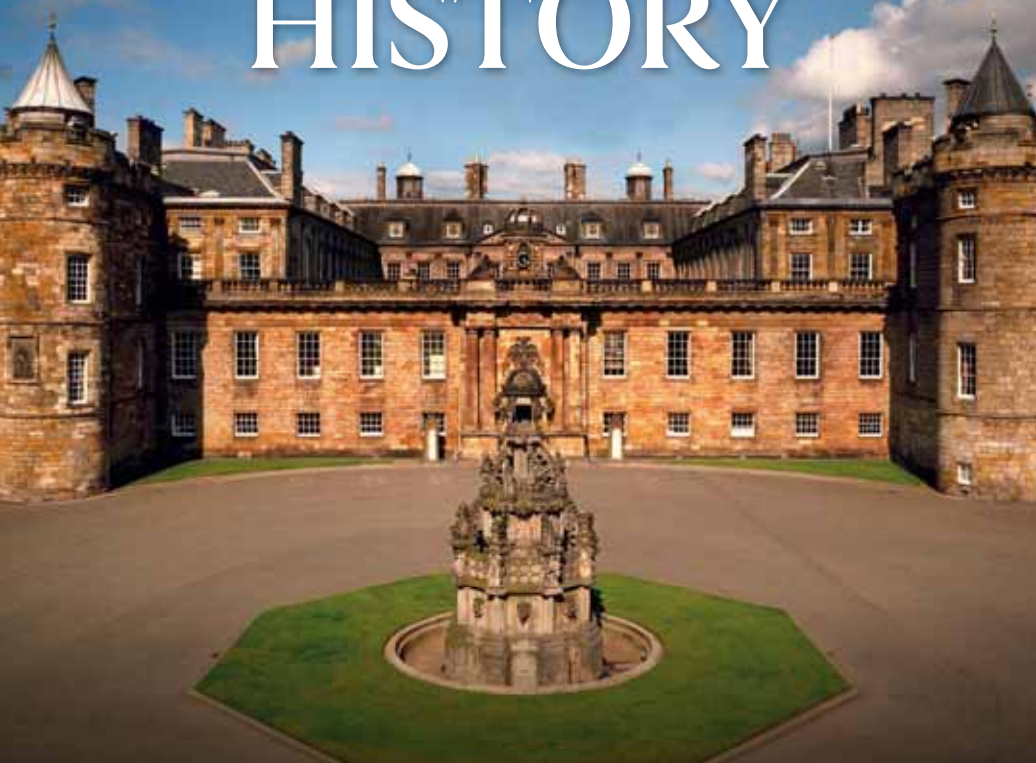
The library's Lesbian Archive contains numerous items from the past 100 years, including the back catalogues of publications such as *Arena Three*, *Outrage* and *Pink Paper*, alongside rare books and records relating to the UK's first organisation for black lesbians: the Camden Lesbian Centre and Black Lesbian Group.

[www.womenslibrary.org.uk](http://www.womenslibrary.org.uk)




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[www.spencerothorp.com](http://www.spencerothorp.com)

## NATIONAL MUSEUMS LIVERPOOL'S LGBTQI+ TRAIL, VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Liverpool has a sightseeing trail that incorporates the Museum of Liverpool, Lady Lever Art Gallery, Walker Art Gallery and Sudley House. These are members of the National Museums Liverpool collective. The collective is behind the *Pride & Prejudice* project, which launched in 2015 to highlight items that have an LGBTQI+ link, in order to rebalance centuries of misrepresentation.

You'll see the rainbow-coloured *Pride & Prejudice* logo dotted around each site in the



April Ashley  
in 2010



April Ashley

National Museums Liverpool collective, which indicates

that the highlighted object has an LGBTQI+ connection. Look out for a 2010 photograph of April Ashley in the Museum of Liverpool. Ashley was born in 1935 and became one of the world's first people to have gender reassignment surgery, before modelling for *Vogue* and being made a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 2012.

[www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk)

## THE MUSEUM OF TRANSOLOGY, BRIGHTON

No guide to LGBTQI+ Britain is complete without a mention of Brighton, which most people will tell you is the UK's unofficial gay capital. It's also home to *The Museum of Transology* exhibition at Brighton Museum. Running until October, the exhibition includes items donated by the trans community and reveals stories about life as a trans person in England. One of the museum's other exhibitions, *Queer Looks* (to Dec), explores local LGBTQI+ fashion and style.

