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The Mayor's letter

Welcome to London this November

Begin your adventure by exploring *Tutankhamun: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh* at the Saatchi Gallery (from 2 Nov), which marks the centenary of the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

On 3 Nov, Trafalgar Square hosts Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, with an exciting line-up of music and dance.

Cheer on the Lionesses, who return to Wembley Stadium on 9 Nov for the first time since the Women's Football World Cup.

For those who want to experience a modern-day picture of life in London, I recommend Oscar-winning director and artist Steve McQueen's Year 3 project at Tate Britain. This is a refreshing take on the traditional school photo, as he brings together 1,500 London primary-school class photographs in one exhibition.

Finally, if you're here from 21 Nov, enjoy Hyde Park Winter Wonderland. This is London's biggest Christmas market, with rides, shows, ice sculptures and attractions, too.

However you spend your time, have a wonderful experience.

Sadiq Khan

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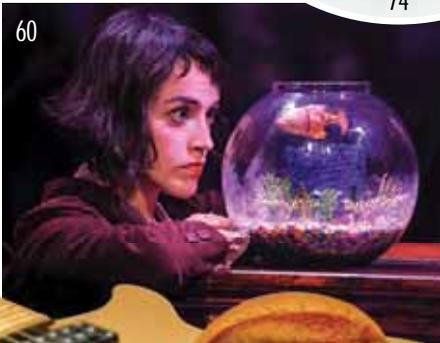
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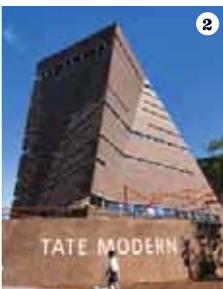
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Free Attractions

London's most popular free attractions compiled according to the latest visitor numbers.
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1 The British Museum

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

2 Tate Modern

Former power station in Bankside containing a huge international modern art collection

3 The National Gallery

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

4 Natural History Museum

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

5 Southbank Centre

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

6 Victoria and Albert Museum

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

7 Science Museum

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

8 Somerset House

A neoclassical gem beside the River Thames, home to contemporary arts and cultural events

9 Royal Museums Greenwich

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

10 Royal Academy of Arts

A 250-year-old fine arts institution with high-profile exhibitions in a variety of media

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THE PRINCE OF

Tutankhamun has fascinated the world for generations. As treasures from his tomb go on display for the final time, **Kathryn Conway** talks to the curator to uncover the symbolism



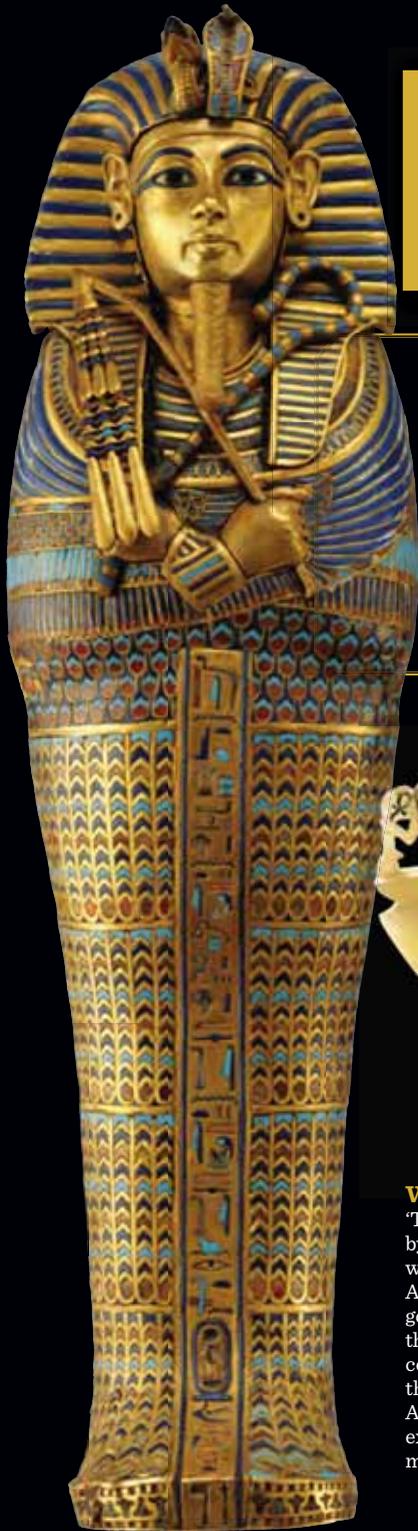
When Howard Carter and his team, who were famously being bankrolled by Lord Carnarvon for one final season of excavation in the Valley of the Kings, happened upon the intact tomb of Tutankhamun nearly a century ago (left), it opened the eyes of the public to the skill and craftsmanship of one of the world's most sophisticated ancient civilisations. Now, as more than 150 of Carter's dazzling finds are showcased at the Saatchi Gallery, visitors to *Tutankhamun*:

Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh presented by Viking Cruises will be treated to an immersive exploration into the meaning behind the items that were buried with this most famous of Pharaohs. Here, curator Tarek El Awady unmasks a few of the Pharaoh's secrets with this insight into some of the key items on display.

STATUETTE OF TUTANKHAMUN ON THE BACK OF A PANTHER

'The king is shown standing on the back of a black panther. When people look at this object, many don't understand exactly why the king is depicting himself this way. But when you study the geography of the underworld, you see that there is an area that the ancient Egyptians called the absolute darkness. The king had to pass through this area on his journey into the afterlife, and the only way that he could succeed in this is to ride a black panther, because the golden eyes of the black panther can see through the absolute darkness. So the king is standing on its back and he is charming the animal by magic to be still. The black panther is also connected to the goddess Mafdet, so it is giving protection and guidance to the king.'

EGYPT



GOLD COFFINETTE

'The amount of work that has been achieved in this small object is really amazing. It is a masterpiece of art and represents the perfection reached in ancient Egyptian sculpture. The tiny details on the outside of the coffinette leave no doubt that the artist handled this object as if he was making a true-sized royal coffin. On the inside of the coffinette we can see the beautiful inscriptions in hieroglyphics which assure the goddess's protection of the king's liver. It is one of four identical coffinettes found inside the king's alabaster canopic chest.'



WISHING CUP

'This beautiful alabaster chalice was called the "Wishing Cup" by Howard Carter because of the inscriptions around its rim, which represent a group of good wishes for Tutankhamun. Among the wishes we can read: "May you live thousands of good years, may your eyes see great (wonderful) things." Now, the question is, did the wishes inscribed on the Wishing Cup come true? The answer is yes! The name Tutankhamun is the most known name of an ancient king all over the world. Also, Tutankhamun is now the most travelled king; his exhibitions have toured the world and the king has visited many cities - his eyes have seen wonderful things.' ▶

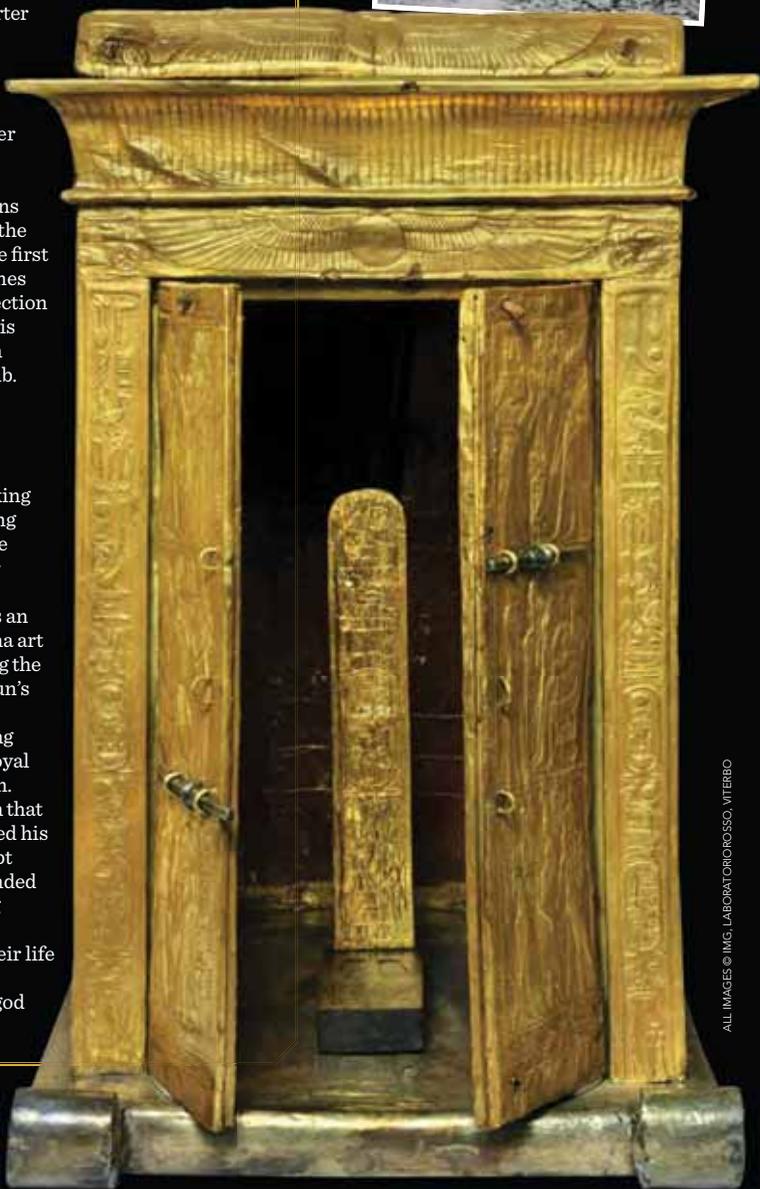
TUTANKHAMUN

The excavation of Tutankhamun's tomb



GILDED WOODEN NAOS OR SHRINE

'In the exhibition we have a very interesting object for the god Amun. The small golden shrine is a masterpiece among the objects found in Tutankhamun's tomb and inside it, Howard Carter found a stand for a statue. But there was no statue, only a base with two footprints on it. Carter believed this was for an invisible god and the name Amun means "the hidden one" or "the invisible one". For the first time, we also see scenes showing love and affection between a king and his queen depicted on an object in a king's tomb. Many scholars have commented on the scenes, which show Tutankhamun and Ankhesenamun walking hand in hand, drinking wine together and the queen massaging her husband's body with fragrant ointment, as an impression of Amarna art (the style of art during the reign of Tutankhamun's father, Akhenaten). However, the meaning of such scenes in a royal tomb is still unknown. I believe they confirm that Tutankhamun fulfilled his post as a king of Egypt even though he ascended the throne at a young age, and that he and his queen enjoyed their life together blessed by Amun, the supreme god of the country.' ▶



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Howard Carter emerging from the tomb

CEREMONIAL SHIELD OF TUTANKHAMUN

‘Only kings can be depicted as a sphinx with the wisdom of a man and the power of a lion. The king is shown here devastating his enemies and is being supported by the falcon god Montu, the god of war. The inscription in front of the king’s face assures that the king’s arms will have the power of Montu and that he will fight like him. This is one of the objects that is being seen outside Egypt for the first time.’



A night at the museum

If the treasures weren’t already a huge draw, little ones will feel like an Egyptian prince or princess when they are indulged with a children’s party or the ultimate children’s sleepover. Kids can wield glowsticks and glow paint while trying out human pyramid building, treasure hunts and tunnel tombstone racing at a party like no other. Or, perhaps they’d prefer to channel Indiana Jones as they spend the night with an archaeologist surveying the exhibition’s treasures by torchlight, before bedding down in their own personalised pyramid complete with treasure-hunt map pillowcase. With party planners Sharky & George behind this one, you know it’s going to be a night to remember.

Tutankhamun: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh presented by Viking Cruises opens at the Saatchi Gallery on 2 November.

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The Lion sculpture on Wardour Street

From cockneys to hipsters, London is packed with all sorts of groups. **Neil Simpson** finds out how certain communities have built a home away from home



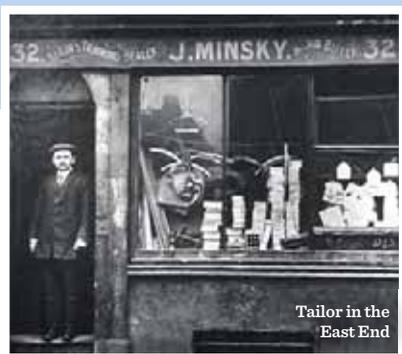
JEWISH

Approximately 55,000 Jewish people live in Barnet. Why did one fifth of the

Jewish population of England and Wales settle in this north London borough? We ask the Jewish Museum's collections manager and curator, Kathrin Pieren.

'Members of the Jewish community in Barnet originally settled along the Northern line in the 1920s – there was a lot of housing development along the railway line, with people migrating from the East End as they became better off.

'The biggest movement away from the East End was probably after World War II. The area was bombarded because of the port and the concentration of industry there. As more people settled, synagogues and Jewish



Tailor in the East End

schools made the borough attractive for Jewish people.

'I like the story of the *King of Lampedusa*: it's a Yiddish play based on the true story of Sydney Cohen, a Jewish tailor from Clapton [east London] who became an RAF flight sergeant. His forced landing on the Italian island of Lampedusa caused the Italian garrison to surrender, earning Sydney the nickname 'King of Lampedusa'. The play was staged at east London's Grand Palais Theatre in 1943 and we have a poster of it in our museum.' www.jewishmuseum.org.uk





Wardour Street



Jewish Museum

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CHINESE

Parallel to the bright lights of Shaftesbury Avenue, China Exchange on Soho's Gerrard Street works to promote China's impact on the world. CEO Freya Aitken-Turff reveals the story of this community:

'London's original Chinese community were sailors, working in the Docklands in the late 1800s. With British Naval forces caught up in the Napoleonic Wars, a small but impactful Chinese community of about 300 households formed in Limehouse. However, heavy World War II bombing made it unsafe.

'From the 1700s, Soho had a reputation for multiculturalism. After the war, Londoners became more willing to try Chinese and other foreign food. There were a couple of Chinese businesses established in Gerrard Street and so, as the Limehouse community was displaced and more people migrated from Hong Kong, many settled there.

