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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTORS

The Central London Alliance continues in its mission to support a sustainable recovery of London's economy and stimulate visits to central London, highlighting the reasons for returning to the workplace that are not just about work, including but not only, cultural, hospitality, retail, and other activities. Our wonderful city holds limitless opportunities for so many people, and we aim to assist workers and others to fully enjoy the rich tapestry of life that London has to offer.

Partnering with the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, CLA has brought you a quarterly magazine to keep you informed on what's going on in central London. We encourage you and your colleagues to rekindle their love for central London and its unmatched heritage, arts, culture and other offerings, enjoyed in lunch breaks and / or after work together with overnight stays, and make more positive memories by taking part in the activities listed and utilising and enjoying the special CLA offers enclosed.

Each of these activities drives footfall and trade back into the capital. We encourage collaborative working to capitalise on visitors to central London and want our Partners to take advantage of and benefit from CLA Partner offers. If you would like to connect with us to discuss how we might work better together, please do not hesitate to reach out.



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If you would like an activity or event to feature in the next issue of the magazine, let us know at hello@centrallondonalliance.com

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Saturday 6th May 2023 – The Coronation of His Majesty The King

The Coronation of His Majesty

Buckingham Palace has announced that the Coronation of His Majesty The Coronation Ceremony will take place at Westminster Abbey, London, on 6th-8th of May, and will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Whilst Charles became King on 10th September 2022, the Ceremony will see His Majesty King Charles III crowned alongside The Queen Consort. The Coronation will reflect the monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry. Businesses are encouraged to capitalise on theme and media attention.

King Charles III has asked for the ceremony to be reduced to one hour compared to his mother's ceremony, which took place over three hours in 1953.

King Charles III has commissioned new music for the Coronation. Twelve new pieces of music, aimed at showcasing musical talent and styles from across the UK and Commonwealth, will be performed during the King's Coronation. Handel as traditional for Coronations, but also new commissions from Andrew Lloyd Webber to Welsh harpists to Greek Orthodox music in honour of his father Prince Philip.

Sunday 7th May 2023 – The Coronation Concert & the Coronation Big Lunch

The Coronation Concert

On Sunday 7th May 2023, a special Coronation Concert will be staged and broadcast live at Windsor Castle by the BBC and BBC Studios, with several thousand pairs of tickets to be made available via public ballot.



Credit: Chris Jackson

The Coronation Big Lunch

The Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and celebrate together. This will take place across the country, also on Sunday 7th May 2023.



Credit : Adam Gerrard





Join the royal celebrations with Blue Orchid Hotels, just a gemstone's throw away from the iconic Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace and complete your visit with a range of traditional British delights.

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Monday 8th May 2023 – The Big Help Out

The Big Help Out

On Monday 8th May 2023, members of the public will be invited to take part in The Big Help Out, which will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas.



Bank notes - The Monarch's portrait is likely to enter circulation in 2024 (designs already released by Bank of England).

Threadneedle Street said, 'plans had been made in line with guidance from the royal Household to minimise environmental and financial impact of the change by only printing new notes to replace worn bank notes. Therefore notes featuring Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III will 'co-circulate'.



Credit: Bank of England / Doug Peters / Alamy Stock Photo

WHAT'S ON

This section covers everything you need to know about what's going on in London from March to May. From Art Fairs, museums, sporting events and even key dates, this section covers everything you need to know about what's about in central London.



1st to 30th March – Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal

Helping to raise funds and awareness for nursing and hospice care. Businesses can sell daffodil pins to help support the cause. You can purchase Daffodil pins from the Marie Curie online shop and support the cause.

1st to 30th March - National Bed Month

National Bed Month takes place each March to create awareness of the importance of getting a good night's sleep.

4th March - Women of London

Presents 'Working Women of the East End' walking tours. Learn about the Suffragettes and the many types of women who have lived in the area over the decades.

Until 5th March – Kew Gardens Orchid Festival, Princess of Wales Conservatory

Inspired by the beauty and biodiversity of Cameroon, Orchids 2023 is a vibrant celebration of colour and warmth to brighten up the winter months. Explore the cutting-edge glasshouse to see larger-thanlife sculptures created by the team of skilled horticulturists using a stunning variety of actual, vibrant plants and orchids.

