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THE MAYOR'S LETTER

Welcome to London this September

Summer may be drawing to a close but our capital is as vibrant as ever. All month, the Totally Thames festival will be putting London's famous river centre stage. From dramatic submerged performances to riverside walks and talks in Billingsgate's Roman Baths, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

On 16 September, head to Guildhall Yard for marching bands and Morris and maypole dancing at the Pearly Kings and Queens Harvest Festival, which gives you a glimpse into a centuries-old tradition.

London is a creative powerhouse and, this month, you can see some of the world's most talented designers showcase their work at the London Design Festival and London Fashion Week.

Our capital is full of stunning architecture and, this September, you can take a look around the city's most beautiful buildings for free. With Open House London sites in nearly every borough, this is a great opportunity to discover a new side to our wonderful capital. However you spend your time, I hope you have a fantastic visit!









Sadia Khan Mayor of London







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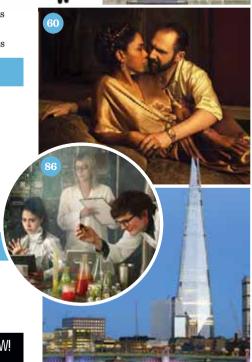


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🚺 The British Museum

Famous museum housing treasures including the Rosetta Stone and Egyptian mummies

🙆 Tate Modern

Former power station in Bankside containing an international modern art collection

🔞 The National Gallery

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

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

🜀 Victoria and Albert Museum

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

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

🕜 Southbank Centre

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

🔞 Somerset House

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

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

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Graceful gallery, home to British art from 1500 to today, including a Turner collection











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ne of the following sentences is false: an elephant has walked on the River Thames: a 15m-high rubber duck and a giant inflatable hippo have swum on it; and pigs might fly. OK, so the last one is a phrase a Brit might utter when faced with an impossible scenario - but the other two are real events.

The River Thames has an almighty past. In fact, London wouldn't be where it is without it, as settlements started to gather around the water from around 450,000 BC.

Stretching 346km (215 miles) from Kemble in Gloucestershire to the English Channel, the river was a lifeline for the local community, which became known as Londinium after the Romans invaded around AD 50, settling near where London Bridge is today. Here we take a look at some of the river's more surprising moments.

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON

The first Lord Mayor (a ceremonial role not to be confused with the politically powerful Mayor of London) was appointed in 1189, on the condition that he'd travel to Westminster to swear loyalty to the monarch. The journey was made by barge

along the Thames - over time, the trip grew into the Lord Mayor's Show, an annual procession which now sees the Lord Mayor travel in a horsedrawn gilded coach, too. You can get up close to the coach at the Museum of London, or return in autumn to watch this year's spectacular show (10 Nov). www.lordmayorsshow.london

FROST FAIRS

In the 17th century, the River Thames would occasionally freeze over. The first frost fair, which took place in 1607, was celebrated with bowling, fairground rides, musical shows and performing animals in tents, and stalls selling roasted ox and mutton pies. Subsequent fairs saw revellers enjoy sledging, skating, bull-baiting, puppet shows and horse races. During the last frost fair of 1814, an elephant walked across the river below Blackfriars Bridge. If you can't come back to experience London's winter festivals and outdoor skating, then don't miss Southwark sculptor Richard Kindersley's illustrated poem about frost fairs, which he has engraved on slate. You will find it in the pedestrian tunnel under Southwark Bridge, near Shakespeare's Globe.

World War I and World War II. The 2.1km course

(1.3 miles) has remained the same since 1924:

from Temple Island to Poplar Point. If you can't



and learn how the Thames

was used for trading.

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THE THAMES

GREAT RIVER RACE

Don't miss this year's Great River Race (8 Sep) which, at 33.8km (21 miles), is dubbed London's river marathon, Since 1988, MPs, TV and sporting stars, and singers such as Sting have fired the cannon that kick-starts the race. Around 2 400 participants - many dressed as pirates Smurfs or perhaps wearing tutus - row from the Docklands near Canary Wharf to Ham House in Surrey in all manner of boats, so look out for Hawaiian war canoes, Viking long boats and Chinese dragon boats. The route passes under Tower Bridge and past Shakespeare's Globe theatre. Kew Gardens and Svon House. www.greatriverrace.co.uk

A WHALF IN THE THAMES

While most commonly found in deep water off the coast of Scotland, Norway and Greenland, in 2006 a northern bottlenose whale was discovered off course in the Thames. After navigating the Thames Barrier, it ended up near Battersea. The river was closed to traffic for the first time since Winston Churchill's funeral, to give experts the chance to beach it and assess its health. Sadly, the rescue attempt failed and the whale died. Learn about whales at the Natural History Museum (which displayed the Thames whale's skeleton earlier this year), or see sharks and jellyfish at SEA LIFE London Aquarium. www.nhm.ac.uk: www.visitsealife.com



SWIMMING THE THAMES

The comedian David Walliams swam 225km (140 miles) along the Thames from Lechlade in Gloucestershire to Big Ben over eight days. The feat involved battling currents, river traffic, illness and angry swans but it raised £1m for the Big Splash Challenge for Sport Relief, which uses funds raised through sport to help vulnerable people around the world. While we wouldn't recommend diving in to one of the UK's busiest shipping lanes, if you fancy a dip, swim in calmer spots around Henley-on-Thames or in the Bathing Ponds on Hampstead Heath. www.cituoflondon.gov.uk

DUCK ON THE WATER

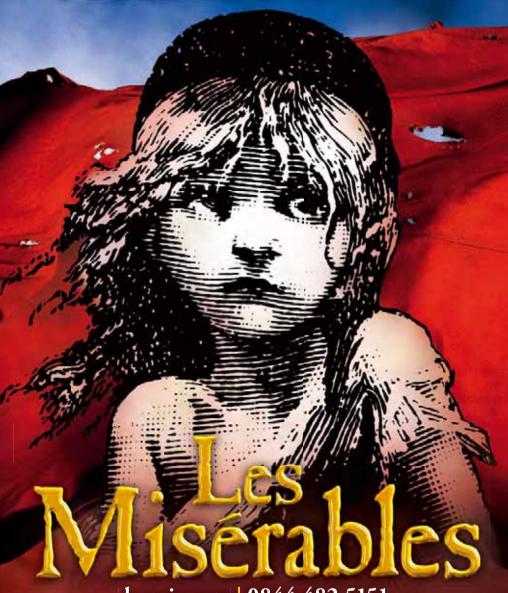
Visitors and locals alike gawped as a giant vellow

rubber duck floated from West India Docks past The O2. Old Roval Naval College. the Tower of London and The Shard to London Bridge in 2012 - Tower Bridge even



Clockwise from top: Henley Royal Regatta; duck on the Thames; whale from the Thames

THE MUSICAL PHENOMENON



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QUEEN'S THEATRE



lifted for it. Weighing half a ton, the 15m-high, 18m-long bird was a publicity stunt by the games company Jackpotiov, which had launched a bursary granting funds for madcap ideas. Who said Brits are reserved?

OLYMPICS OPENING CEREMONY

Around 900 million people around the world watched as footballer David Beckham captained a speedboat carrying the Olympic torch during the 2012 Olympics opening ceremony. The boat sped from HMS Belfast and City Hall, then under Tower Bridge - just as fireworks were set off in the colours of the Olympic rings - and all the way to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in Stratford, east London. You can relive the sporting glory with ThamesJet's ThamesRush package, which speeds under Tower Bridge. www.thamesjet.com

JAMES BOND

Daniel Craig was also spotted shooting along the River Thames in a speedboat, past MI6 headquarters, while filming the James Bond film Spectre. Meanwhile, the opening sequence of The World is Not Enough shows Pierce Brosnan taking part in a spectacular chase scene down the river in a speedboat.

If you're a wannabe spy, then charter a private boat - Thames Rockets' Licence to Thrill experience hurtles along the water at 30 knots. Incidentally, budding spies can buy cameras disguised as car keys, pens and coffee cups at Bluemoon Spy Shop London in Paddington, or learn to be a private investigator at a Bluemoon College workshop, www.thamesrockets.com: www.bluemoonspushop.co.uk: www.bluemooncollege.co.uk

TOTALLY THAMES FESTIVAL

Since 2014, Totally Thames festival (1-30 Sep) to the capital. As well as photography and film, previous events have included boat races, barge pulls, paddleboarding, a river swim and river clean-ups, while last year saw an illuminated riverside beaches tour the Thames at night.

poetry boat party (24-29 Sep) and Doggett's, The World's Oldest Boat Race exhibition (8-24 Sep). This year's race (4 Sep) has a giant inflatable hippo, too! www.totallythames.org

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FASHION WEEK





London Fashion Week Festival

Savile Row tailor

HONING LONDON

As London Fashion Week struts into town, Olivia Pinnock looks at great British style inventions. from the trench coat to the three-piece suit

reat Britain is famous for many inventions that changed the world, from the steam engine and the world wide web to the toothbrush, but it's also famous for doing it in style. Many staple items that have gone down in fashion history and still hang in people's wardrobes around the world today were the brainchild of creative British minds. This September, as London Fashion Week shines a light on what's new and what's next, we take a look at the legacy of some truly British outfit innovations

HATSOFF

While nowadays it may only be the reserve of the most formal of occasions, the top hat is an icon of Victorian style, popularised by society names such as the infamous dandy Beau Brummell and later, Prince Albert. The first top hat is often credited to the English milliner John Hetherington around 1797, but, like many great fashion fairy tales, we can't say if this is definitely the case, even though it appears to be the first documented reference. What we do know is that they were made of beaver fur but, as the beaver population declined, later incarnations were made of silk – as they are today. The use of fur was also unfortunate for those who made them; the stereotype of the mad hatter, immortalised in Alice in Wonderland,

is a result of the mercury used in the felting process of the fur, which caused numerous health complications for those exposed to it.

The association of the top hat with wealth and status has remained over the years. Due to the fine materials used and its classic shape. it was one of the most expensive hats you could buy. Those wearing them were men of aristocracy or industry with high social standing and the top hat quickly came to define the traditional English gentleman look.

SUITS YOU

Every top hat needs a masterfully tailored suit to go with it, and London's Savile Row has been the epicentre of such craft since 1805. Over the centuries, suits have defined men's formalwear trends, most notably the dinner suit, which is commonly referred to by its American name. the tuxedo (the name 'tuxedo' appeared because of its popularity with members of the Tuxedo Park Club in New York, one of the hottest hangouts in the 1860s). Despite its association with black-tie events in modern times, it was first commissioned by the then Prince of Wales, who later became King Edward VII, to wear at informal dinners. Not finding any previous record of suits made to the specifications Edward asked for, the king's tailor Henry Poole invented the shorter-cut evening jacket. Poole then offered the suit to UK and international clients as the trendiest new style. Today, there is still a Henry Poole shop on Savile Row.

FASHION WEEK



IN THE TRENCHES

British fashion is about more than dressing the elite though - Brits are also great inventors of outerwear to protect people from the rain. The trench coat is arguably the most famous of these and is still seen in the shows of London Fashion Week brands Burberry and Aquascutum. Both names were instrumental in bringing the trench into being and compete for the title of 'inventor'

In the second half of the 1800s. Thomas Burberry and John Emary of Aquascutum invented a durable, waterproof material. but it wasn't until World War I that they found a true purpose for it. Worn by officers, who previously wore wool coats which were heavy and absorbed water. they were practical while also signifying their rank. Trench coats quickly took off as a way of showing solidarity with the troops. The style rose in popularity during World War II, as well as becoming fashionable with British women who were living more outdoor

Further cementing its status as an icon, the trench coat was spotted on film screens over the following decades. worn by Humphrey Bogart in Casablanca and Audrey Hepburn in Breakfast at Tiffany's. Transcending practical wartime dressing to signifying Hollywood glamour and timeless, chic dressing, they have been worn by the crème de la crème of celebrities from Katharine Hepburn to Kate Moss.

lives while men were at war.