'During the 1970s, the number of Chinese businesses increased

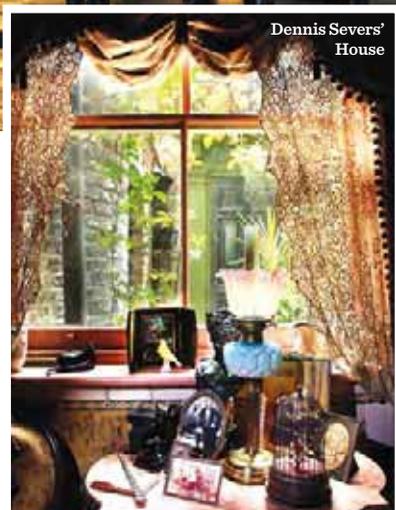
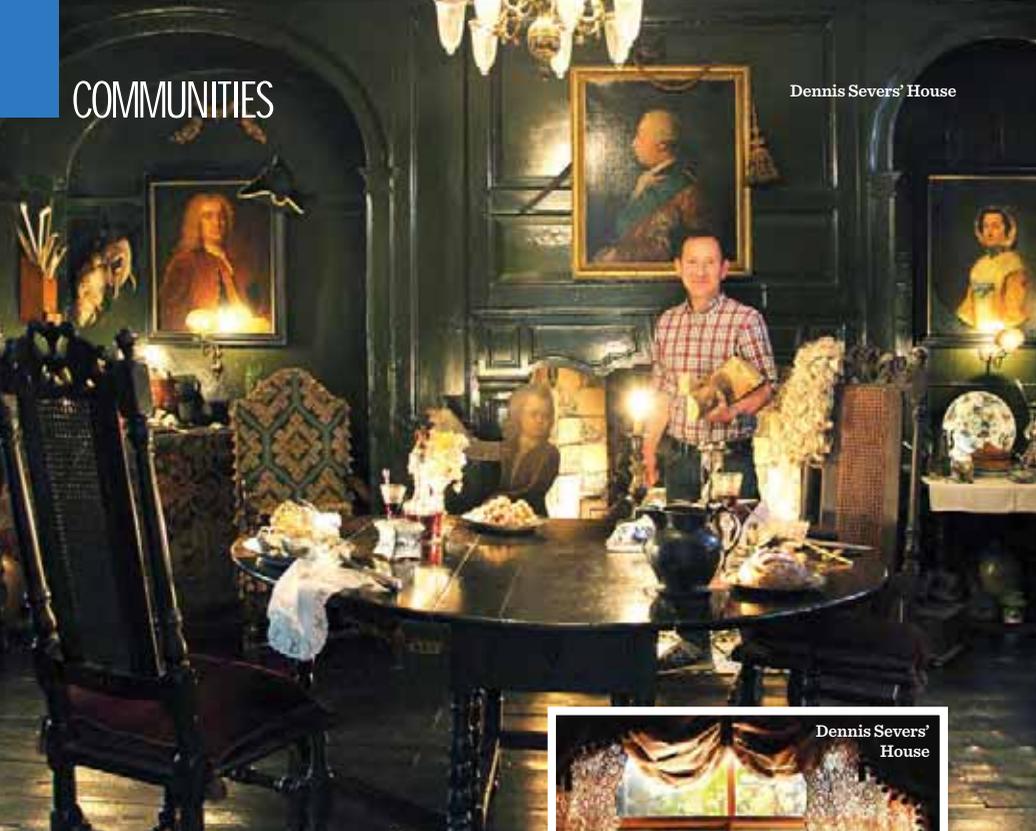


Princess Diana in Chinatown in 1985



dramatically, from four or five in the 1970s to about 40 by 1979. In 1985, Westminster began working with the community to formally establish Chinatown, installing its gates of welcome and stone lions.'

To find out more, join China Exchange's monthly walking tour (23 Nov; £27). Led by a community-trained history champion, it includes a classic Chinatown lunch. www.chinaexchange.uk; www.ccc.org.uk ▶



HUGUENOTS

During the 18th and 19th centuries, the world came to east London's Spitalfields district to buy silk woven by a community of French Protestants, the Huguenots. The local attraction Dennis Severs' House exists as a reminder of that era, so we interviewed its curator David Milne.

'When London was a walled city its rules were strict, so immigrants settled outside; the first Huguenot settlers came to Spitalfields when the area was demarcated the Liberty of Norton Folgate. France became a Catholic country and more persecuted Huguenots arrived. Instinctively, we all follow where our own kind have gone and many spoke French here – it was the first language on the streets – hence Fournier Street, Fleur de Lis Street and all of Spitalfields' French-sounding names.

'They became prosperous and the Spitalfields' silk industry world-renowned. There were 17,000 looms at work in a neighbourhood that was three times the size that it is today and even Marie Antoinette ordered silk from Spitalfields. There was a chap here called James Leman who made sensational designs.

I'm slightly obsessed with him because he made such an impact on London and then seemed to vanish: you can't find him, only his designs. A room dedicated to Spitalfields at the V&A includes examples of his work.'

Spitalfields' townhouse, Dennis Severs' House, is getting ready for its *Christmas Installation* (from 24 Nov). The late American artist Severs devised this tour that takes visitors through time, from the early 1700s to a Victorian-style Yuletide. www.dennissevershouse.co.uk ▶

BANGLADESHI

Brick Lane in east London is home to a mind-boggling array of Bangladeshi restaurants. It's also where writer Kia Abdullah grew up. She explains to us how this vibrant community took root:

‘The borough of Tower Hamlets has a long tradition of welcoming immigrant populations. Bangladeshis came to London in the 1950-1960s and in greater numbers in the 1970s, in search of employment and stability. The East End’s thriving clothing industry offered work in the textile trade as cutters, machinists, pressers and finishers. With their new-found capital, some of these workers opened cafés. From there grew the large network of successful Bangladeshi restaurants and shops that we see in and around Brick Lane today.

‘In east London, it can seem like people from different communities live separate lives that rarely cross over. However, everyone speaks the language of haggling: my mother speaks very little English but I’ve seen her expertly negotiate with a white-British stallholder. Bangladeshi women of her generation are extremely resourceful: they will purchase the freshest fish for close to pennies, purely through the arch of an eyebrow or a creasing of the lips. The non-verbal language of gestures and miming is very much part of the fabric of this city.

‘There is so much to see in Tower Hamlets. I recommend visiting Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, one of London’s “magnificent seven” cemeteries built in early Victorian times. Burials ceased in 1966 and today, the 30 acres of woodland are managed as a nature park.

‘If you’re after something traditionally Bangladeshi, I would suggest Café Grill on Brick Lane. It’s no-frills in terms of decor, but offers authentic food at affordable prices.’



Mela Festival in Bethnal Green



Kia and her family



Brick Lane restaurant

St Katharine Docks



A travel writer and novelist, Kia’s new book is entitled *Take It Back*. The story is a courtroom drama set in east London – ideal if you’re looking for a book that will immerse you in the city. www.kiaabdullah.com

CAPTURING LONDON

To understand London’s diversity, visit *Steve McQueen Year 3* at Tate Britain (from 12 Nov). This free exhibition was masterminded by the Londoner and film director (*12 Years a Slave*), who offered every

Year 3 pupil in London – that’s 115,000 – the chance to be photographed with their class by the Tate. Seven-year-olds are at a stage in their development when they become aware of the world beyond their family, so McQueen aims to capture this and depict London’s next generation. It’s a chance to consider the forces that shape every London community. www.tate.org.uk ■



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Sample the lives of the kings and queens of England with a visit to these top royal London attractions.

Kensington Palace

Located in the pleasant surrounds of Kensington Gardens, Kensington Palace offers a glimpse into the lives of its former royal residents. Here you can discover stories from Queen Victoria's life at the *Victoria: A Royal Childhood* and *Victoria: Woman and Crown* exhibitions; master courtly games in the King's state apartments; explore Princess Diana's sense of style in a permanent fashion display and see the Sunken Garden, which is inspired by the colours found in Victorian carpets. www.hrp.org.uk/kensington-palace

Hampton Court Palace

The most famous resident of Hampton Court Palace was King Henry VIII. Each of his six wives stayed here; indeed, this is where he proposed to Jane Seymour. Follow the costumed guides as they bring to life the palace's 500 years of royal history. Then, head outside to the formal gardens and have fun getting lost in the magnificent yew maze, which was planted around 300 years ago. www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace

Changing the Guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace

See the New Guard exchange duties with the Old Guard in the famous Changing the Guard ceremony outside Buckingham Palace, which

Kensington Palace



Hampton Court Palace



Buckingham Palace

is a striking display of British pageantry. Changing the Guard, also known as Guard Mounting, takes place outside Buckingham Palace from 10.45am and lasts around 45 minutes, with the actual handover taking place at 11am. Don't miss this unique and free event. www.changing-guard.com

Household Cavalry Museum

You've seen Changing the Guard, now look behind the scenes at the work that goes into the ceremonial duties and operational roles of the Household Cavalry. Watch troopers working with their horses in the original 18th-century stables and browse a collection representing more than 300 years of military history. www.householdcavalrymuseum.co.uk

The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace

Dedicated to works of art from the Royal Collection, The Queen's Gallery was constructed in 1962 at Buckingham Palace, out of the bomb-damaged ruins of a chapel. In addition to gems from the Royal Collection (which is held in trust by the Queen for the nation), there's a changing programme of temporary exhibitions. www.rct.uk/queensgallerylondon



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THINGS TO DO

St Pancras International has quite literally decked the halls this Christmas, with the festive celebrations launching on 12th November. The starring role? The Christmas tree. Each year, St Pancras partners up with another brand or company to create the jolly work of art. The station will also support charities through 'Carolling for Causes' from the 3rd-24th December. Carol singers will take centre stage

in the arcade singing carols to visitors to raise money in support of multiple charities. It's the perfect way to feel Christmassy as you head on your journey home. Last year, all the charities that participated raised a total of over £13k.

If you're in London on 12th December, visit the station for the special Christmas shopping party events where visitors can enjoy music, experiences and special offers and discounts across the shops and restaurants – marking the month with spirit.

If you're early for your train, take a moment to enjoy the warming glow of Tracey Emin's pink neon *I Want My Time With You* above the Grand Terrace and in front of the Dent clock, which will leave the station after seven years in 2020 – this may be your last chance!

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If you have little ones in tow, hurry down to Hamleys to keep them occupied while you wait for your train. The famous toy shop features all the best games and gifts your little kids (and big) will love.

While the children are occupied, why not browse the stylish designer handbags, wallets and wristlets in crisp colours and graphic prints at Kate Spade New York store at the station? Maybe Father Christmas might pop one under the tree if you're lucky.

Finally, treat yourself to some retail therapy at Jo Malone and pick up the highly coveted Magic & Mayhem Advent Calendar. Feel festive and calm with a luxurious candle each day as you count down to the big day.

THINGS TO EAT

Take a seat at one of the many restaurants and bars and enjoy St Pancras International's breathtaking 150-year-old architecture. Got time? Feast on The Betjeman Arms' delicious three-course Christmas menu before enjoying a few festive tipples on the Grand Terrace. The restaurant is a great place to meet up with friends or family for pre-train celebrations.

If you're looking to splash the cash this Christmas, pop into St Pancras Brasserie & Champagne Bar by Searcys and sip on one of their Christmas cocktails, available from 25th November. We love the Minty Way, which is made of rum, white chocolate and white mint liqueur. Now, don't miss your train. www.stpancras.com



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Sightseeing



A plot never forgot

Most Londoners would probably claim to be civilised citizens, but our tradition of celebrating **Bonfire Night** (5 Nov) reveals a slightly bloodthirsty side to the city. Here's how to remember, remember the man who nearly destroyed the Houses of Parliament.

In 1605, the renegade Guy Fawkes led an attempt to simultaneously kill King James I and raze London's parliament buildings to the ground, using a rather large pile of gunpowder. He didn't succeed and – as the saying goes – history gets written by the victors: ever since that dramatic night on 5 November, Fawkes' gunpowder treason is remembered by burning life-sized effigies of him on bonfires across London. See? Bloodthirsty.

London's largest Guy Fawkes events happen during the weekends surrounding 5 November, which this year falls on a Tuesday. One of the closest to central London is in **Battersea Park** (2 Nov) in the south west, a green space that has plenty of room for a firework extravaganza, which is the other key ingredient of any successful Guy

Fawkes event. Book tickets online, which include access to an afterparty (www.enablelc.org/fireworks).

Alexandra Palace in north London hosts its spectacular celebration across two nights (1-2 Nov). This picturesque park on a hill has enough room to build a huge fire and light a gargantuan number of fireworks, while also offering a musical laser show and a fairground. Buy tickets in advance online (www.alexandrapalace.com).

One of London's biggest free fireworks events is at **Blackheath** (2 Nov), a large open space close to the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site in south-east London. At the time of writing it was under threat due to funding issues, so check online before you travel (www.lewisham.gov.uk/fireworks).

You can commemorate Guy Fawkes' foiled plot on Bonfire Night itself at **Wimbledon Park** (5 Nov). This ticketed firework display is right next to the legendary tennis ground, so you could tour Wimbledon and its museum beforehand (www.merton.gov.uk; www.wimbledon.com).