8th March – International Women's Day 2023

'Women, Witches and Wenches.' Museum of London Docklands. Focuses on the topic of historical execution. For International Women's Day they are casting a spotlight on the perception of witches and the barbaric practices of executing women.



9th to 12th March – Affordable Art Fair, Battersea Park

With 1,000s of affordable artworks to suit every budget, you're sure to find the perfect piece for yourself, or your company.

9th to 12th March – The Other Art Fair, Truman Brewery

Featuring hundreds of local artists and thousands of artworks ready for new homes buy affordable artworks from emerging artists.



10th to 12th March – Women of the World (WOW) Festival, Southbank Centre

WOW is the world's biggest, most comprehensive festival celebrating women, girls and non-binary people. The Queen Consort Camilla is a Patron.

11th March – Rugby Six Nations, England vs France (Round 4), Twickenham



Until 12th March - Fairtrade Fortnight

Together with Fairtrade farmers and workers the vision is to have a world in which trade is based on fairness so that producers earn secure and sustainable livelihoods. Making the small switch to Fairtrade supports producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet.

17th March – St Patrick's Day celebrations, Hyde Park Corner

The parade sets off midday from Hyde Park Corner ending in Whitehall. St Patrick's Day Festival takes place in Trafalgar Square 12-6pm. For more information click <u>here</u>.

10th to 12th March – Country to Country, The 02

Country to Country is Europe's biggest country music festival.

The festival takes place each March in London, Glasgow and Dublin, with three days of the best in country music and programming. Performances come from the world's best country stars as well as emerging talent from Nashville, UK and Europe.



15th to 26th March – 37th BFI Flare: London's LGBTQIA+ Film Festival, BFI South Bank

This year's BFI Flare is a little different with a new addition to the festival like never before. Over the first four days of the festival, they will be presenting Flare Expanded. This is a selection of immersive art and virtual reality works from LGBTQIA+ artists, working across emerging technologies.

This year's exhibitions include Antonia Forster's LGBTQ+ VR Museum, a virtual world with 3D scans of personal items selected by queer individuals and their narratives, told in their own words.



19th March – London Gaming Market, Royal National Hotel, Russell Square

The City's biggest and only market dedicated solely to games and gaming.

17th March – Comic Relief / Red Nose Day 2023

This Red Nose Day, come together to raise some smiles and some money to help people through the toughest times of their lives.



17th March - World Sleep Day 2023

The theme for this World Sleep Day is Sleep is Essential for Health. Just like eating well and exercising, sleep is a behavior that is foundational to one's physical, mental, and social well-being.

18th March – Head of the River Race, Hammersmith Bridge / Putney Embankment

400 crews of eight pitted against each other along the Thames. The race is processional; that is, crews start one behind the other at 10-second intervals, the winner being the crew which returns the fastest time.

19th March - Mothers Day UK

Give the perfect Mother's Day gift with unique dessert making workshop, spa treatment and luxury overnight stay at Blue Orchid Hotels.





19th to 21st March – London Bridal Week - ExCel London

Building on the success of London Fashion Week, London Bridal Week is the place to be for brides looking to discover the latest bridal wear. Very much a global event, London Bridal Fashion Week is a seminal event for both brides-to-be and bridal fashion professionals looking for inspiration.



20th March – International Day of Happiness 2023

21st of March- East City of London Discovery Walking Tour, Aldgate Tube Station, Aldgate High Street

With East City discover some epic buildings within the old City wall. Michael Cain once said 'whatever they do to the City I still love it'. Judge for yourself as you encounter some of the creations of modern starchitects such as Rogers and Foster.



22nd March – World Water Day 2023.

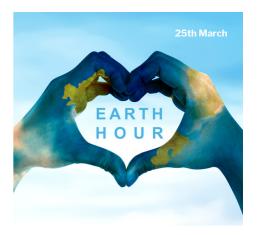
The theme of World Water Day 2023 is Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible. The theme aims to highlight how important groundwater is to our environment.



22nd March to 1st April – Ramadan to be observed

25th March – Turn Off the Lights on Earth Hour.