SKIRTING AROUND

In the 1960s, as the UK went from a land of innovation and war victories to a breeding ground for social revolution and 'vouthquake' the miniskirt made its debut. Once again. many have claimed the title of being 'the first' to design it, including French designer André Courrèges and English designer John Bates who worked as Jean Varon However it's most commonly credited to Mary Quant.

Quant was the epitome of the decade's look with her Vidal Sassoon haircut and waifish figure Her designs were playful colourful and branded with her cartoon flower logo. Sold through her

> boutique on the trendy King's Road in Chelsea, she was well-placed to understand the women of the time and what they wanted Quant named the style

> > after her favourite car the Mini Cooper which epitomised the fun and flirty skirts she was designing. The miniskirt was far more than just an item of clothing: it represented rebellion - and sexual liberation. as the Pill became widely available.

Quant's contribution to fashion is so great that next year, the Victoria and Albert Museum is celebrating her in Mary Quant (from 6 Apr 2019). London has a rich history of changing the way the world dresses, nurturing talent and showcasing tomorrow's looks at London Fashion Week. It is certainly the fashion capital of the world.

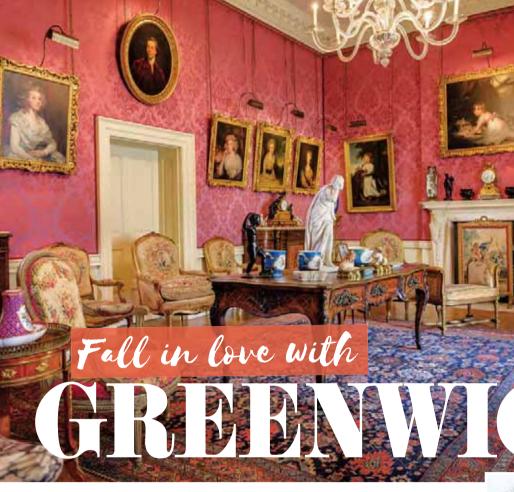


LONDON FASHION WEEK

London Fashion Week takes place every February and September to coincide with the new fashion seasons. It is a chance to see designers' work and place orders for what will be stocked in stores.

Out of 'the big four', alongside New York, Milan and Paris, London is the youngest, set up in 1984. In its almost 35 years, London Fashion Week has helped to project British talent on to the global stage including Alexander McQueen. Tickets to shows are by invite only, but you can visit London Fashion Week Festival for catwalk shows. www.londonfashionweek.co.uk; www.londonfashionweekfestival.com





Autumn's approaching, bringing with it a great new season of amazing things to see and do in glorious Greenwich

s a sensational summer softens into September, we've set you up for an exciting autumn collection of art, architecture. heritage and comedy in Greenwich. You have one last chance to get up close to art on a Painted Hall Ceiling Tour. This spectacular building at the Old Royal Naval College is approaching the final weeks of a long period of conservation. Until the end of the month, you can take a specially guided tour on a purpose-built platform and get within touching distance of one of the world's greatest pieces of ceiling art. You'll see the incredible detail. invention and care Sir James Thornhill and his team put into the work when they painted it between 1707 and 1726 - it's amazing! This really is a genuine chance of a lifetime. The ceiling won't need any more work done for at least 100 years, so when the platform is taken down, that's it.

In complete contrast, Greenwich Comedy Festival returns to the grounds of the National Maritime Museum this September. The Big Top features a fantastic line-up of top comedy talent including Russell Howard, Adam Buxton, Ed Byrne, Milton Jones, Nina Conti, Henning Wehn, Lolly Adefope, David O'Doherty, Reginald D Hunter and very many more. As well as some outstanding stand-up comedy, a range of bars. street food and music make this the perfect late-summer funny-fest.

Some amazing Art Deco will be on display at the Art Deco Fair at Eltham Palace and Gardens this month. Vintage pieces from the 1930s give you a glimpse of how the better off lived and looked in the recent past, when Deco brought a bright splash of style into a world of black and white. There's more light and colour











at **NOW Gallery** on Greenwich Peninsula

where Indirect Sunlight transforms the ultra-modern space into a rural retreat. a space for contemplation away from the hustle and bustle of the capital. There are daily workshops in this sculptural garden installation on newspaper flowerpots, planting seeds and encouraging urban gardens.

Drop in for a moment of peace.

English Heritage reopened Ranger's House this summer, with new and enhanced interpretation. The house is an elegant Georgian villa on the

boundary of Greenwich Park and Blackheath which houses the Wernher Collection, a world-class art collection amassed by the 19th-century businessman, Sir Julius Wernher. More than 700 works of art are displayed across a dozen panelled interiors, and include medieval sculptures, glittering enamels, ornate jewellery, Renaissance paintings, Dutch Old Masters and French tapestries, It's part of London's treasure trove of little-known heritage buildings and another outstanding Greenwich attraction.

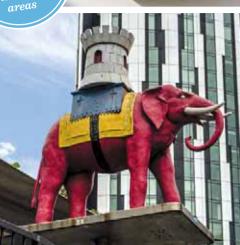
Clockwise from top left: Ranger's House; Painted Hall Ceiling Tour at Old Royal Naval College; Art Deco Fair at Eltham Palace; artists James Rigler and Laura Aldridge at Indirect Sunlight; James Acaster and Russell Howard at Greenwich Comedy Festival











Elephant est and Castle

The Mayor of London's #SeeMoreLondon campaign encourages you to visit local neighbourhoods, Macca Sherifi, of An Adventurous World blog, explores the area

Haven't you heard? Elephant and Castle is now one of the coolest places in London, OK. so maybe that statement is a few years too early. but it is without doubt one of the most up-andcoming areas. After living here for a while, it's easy to see why.

Just a short walk from Waterloo and the South Bank, Elephant and Castle has always been perfectly placed in the city, but it's been more residential than an area to visit in its own right. Now all that's changed, with great cafés and restaurants. creative spaces, food markets and a few truly alternative things to do.

Restaurants

Louie Louie is a great place that serves food around the clock, and it often hosts live music in the evening.

Its brunch gets a special shout-out as it's served until 3pm on weekends; but instead of a full 10-piece fry-up, it's light and doesn't leave you feeling like a lump. My favourite dish is avocado with labneh and pumpkin seeds on sourdough toast - it's the perfect way to start a little tour of the area.

There is also the Latin American tapas fusion restaurant Paladar. which brings the best flavours of the region under one roof.

Buraess Park

The thing I love about Burgess Park is it's more than just a place to go for a stroll. There's a play area with climbing an insight into how equipment for children. a BMX track, tennis courts and a fishing lake.

It's also home to the free-to-enter 5k Burgess parkrun each Saturday. I've done the run a couple of times and it's a great way to start the weekend (even if it's a 9am start on a Saturday!). It's full of like-minded people, so it's the perfect place to meet locals and make friends, too.

3 The Cinema Museum

The Cinema Museum is one of the quirkiest museums in London and is devoted to keeping the spirit of cinema alive. There is a collection of kitsch memorabilia and it screens golden oldies.

The museum gives movies have changed over the years. If you love anything to do with film, this is for you.

Imperial War Museum

This is a big shout, but I think the Imperial War Museum on Lambeth Road is one of the most beautiful buildings in London. There, I said it, Just a 10-minute walk from Elephant & Castle

Underground station. this free museum is set in gorgeous grounds.

Every time I visit, I'm touched by the personal stories - it's an amazing place to learn about World Wars I and II. as well as global conflicts.

Mercato Metropolitano

This covered food hall has become one of the spots to visit in south London. Here you can choose from a range of dishes, from traditional Italian pizza and pasta, to Mexican tacos and burritos, Turkish kebabs and meze, and everything in-between.

There's also the Backvard Cinema showing blockbuster films, a German craft beer brewery, a shop and even a greenhouse in a double-decker bus.

Corsica Studios

When it comes to underground nightclubs, Corsica Studios takes the number one spot. Based in the arches of the railway line, it's the type of old-school club you used to find all over London, Corsica Studios is new to my life and it has become my favourite haunt.



Images clockwise from top left: Imperial War Museum exterior; Mercato Metropolitano; a dish at Louie Louie; Elephant and Castle; Imperial War Museum interior



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he Future Starts Here is the V&A's game-changing exhibition which celebrates the power of design in shaping the world of tomorrow. From driverless cars to robots, this 'mind-boggling, parameter-expanding display' (The Times) may seem straight out of science fiction, but these objects are very real, and being worked on right now by studios and

laboratories around the world. Discover inventions attempting to achieve human immortality, and projects tackling issues such as global warming alongside the next offerings from major corporations such as Google and Apple. Marvel at the latest innovations in robotics and prosthetics and witness the increasingly blurred lines between humanity and technology.

While what's on display suggests a certain future, it is not yet determined. The future we get is up to us. #TheFutureStartsHere





exhibition; Radical Love, DNA portrait of Chelsea Manning by Heather Dewey-Hagborg; Sedric the driverless car from Volkswagen Group Future Center Europe; inside the exhibition; dummy antenna around a fake tree by Dutch artist Jalila Essaidi





The exhibition runs until 4 November 2018 in the V&A's Sainsbury Gallery, a new purposebuilt subterranean gallery and one of the largest temporary exhibition spaces in Europe. www.vam.ac.uk/future

SIGHTSEEING





A STREET PARTY

Bermondsey Street Festival

(15 Sep) is a traffic-free village fête in the citu. Expect two stages of entertainment, food and drink stalls including Giddy Grocer's award-winning British pies, honey made on a rooftop at Bermondseu Street Bees and a cute dog show. www.bermondseustreet festival.org.uk



MONKEY BUSINESS

The jungle is coming to the city, thanks to the Great Gorilla Run (23 Sep). Now in its 16th year, this charity run sees hundreds of people joining an 8km route through the capital - each dressed as a gorilla. We probably don't need to give you any more reasons to watch. but proceeds from the run help to fight the extinction of mountain gorillas. Stock up on bananas! www.greatgorillarun.org

o vou like looking around other people's houses? Love to get a bit of interior design inspiration, perhaps? In that case. Open House London (22-23 Sep) is all of your sightseeing dreams come true. Buildings and spaces which are usually off-limits to the public are being unlocked, as part of a free event celebrating quality architecture.

More than 750 buildings tours and walks are in the 2018 programme, but for many it's all about one address: Open House will be (politely) requesting that Theresa May makes a bit of room for extra house guests at 10 Downing Street. This is the only chance to apply for a tour of the Prime Minister's home, so entry is a fiercely contested battle. A ballot decides who gets tickets.

Two further publicballot buildings are strictly for those with a head for heights: the 190m-high **BT** Tower, north of the Thames in Fitzrovia, and

the upper reaches of The Shard the tallest building in Western Europe at 306m.

Aside from those headliners there's plenty to see. The new Aga Khan Centre in King's Cross has just opened. The hub for the study of Muslim civilisations was designed by Japanese architects Maki and Associates, Its spaces follow Islamic design, including a rooftop garden inspired by the Mughal Empire.

How about a peek inside the new USEmbassy? Opened in January, the United States' patch of London is now in Nine Elms, on the southern bank of the Thames, Designed by Philadelphia architecture firm Kieran Timberlake, this spiralling structure includes vertical interior gardens of American flora.