The Piers & Queers walking tour takes you to LGBTQI+ landmarks. For its guide, Ric Morris,

the city's Hippodrome theatre is significant: 'Dusty Springfield performed there – she was probably the first British star to voluntarily come out, in 1970. She was a regular in Brighton.' [www.brightonmuseums.org.uk](http://www.brightonmuseums.org.uk); [www.onlyinbrighton.co.uk](http://www.onlyinbrighton.co.uk) ■

### LOCATION MAP



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An Oyster card also gives you a 25 per cent discount on Emirates Air Line (London's cable car) and discounts on single journeys on all MBNA Thames Clippers river buses. For more information, visit [www.visitorshop.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.visitorshop.tfl.gov.uk).

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	London Underground		Docklands Light Railway
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- **Victoria Line:** Across the entire line.
- **Northern Line:** Between Morden and Camden Town and between Camden Town and High Barnet/Edgware.
- **Piccadilly Line:** Between Cockfosters and Heathrow Terminal 5.
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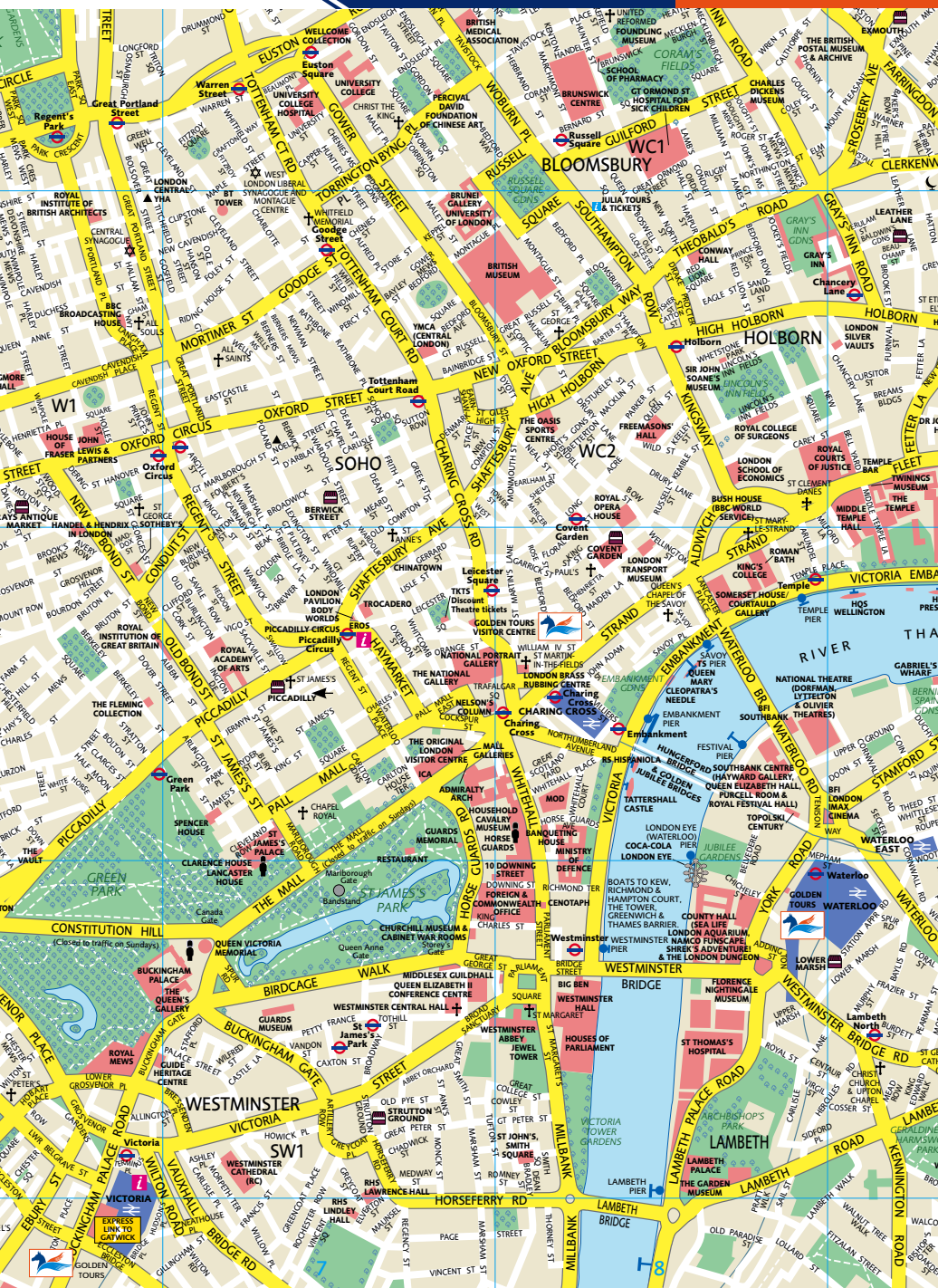