– Neil Simpson



Battersea Park

Alexandra Palace

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CHANGING THE GUARD

Watch the changing of the Queen's Guard on the Palace's forecourt (except in very wet weather). During the ceremony, one regiment takes over from another (p. 20). From 10am; check for dates; free. *Buckingham Palace, The Mall, SW1A 1AA. T: 030-3123 7300. www.householddivision.org.uk. Station: Victoria/Green Park. F6/F7.*

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Dr Samuel Johnson compiled his first English dictionary, published in 1755, in this period home. Check for times and prices. *17 Gough Square, EC4A 3DE. T: 020-7353 3745. www.drjohnsonshouse.org. Station: Chancery Lane. D9.*

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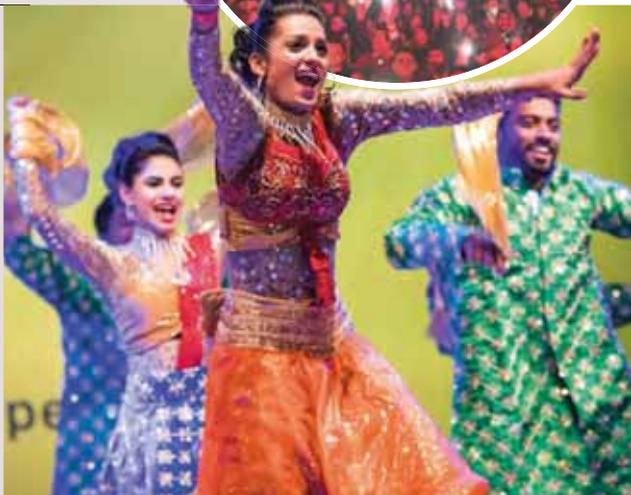
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'Celebrate the Festival of Lights'

Fabian Pountney, Contributor

Diwali on Trafalgar Square (3 Nov; 1pm-7pm) is a vibrant celebration of the Festival of Lights, a key season that is observed by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists and represents the victory of good over evil and light over darkness. It features a jam-packed schedule full of cultural acts – and opportunities for everyone to get involved. Expect big crowds, lively music, dance and an authentic market offering food, craft, art and henna. The event is presented by the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan and promises to bring an upbeat spirit to the square once again. www.diwaliinlondon.com



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THE JEWEL TOWER

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KENSINGTON PALACE

This royal residence sits in Kensington Gardens and was Princess Diana's last home. The exhibition *Victoria 2019* honours what would have been the late monarch's 200th birthday. Daily 10am-4pm. Adult £21.50; child £10.70. *Kensington Gardens, W8 4PX*. T: 0844-482 7777. www.hrp.org.uk. Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.

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LONDON MITHRAEUM

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Jumping juniper

The City district is known as the Square Mile, due to the compact area it covers between Chancery Lane and Aldgate. Within these relatively small borders, it is thought that one in four buildings was producing gin during the 1700s. These days, there's only one working distillery within the Square Mile: the **City of London Distillery**. It's possible to take a tour of this small-but-mighty space, which produces gin that's sold all over the world. The 75-minute tour includes a talk on gin with an expert, a top-notch gin and tonic and four further gin samples. www.cityoflondondistillery.com

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A special relationship

Ask any American and they'll almost certainly be a fan of Thanksgiving. So, how could London possibly improve upon a day of turkey, family, turkey, pumpkin pie, turkey and more turkey? Simple: with a side dish of **St Paul's Cathedral** (p. 40). Its special US Thanksgiving Day Service (28 Nov; 11am) is open to all and will be attended by the United States Ambassador.

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Visit Westminster Abbey and its royal tombs (p. 42)



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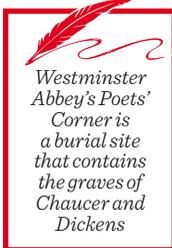
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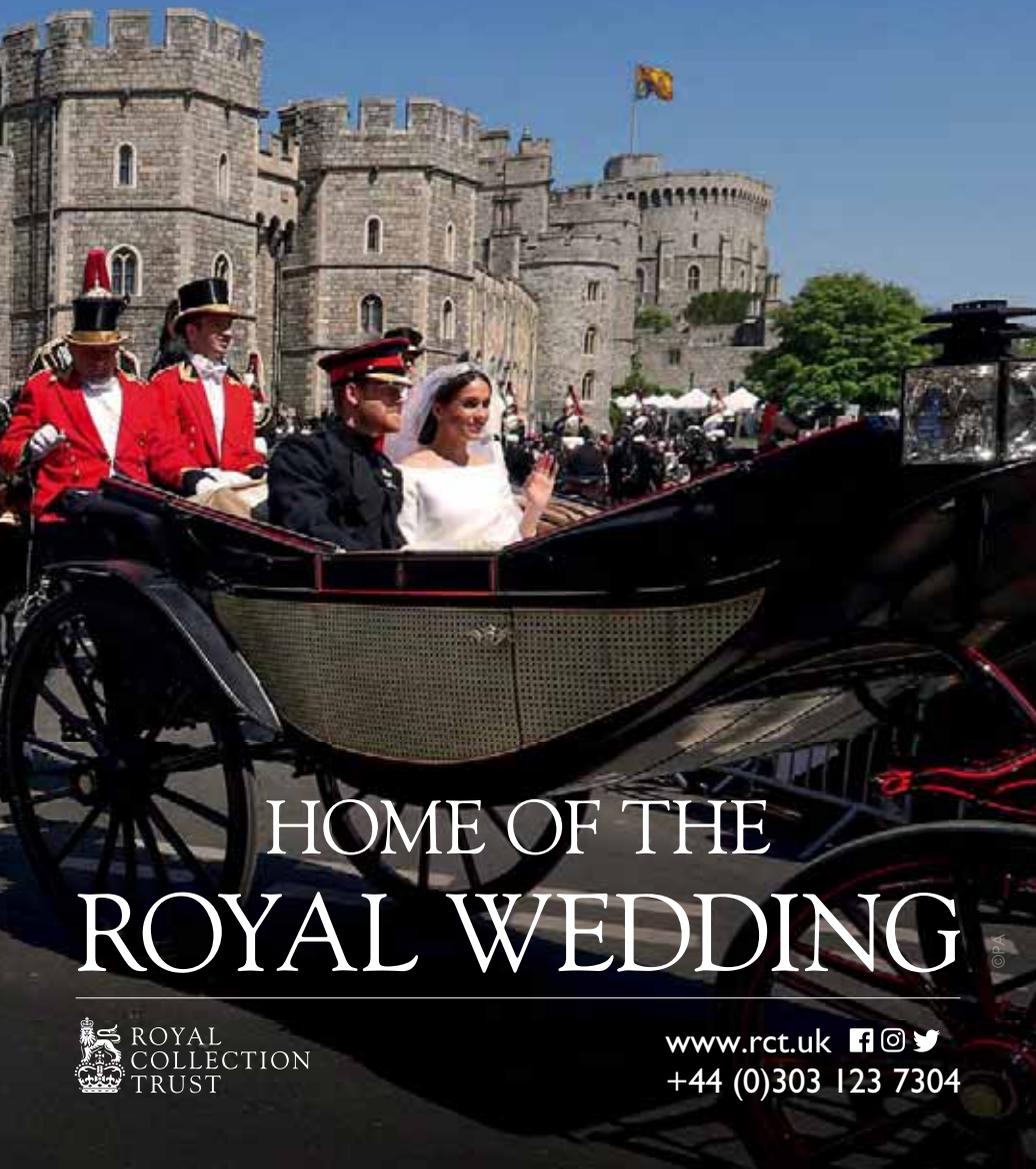
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Reconstruction of Shakespeare's Globe theatre. Check for times and prices. *21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT. T: 020-7902 1400. www.shakespearesglobe.com. Station: Blackfriars. E10.*

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OUT OF TOWN

HAMPTON COURT PALACE

Once the favourite royal residence of King Henry VIII, this Tudor palace and 300-year-old maze is set in 60 acres of glorious parkland (p. 20).

NEW From 22 Nov: *Outdoor Ice Rink.* Glide across the ice. Check for times and prices. *Hampton Court, East Molesey, Surrey, KT8 9AU.* T: 0844-482 7777. www.hrp.org.uk. Station: Waterloo to Hampton Court. Off map.

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

The Queen's official residence in Scotland includes the state apartments. Daily 9.30am-4.30pm. Adult £15; child £8.70. *Canongate, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh, EH8 8DX.* T: 0303-123 7306. www.rct.uk/palaceofholyroodhouse. Station: Edinburgh Waverley. Off map.

STONEHENGE

This world-famous stone circle is more than 5,000 years old. Daily 9.30am-5pm. Adult £21.10; child £12.70. *Amesbury, Wiltshire, SP4 7DE.* T: 0870-333 1181. www.english-heritage.org.uk. Station: Waterloo to Salisbury, then bus. Off map.

WARWICK CASTLE

Built in 1068, this castle is now a family-friendly experience. Please check for times and prices. *Warwick, Warwickshire, CV34 4QU.* T: 0871-265 2000. www.warwick-castle.com. Station: Warwick. Off map.

WINDSOR CASTLE

The Queen's weekend home and the world's oldest inhabited castle. Daily 10am-4.15pm. Adult £22.50; child £13. *Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1NJ.* T: 0303-123 7304. www.rct.uk. Station: Waterloo to Windsor & Eton Riverside. Off map.



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The king of collectors

Debt, adultery and extreme extravagance: a new exhibition at **The Queen's Gallery** in Buckingham Palace combines all of these elements in one man – King George IV.

George IV: Art & Spectacle (from 15 Nov; p. 58) owes its lavish exhibits to a king who pursued the finer things in life. The Queen's Gallery displays the treasures of the Royal Collection, which George IV played a major part in establishing.

Ascending to the throne in 1870, George IV's coronation at Westminster Abbey was a glittering occasion. Look out for the golden Shield of Achilles, an impressive dining piece that was part of the subsequent banquet inside Westminster Hall.

Even before the crown was placed upon George's head, his expensive habits were changing London's landscape. That's because his father George III was considered mentally unfit to rule in 1811, so his son was named Regent. While holding this caretaker

position, George junior set about creating Regent Street in partnership with architect extraordinaire John Nash – as well as Regent's Park.

By the time he became king aged 57, George IV was infamous for his colossal spending habits, a messy marriage and gluttony – he had a major public image problem. This is illustrated by the exhibition's satirical cartoons, which George collected. Literature fans, meanwhile, will be thrilled by an 1816 edition of *Emma*, sent to George after a visit from Jane Austen herself.

George IV also pursued the most celebrated art of the time, including Rembrandt's *The Shipbuilder and his Wife* and Steen's *A Woman at her Toilet*.

Once on the throne, he never travelled further than Europe but, thanks to his appetite for finery, the world's most beautiful objects came to him. This is your chance to see them yourself.

– Neil Simpson

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Maar-vellous

Fans of the late French artist Dora Maar will be thrilled to visit the UK's largest retrospective of her work at **Tate Modern**. Born in 1907, Maar used photographic montages to create surreal scenes. From a graceful human hand emerging from inside a sea shell to caress a beach, to a dressed-up woman with a shiny star where her head ought to be, the artist's photographic world is a dreamy place. **Dora Maar** (from 20 Nov; p. 58) is an opportunity to see her photography and paintings, alongside the work of those who shared her influences at the time.

MUSEUMS

BANK OF ENGLAND MUSEUM

FAMILY Explore the story of the bank from its foundation in 1694 to its status today as the UK's central bank. Look out for regular fun activities for children. Admission free. *Bartholomew Lane, EC2R 8AH. T: 020-3461 5545. www.bankofengland.co.uk/museum. Station: Bank. D10.*

BODY WORLDS

FAMILY See 200 exhibits exploring how the human body works using the latest plastination technology. Daily 10am-7pm; last Fri every month 10am-10pm. Advance (at least 24 hours) adult £22.50, child £16; on the day adult £25, child £18. *London Pavilion, 1 Piccadilly Circus, W1J 0DA. T: 033-0223 3233. www.bodyworlds.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Unrivalled collection of antiquities.

NEW From 21 Nov: *Troy: Myth and Reality*. Explore the artefacts and hear the stories that suggest Troy was in fact a real place (p. 58). Sat-Thur 10am-5.30pm; Fri 10am-8.30pm. Admission free; charges for some exhibitions. *Great Russell St, WC1B 3DG. T: 020-7323 8299. www.britishmuseum.org. Station: Tottenham Court Road/Russell Square. D7/8.*



CHURCHILL WAR ROOMS

Explore the fortified secret bunker and the Cabinet War Rooms beneath Westminster, used during World War II to plot the Allied victory. Daily 9.30am-6pm. Adult £22; child £11. *Clive Steps, King Charles St, SW1A 2AQ. T: 020-7930 6961. www.iwm.org.uk. Station: Westminster. F7.*

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

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

LEIGHTON HOUSE MUSEUM

Includes the Arab Hall adorned with Middle Eastern tiles. Wed-Mon 10am-5.30pm; 3pm tour every Wed and Sun. Adult £9; child free. *12 Holland Park Rd, W14 8LZ. T: 020-7602 3316. www.rbkc.gov.uk. Station: Kensington Olympia. Off map.*



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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

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MUSEUM OF FREEMASONRY

English Freemasonry emerged in the 1700s and is celebrated at this little-known museum and library. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Admission free. *Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen St, WC2B 5AZ. T: 020-7395 9257. www.museumfreemasonry.org.uk. Station: Holborn. D8.*

MUSEUM OF LONDON

The world's largest urban history museum takes you through the capital's tumultuous history. Includes the Roman and Medieval galleries.

NEW From 15 Nov: *The Clash. London Calling.* Free display celebrating the legendary album and band. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions and walking tours. *150 London Wall, EC2Y 5HN. T: 020-7001 9844. www.museumoflondon.org.uk. Station: Barbican. D10.*

Reinventing the wheel

The Victoria and Albert Museum's new exhibition pays due respect to the automobile. They may be frowned upon in congested cities, but there's no denying that cars have transformed our entire world. Cars: Accelerating the Modern World (from 23 Nov; p. 58) includes the 1888 Patent-Motorwagen No. 3 by Karl Benz (below), as well as insights into how our electric future will look.



Designs for life

The **Royal Academy of Arts** is shining an (energy-saving) light on architects, designers and artists who have been working since the 1950s to save the environment.

Eco-Visionaries: Confronting a Planet in a State of Emergency (from 23 Nov; p. 58) uses a blend of film, installations, architectural models and photography to demonstrate their efforts. These figures include the multidisciplinary artist Dr Alexandra Daisy Ginsberg and New York's WORKac design firm, which strives to incorporate the needs of ecological systems into each of its projects.