For something older, Covent Garden's Royal Opera

House (rebuilt for the third time in 1858 after a fire) is also joining in for the first time. London awaits. - Neil Simpson www.openhouse london.org.uk



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BANQUETING HOUSE

This 17th-century building was designed by Inigo Jones for James I, with an exquisite painted ceiling by celebrated Baroque artist Peter Paul Bubens It is the only remaining part of the Palace of Whitehall, which was destroyed by fire, Daily 10am-5pm but call before visiting Adult £6.50. child free, Whitehall, SW1A 2ER, T: 020-3166 6000. www.hrp.org.uk. Station: Westminster. E8.



HOUSES OF INTRIGUE

Did you know that there are 925 statues in the UK, but only 25 are of women? In fact, there are more statues of animals. Heritage Open Days (6-9 & 13-16 Sep) is launching a campaign to change that, and this year's theme is Extraordinary Women. During the event, you can visit buildings steeped in history, many of which are rarely open to the public - all for free. Among the treasures you can explore are 17th-century Cumberland Lodge in Windsor (above) and Lloyd's Register in Fenchurch Street, an imposing City institution which was founded in 1760. www.heritageopendays.org.uk

THE BRITISH LIBRARY

The world's largest library. To 21 Oct: Windrush: Songs in a Strange Land. Exhibition marking the 70th anniversary of Caribbeans who arrived in the UK on board the Empire Windrush Mon-Thur 9.30am-8pm; Fri 9.30am-6pm; Sat 9.30am-5pm: Sun 11am-5pm. Admission free: charges for tours, some events and exhibitions. 96 Euston Rd. NW1 2DB. T: 0330-333 1144. www.bl.uk. Station: King's Cross. C7.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The London residence and principal workplace of the monarchy has 775 rooms. You can tour the State Rooms and garden (to 30 Sep), Daily 9.30am-6pm Book via the Boyal Collection website Adult. £24: child £13.50. Buckingham Palace. The Mall. SW1A 1AA. T: 0303-123 7300. www.royalcollection. org.uk. 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). From 10am; please check for dates. Free to attend. Buckingham Palace, The Mall, SW1A 1AA. T: 030-3123 7300. www.householddivision.org.uk. Station: Victoria/Green Park. F6/F7.

CUTTY SARK

This 19th-century ship is the world's last surviving tea clipper. Daily 10am-5pm. Adult £13.50; child £7. Joint tickets with Royal Observatory available. Cutty Sark, King William Walk, SE10 9HT. T: 020-8312 6608. www.rmg. co.uk. Station: Cutty Sark/Greenwich. Map inset.

DENNIS SEVERS' HOUSE

Since 1979, visitors have been able to explore the home of the late American artist Dennis Severs. Silent Night tour Mon, Wed & Fri 5pm-9pm. Daytime tour Mon noon-2pm & Sun noon-4pm. Tickets £5-£15. 18 Folgate St, E1 6BX. T: 020-7247 4013. www.dennissevershouse.co.uk. Station: Liverpool Street. D11.

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LAST CHANCE To 2 Sep: This immersive, family-friendly attraction takes visitors on a journey back in time to the age of dinosaurs. Mon 10am-noon & 2pm-5pm; Wed-Sun 10am-12.30pm & 2pm-5pm, Adult £33; child £28.50. Advance booking recommended. West Parkside, SE10 0BE. T: 0844-854 1355. www.dinosaursin thewild.com. Station: North Greenwich. Off map.



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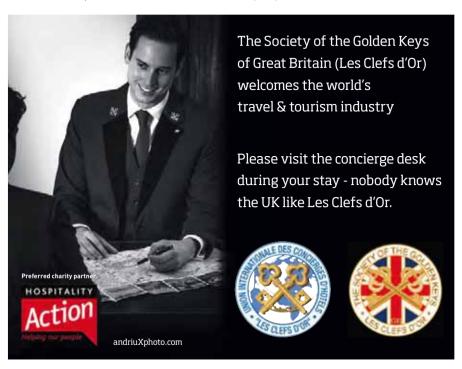
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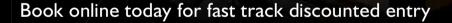


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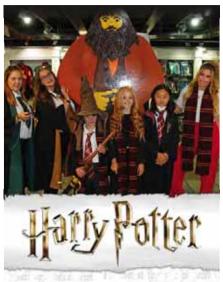
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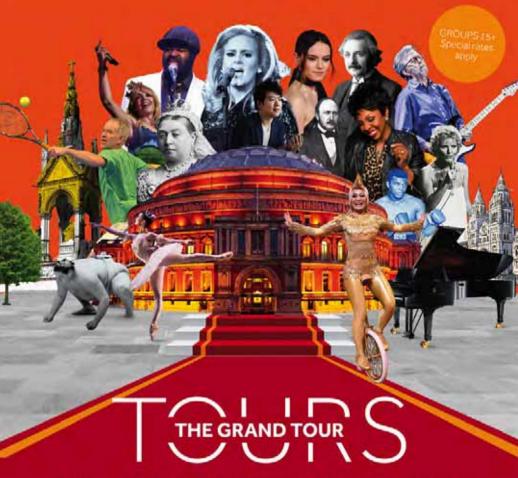
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THE CHARTERHOUSE

Dating back to 1348, this was originally a burial site during the Black Death, before becoming an almshouse in 1611. Tue-Sun 11am-5pm. Museum and chapel admission free: standard tour £10: Brothers' tour £15. Charterhouse Square. EC1M 6AN T: 020-3818 8873 www.thecharterhouse.org Station Rarbican C9

OUT OF TOWN

HAMPTON COURT PALACE

Once the favourite residence of King Henry VIII. this includes a 300-year-old maze is set in 60 acres of parkland (p. 74). Daily 10am-6pm. Adult £22.70: child £11.35. Hampton Court. East Molesey, Surrey. KT8 9AU. T: 0844-482 7777. www.hrp.org.uk. Station: Waterloo to Hampton Court. Off map.

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PALACE OF HOLYBOODHOUSE

The Queen's official residence in Scotland stands at the end of Edinburgh's Royal Mile Daily 9.30am-6pm, Adult £14; child £8.10. Canongate. The Royal Mile. Edinburgh. EH8 8DX, T: 0303-123 7306, www.royalcollection. ora.uk. Station: Edinburah Waverley. Off map.

WINDSOR CASTLE

The Queen's weekend residence - the State Apartments are furnished with magnificent art. AST CHANCE To 30 Sep: Conquer the Tower Tour. Follow 200 steps to the top of the Round Tower, Daily 10am-5.15pm, Adult £21,20; child £12.30. Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1NJ, T: 0303-123 7304. www.roualcollection.org.uk. Station: Waterloo to Windsor & Eton Central or Windsor & Eton Riverside. Off map.





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SOUTH KENSINGTON'S MUSEUMS

During Queen Victoria's reign, her husband Prince Albert built world-class museums right next to each other in South Kensington. See prehistoric fossils, dinosaurs and taxidermy at the Natural History Museum, or head to the child-friendly Science Museum with its rockets and steam engines. The Victoria and Albert Museum is a leading museum of art and design, covering architecture, furniture, fashion and photography. www.nhm.ac.uk; www.sciencemuseum.org.uk; www.vam.ac.uk

THE BRITISH MUSEUM Bloomsbury

This iconic building houses treasures including the Rosetta Stone and Egyptian mummies. Travel through time and around the world with a free paper guide in hand so you don't miss the highlights. www.britishmuseum.org

THE DESIGN MUSEUM Kensington

The museum offers an introduction to the history of contemporary design with the free display Designer Maker User, and opportunities to explore the present and future of design through pop-ups and temporary exhibitions. www.designmuseum.org

MUSEUM OF LONDON The City

This is the world's largest urban history museum, which has thousands of exhibits in nine galleries, including Roman and Medieval displays. Its sister museum in east London. the Museum of London Docklands, offers an insight into this historic area of the capital. www.museumoflondon.org.uk

THE HORNIMAN MUSEUM Forest Hill

This is the former home of Victorian Londoner Frederick John Horniman, who was a tea trader and philanthropist. Explore his huge collection of objects, specimens and artefacts from all over the world. There's an aquarium, butterfly house and a music gallery, as well as a 16-acre garden. www.horniman.ac.uk

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

TURNING IT OVER

The **Turner Prize** returns to Tate Britain (from 26 Sep. p. 58). honouring this year's four British shortlisted nominees: Forensic Architecture, Naeem Mohaiemen. Charlotte Prodaer and Luke Willis Thompson. Past winners include Gillian Wearing whose statue of suffragist Millicent Fawcett is in Parliament Sauare.

WHAT'S THE TIME?

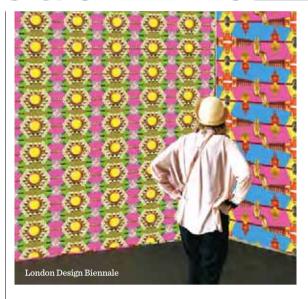
Time will be on your side when you visit Tate Modern's new film installation (from 14 Sep; p. 58). Christian Marclay's The Clock edits together clips from thousands of films and TV shows, at points when the time is either being told or shown. By piecing them together over 24 hours, the artist ensures that viewers of this experimental film can tell the actual time.



MIND OF YOUR OWN

The Roual Academy of Arts is launching its first Festival of Ideas. promising 10 days to plunge into the worlds of creation, culture and critical thinking (7-16 Sep; p. 58). Among those who are giving talks are photographer David Bailey. children's author Judith Kerr and Thomas Heatherwick, the London Olympic Velodrome designer.





DEDICATED TO DESIGN

t's easy to take design for granted, but there's nothing like travelling to a different city to make you think. Why are the park benches here even more beautiful than those at home? How come this train is so much more attractive than the one you travel to work in? As your eyes awaken, treat them to a trip to the London Design Festival (15-23 Sep) at the Victoria and Albert Museum. From here, the inspirational and experimental radiate across the city, whether it's the clink of specially developed porcelain at a festival tea party, or an alphabet made from 26 chairs in Broadgate.

To digest its attractions more easily, the festival is organised into Design Districts. At each location, you'll find a hub of activity based in a walkable area. Perhaps you'll familiarise yourself with east London at the Shoreditch Design Triangle,

or see the interior designs of your dreams on Pimlico Road.

Back at the V&A, a room is going to be 'dazzled': the walls will be painted with a confusing array of different shapes. It's a tribute to British artist Norman Wilkinson, who developed the design in World War I, using it to decorate US ships and confuse enemy submarines.

Across town. Somerset House is hosting the London Design Biennale (4-23 Sep). More than 35 countries and cities submit work for display on the theme of Emotional States, exploring how the design of everyday objects influences our feelings and memories.

Look out for Latvia's Variant Studio, which is installing a 'meditative space' to show how the country strives to interact responsibly with nature.

- Neil Simpson www.londondesignfestival.com; www.londondesignbiennale.com

MUSEUMS

BANK OF ENGLAND MUSEUM

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

THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Unrivalled collection, plus the Queen Elizabeth II Great Court, Huge displays from the Roman Empire, Medieval Europe and India, 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.british museum.org. Station: Russell Square. D7/8.

A TALL ORDER

As the brains behind The Shard

(pictured), architect Renzo Piano's stratospheric career has taken him to the pinnacle of London – literally. The Royal Academy of Arts is celebrating his work in Renzo Piano: The Art of Making Buildings (from 15 Sep; p. 58). The exhibition charts Piano's most impressive projects. including the Centre Pompidou in Paris and New York's Whitney Museum of American Art. Look out for a sculpture installing 100 of his structures on one imaginary island, which would surely be a fabulous place to be cast away.