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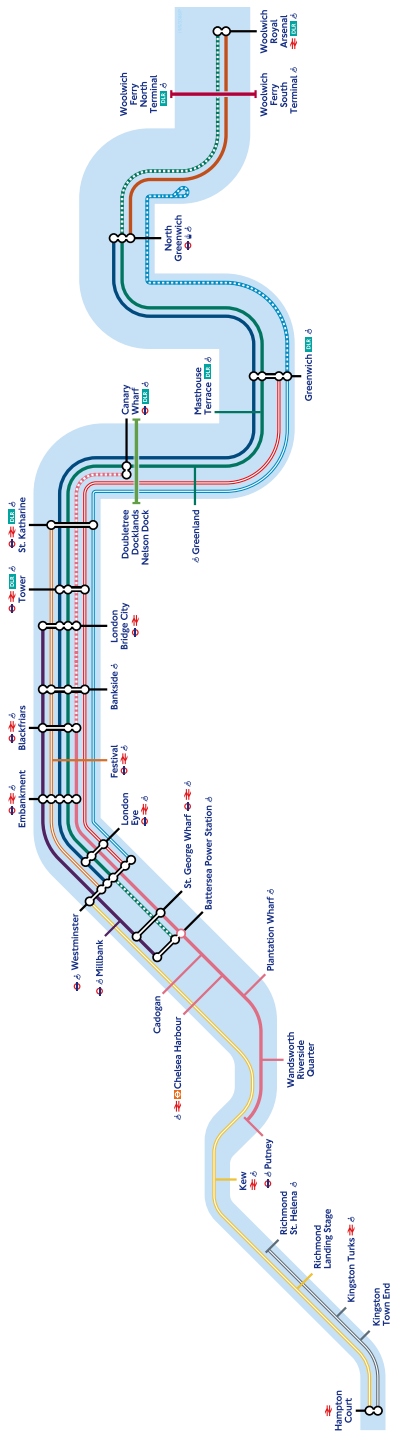


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# London river services map



**River Buses:**

**BR** Westminster to North Greenwich  
Daily

**BR4** Doubletree Docklands Nelson Dock to Canary Wharf  
Daily

**BR5** North Greenwich to Woolwich Royal Arsenal  
Limited service: morning peak only  
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**BR6** Putney to Blackfriars  
Weekdays only

**BR9** Westminster to North Greenwich  
Weekdays only

**BR10** Battersea Power Station to Putney  
Daily

**BR11** Blackfriars to Canary Wharf  
Daily

**BR12** Blackfriars to Canary Wharf  
Daily

River bus services are operated by H&M, Thames Clippers

**River Tours year-round:**

**Westminster to Blackfriars**  
Operated by Great Circle Tourism

**Westminster to Greenwich**  
Operated by City Cruises

**Westminster to Greenwich**  
Operated by Thames River Services

**Westminster to Hampton Court**  
Operated by Thames River Boats

**Richmond St. Helena to Hampton Court**  
Operated by City Cruises

**Thames Barrier loop**  
Operated by Thames River Services

**River Tours summer-only:**

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**Richmond St. Helena to Hampton Court**  
Operated by City Cruises

**Thames Barrier loop**  
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**River Tours circular (not shown on map):**