MUSEUM OF LONDON DOCKLANDS

The history of the River Thames, from its time as a Roman thoroughfare to the regeneration of the Docklands area. Daily 10am-6pm. Admission free, charges for special exhibitions. *T: 020-7001 9844. www.museumoflondon.org.uk. Station: West India Quay. Off map.*

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

FAMILY Get up close to the objects that made history – from maritime exhibits to great British art – at the world's largest maritime museum. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free; charges for guided tours, events and exhibitions. *Romney Rd, SE10 9NF. T: 020-8858 4422. www.rmg.co.uk. Station: Greenwich/Cutty Sark. Map inset.*

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

FAMILY Astounding collections, with exhibits ranging from dinosaur skeletons to fossils. 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.*

THE OLD OPERATING THEATRE

Learn about Victorian surgery, which was performed without anaesthesia. Mon 2pm-5pm; Tue-Fri & bank hols 10.30am-5pm; Sat-Sun noon-4pm. Adult £6.50; child £3.50. *9a St Thomas St, SE1 9RY. T: 020-7188 2679. www.oldoperatingtheatre.com. Station: London Bridge. E10.*



The Breast Milk of the Volcano by Unknown Fields

THE POSTAL MUSEUM

FAMILY Thousands of exhibits explore postal history, plus you can ride on the Mail Rail, a train in the tunnels that transported post. Daily 10am-5pm. Adult £17; child £10. *15-20 Phoenix Place, WC1X 0DA. T: 030-0030 0700. www.postal-museum.org. Station: Russell Square. C8.*

QUEEN'S HOUSE

This royal villa is a masterpiece of 17th-century architecture. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission free; charge for guided tour. *Romney Rd, SE10 9NF. T: 020-8858 4422. www.rmg.co.uk. Station: Cutty Sark. Map inset.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE MUSEUM

National aviation museum with more than 100 aircraft on show. 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.*

SCIENCE MUSEUM

FAMILY A huge museum dedicated to science, technology and medical achievements, plus an IMAX theatre and a Red Arrows 3D flight simulator. Daily 10am-6pm; adult-only Lates programme last Wed of every month, 6.45pm-10pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Exhibition Rd, SW7 2DD. T: 0333-241 4000. www.sciencemuseum.org.uk. Station: South Kensington. F4.*

SIR JOHN SOANE'S MUSEUM

This 19th-century townhouse and library was owned by the architect Sir John Soane and houses his eclectic collection. Wed-Sun & bank hols, 10am-5pm. Check for tours and late-night opening events. Admission free. *13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2A 3BP. T: 020-7405 2107. www.soane.org. Station: Holborn. D8.*

TWININGS MUSEUM

The flagship store of Twinings since 1706 has a mini exhibition reflecting on the company's 300-year history. Mon-Fri 9.30am-7.30pm; Sat-Sun 11am-6pm. Admission free. *216 Strand, WC2R 1AP. T: 020-7353 3511. www.twinings.co.uk. Station: Temple. D9.*

THE VAULT

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

V&A MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

FAMILY Charming museum with a national collection of childhood objects dating back to the 16th century. Daily 10am-5.45pm. Admission free. *Cambridge Heath Rd, E2 9PA. T: 020-8983 5200. www.vam.ac.uk/moc. Station: Bethnal Green. Off map.*

During World War II, The National Gallery's paintings were evacuated to Wales

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VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM

The V&A's collection of fine and applied arts spans 3,000 years and includes fashion, paintings, photographs and ceramics from around the world (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.

GALLERIES

THE NATIONAL GALLERY

One of the world's greatest art galleries.

NEW From 9 Nov: *Leonardo: Experience a Masterpiece*. Discover the inner workings of da Vinci's *The Virgin of the Rocks* via four rooms. Sat-Thur 10am-6pm; Fri 10am-9pm. Admission free; charges for special exhibitions. *Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN*. T: 020-7747 2885. www.nationalgallery.org.uk. Station: Charing Cross. E7.

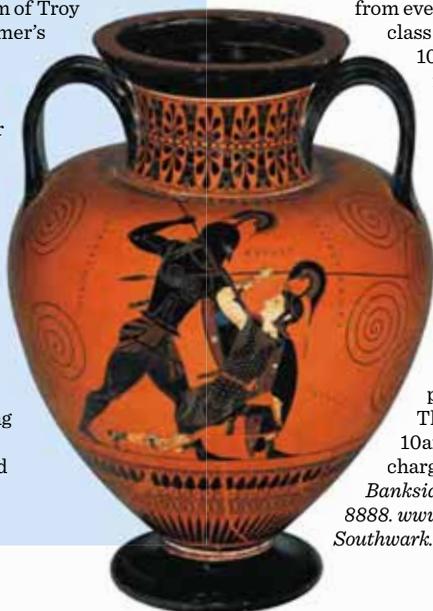
NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

See works depicting famous British people.

NEW From 7 Nov: *Taylor Wessing Photographic Portrait Prize*. The best contemporary portrait photography. 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.

Believe the legend

The British Museum is diving into the mystifying realm of Troy with its latest show. Homer's Greek legend may seem like a fantasy – the capture of a beautiful woman triggers a 10-year war and a major city is destroyed via a wooden horse – but that doesn't mean Troy didn't exist. That's the premise for *Troy: Myth and Reality* (from 21 Nov; p. 53), an exploration into archaeological game-changers such as Heinrich Schliemann. Digging in Turkey during the 1870s, this German archaeologist uncovered ancient artefacts that suggest Troy was real.



THE QUEEN'S GALLERY

This smart gallery adjoining Buckingham Palace has temporary exhibitions, often sourced from 500 years of treasures within the Royal Collection. **NEW From 15 Nov:** *George IV: Art & Spectacle*. Discover this king and his art collection (p. 52). Daily 10am-5.30pm; gallery closed until 14 Nov. Adult £13.50; child £6.70. *Buckingham Palace, SW1A 1AA*. T: 0303-123 7301. www.rct.uk/queensgallerylondon. Station: Green Park/Victoria. F7.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS

See Royal Academy Collection works in all media. **NEW From 23 Nov:** *Eco-Visionaries: Confronting a Planet in a State of Emergency*. Explore works being undertaken to help save the environment (p. 56). *6 Burlington Gardens, W1J 0BD*. T: 020-7300 8000. www.royalacademy.org.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus/Green Park. E7.

SAATCHI GALLERY

Contemporary art in a huge Georgian building.

NEW From 2 Nov: *Tutankhamun: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh*. See artefacts from the ancient king's tomb (p. 8). Daily 10am-6pm. Charges for some exhibitions. *Duke of York's HQ, King's Rd, SW3 4RY*. T: 020-7811 3070. www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk. Station: Sloane Square. G5.

TATE BRITAIN

The nation's leading collection of British art.

NEW From 12 Nov: *Steve McQueen Year 3*. The film director presents one class photo from every Year 3 primary-school class in London (p. 18). 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

World-class modern art in the Bankside Power Station.

NEW From 20 Nov: *Dora Maar*. Discover the work of this esteemed photographer (p. 53). Sun-Thur 10am-6pm; Fri-Sat 10am-10pm. Admission free; charges for some exhibitions. *Bankside, SE1 9TG*. T: 020-7887 8888. www.tate.org.uk. Station: Southwark. E9.



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All that jazz

The 1920s may have been dubbed the jazz age but the 27th edition of the **EFG Jazz Festival** (15-24 Nov) is catapulting the genre into the future.

The festival opens with a bang thanks to Jazz Voice at the Southbank Centre, during which a 42-piece orchestra plays compositions by trumpeter Guy Barker. Traditionalists who miss out on tickets to the gala can listen to saxophone beats on the same night at the same venue, as the Trevor Watts Quartet perform ahead of the lead's 80th birthday. The following night, you can catch New Orleans trumpeter, Christian Scott, at Earth (Evolutionary Arts Hackney).

If it's big names you're after then you can also catch American jazz legend Herbie Hancock at the Barbican (17 Nov), Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Corinne Bailey Rae at the Southbank Centre (18 Nov) and fellow Grammy Award winner Cécile McLorin Salvant at the Barbican (16 Nov).

Many of the performances fuse music with other art forms, revolutionising jazz for a new

generation. Fans keen to experience something radical will enjoy composer Nik Bärtsch's dramatic melodies – influenced by funk, jazz and contemporary classical music – played on a piano that appears to float on a pool of water. A large screen behind him will depict shimmering water and light effects created by visual artist Sophie Clements. Catch it at the Barbican (15 Nov).

Like Bärtsch and Clements, Dan Tepfer brings 1920s jazz into the 2020s with his futuristic performance, *Natural Machines*, at Kings Place (24 Nov). A talented programmer, the pianist improvises on the piano while the instrument responds with its own notes, guided by algorithms that he has programmed into his computer. As the keyboard's keys depress themselves, it's as if his ghost is performing a duet by his side. Tepfer's coding also turns data into animated visual art to create a multimedia performance.

www.efglondonjazzfestival.org.uk

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& JULIET

NEW From 2 Nov: With songs from Britney Spears and Backstreet Boys, this musical asks what if Juliet's ending was really her beginning. Check for times. Tickets £22.50-£75. *Shaftesbury Theatre, 210 Shaftesbury Ave, WC2H 8DP. T: 020-7379 5399. www.andjulietthemusical.co.uk. Station: Tottenham Court Road/Holborn. D8.*

AMÉLIE THE MUSICAL

NEW From 29 Nov: Drama based on the award-winning film. Check for times. Tickets £19.50-£65. *The Other Palace, 12 Palace St, SW1E 5JA. www.theotherpalace.co.uk. Station: Victoria. F7.*

THE BOOK OF MORMON

This satire follows two hapless missionaries from the Church of Latter Day Saints. Check for times. Tickets £29.75-£100. *Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry St, W1D 6AS. T: 0844-482 5110. www.bookofmormonlondon.com. Station: Leicester Square. E7.*

COME FROM AWAY

The true story of a Canadian community hosting 7,000 passengers in the wake of 9/11. Check for times. Tickets £24-£108. *Phoenix Theatre, 110 Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0JP. T: 0843-316 1082. www.phoenixtheatrelondon.co.uk. Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.*

DEAR EVAN HANSEN

Award-winning musical about a boy with social anxiety. Check for times and prices. *Noël Coward Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4AU. T: 0844-482 5140. www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk. Station: Leicester Square. E8.*

EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE

On a council estate in Sheffield, 16-year-old Jamie overcomes prejudice. Check for times. Tickets £20-£85. *Apollo Theatre, 31 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7ES. T: 0330-333 4809. www.everybodystalkingaboutjamie.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

GHOST STORIES

This homage to horror is an edge-of-your-seat experience. Check for times. Tickets from £20. *Ambassadors Theatre, West St, WC2H 9ND. T: 020-7395 5405. www.atgtickets.com. Station: Leicester Square. D7.*

An enchanting tale

They say Paris is the city of love but London is too this month, as *Amélie the Musical* opens at **The Other Palace** (from 29 Nov). The charming story, which is based on the award-winning 2001 French romantic comedy, stars Audrey Brisson as a waitress who enjoys helping her customers. Director Michael Fentiman says: 'I hope London audiences will be enchanted by our little Parisian tale. *Amélie* is about making connections, the simple acts of kindness that pull people closer, not further apart. In such divisive times, we all need a piece of Amélie.'



HAMILTON

Hip-hop musical based on the life of founding father Alexander Hamilton. Check for times and prices. *Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria St, SW1E 5EA. T: 0844-482 5138. www.hamiltonthemusical.co.uk. Station: Victoria. F6.*

LES MISÉRABLES

Adapted from Victor Hugo's classic novel, this musical is set in post-revolutionary France. Check for times. Tickets £42.25-£177.25. *Queen's Theatre, 51 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 6BA. T: 0844-482 5160. www.lesmis.com. Station: Leicester Square. D8.*

THE LION KING

FAMILY Adaptation of the popular Disney film with ingenious costumes and puppetry. Check for times. Tickets £23-£200.25. *Lyceum Theatre, 21 Wellington St, WC2E 7RQ. T: 0844-871 3000. www.thelionking.co.uk. Station: Covent Garden. E8.*

MAMMA MIA! THE MUSICAL

A tribute to the popular hits of ABBA. Check for times. Tickets £27.25-£127.25. *Novello, Aldwych, WC2B 4LD*. T: 0844-482 5115. www.mamma-mia.com. Station: Covent Garden. E8.

MARY POPPINS

Hugely popular story about a nanny with magical powers. Check for times and prices. *Prince Edward Theatre, Old Compton St, W1D 4HS*. T: 0844-482 5151. www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk. Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.

MATILDA THE MUSICAL

FAMILY Based on Roald Dahl's book about a girl with magic powers. Check for times. Tickets £20-£122.50. *Cambridge Theatre, 32-34 Earlham St, WC2E 9HU*. T: 0844-412 4652. www.matilda-themusical.com. Station: Covent Garden. D8.

9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL

Fun Dolly Parton musical about women who seek revenge on their sexist boss. Check for times. Tickets £20-£125. *Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2R 0ET*. T: 0844-871 7687. www.9to5themusical.co.uk. Station: Covent Garden. E8.

ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES: THE MUSICAL

Based on the hit British sitcom about a loveable wheeler-dealer. Check for times. Tickets £16.80-

£175. *Theatre Royal Haymarket, Haymarket, SW1Y 4HT*. T: 020-7930 8800. www.trh.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

A mysterious masked man haunts the Paris Opera House. Please check for times. Tickets £25-£175. *Her Majesty's Theatre, 57 Haymarket, SW1Y 4QL*. T: 0844-412 2707. www.thephantomoftheopera.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

SCHOOL OF ROCK: THE MUSICAL

A teacher tries to teach his pupils to be rock musicians. Check for times. Tickets £15-£150. *Gillian Lynne Theatre, 166 Drury Lane, WC2B 5PF*. T: 020-7452 3000. www.schoolofrockthemusical.com. Station: Covent Garden. D8.

THRILLER LIVE

Songs and dance celebrate Michael Jackson's career. Check for times and prices. *Lyric Theatre, 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 the queen of rock 'n' roll, with her best-loved hits. Check for times. Tickets £10-£159.50. *Aldwych Theatre, 9 Aldwych, WC2B 4DF*. T: 0845-200 7981. www.tinathe-musical.com. Station: Covent Garden. D8.