CHURCHILL WAR ROOMS

Explore the secret bunker where Sir Winston Churchill worked during World War II. Daily 9.30am-6pm, Adult £21; child £10.50, Clive Steps, King Charles St. SW1A 2AQ, T: 020-7930 6961 www.iwm.ora.uk. Station: Westminster, F7.

CLINK PRISON MUSEUM

In this former prison dating back to 1144. exhibits reveal 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. Station: London Bridge, E10.

THE GUARDS MUSEUM

Learn about the history of Changing the Guard. Daily 10am-4pm. Adult £8: child free. Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, SW1E 6HQ, T: 020-7414 3271. www.theguardsmuseum.com. Station: St James's Park/Westminster. D5.

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY MUSEUM

Go behind the scenes to see the ceremonial duties of the Household Cavalry Regiments. Daily 10am-6pm. Adult £8; child £6. Horse Guards, Whitehall, SW1A 2AX, T: 020-7930 3070. www.householdcavalrumuseum.co.uk. Station: Westminster. E7/8.

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Huge displays relating to conflicts from World War I to today, particularly involving Britain. NEW From 21 Sep: Renewal: Life after the First World War in Photographs. A look at rebuilding after wars. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for some special exhibitions. Lambeth Rd. SE1 6HZ. T: 020-7416 5000. www.iwm.org.uk. Station: Lambeth North/Waterloo. E5.

JACK THE RIPPER MUSEUM

More than just an exploration of the serial killer's crimes, you'll also discover the history of east London, Daily 9.30am-6.30pm, Adult £12; child £8. 12 Cable St, E1 8JG. T: 020-7488 9811. www.jacktherippermuseum.com. Station: Aldgate East/Tower Hill. Off map.

LEIGHTON HOUSE MUSEUM

The former home of Frederic, Lord Leighton is a museum of his life. The collection includes paintings and sculptures. Wed-Mon 10am-5.30pm; tour at 3pm every Wed and Sun. Adult £9; child £7. 12 Holland Park Rd, W14 8LZ. *T*: 020-7602 3316. www.rbkc.gov.uk. Station: Kensington Olympia. Off map.



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Discover the story of London's transport system. Highlights include iconic red buses and the world's first Underground steam train. Daily 10am-6pm. Adult £17.50; child free. Covent Garden Piazza. WC2E 7BB T: 020-7379 6344 www.ltmuseum. couk Station: Covent Garden E8.

MUSEUM OF LONDON

The world's largest urban history museum has thousands of exhibits in nine galleries. Daily 10am-6pm, Admission free; charges for special exhibitions and walking tours. 150 London Wall. EC2Y 5HN. T: 020-7001 9844. www.museum oflondon.org.uk. Station: Barbican. D10.

MUSEUM OF LONDON DOCKLANDS

The history of the River Thames, Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free, charges for special exhibitions. No 1 Warehouse, Hertsmere Rd, E14 4AL. T: 020-7001 9844. www.museumoflondon. org.uk. Station: West India Quay. Map inset.

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

The world's largest maritime museum is spread over several sites. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free; charges for events and exhibitions (p. 58). Romney Rd, SE10 9NF. T: 020-8858 4422. www.rma.co.uk. Station: Greenwich. Off map.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Astounding collections at this family-friendly museum. Exhibits include dinosaur skeletons. LAST CHANCE To 16 Sep: Sensational

Butterflies. Live butterflies and moths. Daily 10am-5.50pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. Cromwell Rd, SW7 5BD. T: 020-7942 5000, www.nhm.ac.uk, Station: South Kensington. F4.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MUSEUM

National aviation museum focusing on the Royal Air Force, with more than 100 types of aircraft. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for special experiences. Grahame Park Way, NW9 5LL. T: 020-8205 2266. www.raf museum.org.uk. Station: Colindale. Off map.



GAME ON

The Victoria and Albert Museum's latest exhibition, Videogames: Design/Play/ Disrupt (from 8 Sep. p. 58), tackles the intricacies of the modern digital realm. Dive headfirst into the world of videogames to explore design influences, as well as the cultural impact they've had from the mid-2000s onwards. Not just a chronological history of videogames, the show comprises three sections (design, play and disrupt) to provoke an appreciation of these creations beyond the digital world. Itching to play? You'll find a range of large-scale interactive installations to enjoy.

SCIENCE MUSEUM

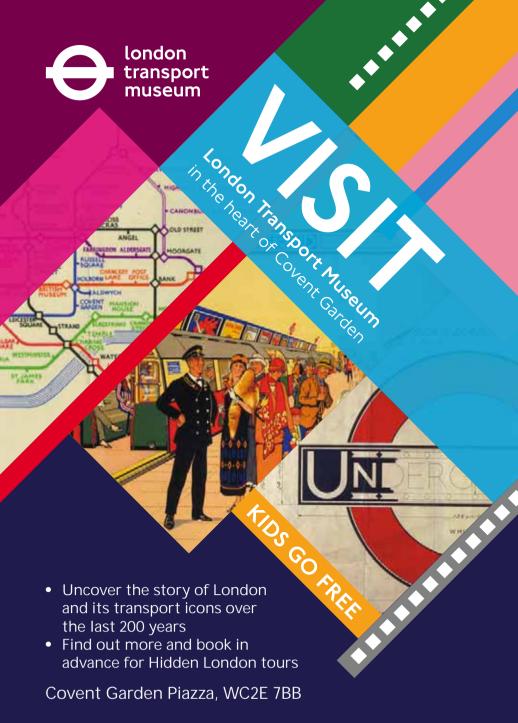
Family-friendly exhibitions on science, technology and medicine. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free: charges for exhibitions. Exhibition Rd. SW7 2DD. T: 0333-241 4000, www.sciencemuseum.ora.uk. Station: South Kensington. F4.

SOMERSET HOUSE

This 18th-century building houses great artworks. The Courtauld Gallery will be closed from 3 Sep for refurbishment. Galleries Wed-Fri 11am-8pm; Sat-Tue 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for exhibitions. Strand, WC2R 1LA. T: 020-7845 4600. www.somersethouse.org.uk. Temple. E8.

TWININGS MUSEUM

This shop has a mini exhibition on the tea company's 300-year history. Mon-Fri 9.30am-7pm; Sat 10.30am-5.30pm; Sun 11am-5pm. Admission free. 216 Strand, WC2R 1AP. T: 020-7353 3511. www.twinings.co.uk. Station: Temple. D9.



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VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM

An outstanding collection of fine and applied arts (p. 56), Sat-Thur 10am-5.45pm; Fri 10am-10pm. Admission free: charges for special exhibitions. Cromwell Rd. SW7 2RL, T: 020-7942 2000. www.vam.ac.uk. Station: South Kensington. F4/5.

WELLCOME COLLECTION

Fascinating quirky health exhibitions Tue-Wed & Fri-Sat 10am-6pm; Thur 10am-10pm; Sun 11am-6pm Admission free 183 Fuston Rd NW12BE T: 020-76112222 www.wellcome collection.org. Station: Euston. C7.

GALLERIES

GUILDHALL ART GALLERY

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



MAKING ROOM

Greenwich boasts the world's largest maritime museum – and it's getting bigger. The National Maritime Museum is taking the wraps off its Exploration Wing, which has room for four galleries (from 20 Sep; p. 56). Expect access to 1.000 extra treasures from the archives. organised into Pacific Encounters, Polar Worlds, Tudor and Stuart Seafarers and Sea Things. Those with a passion for adventure should make their way to the Polar Worlds gallery, presenting an area of the globe which remains as dangerous and contested today as it was 250 years ago. Elsewhere, talking statues and a digital wave await.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY

One of the world's greatest galleries, with works by masters from the 13th to 19th centuries Sat-Thur 10am-6pm; Fri 10am-9pm, Admission free: charges for special exhibitions. Trafalgar Square. WC2N 5DN. T: 020-7747 2885. www.national aallery ora uk. Station: Charina Cross. E7.

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

Paintings, drawings and photographs depicting famous British people, Sat-Thur 10am-6pm: Fri 10am-9pm, Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. St Martin's Place. WC2H 0HE. T: 020-7312 2463, www.npg.org.uk, Station: Leicester Square. E7.

THE QUEEN'S GALLERY

A smart gallery adjoining Buckingham Palace. To 14 Oct: Splendours of the Subcontinent. South Asian art and manuscripts, Daily 9.30am-5.30pm. Adult £12; child £6. Buckingham Palace. SW1A 1AA. T: 0303-123 7301. www.roual collection.org.uk. Station: Green Park. F7.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS

See Royal Academy Collection works in all media. NEW From 15 Sep: Renzo Piano: The Art of Making Buildings. Celebrating The Shard architect's work (p. 53). Sat-Thur 10am-6pm: Fri 10am-10pm, Admission free; charges for exhibitions, 6 Burlington Gardens, Piccadilly, W1J 0BD, T: 020-7300 8000, www.royalacademy. org.uk. Station: Green Park. E7.

SOUTHBANK CENTRE

This arts centre is home to the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall and Hayward Gallery. Please check for times and prices. Belvedere Rd. SE1 8XX. T: 020-7928 3232. www.southbank centre.co.uk. Station: Waterloo/Westminster. E8.

TATE BRITAIN

The nation's leading collection of British art from 1500 to today, including works by Turner. NEW From 26 Sep: Turner Prize. See the work of the four shortlisted nominees (p. 52). Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. Millbank, SW1P 4RG. T: 020-7887 8888. www.tate.org.uk. Station: Pimlico. G8.

TATE MODERN

See world-class modern art in the transformed Bankside Power Station (p. 52). Sun-Thur 10am-6pm; Fri-Sat 10am-10pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions, Bankside, SE1 9TG, T: 020-7887 8888. www.tate.org.uk. Station: Southwark. E9.





ENTERTAINMENT

JOIN THE CLUB

Club anthems get a classical makeoner from D.Is Graeme Park and Mike Pickering who played at legendary Manchester nightclub The Hacienda in the 1980s They've teamed up with Manchester Camerata for Hacienda Classical at the Royal Albert Hall (28 Sep. p. 71), Expect house classics such as Pacific State. Voodoo Ray and You Got the Love.



GIRL POWER

To celebrate the centenary of the first British women gaining the vote. Sylvia - a hip-hop, soul and funk musical inspired by women's rights pioneer Sulvia Pankhurst - is being staged at The Old Vic (3-22 Sep). Genesis Lynea takes the lead alongside stage star Beverley Knight as Sylvia's mother. Emmeline Pankhurst. www.oldvictheatre.com

MOVIE MAGIC

If you can't get enough of outdoor cinema, catch a show with Pop Up Screens. This month's highlights include The Greatest Showman at Priory Park in Crouch End. and Moulin Rouge at Bishops Park in Fulham. www.popupscreens.co.uk





ritish stars are taking to the stage in William Shakespeare's tragedy Antony & Cleonatra at the National Theatre (from 18 Sep: p. 68; above).

Fiennes, who is best known for his roles in the Harry Potter and James Bond film series and for Broadway's Hamlet, for which he won a Tony Award. Joining him as Cleopatra will be Sophie Okonedo, who starred in the 2004 film Hotel Rwanda and Broadway's A Raisin in the Sun, for which she won her Tony Award, She has also

Antony will be played by Ralph

an OBE by the Queen for her services to drama. In the play, general Mark Antony takes the Roman reins, but a power struggle ensues with his rival Octavius. When Antony falls in love with the Egyptian queen, Cleopatra,

been nominated for a Golden

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Award, and was awarded

he is distracted by his feelings and loses a key battle. Keen to win back his love, Cleopatra fakes her death - only for her plan to backfire.