**London Eye River Cruise**  
Circular tour departing from London Eye Pier

**City Cruises Circular River Cruise**  
Circular tour departing from Bankside Pier and Poplar Pier

**Ferry service:**

**Woolwich Ferry**  
Operated by Brigg-Marine

**Woolwich Royal Ferry Terminal**

**Key to symbols:**

**Interchange piers**

**Docklands Light Railway**

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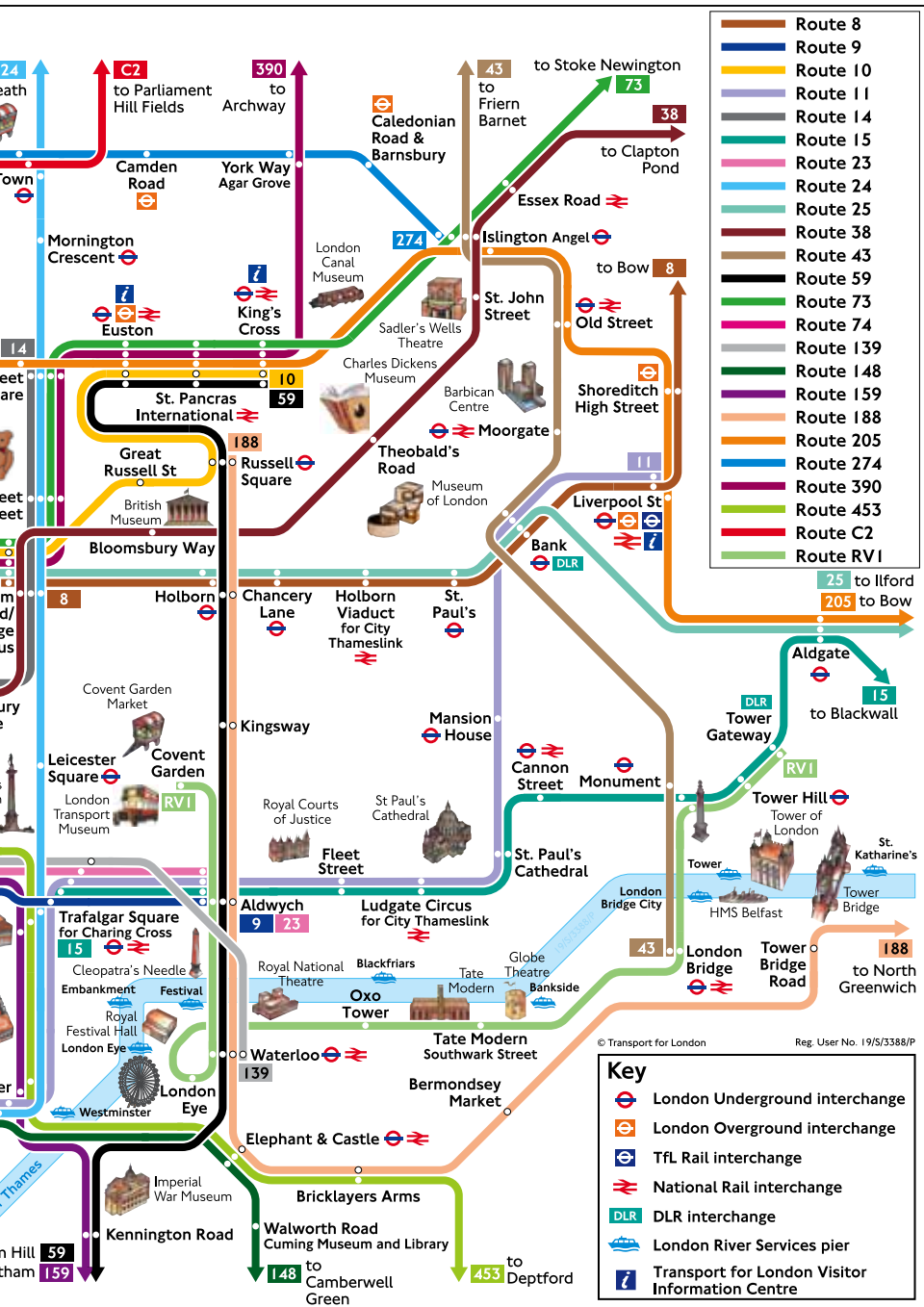
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# London bus map

## Key bus routes in central London





# London Underground map



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