Psychic cinema

Sarah Riches,
Entertainment Editor

Don dungarees and a bold shirt for **Secret Cinema's** latest immersive experience, which is held in a secret location and based on the Netflix science-fiction series **Stranger Things** (from 13 Nov). This is the first time the team is making an event based on a TV programme rather than a film. Set in the 1980s, residents in suburban Indiana have their world turned upside down when a laboratory's secret paranormal experiments create an alternative, scary world. www.secretcinema.org



THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA



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Moving mountains

When Joe Simpson fell and broke his leg in a storm in the Andes, his climbing partner Simon had no choice but to cut the rope that attached them. Left alone at the bottom of a crevice, Joe wasn't thinking about the book he'd write, or the Bafta-winning film that it would inspire. Thirty years after his book was published, the stage version of ***Touching the Void*** is at the **Duke of York's Theatre** (from 9 Nov; p. 66). Josh Williams, who has performed in *Romeo and Juliet* at Shakespeare's Globe, plays the lead, while climber Angus Yellowlees stars as Simon. This drama is as tight as Joe's grip on that rope.



WAITRESS

Jenna dreams of a way out of her small town life via a baking contest. Check for times. Tickets £19.50-£150. **Adelphi Theatre, 409-412 Strand, WC2R 0NS. T: 0844-579 0094. www.waitressthemusical.co.uk. Station: Charing Cross. E8.**

WICKED

FAMILY The back story of the witches of Oz with the hit tune *Defying Gravity*. 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.**

PLAYS

THE COMEDY ABOUT A BANK ROBBERY

Six incompetent crooks are 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.thecomedyaboutabankrobbery.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.**

FRANKENSTEIN

LAST CHANCE To 30 Nov: Based on Mary Shelley's classic. Check for times. Tickets £14-£22. **Southwark Playhouse, 77-85 Newington Causeway, SE1 6BD. T: 020-7407 0234. www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk. Station: Elephant and Castle. Off map.**

GROAN UPS

Comedy about growing up. Please check for times and prices. **Vaudeville, 404 Strand, WC2R 0NH. T: 0330-333 4814. www.vaudeville-theatre.co.uk. Station: Charing Cross. E8.**

HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD

Harry's son has an unwanted legacy. Check for returns and times. **Palace Theatre, 113 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 5AY. T: 0300-333 4813. www.harrypottertheplay.com. Station: Leicester Square. D7.**

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

FAMILY From 9 Nov: Children enter a magical world through a wardrobe. Check for times. Tickets £15-£69.50. **Bridge Theatre, 3 Potters Field Park, SE1 2SG. T: 0333-320 0051. www.bridge-theatre.co.uk. Station: London Bridge. E11.**

LUNGS

LAST CHANCE To 9 Nov: Claire Foy and Matt Smith star in this comical emotional rollercoaster. Please check for times. Tickets £12-£65. **The Old Vic, The Cut, SE1 8NB. T: 0844-871 7628. www.oldvictheatre.com. Station: Waterloo. F9.**

THE MAN IN THE WHITE SUIT

Sidney (Stephen Mangan) invents a fabric that never gets dirty. Check for times. Tickets £17.50-£90. **Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Rd, WC2H 0DA. T: 0844-482 5120. www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk. Station: Leicester Square. E7.**

THE MOUSETRAP

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

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THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

Slapstick comedy about a drama society staging a murder mystery. Check for times. Tickets £20-£72. *Duchess Theatre, 3-5 Catherine St, WC2B 5LA*. T: 0844-482 9672. www.theplaythatgoeswrong.com. Station: Covent Garden. D8.

TOUCHING THE VOID

NEW From 9 Nov: Based on Joe Simpson's memoir (p. 64). Check for times and prices. *Duke of York's Theatre, 104 St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4BG*. T: 0844-871 7627. www.dukeofyorkstheatre.co.uk. Station: Leicester Square. E8.

WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION

Agatha Christie's gripping courtroom drama based on a murder trial. Check for times. Tickets from £10-£79.50. *County Hall, Belvedere Rd, South Bank, SE1 7PB*. T: 0844-815 7141. www.witnesscountyhall.com. Station: Waterloo. F8.



A-ha at the RAH!

Best-known for their 1984 classic hit *Take on Me*, Norwegian band **A-ha** perform old hits and new tracks at the **Royal Albert Hall** – in particular from their 1985 album, *Hunting High and Low* (5 Nov). www.royalalberthall.com

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IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

À LA DINE

Pantomime for adults with dinner and wine. Tue-Sun 6.30pm. Tickets £30-£75. *The Vaults, Leake St, SE1 7NN. T: 020-7401 9603. www.thevaults.london. Station: Waterloo. F8.*

CRYSTAL MAZE LIVE EXPERIENCE

Fun, interactive show based on a retro TV show. Check for times and prices. 22-32 *Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7EJ. T: 0161-791 0727. www.the-crystal-maze.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

JEFF WAYNE'S THE WAR OF THE WORLDS

Experience the Martian invasion from HG Wells' 1898 science fiction novel. Check for times and prices. 56 *Leadenhall St, EC3A 2BJ. www.dotdot.london. Station: Aldgate. D11.*

MAMMA MIA THE PARTY!

Enjoy ABBA songs while dining in a Greek taverna. Check for times and prices. *The O2, Peninsula Square, SE10 0AX. T: 0844-856 0202. www.theo2.co.uk. Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.*

SECRET CINEMA: STRANGER THINGS

Spectacular experience themed around the series (p. 62). *Secret location. www.secretcinema.org.*

THE WOLF OF WALL STREET

Enter the world of a millionaire. Tickets £59.95. *Secret location. www.immersivewolf.com.*

CONCERTS: CLASSICAL

GIELGUD THEATRE

LAST CHANCE To 30 Nov: *Les Misérables.* Concert starring Michael Ball. *Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 6AR. T: 0844-482 5130. www.delfontmackintosh.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

ROYAL ALBERT HALL

21-24 Nov: *Classical Spectacular.* Popular classical music. *Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP. T: 020-7589 8212. www.royalalberthall.com. South Kensington. G4.*



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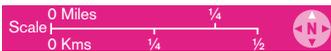
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ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS CHURCH

Lunchtime and evening concerts and recitals (p. 32). *Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JJ. T: 020-7766 1100. www.smitf.org. Station: Charing Cross. E8.*

CONCERTS: POP, JAZZ & WORLD

THE JAZZ CAFÉ

18 Nov: A Night of Whitney. *5 Parkway, NW1 7PG. T: 0844-847 2514. www.thejazzcafe london.com. Station: Camden Town. Off map.*

THE O2

To 22 Nov: Little Mix. **30 Nov:** The Chemical Brothers. Check for times and prices. *Peninsula Square, SE10 0AX. T: 0844-856 0202. www.theo2.co.uk. Station: North Greenwich. Map inset.*

RONNIE SCOTT'S JAZZ CLUB

15-24 Nov: London Jazz Festival (p. 60). *47 Frith St, W1D 4HT. T: 020-7439 0747. www.ronniescotts.co.uk. Station: Tottenham Court Road. D7.*

DANCE

THE PEACOCK

LAST CHANCE To 9 Nov: ZooNation: *Some Like it Hip Hop.* *Portugal St, WC2A 2HT. T: 020-7863 8222. www.sadlerswells.com. Station: Holborn. D8.*

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

NEW From 7 Nov: *The Sleeping Beauty.* Check for times and prices. *Bow St, WC2E 9DD. T: 020-7304 4000. www.roh.org.uk. Station: Covent Garden. D8.*

SADLER'S WELLS

7-9 Nov: Rambert. **From 21 Nov:** *The Snowman.* Check for times and prices. *Rosebery Ave, EC1R 4TN. T: 020-7863 8000. www.sadlerswells.com. Station: Angel. Off map.*

THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF THE OWL AND THE PUSSY CAT

LAST CHANCE To 17 Nov: The duo search for a ring. Check for times and prices. *Little Angel, 14 Dagmar Passage, N1 2DN. T: 020-7226 1787. www.littleangeltheatre.com. Station: Angel. Off map.*

THE CANTERVILLE GHOST

NEW From 10 Nov: Spooky version of Oscar Wilde's 1887 comic novel. Check for times and prices. *Unicorn Theatre, 147 Tooley St, SE1 2HZ. T: 020-7645 0560. www.unicorntheatre.com. Station: London Bridge. E11.*

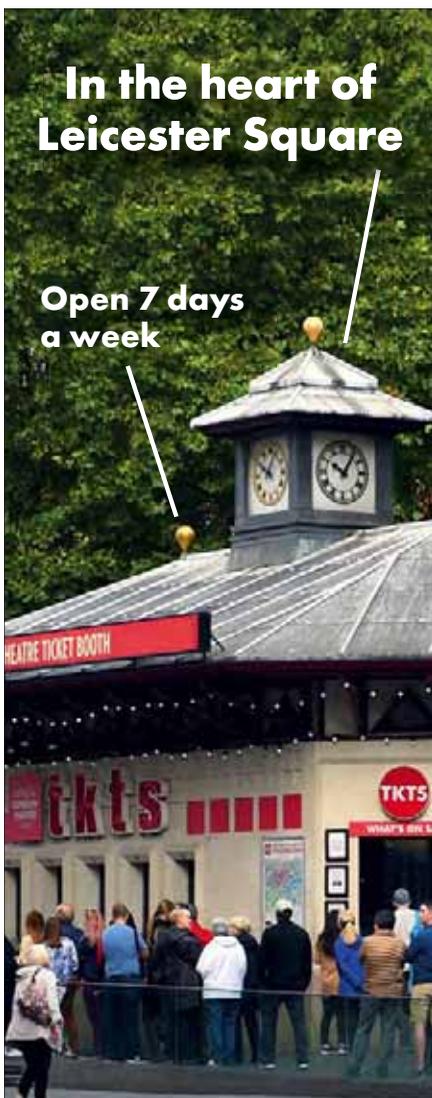


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Rivalries are renewed on the dazzling tennis courts at **The O2**, where the **Nitto ATP Finals** see the world's top eight men, in singles and doubles, play in a thrilling eight-day tournament (10-17 Nov). Although London is famed as the home of the graceful Wimbledon Championships in summer, this indoor tournament adds a different pizzazz to the sport. At the time of writing, the three most successful men's tennis champions, Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic, had all booked their places.

For Federer, this is the record-extending 17th time he has qualified – and he's thrilled. 'I really

look forward to returning to The O2,' he said. 'It is always one of the main goals to qualify

for the year-end event. I love competing there among the top players.'

These three long-standing champions in all Grand Slams need no introduction, but it is exciting to see other players make their debut in the tournament, including Russian star Daniil Medvedev, who qualified for the first time this year. 'It's amazing,' he said. 'That shows what a great year I'm having, that the work I've been doing is paying off.'

Look out for Greek player Stefanos Tsitsipas, who at just 21 years old is showing all the signs of a great career, as well as Croatian doubles player Mate Pavić and Germany's Alexander Zverev.

In contrast to these young players, the **Royal Albert Hall** is playing host to the **Champions Tennis** (28 Nov-1 Dec). Watch past tennis stars including five-time Grand Slam winner Martina Hingis, recently retired David Ferrer and the entertaining Mansour Bahrami.

www.nittoatpfinals.com; www.royalalberthall.com
– Emma Levine

Novak Djokovic at the Nitto ATP Finals



Alexander Zverev at the Nitto ATP Finals

Champions Tennis at the Royal Albert Hall



Roger Federer at the Nitto ATP Finals

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WATCH

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

3 Nov: Houston Texans vs Jacksonville Jaguars. www.nflonlocation.com. *Wembley Stadium*, see 'Wembley Tours' for address.

FOOTBALL

30 Nov: England vs Montenegro (Euro qualifier). *Wembley Stadium*, see 'Wembley Tours' for address.

Premier League fixtures (subject to change):

2 Nov: Arsenal vs Wolves. **23 Nov:** Arsenal vs Southampton. *Emirates Stadium*, see 'Arsenal Stadium Tour' for address.

9 Nov: Chelsea vs Crystal Palace. **30 Nov:** Chelsea vs West Ham. *Stamford Bridge*, see 'Chelsea FC Stadium Tour' for address.

9 Nov: Tottenham vs Sheffield United. **30 Nov:** Tottenham vs Bournemouth. *Tottenham Hotspur Stadium*, see 'Tottenham Hotspur Stadium Tour' for address.

2 Nov: West Ham vs Newcastle. **23 Nov:** West Ham vs Tottenham. *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 and players' tunnel. Check for times, prices and legends tours. *Drayton Park*, N5 1BU. T: 020-7619 5000. www.arsenal.com. *Station: Holloway Road/Arsenal/Finsbury Park*. *Off map. Road/Arsenal/Finsbury Park*. *Off map*.

CHELSEA FC STADIUM TOUR & MUSEUM

New self-guided tour including the dressing room and players' tunnel. Check for times and prices. *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, including the pavilion. Booking essential. *St John's Wood Rd*, NW8 8QN. T: 020-7616 8595. www.lords.org. *Station: St John's Wood*. C4.

KIA OVAL GROUND TOURS

Tour the famous ground, home of Surrey CCC since 1845 and host to England matches. See the

architecture, history and sporting faces. Please check for dates and times. Adult £15; child £5. *Kennington*, SE11 5SS. T: 020-3946 0100. www.kiaoval.com. *Station: Oval*. *Off map*.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR STADIUM TOUR

A 90-minute look behind the scenes at the new, world-class stadium. Check for times. Adult £30; child £15. 782 High Rd, N17 0BX. T: 020-3929 1882. www.tottenhamhotspur.com/tours. *Station: Seven Sisters*. *Off map*.

TWICKENHAM WORLD RUGBY MUSEUM & STADIUM TOUR

The world's largest stadium dedicated to rugby. Check for times and days. Adult £25; child £15. *Whitton Rd*, *Twickenham*, TW2 7BA. T: 020-8892 8877. www.worldrugbymuseum.com. *Station: Twickenham*. *Off map*.