As well as making it shorter. director Simon Godwin has set this version in modern dress but you can expect the usual themes of power and passion.

The epic play will be broadcast live in cinemas later in the year (6 Dec: www.nationaltheatre.org.uk).

Shakespeare fans will be delighted to know that there are plenty of his plays on

this month At the Donmar Warehouse, artistic director Josie Rourke will direct his comedy Measure for Measure (from 28 Sep). In this version. the leads swap roles: Hayley Atwell and Jack Lowden alternate the roles halfway through, and some of the scenes are even replayed (www.donmarwarehouse.com).

If you love Shakespeare so much that you don't mind what you see, visit Shakespeare's Globe on 9 Sep and vote for your favourite play from a choice of The Taming of the Shrew, The Merchant of Venice and Twelfth Night. The winner will then by performed (www.shakespearesglobe.com). - Sarah Riches

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FAMILY Broadway and West End hit, Mon-Sat 7.30pm: Thur & Sat 2.30pm (not 6 Sep). Tickets £27.25-£99. Prince Edward Theatre. Old Compton St. W1D 4HS T: 0844-482 5151 www.aladdinthe musical couk Station: Tottenham Court Road, D7.

BAT OUT OF HELL

To 27 Oct: Meat Loaf jukebox musical, Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm, Tickets £20-£150. Dominion Theatre, 268-269 Tottenham Court Rd. W1T 7AQ, T: 0845-200 7982, www.batoutofhell musical com. Station: Tottenham Court Road, D7.

THE BOOK OF MORMON

Satire by the South Park team. Check for times Tickets £25-£202.25. Prince of Wales. Coventry St. W1D 6AS, T: 0844-482 5110, www.bookofmormon london.com. Station: Leicester Square. E7.

CHICAGO THE MUSICAL

Jazz-filled musical, Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm, Tickets £25-£150, Phoenix Theatre. 110 Charina Cross Rd. WC2H 0JP. T: 0843-316 1082. www.phoenixtheatrelondon.co.uk. Station: Tottenham Court Road. E7.



VE AND MARRIAGE

Don't miss the legendary Broadway musical comedy Company, which is coming to the Gielgud Theatre (from 26 Sep). The action takes place at Bobby's 35th birthday party, where her married friends question why she hasn't settled down. Stephen Sondheim's iconic songs and a performance from Patti LuPone guarantee this will be a hit. Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 6AR, T: 0844-482 5151. www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk

DREAMGIRLS

Musical about a young female singing trio from Chicago, Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£175. Savoy Theatre. Strand. WC2R OET. T: 0844-871 7687, www.savoutheatre.org. Station: Covent Garden, E8.

EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE

Musical about a boy who overcomes bullies. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm, Tickets £20-£85, Apollo, 31 Shaftesbury Ave. W1D 7ES. T: 0330-333 4809. www.everubodystalkingabout iamie.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E8.

42ND STREET

Romantic comedy about an authoritative theatre director staging a musical during the Depression. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Wed & Sat 2.30pm. Tickets £15-£125. Theatre Royal Drury Lane. Catherine St. WC2B 5JF. T: 0844-858 8877. www.42ndstreet musical couk Station: Covent Garden, D8.

THE KING AND I

LAST CHANCE To 29 Sep: Comical musical set in 1860s Bangkok. Check for times. Tickets £29.50-£150. London Palladium, Argull St. W1F 7TF. T: 0844-412 2704. www.kingandimusical. co.uk. Station: Oxford Circus. D7.

KINKY BOOTS

A shoe factory makes knee-high boots for drag queens. Check for times. Tickets £19.50-£125. Adelphi Theatre, 409-412 Strand, WC2R ONS. T: 0844-579 0094. www.kinkybootsthemusical. co.uk. Station: Charing Cross. E8.

LES MISÉRABLES

The world's longest-running musical is set in postrevolutionary France. Check for times. Tickets £47.25-£177.25. Queen's Theatre, 51 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 6BA. T: 0844-482 5160. www.lesmis.com. Station: Leicester Square/Piccadilly Circus. D8.

DISNEY'S THE LION KING

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

MAMMA MIA!

A tribute to the popular music of the 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. Station: Covent Garden/Temple. E8.



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FAMILY Fantastic show based on Roald Dahl's hook Check for times Tickets £25-£122.50 Cambridge Theatre, 32-34 Earlham St. WC2 9HU. T. 0844-412 4652 yrunu matildathemysical com Station: Covent Garden D8

MOTOWN THE MUSICAL

A history of the music label. Check for times and prices. Shaftesbury Theatre. 210 Shaftesbury Ave. WC2H 8DP T: 020-7379 5399 www.shaftesbury theatre.com Station: Tottenham Court Road, D8.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

A mysterious masked man haunts the Paris Opera House Check for times Tickets £25-£175 Her Majestu's Theatre, 57 Haumarket, SW1Y 4QL. T: 0844-412 2707 www thenhantomofthe opera.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

SCHOOL OF BOCK-THE MUSICAL

Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit musical Please check for times. Tickets £15-£99.50. Gillian Lunne Theatre, 166 Drury Lane, WC2B 5PF. T: 020-7452 3000 www.schoolofrockthe musical com. Station: Covent Garden, D8.



For a heady dose of 1980s nostalgia. catch Eugenius! at The Other Palace (from 1 Sep). It's produced by Star Wars' Warwick Davis and features a live band playing an original score of catchy tunes inspired by 1980s tracks. Fast-paced and energetic, the romantic comedy follows Eugene, a lonely, awkward teen who's bullied at school but is a genius at writing and illustrating comics. After entering his comic into a competition, Hollywood comes calling - resulting in a sci-fi twist. 12 Palace St. SW1E 5JA. T: 020-7087 7900. www.theotherpalace.co.uk



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Following a hit world premiere at the Young Vic. Matthew Lopez's play The Inheritance is coming to the Nöel Coward Theatre (from 21 Sep). Absorbing, emotional and at times comical, it has been hailed a modern classic for its portraval of gav men

in Manhattan and the legacy of the Aids crisis. Inspired by EM Forster's 1910 novel Howards End and Tony Kushner's 1990s play Angels in America, it stars Vanessa Redgrave (left) as the only woman in the play, and is directed by Stephen Daldry. The six-hour performance is in two parts. www.delfont mackintosh.

co.uk

SOUNDS AND SORCERY

AST CHANCE To 30 Sep: Immersive music concert experience inspired by Disney's Fantasia. Please check for times Tickets £28 50-£38 The Vaults Leake St. SE1 7NN, T: 020-7401 9603. mum thengults landon Station: Waterloo F8

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Celebration of Michael Jackson's career Check for times and prices. Luric. 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 superstar Tina Turner Mon-Sat 730pm: Thur & Sat 230pm Tickets £10-£85. Aldwuch Theatre. 9 Aldwuch. WC2B 4DF T: 0845-200 7981, www.tinathe musical com Station: Covent Garden/Holborn, D8.

WICKED

The brilliant backstory of the witches of Oz. Check for times. Tickets £24.25-£202.75. Apollo Victoria Theatre, 17 Wilton Rd, SW1V 1LG. T. 0844-871 3001 www.wickedthemusical.co.uk Station: Victoria, F7





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YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

LAST CHANGE To 29 Sep: Mel Brooks' classic monster musical Check for times and prices Garrick Theatre, 2 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0HH. T: 0844-482 9673, www.garricktheatre.org. Station: Leicester Square. E7/8.

PLAYS.

ANTONY & CLEOPATRA

NaW From 18 Sep: Shakespeare's tragedy (p. 60). Please check for times and prices National Theatre South Bank SE1 9PX T: 020-7452 3000 www.nationaltheatre.ora.uk_Station: Waterloo_E8

THE COMEDY ABOUT A BANK ROBBERY

A hilarious play about six crooks desperate to get hold of a diamond. Check for times. Tickets. £10-£73.75 Criterion Theatre, 218-223 Piccadilly W1V 9LB. T: 0844-815 6131, www.thecomeduabout abankrobbery.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

FAULTY TOWERS: THE DINING EXPERIENCE

Seventies-style dining and interactive comedy combine in this theatrical experience. Please check for times. Tickets £6750-£7450. Radisson Blu.

Edwardian, 9-13 Bloomsbury St. WC1B 3QD T: 0845-154 4145, www.faultutowers-uk.com Station: Tottenham Court Road D7

HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD

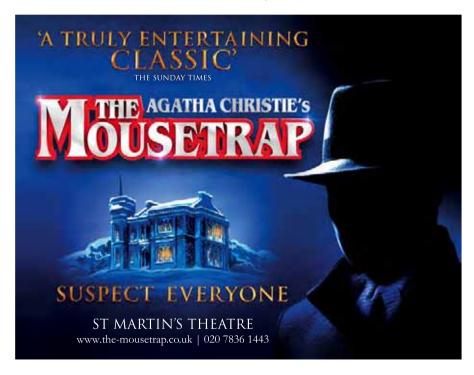
The long-awaited two-part adaptation of JK Rowling's new story has already won many awards Most tickets are sold out; check for returns and times Palace Theatre, 113 Shafteshuru Ave. W1D 5AY. T: 0300-333 4813. www.harrupotter theplay.com. Station: Leicester Square. D7.

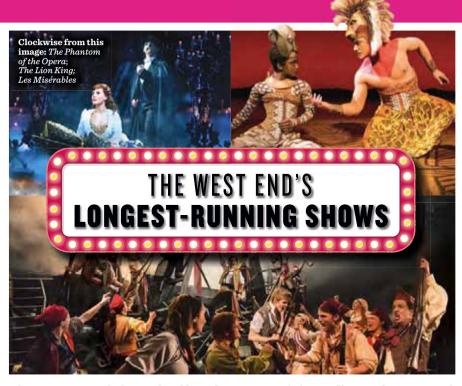
THE MOUSETRAP

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-mousetran.co.uk Station: Leicester Square, D7

THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

Slapstick comedy about a drama society staging a murder mystery. Tue-Sat 7.30pm: Sat 2.30pm: Sun 3pm & 7pm. Tickets £22-£72. Duchess Theatre, 3-5 Catherine St. WC2B 5LA. T: 0844-482 9672, www.theplauthatgoes wrong com Station: Covent Garden D8.





These veterans of Theatreland have been entertaining audiences for years and years, so if you're looking for a legendary London evening, here's where to start

THE MOUSETRAP St Martin's Theatre

Agatha Christie, the best-selling novelist of all time, also wrote the longest-running play in the world. The Mousetrap opened in 1952 and is a classic 'whodunnit', a murder mystery which will keep you guessing who committed the crime right until the very end. www.the-mousetrap.co.uk

LES MISÉRABLES Queen's Theatre

This epic musical about the French Revolution opened at the Barbican in 1985, when the Press reviews weren't very positive. But theatre superproducer Cameron Mackintosh quickly turned it into a West End sensation. Les Misérables has moved around the West End over the years and has been in its current Shaftesbury Avenue home since 2004. The London production is the longest-running musical in the world. www.queenstheatre.co.uk

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Her Majesty's Theatre

Andrew Lloyd Webber's dramatic musical about tragedy, terror and love opened in London in

1986. The story is set in Paris, where a masked figure spreads horror across the Opera House. With a score that is famous across the world. The Phantom of the Opera has made more money than any other musical in history. www.reallyusefultheatres.co.uk

THE WOMAN IN BLACK Fortune Theatre

Another spooky show, this play is based on Susan Hill's 1983 novel, which became a West End play in 1988. The story is about a lawyer who becomes convinced that a ghostly female figure has put a curse on his family. It's a truly scary play. www.thewomaninblack.com

THE LION KING Lyceum Theatre

No introduction is necessary for Disney's long-running West End musical, which came to London from Broadway in 1999. To bring the animals of Africa's Serengeti Plain to the stage, the show uses puppets, masks, stilts and elaborate costumes. The Lion King is Disney's longest-running musical. www.thelionking.co.uk

THEATRELAND MAP





London's major theatre and music venues can be located on the map above using the grid reference in the key below.