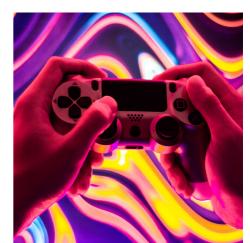
World Life Fund (WWF) is initially inviting people to turn off all their lights 20.30 – 21.30 on the 26th March. All of London are invited to join in.



27th March to 9th April – Easter school holidays

29th March to 8th April - London Games Festival, Westminster

LGF is a celebration of video games across the UK capital. Since 2016, the event has supported over 1,000 games companies and is a multi-day celebration of the art, culture and business of video games. This year's London Games Festival runs from both in-person and online.



Stephen Hawking at work at the Science Museum, until March

Items in the exhibition include a rare copy of his famous PhD thesis, his wheelchair and a blackboard of doodles and jokes.



Film and TV location – a tour of the Old Naval College, until March

The Old Royal Naval College has provided the setting for some of the most memorable scenes in major international film and TV productions.



2nd April – London Landmarks Half Marathon, Central London

Starting on Pall Mall and finishing by Downing Street, The London Landmarks Half Marathon is a closed road, central London run and is the only half marathon to go through both the City of London and City of Westminster. Enjoy fabulous views of London's most iconic landmarks including Big Ben, St Paul's Cathedral, London Eye and many more. Click here to enter the ballot for a chance to participate.



7th April – The Passion of Jesus, Trafalgar Square

Supported by the Mayor of London, one hundred Wintershall players bring their electric and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus to this iconic location in the capital.

The 90-minute production is completely free of charge - a gift to Londoners and visitors.



14th April – Vaisakhi, Trafalgar Square

One of the most important dates of the Sikh calendar (Spring Festival).
Celebrations in Trafalgar Square.





20th to 22nd April – Salon Privée, The Luxury Car Event, Royal Hospital Chelsea

Salon Privé is one of the world's most prestigious automotive events, attracting an eclectic mix of the most exotic and desirable brands.



Until 23rd April - The Big City Exhibition - Guildhall Art Gallery

'London painted on a grand scale' is the new exhibition at the Guildhall Art Gallery. The display celebrates monumental painters of the capital and showcases some of the largest paintings in the Gallery's collection.

20th April - 23rd of April - The London Coffee Festival, Truman Brewery

Join a whole programme of events, including Coffee Masters, Latte Art Live, The Tasting Room, and Coffee Art Project! Click <u>here</u> to get your tickets to the festival.



22nd April - Vaisakhi Festival. Trafalgar Square

Expect performances of Kirtan and Gatka as well as Langar, cooking demonstrations and a display of Sikh art

23rd April – TCS London Marathon

23rd April - St George's Day. Concert in Trafalgar Square

26th April - The Boat Race 2023, Oxford vs Cambridge

Taking place in multiple locations along the River Thames, the race starts at Putney Bridge and ends just before Chiswick Bridge.

Ongoing - The Postal Museum, Clerkenwell

This family-friendly museum showcases how sending, delivering and receiving messages via post revolutionised lives. For added fun, take a ride on the Mail Rail through the stations and tunnels of London's 100 year old postal railway. Click here to book your tickets!



29th April - Eid in The Square, **Trafalgar Square**

Eid is a worldwide festival and celebration for Muslims.

Until 30th April - Jersey Boys, **Trafalgar Theatre**

From the streets of New Jersey to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, this is the musical that's just too good to be true.





Until 17th June – Disney's the Lion King, The Apollo Theatre





Magdalena Abakanowicz's woven Abakan sculptures, Tate Modern, until 23rd May

In a forest-like display, this exhibition presents a rare opportunity to explore this extraordinary body of work. Many of the most significant Abakans will be brought together in the 64-metre-long gallery space of the Blavatnik Building at Tate Modern.



Credit: Guv Bell

Yayoi Kusami's Infinity Rooms, Tate Modern, until June

Due to public demand, this highly popular show continues into next vear.



The Design Museum, Kensington High Street, until 25th June

Yinka Ilori's Parables for Happiness. Over 100 objects from artworks and photographs to textiles and furniture will be on display, including the artist's Lego Launderette of Dreams and his multi-colour pedestrian crossings.