THE WEMBLEY STADIUM TOUR

See the UK's largest sports and music venue. Check for times. Adult £19; child £12. *Olympic Way*, HA9 0WS. T: 0800-169 9933. www.wembleystadium.com. *Station: Wembley Park*. *Off map*.



Cheer on the Lionesses

Emma Levine, Sport Editor

Women's football has come on in leaps and bounds in the past year, highlighted during the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup in France. Join thousands of fans to watch **England v Germany** in an international friendly (9 Nov) at **Wembley Stadium**, in preparation for the UEFA Euro 2021 Championships. The Lionesses, aka the England team, are gunning to build on their strong standing – they narrowly lost in the World Cup semi-finals to the USA, the eventual winners. www.wembleystadium.com

Shopping



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Countdown to Christmas

If you're determined to avoid the last-minute panic of finding that perfect festive present and want to light up someone's Christmas Day with something a little more exciting than a gift card, **Handmade Chelsea** (8-10 Nov) is the event for you. More than 100 exhibitors descend on Old Chelsea Town Hall to provide visitors with an opportunity to purchase and commission pieces from some of the world's best designer-makers. Alongside a dedicated Christmas area full to bursting with artisanal food and seasonally-themed treats, extraordinary levels of craftsmanship will be on display. Look out for London's very own Steven Harkin, who turns British leather into covetable arm candy, as well as the architectural beauty of pieces created by jeweller Charlotte Reid (www.handmadeinbritain.co.uk).

Further displays of handcrafted excellence can be found at **The New Craftsmen** in Mayfair. The

curated selection of homeware and jewellery oozes style and sophistication, with a healthy dose of the unusual ensuring that objects as mundane as a pestle and mortar become mini works of art (www.thenewcraftsmen.com).

A slightly different spin on British craft can be found at Camden Market's **To Home from London**, where quirky illustrative designs have been fashioned into cute souvenirs and gifts.

See London's landmarks featured on bags, mugs, coasters and cushions and marvel at the amusing depictions of members of The Beatles and characters from *Harry Potter* (www.tohomefromlondon.com).

Finally, if you remember stamping bits of paper with a cut potato covered in paint (creating wall art only your mother could love), **Blade Rubber Stamps** offers a sophisticated nod to this retro pastime. Its Holborn store is packed with rubber stamps that encourage craft (www.bladerubberstamps.co.uk). That's Christmas sorted.

– Kathryn Conway



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JOHN LEWIS

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LIBERTY

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

MALLS & FACTORY OUTLETS

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

WESTFIELD STRATFORD CITY

A cinema, bowling and 270 stores. 2 Stratford Place, Montfichet Rd, E20 1EJ. T: 020-8221 7300. www.uk.westfield.com. Station: Stratford. Map inset.

SPECIALIST STORES

BUCKINGHAM PALACE SHOP

Royal souvenirs. 7 Buckingham Palace Rd, SW1W 0PP. T: 020-7839 1377. www.royalcollectionshop.co.uk. Station: Victoria. F6.

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Bargain hunt

Those who love the thrill of finding a good deal will already have 29 November marked in their diary. This frenzied shopping extravaganza, known as **Black Friday**, started in the US as a post-Thanksgiving Day bargain bonanza and has now established itself in the UK. We have Amazon to thank for its introduction to Britain, with the company adopting the tradition in 2010. Last year, the online retailer swapped clicks for bricks when it established a Black Friday pop-up on Shoreditch High Street, so we're hoping for something similar this year. Shopping hubs such as Oxford Street and Regent Street will be predictably frenetic, but John Lewis & Partners and Hamleys should be ports of call on your shopping list.

HAMLEYS

One of the world's biggest, most varied toy shops. 188-196 Regent St, W1B 5BT. T: 0371-704 1977. www.hamleys.com. Station: Oxford Circus. D7.

THE HARRY POTTER SHOP AT PLATFORM 9¾

Souvenirs and collectibles. King's Cross Station, N1 9AP. T: 020-3196 7375. www.harrypotterplatform934.com. Station: King's Cross. Off map.

Shopping

ROCK SHOP - OLD PARK LANE

Hard Rock clothing and accessories. 1 Old Park Lane, W1K 1QZ. T: 020-7514 1700. www.shop.hardrock.com. Station: Hyde Park Corner. F6.

ROCK SHOP - PICCADILLY CIRCUS

The world's largest Hard Rock store has a huge range of lines. 225-229 Piccadilly, W1J 9HR. T: 020-7287 4600. www.shop.hardrock.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. F6.

IT'S ONLY ROCK 'N' ROLL

Shop selling rock memorabilia. 230 Baker St, NW1 5RT. T: 020-7224 0277. www.itsonlyrocknrolllondon.co.uk. Station: Baker Street. C5.

JAPAN CENTRE

Japanese food and ceramics. 35b Panton St, SW1Y 4EA. T: 020-3405 1246. www.japancentre.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

LONDON BEATLES STORE

London's only Beatles shop stocks new and vintage memorabilia, T-shirts and accessories. 231-233 Baker St,

NW1 6XE. T: 020-7935 4464. www.beatlesstorelondon.co.uk. Station: Baker Street. D5.

LONDON GLASSBLOWING STUDIO

Watch glass objects being created and browse pieces for sale. 62-66 Bermondsey St, SE1 3UD. T: 020-7403 2800. www.londonglassblowing.co.uk. Station: London Bridge. F11.

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Souvenir gift shop with London-themed goods. 59-61 York Rd, SE1 7NJ (and branches). T: 020-7401 7033. www.redbusshop.co.uk. Station: Waterloo. F8.

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Eating out



A big cheese

Prepare to loosen your belt as a new restaurant featuring the UK's first cheese conveyor belt has opened in **Seven Dials Market** in Covent Garden.

Pick & Cheese works in the same way as a sushi conveyor belt: diners sit at the counter and grab as many plates of cheese as they like. Prices are according to the plates' colours.

All 25 plates are put together with cheese made by small British producers, paired with condiments ranging from fig and cocoa spread to basil-stewed blackberries.

Sample Gubbeen, a light Irish cheese served with sweet and sour pineapple, or Fellstone – similar to a crumbly Wensleydale – and sherry-poached cherries. If you prefer strong cheese, opt for Rollright, which comes with bacon treacle spread, or Renegade Monk, a pungent cheese from Somerset served with Earl Grey tea jelly.

Founder Mathew Carve is also behind The Cheese Truck at Maltby Street Market near London Bridge and The Cheese Bar in Camden's Stables Market. He says: 'There are so many amazing British cheeses – when you buy them, you support an industry that was once in decline.'

You can also nibble on British charcuterie plates such as Hereford beef bresaola and Suffolk salami.

Les Caves de Pyrene has created the natural wine list. Glasses are 75ml, so you can try a few – perhaps the Benimaquía Tinajas, a Spanish orange wine with spicy notes.

Pick & Cheese is ideal for lunch or a quick evening bite, but if you want to linger for more than an hour, book one of two booths that seat groups of up to six. Look out, too, for occasional talks and workshops.

– Sarah Riches
Short's Garden, WC2H 9AT. T: 020-7428 6441. www.thecheesebar.com



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A child in a sweet shop

Sarah Riches, Eating Out Editor

The Chesterfield Mayfair hotel has transformed its conservatory into a traditional sweet shop for its **Original Sweet Shop Afternoon Tea**, with shelves stocked with oversized Sherbet Fountains, Drumsticks and Parma Violets. On arrival, we were treated to a shot of pink lemonade in a cloud of dry ice. After sandwiches and chocolate chip scones, we shared chocolate lollipops, a Liquorice Allsorts cheesecake, a cherry cupcake and a rhubarb and custard macaron. Then a waiter dressed like a member of a barbershop quartet in a red bow tie, red-and-white stripy blazer and a straw hat served us sweets from jars on a cart with a canopy. Our three-year-old reviewer, Athena, said: 'I liked the strawberry milkshake best.'

35 Charles St, W1J 5EB. T: 020-7491 2622. www.chesterfieldmayfair.com

Review



AMERICAS

BUBBA GUMP SHRIMP CO.

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

HARD ROCK CAFE LONDON

The original London branch of this burger bar is decorated with rock memorabilia. Save room for the apple cobbler. Daily L & D. ££. 150 Old Park Lane, W1K 1QZ (and branch). T: 020-7514 1700. www.hardrock.com. Station: Hyde Park Corner. E6.

HARD ROCK CAFE PICCADILLY

Rock memorabilia, a fun atmosphere and an extensive menu including wings, nachos and ribs (p. 82). Daily L & D. ££. Criterion Building, 225-229 Piccadilly, W1J 9HR. T: 020-7287 4600. www.hardrock.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

PLANET HOLLYWOOD

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

RAINFOREST CAFE

FAMILY All-day dining in a mock rainforest, with life-size animatronic animals and a family-friendly menu. Daily L & D. ££. 20 Shaftesbury Ave, W1D 7EU. T: 020-7434 3111. www.therainforestcafe.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

BRITISH

BILL'S

British and European brasserie with all-day dining, including fish pie and steaks. Daily B, L & D. ££. 36-44 Brewer St, W1F 9TB (and branches). T: 020-7287 8712. www.bills-website.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

CAFÉ IN THE CRYPT

Underneath a church, this café serves hearty English food. Try the crumble. Mon-Sat B, L & D; Sun 11am-6pm. £. St Martin-in-the-Fields, corner of Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JJ. T: 020-7766 1158. www.smit.org. Station: Charing Cross. E8.

CHENESTON'S RESTAURANT

This wood-panelled dining room offers a classic menu, with dishes such as venison. Daily B, L & D. £££. The Milestone Hotel, 1 Kensington Court, W8 5DL. T: 020-7917 1000. www.milestonehotel.com. Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.

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Eating Out

ST PANCRAS BRASSERIE

Graceful, high-ceilinged dining room, and a long Champagne bar overlooking the Eurostar terminal (p. 22). Daily B, L & D. ££. *Upper Concourse, St Pancras International, N1C 4QL. T: 020-7870 9900. www.searcsys.co.uk. Station: King's Cross St Pancras. C7/8.*

SOPHIE'S STEAKHOUSE & BAR

The Soho branch of this modern steakhouse has an open kitchen and a large covered terrace at the front. Daily L & D. ££. *42-44 Great Windmill St, W1D 7ND (and Chelsea branch). T: 020-7836 8836. www.sophiessteakhouse.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.*

CHINESE

DIM T

Dine on dim sum, noodles, crispy duck and Korean fried chicken, while overlooking fountains and Tower Bridge. Daily L & D. £. *2 More London Place, Tooley St, SE1 2DB (and branches). T: 020-7403 7000. www.dimt.co.uk. Station: London Bridge. E11.*

ROYAL CHINA BAKER STREET

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

FISH & SEAFOOD

SEA SHELL

This decades-old restaurant with an aquarium at the back serves fish and chips and British desserts. Daily L & D. ££. *49-51 Lisson Grove, NW1 6UH. T: 020-7224 9000. www.seashellrestaurant.co.uk. Station: Marylebone. C5.*

GASTROPUBS

THE PORCUPINE

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

WHITE HORSE

This pub is full of character and has a lunchtime buffet. Mon-Sat B, L & D; Sun L & D. £-££. *16 Newburgh St, W1F 7RY. T: 020-7494 9748. www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk. Station: Oxford Circus. D7.*

WHITE SWAN

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

INDIAN

AMAYA

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



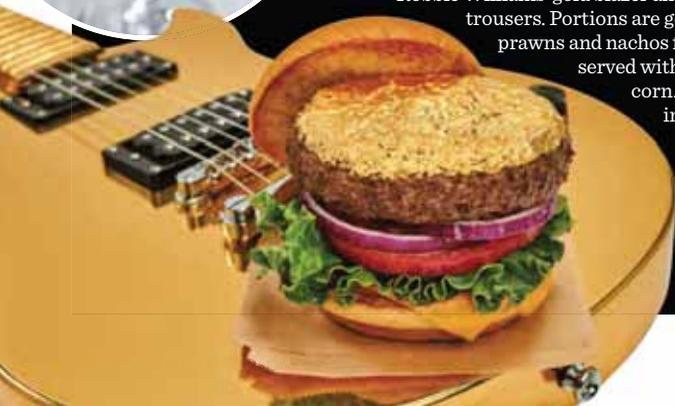
'The Pink Piccadilly Pimm's is unique to this branch'

Review

Hear those trumpets – or should we say sax? – as **Hard Rock Cafe** (p. 80) has opened a long-awaited second London branch. The fanfare has drawn fans to the basement restaurant, where music videos blare out and pop paraphernalia adorn the walls – look out for

Robbie Williams' gold blazer and Jimi Hendrix's purple velvet trousers. Portions are generous – we shared crispy prawns and nachos followed by fajitas and salmon, served with mango salsa and chargrilled corn. You can also order burgers, including one with 24-carat gold leaf (left). Finish with a boozy milkshake or the Pink Piccadilly Pimm's, which comes with an edible picture of the Tower of London (left).

– Sarah Riches



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FARZI CAFE

Modern Indian restaurant with unusual dishes such as avocado chaat, Wagyu beef Scotch eggs and artichoke kofta. Try the pre-theatre menu, along with its refreshing Ayurvedic cocktails. Daily L & D. ££-£££. 8 Haymarket, SW1Y 4BP. T: 020-3981 0090. www.farzilondon.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

LITTLE INDIA

This cosy restaurant near the Royal Albert Hall specialises in North Indian tandoori cuisine. Daily L & D. ££. 32 Gloucester Rd, SW7 4RB. T: 020-7584 3476. www.littleindialondon.com. Station: Gloucester Road. Off map.

MASALA ZONE

A vibrant restaurant that serves street food, thalis and regional curries. Daily L & D. £. 48 Floral St, WC2E 9DA (and branches). T: 020-7379 0101. www.masalazone.com. Station: Covent Garden. D8.