Visit London has a secure online booking service for all major current and forthcoming theatre productions.

To book tickets go to www.visitlondon.com

Key to Theatres

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WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION

A gripping play based on Agatha Christie's courtroom drama Check for times Tickets from £10-£75. County Hall. Belvedere Rd. South Bank. SE1 7PR T: 0844-815 7141 www.witnesscountu hall.com. Station: Waterloo/Westminster. F8.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK

A spooky story adapted from Susan Hill's novel. Tue-Sat 8pm; Tue & Thur 3pm; Sat 4pm. Tickets £22 50-£85 Fortune Theatre, Russell St. WC2B5HH. T: 0844-871 7626, www.thewoman. inhlack com Station: Covent Garden D8

OPERA

LONDON COLISEUM

NEW From 28 Sep: Salome. Based on Oscar Wilde's lurid play Check for times and prices 33 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4ES, T: 020-7845 9300. www.eno.org. Station: Charing Cross. E8.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS BBC PROMS

LAST CHANCE To 8 Sep: Annual classical music festival. Royal Albert Hall. Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP, T: 020-7589 8212, www.bbc. co.uk/proms. Station: South Kensington. F4.

UNDERBELLY FESTIVAL

LAST CHANCE To 30 Sep: Comedy, circus and cabaret shows. Belvedere Rd Coach Park. SE1 8XX. T: 0844-545 8252. www.underbellu festival.com. Station: Waterloo. E8.

CONCERTS: POP, JAZZ & WORLD THE 02

6-8 Sep: Barry Manilow. 9-13 Sep: Arctic Monkeys. Check for times and prices. The O2, Peninsula Square, SE10 0AX, T: 0844-856 0202, www.theo2. co.uk. Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.

DANCE

BARRICAN

12-15 Sep: Black Whyte Gray by Boy Blue. Hip-hop dance triple bill. Please check for times. Tickets £15-£25. Silk St, EC2Y 8DS. T: 020-7638 8891. www.barbican.org.uk. Station: Barbican. C10.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

THE EVERYWHERE BEAR

NEW From 13 Sep: Julia Donaldson's story with puppets, for children aged three to eight. Please check for times. Adult £13.50; child £11.50. Little Angel Theatre, 14 Dagmar Passage, N1 2DN. T: 020-7226 1787. www.littleangel theatre.com. Station: Angel. Off map.



SPORT

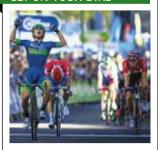
IT'S COMING HOME

Following the highly successful FIFA World Cun this summer international football makes a quick return with the inaugural UEFA Nations League. This new tournament sees the ton 55 national European teams take part, and comes to London in the form of England vs Spain at Wembley Stadium (8 Sep). www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague

START YOUR FNGINES

The world's only indoor motorcycle sprint sees historic race bikes and famous riders in a head-to-head showdown at the MCN Allu Pallu Show and Supersprint at the iconic venue Alexandra Palace (22-23 Sep). Get ready for the high-octane roar of engines as the event brings together legendary names such as Carl 'Foggu' Fogarty - king of superbike racing - and John McGuinness, who has won 15 Isle of Man TTs. www.mcnallupallushow.co.uk

GFT ON YOUR BIKE



This year's **OVO Energy Tour** of Britain (9 Sep) comes to its conclusion in the capital after a gruelling eight days of racing around the country, including in Carmarthenshire, Cumbria and East Devon. Cycling fans can expect a star-studded line-up of top team cyclists, competing around a 14-lap circuit taking in Trafalgar Square and ending on Regent Street. www.tourofbritain.co.uk



he summer's cricket season reaches its culmination this month. with domestic cup finals and titles at stake. It also marks the end of England's 2018 international season. with a Test match against India taking place at the Kia Oval (7-11 Sep: p. 73). This is the final encounter of a five-match series, and it might be the deciding match in what is likely to be a thrilling contest against you can take photographs by one of the world's best nations.

Cricket fans can also discover the intriguing 173-year history of the Kia Oval, venue of matches for England and Surrey County Cricket Club, on a new 90-minute guided tour. You'll learn about the ground's cricketing connections, as well as how it also staged other sporting events when it was known as the Kennington Oval: these included England's first international football match, in 1870 against Scotland; the first FA Cup Final, in 1872;

and the second international rugby match, which took place against Scotland in 1871.

The first Test was played here in 1880, when England beat Australia by five wickets. Two years later, when Australia beat England, The Sporting Times published a mock obituary declaring the 'the death of English cricket' - and the Ashes was born. On a tour of the Kia Oval.

the pitch that has witnessed decades of sporting history - this is where the legendary Australian batsman Don Bradman played his final Test innings, and where the first T20 evening matches took place.

You can also visit the players' dressing rooms and learn about the club's history in the museum. Why not sit in the commentary box to see if you can match the skills of BBC Radio experts? It's a great day out for any sports fan.

- Emma Levine

WATCH

BOXING

22 Sep: Anthony Joshua vs Alexander Povetkin. World Heavyweight clash. Wembley Stadium. See 'Wembley Stadium Tour' for address.

CRICKET

10-13 Sep: Middlesex vs Kent. 16 Sep: National Village Cup Final, 18-21 Sep: Middlesex vs Derbyshire. Lord's Cricket Ground, see 'Lord's Tour' for address.

7-11 Sep: England vs India. Test match (p. 72). 4-7 Sep: Surrey vs Essex. Kia Oval. see 'Kia Oval Tour' for address.

FOOTBALL

Premier League fixtures (dates are subject to change)

23 Sep: Arsenal vs Everton, 23 Sep: Arsenal vs Watford. Emirates Stadium. see 'Arsenal Stadium Tour & Museum' for address.

1 Sep: Chelsea vs Bournemouth, 15 Sep: Chelsea vs Cardiff City. 29 Sep: Chelsea vs Liverpool. Stamford Bridge, see 'Chelsea FC Stadium Tour & Museum' for address.

15 Sep: Tottenham vs Liverpool. Wembley Stadium, see 'Wembley Stadium Tour' for temporary address. T: 0344-844 0102. www.tottenhamhotspur.com.

scored 152 runs 1 Sep: West Ham vs Wolves. on his debut 23 Sep: West Ham vs Chelsea. 29 Sep: West Ham vs Manchester United, London Stadium, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, E20 2ST. T: 020-8548 2748. www.whufc.com.

TOURS & MUSEUMS

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

CHELSEA FC STADIUM TOUR & MUSEUM

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

LORD'S TOUR & MCC MUSEUM

Guided tour of the home of cricket includes the Pavilion, Long Room and Honours Board, plus the England team's dressing room and the MCC Museum with the Ashes urn. Check for dates & times, Booking essential, Tour £24; child £15. St John's Wood Rd. NW8 8QN. T: 020-7616 8595. www.lords.org. Station: St John's Wood, C4.

KIA OVAL TOUR.

The first Test

match in England

was played at the

Oval – WG Grace

Tour the famous cricket ground, home of Surrey County Cricket Club since 1845 and host of England matches. See the architecture, history and famous sporting faces (p. 72). Please check for times. Adult £20: child £10. Kennington. SE11 5SS. T: 020-3946 0100. www.kiaoval.com. Station: Oval. Off map.

TWICKENHAM WORLD RUGBY MUSEUM & STADIUM TOUR.

Visit the world's largest stadium dedicated to rugby. Tours include the England dressing

room, royal box and pitch. The new-look World Rugby Museum houses 38.000 objects, Check for times, Adult £25: child £15. Whitton Rd. Twickenham. TW2 7BA. T: 020-8892 8877. www.worldrugbumuseum.com. Station: Twickenham. Off map.

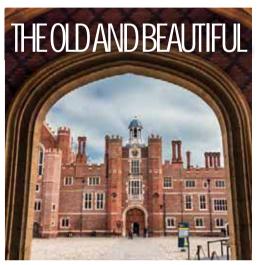
THE WEMBLEY STADIUM TOUR

Go behind the scenes to relive sporting history at this world-famous stadium - the UK's largest sports and music venue - including the England dressing rooms and FA Cup. Regular tours daily 10am-4pm; please check for closures. Adult £19; child £12. Olympic Way, HA9 OWS. T: 0800-169 9933. www.wembleystadium.com. Station: Wembley Park. Off map.

WIMBLEDON LAWN TENNIS MUSEUM & TOUR

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

SHOPPING







THE KIDS ARE IN CHARGE

Proving that small can be beautiful, **Mini Mode** (15 Sep) returns as it celebrates fashion for children. Enjoy fashion shows, a buyers' lounge and family-friendly entertainment – a kids' DJ, anyone? www.mini-mode.co.uk



STRIKE A POSE

London Fashion Week may be an invite-only event, but you can go to London Fashion Week Festival (20-23 Sep) to watch catwalk shows and browse pop-up shops. Look out, too, for gigs, wellness talks and even yoga sessions on the catwalk www.londonfashionweekfestival.com

here's no denying that a grand setting can enhance your shopping experience. This month, you're in luck as some of London's most beautiful places are holding special shopping events, which means you can see the sights while picking up souvenirs.

Hampton Court Palace was loved by King Henry VIII, and building began in 1515. It was later expanded by Christopher Wren and boasts a Baroque palace. *The Handmade Fair* at **Hampton Court Palace** (14-16 Sep; p. 50; above) is hosted by Kirstie Allsopp, who presents property and home improvement TV shows.

Throughout the day you can learn how to upcycle furniture, write calligraphy and browse stalls that offer bespoke as well as handmade gems, from accessories to fabrics. You can also listen to talks on a range of topics, such as how knitted

garments are made and the language of flowers.

Etham Palace is one of London's most spectacular Art Deco buildings. The venue is a fascinating mix of styles, with a historic garden, medieval palace and a war-time bunker. Its Art Deco Fair (8-9 Sep; p. 28) is a fitting event, as it sees the palace taken over by vintage items from the 1930s such as jewellery and furniture.

When it opened in 1873, Alexandra Palace in north London was known as 'The People's Palace'. It was the original home for the BBC, and has been the venue for many concerts and sports events. This month you can enjoy the Antiques & Collectors Fair (2 Sep), which attracts more than 300 antiques dealers. Find gems from ceramics and art to retro homeware and vintage jewellery (wwwiacf.co.uk). – Kohinoor Sahota

TRAVEL FOR DISCOVERIES

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MAJOR STORES

DEBENHAMS

Fashion and homeware. 334-348 Oxford St. W1C 1.IG (and branches) T: 0844-561 6161 www.debenhams.com, Station: Oxford Circus, B4.