Scenes in the Square, Leicester Square, until 1st July

The city's epicentre of stage and screen is a fitting place to celebrate a century of cinema and stardom. Wander in, tune into the accompanying podcast narrated by Alex Zane, and follow the trail of statues depicting some of the cinema's most iconic scenes.



Museum of London Docklands

Children can learn the history of the river Thames. Venture through the 19th century Sailortown, enjoy the Mudlarks soft play area, or join the fun at the free family events during the weekend together with:

- City and River
- Sailortown
- Mudlarks Children's Gallery
- Docklands At War
- Warehouse Of The World
- New Port, New City



Science Museum

Trace the space rocket's history, meet Isambard Kingdom Brunel or catch a 3D movie. Enhance your experience with:

- Voyage To The Edge Of Imagination
- Wonderlab : The Equinor Gallery
- Fly 360°

Natural History Museum

Children can delve into the Darwin Centre, get their hands in the investigation Science Lab or get shaken up in the earthquake machine. Discover there:

- Titanosaur : Biggest Dinosaur
- The Lost Rhino
- Mars Week
- Silent Disco
- Adventure Babies

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Museum of London

From where lions roamed Trafalgar Square, to the city under Roman rule and the 21st-century capital. Midweek events for the under fives and free family events at the weekend.



National Maritime Museum

Plenty to engage and entertain young minds. For under sevens, there's AHOY! Children's gallery, while older children can steer a ship into port at All Hands. Look out for family events during the week.

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British Museum

The museum has a permanent collection of eight million works and it is among the largest and most comprehensive in existence. What you can discover:

- Digital Discovery Centre
- Introduction to Ancient Egypt
- Around The World In 90 Mins.

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Across the City of London

Visitor trail to discover the City of London. A 90-minute self-guided tour of the Square Mile is perfect for those on a sightseeing mission of the culture, history and heritage of the City of London.

Horniman Museum and Gardens at Horniman Gardens

Is a museum with an extensive collection of anthropology, natural history, an aquarium, gardens, musical instruments and a café, also known for its large collection of taxidermied animals.



The Household Cavalry Museum

Horse Guards is a historic building in the City of Westminster, celebrating the history, heroes and exploits of the British Army's senior regiment, from its origins in 1661 to the present day.





The Florence Nightingale Hospital to

Visitors will get to see the actual lamp she carried during the Crimean War and her stuffed pet owl.

Children's visitor Trail Across the City of London

Discover the Square Mile and follow one of three City Children's Trails across the City of London. City Stories, Towers on the Thames, and Skyscrapers. Free trail map with stickers and activities are available from the City Information Centre opposite St Paul's Cathedral.



Bank of England Museum

Discover the historical and current role of the country's central bank at the Bank of England Museum. Marvel at ancient gold bars and their modern market equivalent, learn about banknotes and the people who have been celebrated on them and check out documents relating to famous customers who have visited the Bank of England, including Horatio Nelson and George Washington.



Credit: Ian Mansfield

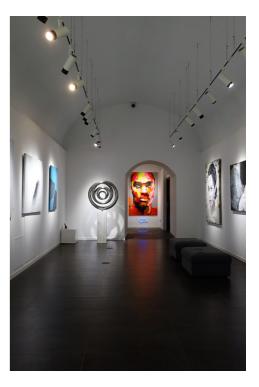
The Photographers Gallery

Free art exhibition display covering streets in SOHO which have been transformed into a new and permanent art gallery.



Until 26th February, Study the works of British artist Lynette Yiadom, Tate Britain

Boakye at Tate Britain: see portraits of people painted by the artist's imagination.



Until 26th February, Cezanne at Tate Modern

Discover the iconic works of a leading figure in modern art, some never seen before in the UK.



Until 12th March – Japan, Courts and Culture, Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Gate

The exhibition includes rare pieces of porcelain and lacquer, samurai armour, embroidered screens and diplomatic gifts from the reigns of James I to Queen Elizabeth II.



7th April - 30th June – "Ai Weiwei" Making Sense - Kensington

Ai Weiwei's first ever exhibition dedicated to design.

Until 23rd April – Somerset House

Outdoor installation Whorled (Here After Here After Here) by Jitish Kalla, is formed of spirals in the style of UK road signs and connects the courtyard of Somerset House to locations across the planet and across the universe.