VEERASWAMY

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INTERNATIONAL

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This restaurant and bar above Charing Cross station dates back 150 years. Choose from sandwiches, salads and Italian dishes. Daily B, L & D. ££. *Amba Hotel Charing Cross, Strand, WC2N 5HX*. T: 0800-330 8397. www.amba-hotel.com. Station: Charing Cross. E8.

ITALIAN

CAFFÈ CONCERTO

This popular chain of cafés has just refurbished its Kensington branch (p. 86). Daily B, L & D. ££. 88 Kensington High St, W8 4SG (and branches). T: 020-7494 6850. www.caffeconcerto.co.uk. Station: High Street Kensington. Off map.

GRANAIO

FAMILY This spacious restaurant serves Italian classics in grand surroundings – note the golden mosaic ceiling. It has a pre-theatre, two- and three-course menu. Daily L & D. ££. 224 Piccadilly, W1J 9HP. T: 020-7930 1459. www.ristorantegranaio.co.uk. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

VERDI ITALIAN KITCHEN

Dine on pizzas and pasta or afternoon tea in this family-friendly restaurant. Tue-Sun L & D. ££. Door 12, Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 2AP. T: 020-7070 4401. www.royalalberthall.com/verdi. Station: South Kensington. F4.

WILDWOOD

Tuck into pasta, pizza and risotto or try the wild boar and chorizo burger. Daily L & D. £-££. 35-36 Bow St, WC2E 7AU (and branches). T: 020-7836 8640. www.wildwoodrestaurants.co.uk. Station: Covent Garden. E8.

GO GREEN

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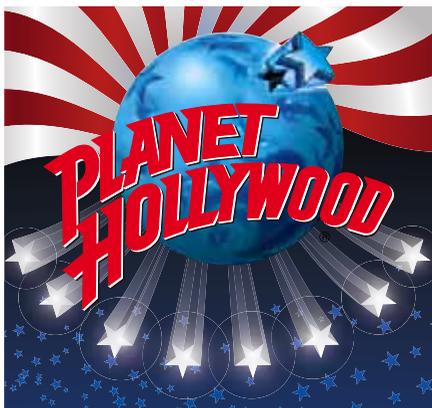
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Caffé society

Review

While the cakes on display in the window will draw you in to **Caffé Concerto** (p. 84), this chain of cafés also serves cooked breakfasts, savoury tarts and light lunches, as well as pasta and risotto if you want an early dinner before the theatre. With high ceilings and chandeliers, Caffé Concerto feels like a grand European café, making it suitable for a business meeting or romantic lunch. Sit outside and people-watch, or stay cosy inside. I had focaccia with goat's cheese and pesto, followed by mille-feuille, which I couldn't resist.

– Sarah Riches

61 Piccadilly, W1J 0DY (and branches). T: 020-7494 6854.
www.caffeconcerto.co.uk

JAPANESE

BENIHANA

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

ICHIBA

Casual spot for tasty ramen and noodles. Daily, check for times. £. Level 2, Westfield London, W12 7HB. T: 020-3405 9410. www.ichiba.london.com. Station: White City. Map inset.

SAKAGURA

Izakaya-style 'Japanese pub'. Daily L & D. ££. 8 Heddon St, W1B 4BS. T: 020-3405 7230. www.sakaguralondon.com. Station: Piccadilly Circus. E7.

RIVERSIDE

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R.S. HISPANIOLA

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

SOUTH EAST ASIAN

MANGO TREE

Upmarket Thai restaurant near Buckingham Palace. Daily L & D. ££-£££. 46 Grosvenor Place, SW1X 7EQ. T: 020-7823 1888. www.mangotree.org.uk. Station: Victoria. F6.

THAI POT

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

YUU KITCHEN

Sharing plates inspired by Japanese, Filipino, Taiwanese and Hawaiian cuisine. Mon-Tue D; Wed-Sun L & D. £-££. 29 Commercial St, E1 6NE (and branches). T: 020-7377 0411. www.yuu.kitchen.com. Station: Aldgate East. Off map.

SPANISH

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Nightlife



Lost in Brixton

Raise the roof

The team behind Pergola Paddington, Pergola Olympia and the pergola-clad The Prince near Earl's Court recently launched **Lost in Brixton**, a rooftop terrace in Brixton Village – and yes, it too has a pergola.

It's open all year round, as a retractable glass roof makes it weatherproof – and with its travel-inspired interior and greenery, it feels tropical, especially when you're sipping a Latin American-style cocktail. Order a drink made with rum, tequila, mezcal and cachaça such as the spiced Mai Tai, or opt for a beer made by the venue's neighbour, Brixton Brewery.

With communal tables and space for 440, it has a sociable vibe. If you want to base yourself here all night, you can order food from the market without having to leave – just scan the QR code on your table,

pay online and choose dishes from Thunderbird Fried Chicken, Fish, Wings & Tings, Jalisco, Seven at Brixton and Honest Burger. It'll be delivered to your table (www.lostinbrixton.com).

Skylark Roof Garden, meanwhile, has opened on the 10th floor of an office building near Little Venice and has wonderful views of Hyde Park, the Royal Albert Hall and The Shard. The leafy, fairy-lit deck seats 180 people, with day beds available for warm autumn evenings.

Owner Adam Marshall says: 'Try our boozy hot chocolate, made with spiced rum, salted hot chocolate, orange bitters, nutmeg and cinnamon. It's the perfect winter cocktail to keep you cosy and warm.'

You could also order a Mezcal Mule, made with smoky Mexican mezcal and ginger beer. A DJ plays until late (www.skylarkroofgarden.co.uk).
– Sarah Riches

Skylark Roof Garden





Elementary



Two become one

Sarah Riches, Nightlife Editor

If you're in town for work but want drinks later on, **Tayēr + Elementary** in Old Street is the perfect space, as it's two venues in one. Elementary has floor-to-ceiling windows and hip-hop tunes, while Tayēr is darker and open late. Expect craft beer, alcoholic slushies and unnamed cocktails on tap described by their key flavour (why don't more bars do that?). There's a short menu of Portuguese and Chinese bites – the pork sando was delicious. *Closed on Sundays. 52 Old St, EC1V9BW. www.tayer-elementary.com*

TRADITIONAL PUBS

MAGPIE & STUMP

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

WAXY O'CONNOR'S

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

WAXY'S LITTLE SISTER

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

YE OLDE CHESHIRE CHEESE

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

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BARS & CLUBS

THE BACK ROOM

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

BELOW ZERO ICE BAR

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

CITY GARDEN BAR

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

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

RONNIE SCOTT'S

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

STRINGFELLOWS

Opened in 1980, this club was established by the late Peter Stringfellow and is one of the world's best-known gentlemen's clubs. Free entry when dining. 16-19 Upper St Martin's Lane, WC2H 9EF. T: 020-7240 5534. www.stringfellows.co.uk. Station: Leicester Square. E8.

CASINOS

HIPPODROME CASINO

This landmark 24-hour venue has gaming over three floors and Heliot, a steak restaurant. Cranbourn St, off Leicester Square, WC2H 7JH. T: 020-7769 8888. www.hippodromecasino.com. Station: Leicester Square. E7.

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Forget 'out with the old, in with the new' – in
Stratford-upon-Avon, there's room for both, says **Sarah Riches**

Stratford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire may be best known as the birthplace of one of the world's greatest playwrights, but it's by no means stuck in the 16th century. While you can catch a Shakespearean play most nights of the week, the market town's theatres offer new shows, too.

This month you can watch *A Museum in Baghdad*, a new play at the **Swan Theatre** (www.rsc.org.uk). Like the town itself, it jumps from the past to the present as it follows two women who lived decades apart: Gertrude Bell, a British archaeologist who established a museum in Iraq in the 1920s, and Ghaliya Hussein, who is attempting to reopen the museum in 2006 following looting during the Iraq War.

If you prefer musicals, then don't miss *The Boy in the Dress* at the **Royal Shakespeare Theatre** (from 8 Nov; www.rsc.org.uk), a comical show based on a novel by the children's author David Walliams, with new songs by Robbie Williams. Four teenage boys take turns to star as Dennis, a 12-year-old footballer who likes wearing dresses.

While Stratford-upon-Avon is famed for its theatre, there's more to the town than its playhouses. Shakespeare was fond of 'strong water', so follow in his footsteps and visit **Shakespeare Distillery** (www.shakespeare-distillery.com), an independent brewery that handcrafts gin in small batches. In January, the distillery moved to new, larger premises 3km out of town. Launching public tours, a gin school



Shakespeare Distillery



Hathaway Tea Rooms



Gin cruise by Shakespeare Distillery



ShakesPaw Cat Cafe

and gin cruises, it now offers cocktail classes, too. I don't usually kickstart my morning with a tippie but at Shakespeare Distillery that's normal, so I thought it'd be rude not to.

My tour began with a talk on the history of gin, from the Egyptians using it as a remedy for jaundice in 1550BC to the ancient Greeks drinking it to cure colic. Founder and head distiller, Simon Picken, then showed us two distillers, which are aptly named Portia and Ophelia.

'To make our classic Stratford Gin in Ophelia, we blend juniper with rosemary, sage, lemon balm, coriander, angelica root and lovage seeds, which are slightly spicy,' he explained.

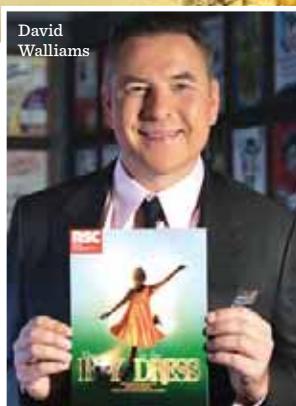
While distillation takes seven to 10 hours, the whole process takes two weeks. After watching

Simon's brother, David, bottling the drink, adding labels by hand and writing batch numbers on them, my friend and I sampled the distillery's range, which includes mulberry and rhubarb gin – my favourite, when mixed with ginger beer.

'The rhubarb is our visitors' favourite,' agreed director Peter Moncks. 'The Stratford Gin, meanwhile, is almost like you're drinking a fresh English garden.'

BARD'S LEGACY

Speaking of English gardens, our next stop was Shakespeare's wife's nearby family home. The thatched **Anne Hathaway's Cottage** (www.shakespeare.org.uk), built in 1463, has a 20-minute trail through orchards and woodland. Back in ▶



David Walliams



Hall's Croft

town you can tour the gardens at Shakespeare's New Place and visit Hall's Croft, where the writer's eldest daughter lived with her husband. Once you've explored its rooms with original flagstone, beams and 17th-century art and antiques, admire the 350-year-old mulberry tree in the garden (www.shakespeare.org.uk).

This month, **Shakespeare's Birthplace Trust** is throwing a late-night house party (1 & 2 Nov) hosted by familiar characters Puck and Ariel (fancy dress optional). *Over Throne* (9 Nov), meanwhile, looks at disgraced rulers who were overthrown in Shakespeare's plays.

For a touch of nature, **Stratford-upon-Avon Butterfly Farm** (www.butterflyfarm.co.uk) has some new birds in its wildlife collection; look out for green and yellow kakariki from New Zealand. I also spotted a sleepy iguana hidden among the leaves – and I even held a tarantula.

THE FOOD OF LOVE

Stop for lunch at **ShakesPaw Cat Cafe** (www.shakespawcatcafe.com), which serves sandwiches and cakes as felines slink around you. We enjoyed afternoon tea at **Hathaway Tea Rooms** (www.hathawaytearooms.com); built in 1610 as an inn, it's haunted, with visitors left shaken by the sight of a young girl on the staircase. A medium hosts occasional psychic nights with seances, tarot card readings and ghost hunts, which run into the early hours.

For dinner and drinks, try **Burnside Hotel** (www.burnsidedestratford.co.uk), a thatched-roof cottage that opened as a hotel in March. The family-run venue has a restaurant with a tandoor oven serving dishes such as butter chicken and lamb shish. The owner was once in the army and its Saddles Bar has bar stools made from saddles, complete with stirrups to rest your feet upon.

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Sarah at the Butterfly Farm



Stratford-upon-Avon Butterfly Farm



Birthplace of Shakespeare



Royal Shakespeare Theatre

REST FOR THE NIGHT

I stayed overnight at **Baraset Barn** (www.barasetbarn.co.uk), a new boutique hotel 5km from the centre. Co-owner Mark Lee says: 'We opened in March. The hotel is built on three acres, surrounded by farmland, so you wake up to the sight of sheep outside your window.'

The barn and house are named after a college in Calcutta (now Kolkata) which a former owner, judge William Judd Harding, attended before setting up a British judicial system in India in the late 1700s.

While the house was demolished in 1928, the 200-year-old barn remained and was converted into a restaurant in the '80s. It serves British cuisine made with produce from local orchards and farms. Have a relaxing evening and sit by the firepit in the landscaped courtyard, or stay by the roaring fire in the conservatory.

If you'd rather stay in the town centre, sleep at **Hotel Indigo** (www.stratford.hotelindigo.com), which opened in May. The Tudor building has wood panelling and original fireplaces, with contrasting features such as contemporary prints of the Bard, red velvet curtains behind the

reception and wallpaper depicting audiences standing on balconies.

For a piece of history, stay at **Macdonald Alveston Manor Hotel** (www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk) near the River Avon. The venue is actually mentioned in Britain's earliest census, the 1086 Domesday Book. It is also believed to be the setting of the first performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, in 1605. While many of its guest rooms are dated and in need of a refurbishment, it has a spa with treatment rooms and an indoor pool. The front of the hotel is charming – its wood-panelled lounge has a real fire.