FORTNUM & MASON

Established in 1707 this historic store is famed for its food hall, hampers and china. Don't miss the Diamond Jubilee Tea Salon. 181 Piccadilly. W1A 1ER. T: 0845-300 1707. www.fortnum andmason com Station: Green Park E7

HARRODS

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

JOHN LEWIS

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

LIBERTY

Behind a mock-Tudor exterior, this respected store is famed for its haberdashery and fabrics. Great Marlborough St. W1B 5AH. T: 020-7734 1234. www.libertulondon.com. Station: Oxford Circus. B5.

MARKS & SPENCER

Everything from food to furniture and clothing to cosmetics at this trusted national institution. It is famous for its lingerie department, 458 Oxford Street, W1C 1AP (and branches). T: 020-7935 7954 www.marks and spencer com Station: Marble Arch B4

SELFRIDGES

This famous department store is great for fashion. beauty and food, and home to the huge Denim Studios. 400 Oxford St. W1A 1AB. T: 0800-123 400. www.selfridges.com. Station: Bond Street. D6.

MALLS & FACTORY OUTLETS

BICESTER VILLAGE

A shopping haven in Oxfordshire's countryside where more than 160 boutiques showcase fashion brands, with prices that are reduced all year round. Please check for times. Bicester. Oxfordshire, OX26 6WD, T: 01869-323 200. www.bicestervillage.com, Station: Marulebone to Bicester Village, Bus: Shopping Express Village coach from London hotels. Off map.

WESTFIELD LONDON

This huge mall has luxury and high-street stores, plus activities, cafés and restaurants. It has recently undergone a major refurbishment. making it Europe's largest shopping centre. Ariel Wau, W12 7GF (and Stratford mall). T: 020-3371 2300. www.uk.westfield.com. Station: Shepherd's Bush. Map inset.



FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Japan House is more than just a shop - it has exhibitions, shows and a restaurant - and there has been much excitement about its recent opening. The smart store is a cross between a gallery and a shop. Each item for sale has been chosen for its monozukri - which means craftsmanship - and is beautiful as well as functional, Browse kitchenware, accessories, fashion and stationery. 101-111 Kensington High St, W8 5SA. T: 020-3972 7100. www.japanhouselondon.uk

SHOPPING

FASHION

ALEXANDER MCQUEEN

Tailored menswear and womenswear from the fashion-forward label. 9 Savile Row W1S 3PF T. 020-7494 8840 www.alexandermcaueen.com Station: Oxford Circus/Piccadilly Circus. C5.

PAUL SMITH

On-trend classic pieces for men and women from the iconic designer. 40-44 Floral St. WC2E 9TB (and branches). T: 020-7379 7133. www.paulsmith.co.uk.Station: Covent Garden, C6.

PRIMARK

At this bargain-hunter's paradise, you'll find affordable clothing and homeware, 499-517 Oxford. St. W1K 7DA (and branches). T: 020-7495 0420. www.primark.com_Station: Marble Arch_B4

TOPSHOP

This flagship shop brims with catwalk-inspired pieces at affordable prices. There's a nail and blow-dry bar, too, 214 Oxford St. W1W 8LG (and branches). T: 0844-848 7487, www.top shop.com. Station: Oxford Circus. B5.

SPECIALIST STORES

BUCKINGHAM PALACE SHOP

Pick up roval souvenirs. 7 Buckingham Palace Rd. SW1W 0PP. T: 020-7839 1377. www.roual collectionshop.co.uk. Station: Victoria. F6.

HAMLEYS

One of the world's biggest toy shops, with seven floors selling everything that a child could dream of. 188-196 Regent St. W1B 5BT. T: 0371-704 1977. www.hamleus.com. Station: Oxford Circus, D7

IT'S ONLY ROCK 'N' ROLL

Music merchandise shop selling rock memorabilia. 230 Baker St. NW1 5RT. T: 020-7224 0277. www.itsonlurocknroll london.co.uk. Station: Baker Street, A3.

JAPAN CENTRE

Seek out this subterranean shop for sushi, hot dishes, Japanese ingredients and a range of ceramics. 35b Panton St, SW1Y 4EA. T: 020-3405 1246. www.japancentre.com. Station: Leicester Square. E7.

LEGO STORE

Browse sets and marvel at LEGO creations from a 6 53m-tall Big Ben to an Underground carriage, in this huge store, 3 Swiss Court, W1D 6AP T: 020-7839 3480 www.lego.com Station: Leicester Square. E7.

LONDON BEATLES STORE

London's only Beatles shop stocks original memorabilia. 231/233 Baker St. NW1 6XE. T. 020-7935 4464 www.beatlesstorelandon.co.uk. Station: Raker Street A3

LONDON GLASSRIOWING STUDIO

Watch glass objects being created as you browse pieces for sale, 62-66 Bermondsey St. SE1 3UD. T: 020-7403 2800. www.londonglassblowing.co.uk. Station: London Bridge, D8.

PANDORA

Jewellery and gifts, including Pandora's charms for bracelets and necklaces. 257-259 Oxford St. W1C 2DD (and branches). T: 020-7407 2007. www.pandora.net. Station: Oxford Circus. B4.

PRESTAT

One of London's oldest chocolate shops, selling chocolate, truffles and more, 14 Princes Arcade, SW1Y 6DS. T: 020-8961 8555, www.prestat.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

TWININGS

Find more than 100 varieties of teas and infusions at one of the oldest shops in London, Open since 1706, it's also home to a small museum. 216 Strand. WC2R 1AP. T: 020-7353 3511. www.twinings.co.uk.

Station: Temple. D9.

WE BUILT THIS CITY

This West End souvenir shop puts a quirky spin on classic gifts. The stuffed model pigeons and illustrated cityscapes, which are by local artists, are particularly popular. 56 Carnaby St.

W1F 9QF. T: 020-3642 9650. www.webuilt-thiscity.com. Station: Oxford Circus. B5.

Pick up Paddington Bear inside Harrods department store (p. 75)





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EATING OUT







AS NATURE INTENDED

At GO! Organic in Battersea Park (8-9 Sep), there are talks by environmental campaigners including TV presenter Jonathan Dimblebu, wildlife photographer Simon King and River Cottage chef Gelf Alderson, Sample organic food and beers, listen to live music and visit a farm, circus and funfair. www.goorganicfestival.co.uk

YOUR NEXT STOP

The Edwardian ticket hall of a disused Tube station in Fulham Broadway has been transformed into Market Halls Fulham. complete with original tiling and signs. As well as nine kitchens, a coffee shop, delicatessen and bar, the huge food hall seats 200 diners at communal tables. www.markethalls.co.uk



eptember might be the month kids go back to school but it's still warm. so enjoy the sunshine by dining overlooking the water. If you can't fit in a trip to the seaside, then stroll the Regent's Canal to Little Venice and visit The Summerhouse instead.

Navy and white banquettes and cushions with anchors on them line a white painted brick wall decorated with shells. paddles, fishing nets and photos in driftwood frames. There's even a port hole.

On a sunny day, grab a table on the covered terrace, which has views of swans, kavakers and canalboats drifting on the water. The terrace has a canopy, with blankets and heaters for the evening, when it glitters in candlelight.

The restaurant serves wellpresented seafood such as fish and chips; catch of the day with samphire; clam chowder; seared scallops and oysters. You can also opt for sharing platters. Save space for a knickerbocker glory - a British seaside sundae (www.thesummerhouse.co).

If The Summerhouse is full. try its nearby sister restaurant The Waterway - which has a large deck and garden with parasols, blankets and heaters overlooking the canal. The European menu includes tuna tartare, chargrilled squid and confit Gressingham duck. alongside Pimm's Eton mess (www.thewaterway.co.uk).

Meanwhile, The Bingham in Richmond is a hotel with an interesting history. Built in 1740 as two houses with stables and a coach house. its beauty drew the attention of King George III.

Try the courgette risotto with broad beans, asparagus and lemon ricotta, followed by blackberry trifle.

The raised sun-trap terrace overlooks a manicured lawn. plus kayakers and yachts bobbing by. Parasols provide shade, while fairy lights and heaters come on at night. The garden has a secluded area beneath trees, which can be booked for private dining (www.thebingham.co.uk).

- Sarah Riches



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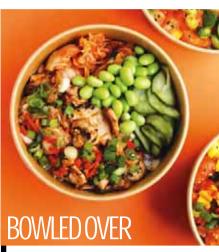
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LIFF IS A CABARFT

Be part of the first National Burlesque Awards (14 Sep) at the Shaw Theatre near King's Cross. The winners of the four categories – classic, comedy, props and 'boylesque' – are decided by the audience and celebrity judges. www.nationalburlesqueawards.com

RAISE A GLASS

Back for a second year, the **Beavertown Extravaganza** (7-8 Sep) at Printworks London near Canada Water brings together 90 breweries from around the world, including Sierra Nevada, New Belgium and Arizona Wilderness. Tickets include as much beer as you can manage... www.beavertownbrewery.co.uk



TRAVEL FOR

ans of Black Mirror – the dystopian sci-fi TV series that explores human dependency on technology – will love **The Grid**, a new immersive experience which launches in an undisclosed location near Southwark

The Grid is a secret society that works to safeguard humanity's future against machines. As a member, you are expected to go undercover to infiltrate NeoSight, the company responsible for artificial intelligence, and solve puzzles.

Founder Sebastian Lyall says: 'I believe the future of hospitality is all about having fun. What's not to love when you can have fun and also learn about important subjects which face humanity today? Namely technology and data' (www.lollipopup.co.uk).

Lyall's team are the brains behind the now-closed **Bunyadi**, otherwise known as the naked restaurant; **ABQ** in Hackney and **The Bletchley** in Chelsea. The latter is inspired by Bletchley Park, the manor house in Buckinghamshire where the genius Alan Turing cracked the Nazi Enigma code during World War II.

Once you've donned army uniforms and fake moustaches, you'll enter the dimly-lit bunker bar, which is decorated with maps, Ministry of Defence signs, posters of Churchill and blackboards scribbled with mathematical equations.

Using 1940s-style operator machines and radios, you'll crack clues to reveal codes. You're rewarded for solving the puzzles with a bespoke cocktail (www.thebletchley.co.uk).

For chemistry, clues and cocktails, visit **ABQ**, which is inspired by *Breaking Bad*, the TV crime series about a chemistry teacher who starts producing crystal meth. Wearing gas masks, safety goggles and lab jackets, you will make your own molecular cocktails. Simply ordering a cocktail is so last year (www.abqlondon.com). – Sarah Riches

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BARS & CLUBS

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Next door to Hard Bock Cafe, this cocktail bar features iconic music items, including a door from the Apple Studios signed by The Beatles. 148b Old Park Lane, W1K 1QZ, T: 020-7514 1700. www.hardrock.com. Station: Green Park. E6.

SEARCYS ST PANCRAS CHAMPAGNE BAR

Europe's longest Champagne bar is in a train station, St Pancras International, Euston Rd. N1C 4QL. T: 020-7870 9900. www.searcyschampagne bars.co.uk. Station: King's Cross St Pancras. C8.

GONG

You'll find this smart, intimate lounge and bar on the 52nd floor of The Shard. 31 St Thomas St, SE1 9QU. T: 020-7234 8208. www.shangrila.com. Station: London Bridge. E10.

GORDON'S WINE BAR

Enjoy a large selection of wines in this brickwalled basement, established in 1890. 47 Villiers St, WC2N 6NE. T: 020-7930 1408. www.gordons winebar.com. Station: Charing Cross. E8.

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MIXING IT UP

The Dorchester's former head barman has teamed up with Hakkasan's former chef to open a new bar on the top floor of Viet Food in Chinatown. The queue outside hints that there's more to this little restaurant than meets the eve – and that's because of **Viet Lounge**. Take a seat at the softly-lit, oval-shaped bar and let mixologist Alex Looi take you on a journey of the senses. He's a wizard with cocktails so expect dry ice and flowers in potions such as Black Magic, Call Me Maybe or Liang Jiu. Hungry? Then nibble on some Vietnamese street food, such as Hanoi beef. soft-shell crab and crispy coconut calamari. 34-36 Wardour St, W1D 6QT. T: 020-7494 4555. www.vietnamfood.co.uk

BEYOND LONDON



Why not escape the capital with a visit to some of Britain's best-loved towns and cities?



nce upon a time, a young lady called Jane Austen began writing a book called Sense and Sensibility. About 110 years later, another young writer used a two-week holiday in Dartmoor to finish her debut novel, The Mysterious Affair at Styles. The year was 1916 and the novelist's name was Agatha Christie. During that same year, a baby named Roald Dahl was born, who picked up a pen at the age of 45 to write a story called James and the Giant Peach. The tales told by Austen, Christie and Dahl became world-famous, and they all lived happily ever after.

If that short story intrigued you, then you'll be pleased to discover these three writers are each celebrated with a festival this month, at locations around England. This only covers the first three chapters of the story however,

because there are more tales to be told at other literary festivals taking place soon. Read on for a page-turning tour of the highlights.

JANE AUSTEN, BATH

The brains behind six novels including Pride and Prejudice, Emma and Persuasion, Jane Austen lived in and around Hampshire and Somerset in the south of England, moving with her family to the spa city of Bath in 1801. This picturesque, fashionable location was a popular resort for moneyed members of 19th-century British society, providing the setting for much of Austen's novel Northanger Abbey, for example.

The annual Jane Austen Festival (14-23 Sep) celebrates all things Austen in honour of Bath's most famous writer, at a range of venues. The jam-packed programme includes guided walks



and minibus tours, dance workshops, readings in bookshops and even a live, musical adaptation of Austen's last completed novel, Persuasion (which celebrates its 200th birthday this year). The musical is being performed at Bath's Mission Theatre.

'Regency' generally refers to the fashions of England and the British Empire

during the late 18th and early 19th centuries, which reflects the style you'll recognise if you have ever watched a live-action adaptation of a Jane Austen story.

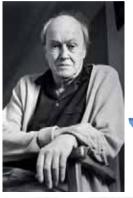
The festival takes full advantage of the Regency look with plenty of

opportunities for dressing up over the 10 days. You could join a 1700s-style 'public breakfast' in the dining room of a Regency-style house, or perhaps take part in the popular Grand Regency Costumed Promenade (15 Sep), the

> official start to the festival which sees hundreds of fans parade through the city in costume. If you're a Mr Darcy fan, don't miss Darcy's Ball (22 Sep), a one-hour show which imagines what happened next in Pride and Prejudice. www.janeaustenfestivalbath.co.uk

All images are from the Jane Austen Festival, which takes place every year in Bath











ROALD DAHL, GREAT MISSENDEN

A quiet little village set in the lush rural landscapes of the Chilterns, this is where Roald Dahl spent the second half of his life. Born in Llandaff, Wales, Dahl settled in Great Missenden in 1954 and there's no doubt that he put this Buckinghamshire village on the map. That's because, in a quiet little writing shed in his cottage's garden, the writer created some of the world's most celebrated children's books. His impressive run began with James and the Giant Peach in 1961, while in the 1980s he really hit his stride, writing The Twits, The BFG and Matilda. The author's grave is here, as well as the library that inspired Matilda's, and many more key locations: this is where you can live and breathe Roald Dahl.

Just 40 minutes by train from Marylebone, Great Missenden makes for an easy day trip from London and once you've arrived, there's plenty on offer in honour of the author.

The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre is a great place to start - it is predominantly designed to appeal to children aged six to 12. Here, you will find three galleries: Boy explores Dahl's younger days as a schoolboy; the Solo gallery is where you'll find his actual writing shed (you can even sit in his writing chair); and finally, the Story Centre encourages budding writers to put their creativity to good use with workshops and events.

Those workshops and events reach fever pitch on 13 September, which is Great Missenden's biggest annual festival: this year's Roald Dahl Day would have been his 102nd birthday. If you'd like to turn your visit into a day of cycling, contact OTEC Bikes to arrange cycle hire from Princes Risborough train station, ride to Great Missenden and discover the surrounding Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. www.roalddahl.com/museum; www.otec.bike

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legacy is astonishing: after Christie wrote about the death of Poirot in 1975.

> The New York Times published an obituary. Think you don't know an Agatha Christie story? These five words will

prove that you do: Murder on the Orient Express.

The crime writer was born in Torquay, a coastal town in South Devon. Thanks to its picturesque setting, the surrounding area of Torbay is nicknamed the English Riviera, and while Christie was growing up, it attracted the likes of Oscar Wilde, Henry James and Rudyard

Kipling. The South Devon area offers plenty to fill at least a weekend, such as Dartmouth by the River Dart, or Brixham and its oysters.

The Agatha Christie Birthday Celebration Weekend (14-16 Sep) centres around her birthday on Saturday 15 Sep, taking over Torbay with many events. Torquay Museum will host a Christie Mystery Day of films, tours and talks (16 Sep), while the National Trust property Greenway near Brixham is planning a 1950sstyle fête, in tribute to her novel Dead Man's Folly. www.iacf-uk.org

EXTRA CHAPTERS

The Budleigh Salterton Literary Festival (19-23 Sep) takes place in this coastal town to the east of Torquay, With Dame Hilary Mantel (Wolf Hall and Bring Up the Bodies) as its president, the festival includes open-mic poetry and bookmaking workshops. Devon native and War Horse author Sir Michael Mornurgo is set to make an appearance, too, www.budlitfest.org.uk Coming up in October is the **Blenheim**

Palace Festival of Literature, Film & Music (11-14 Oct). This Baroque palace is the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and is set in 2.100 acres of parkland and gardens. Enjoy interviews and theatrical performances on topics including fashion, fiction and politics. Located just beyond Oxford, you can reach the palace from London Marylebone train station in two hours. www.blenheimpalaceliteraryfestival.com

Welsh poet Dylan Thomas was born on 27 Oct. a good date to keep in mind if

you're considering a trip to Wales. Thomas grew up in Swansea, before settling further west in Laugharne, You can enter his Swansea childhood home, 5 Cwmdonkin Drive, which has been restored to how it would have looked when Thomas entered the world in 1914. www.visitwales.com



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DLR www.tfl.gov.uk/dlr.

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4777. International: T: 01233-617 575.



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Transport symbols explained



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GATWICK AIRPORT

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CITYAIRPORT

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www.tfl. gov.uk/river. MBNA Thames Clippers: www.mbnathamesclippers.com.

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- Victoria Line: Across the entire line.
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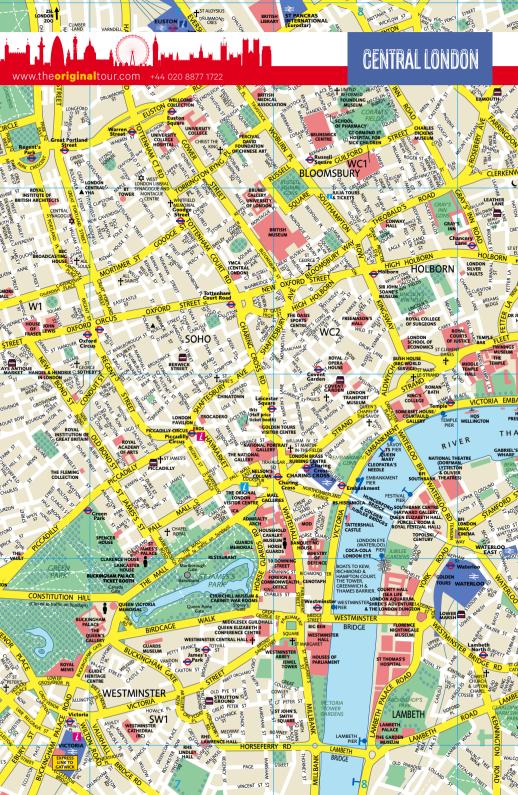


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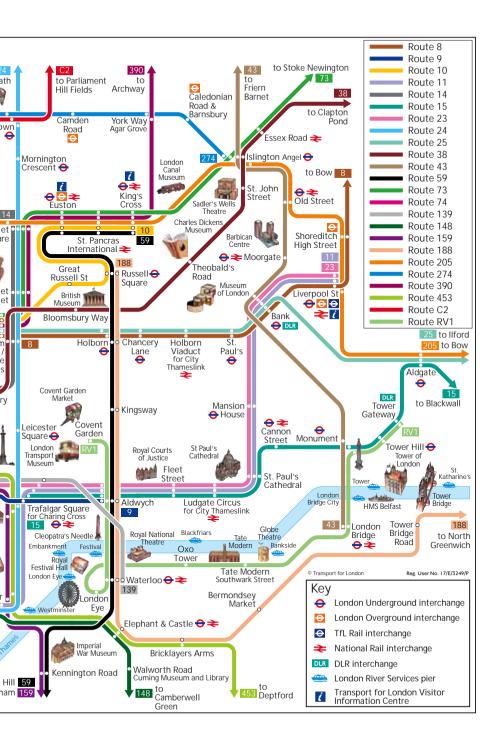






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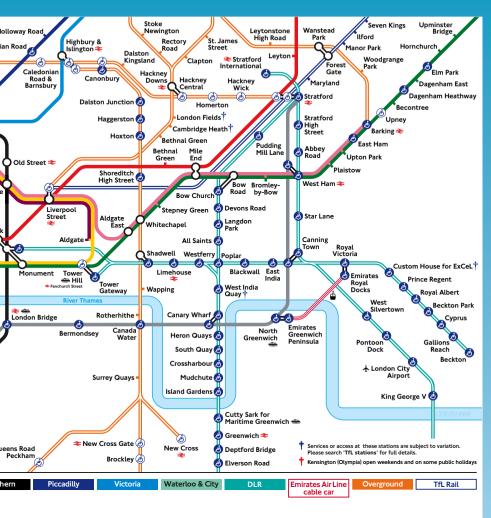
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of central London is protected by the Thames Barrier, which spans across the river

CONTAINED IN THE RIVER THAMES

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was raised in 2011 for Sport Relief by comedian David Walliams, who swam 140 miles along the river

A NORTHERN BOTTLENOSE WHALE SWAM UP THE THAMES IN

vears ago London's first bridge was built where the current London Bridge stands

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different species of fish inhabit the River Thames

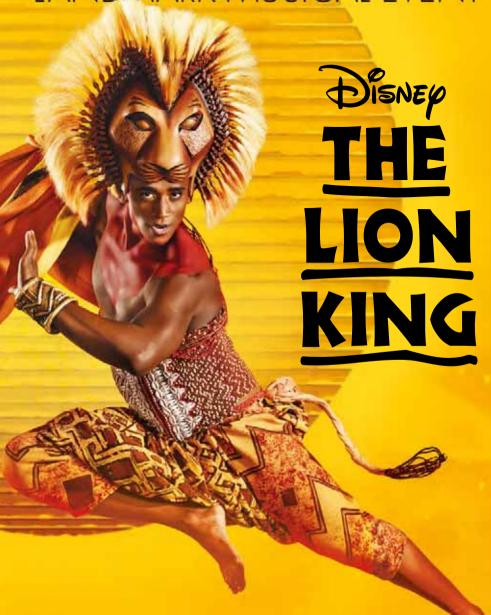
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