As the leaves turn to amber outside, it's the perfect spot to stay warm and think of Titania's words: '*The chiding autumn, angry winter, change. Their wonted liveries, and the mazed world. By their increase, now knows not which is which.*' ■

Getting there: Direct trains between London Marylebone and Stratford-upon-Avon take approximately 2 hrs 15 mins. A return ticket costs from around £11. www.nationalrail.co.uk

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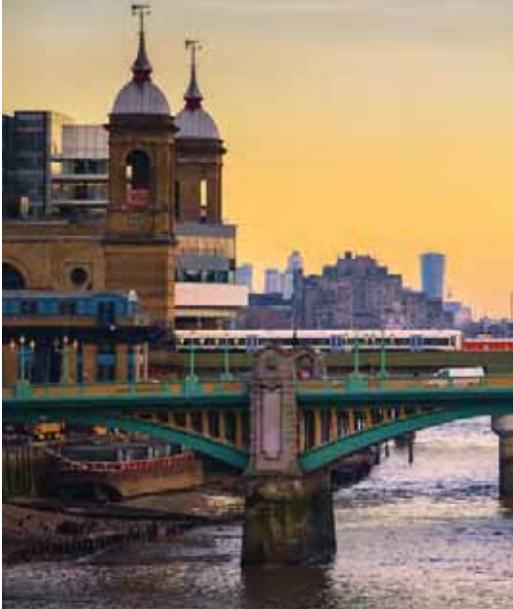
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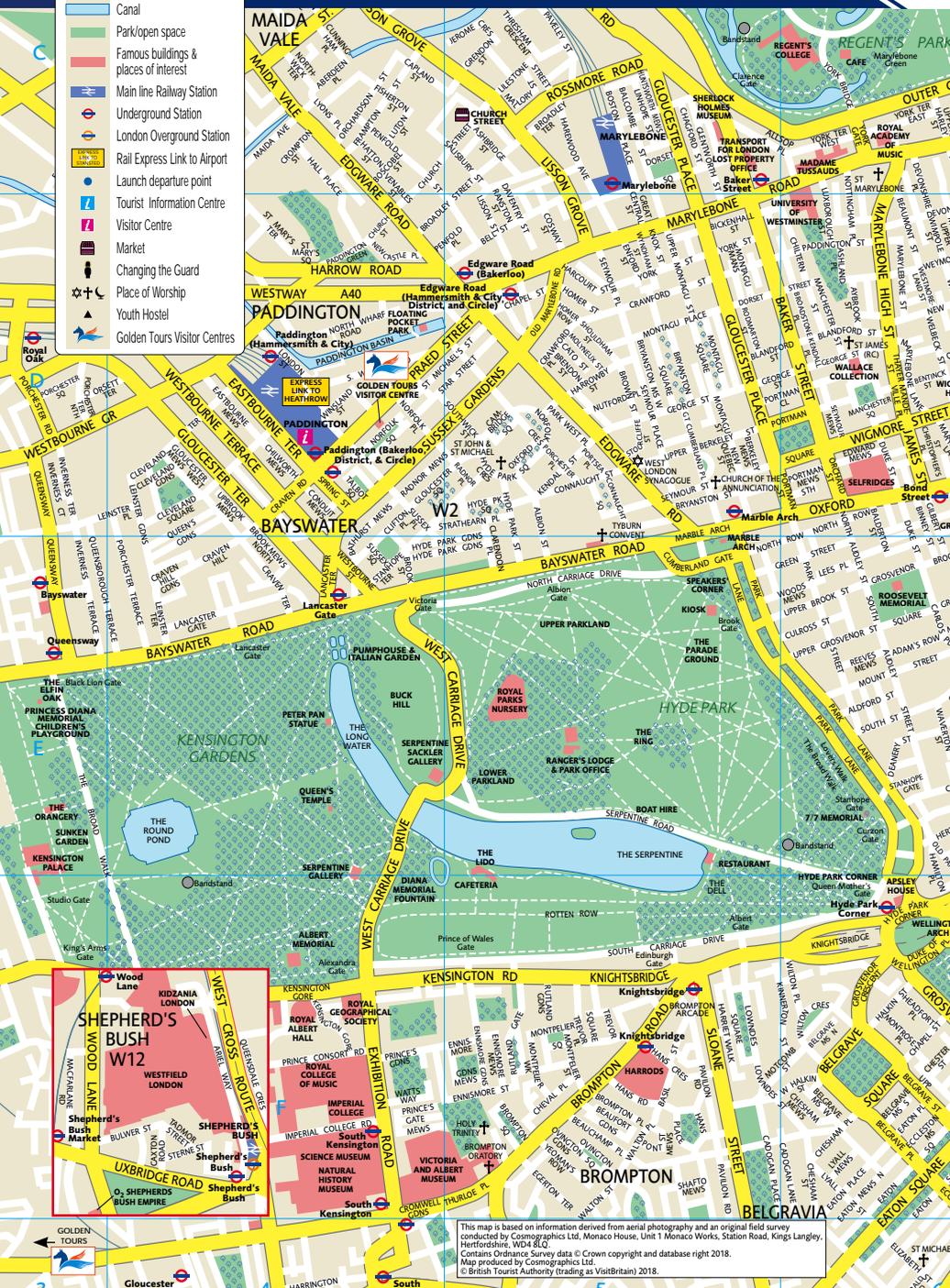
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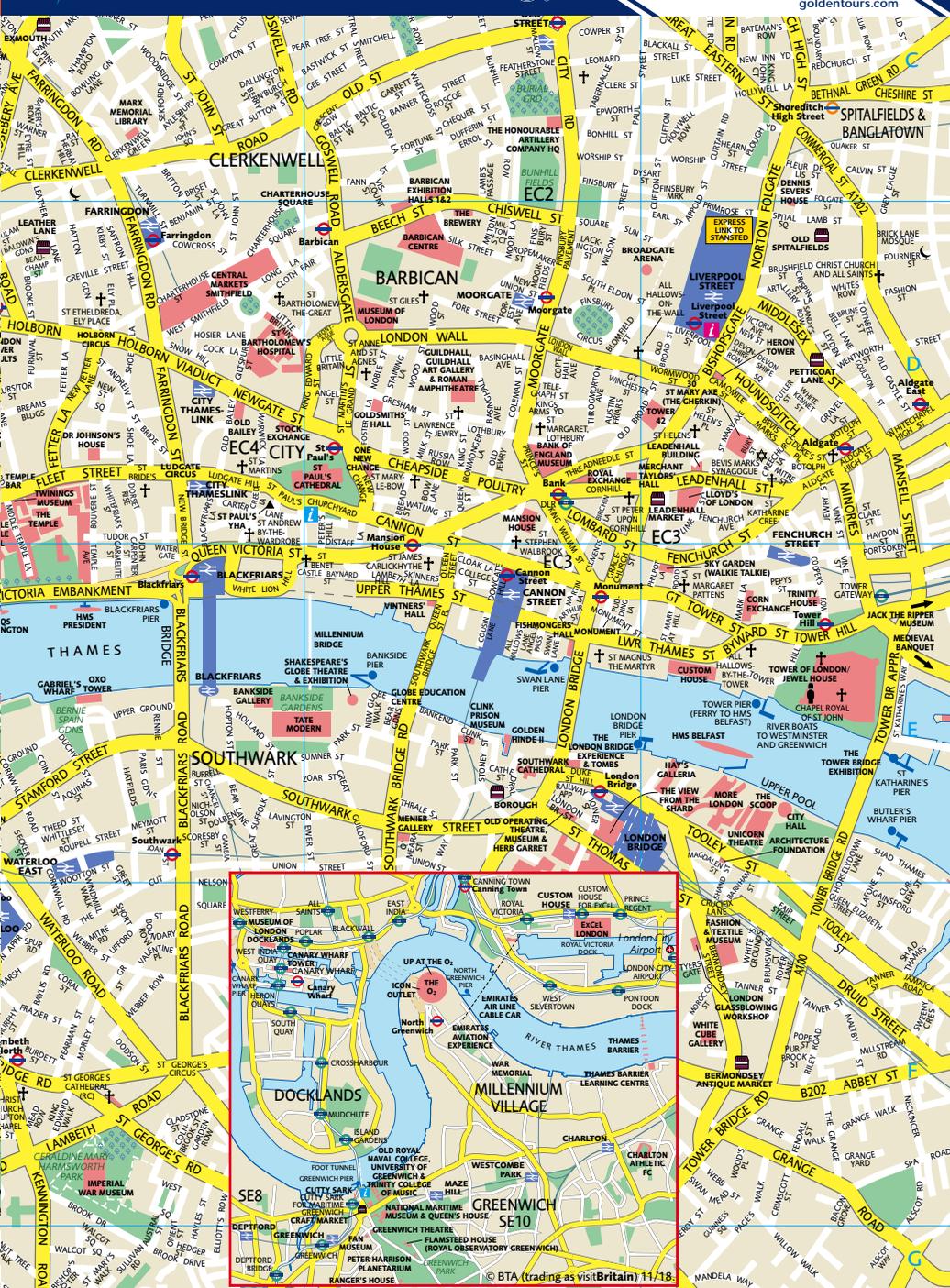
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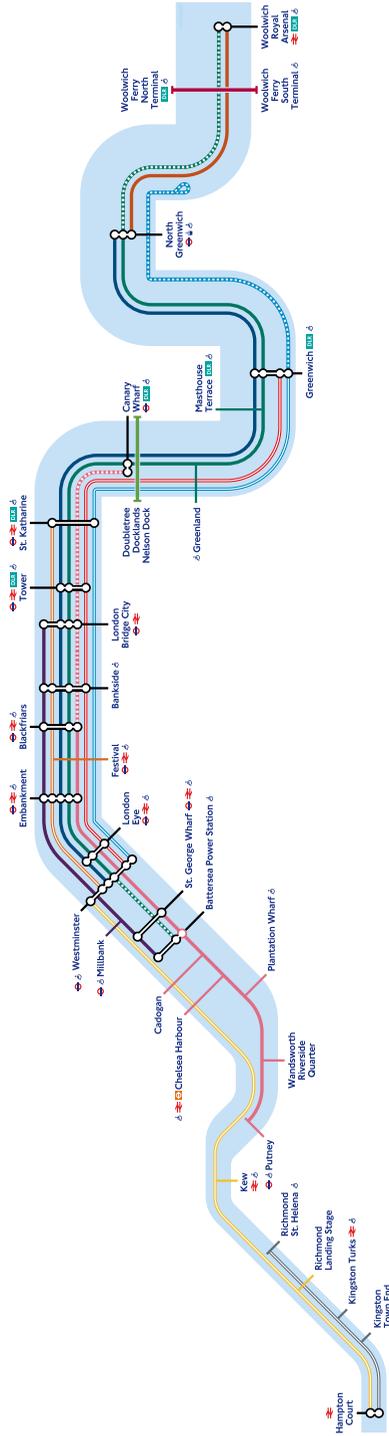


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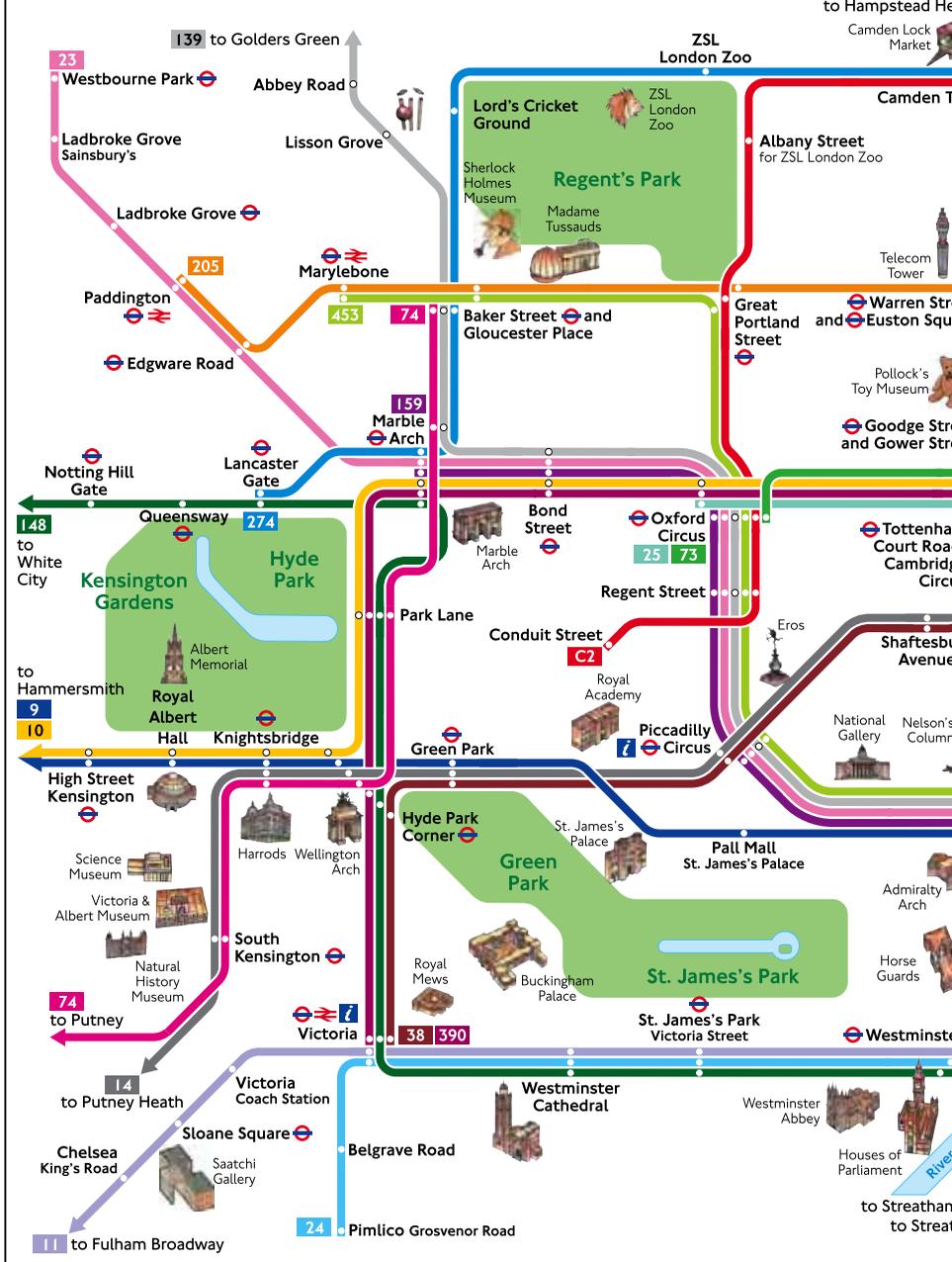
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