11th to 14th May, Photo London, Somerset House

Galleries from China, Japan, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Norway, Finland and Iran that are exhibiting for the first time will be alongside the Fair's long-time participants.

Until June, Yayoi Kusami's Infinity Rooms, Tate Modern

Due to public demand, this highly popular show continues into next year.



Until April - Sculpture in the City

Outdoor artwork for the 11th year running. Sculpture in the city is a popular public art show – spot contemporary sculpture amongst iconic buildings like the Gherkin and Lloyd's.



Until 9th May, Beyond the Streets London', Saatchi Gallery

A graffiti and street show

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13th June to 20th August, The Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition.

Discover artworks by established emerging artists based on this year's 'Only Connect' theme.



Until 13th August - "After Impressionism" - The National Gallery

The National Gallery presents the big hitters of early modern art history; Paul Cezanne, Wassily Kandinsky, Gustay Klimt and Henri Mattise.

Until September, Hidden London: the Exhibition, London Transport Museum

Uncover secret spots and stories of London's Underground, as the London Transport Museum recreates abandoned Tube stations and wartime bunkers in the immersive Hidden London.





11th March – Rugby Six Nations, England vs France (Round 4)-Twickenham Stadium

England will take on France in 'Le Crunch' at Twickenham Stadium on Saturday 11th March during the penultimate round of the 2023 Six Nations Championship. Tickets for the England v France Six Nations match are not currently on general sale, however, official hospitality can be purchased. Check the England Rugby Official Ticketing website for further information.

17th March - Head of the River Race

The Head of the River Race is rowed annually in March from Mortlake to Putney on the Tideway in London. Up to 400 crews of eights take part, making it one of the highest participation events in London.

2nd April – London Landmarks Half Marathon

Runners will start on Duncannon Street, finish by Downing Street and have fabulous views of London's most iconic landmarks including Big Ben, St Paul's Cathedral, Nelson's Column, the Gherkin, the Shard, the Tower of London and the London Eye.

23rd April - London Marathon

Take part in the world famous TCS London Marathon and join thousands of runners in the largest fundraising event on the planet. The iconic course is lined with thousands of spectators every mile of the way, creating an amazing atmosphere that you will never forget.

26th April – The Boat Race 2023, Oxford vs Cambridge

The Boat Race, between crews from Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Clubs, will take place on Sunday, 26 March 2023, at its celebrated Championship Course on the River Thames in London.

2nd of May – Vitality London 10K. Central London

Whether want to do it all again or try 10K for the first time, the good news is that you can register your interest in the 2023 event now. Register you interest for the event here.

14th May - Women's FA Cup Final. Wembley Stadium

The Vitality Women's FA Cup Final is sure to be another spectacular and unmissable event in the women's domestic calendar, at the iconic Wembley Stadium. Book tickets here.

26th May to 21st June - FIH Pro League- Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

Watch the GB Hockey teams in action at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre as they play host to the FIH Pro League. This is an annual global tournament pitting the best men's and women's national hockey teams against each other. Available to book tickets here.

28th May - RideLondon, festival of cycling - Multiple locations London and Essex

The world's greatest festival of cycling, will return in 2023. It will be the 10th anniversary of the hugely popular event, which was established by the Mayor of London in 2013 as an Olympic legacy event from the 2012 London Games.

1st to 4th June - England vs Ireland, men's test match

Ireland Men's cricket team is set to return to Lord's for a Test match against England Men, the England and Wales Cricket Board has announced today as part of its home summer programme reveal.

Sporting Events

3rd June, 2023 FA Cup Final, Wembley Stadium

The FA Cup Final has regularly been one of the most attended domestic football events in the world and the 2023 FA Cup Final will be played at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 3rd June 2023 as two teams battle it out to lift the coveted trophy.

28th June to 2nd July, England vs Australia, Lord's

England v Australia at Lord's, Australia in England, 2nd Test, Lord's Cricket Ground, St John's Wood. Men's test match. Available to book tickets here.

19th to 25th June, Cinch Championships, The **Queens Club**

Established in 1889 and held at The Queen's Club in West Kensington each June, it's consistently supported by the best singles and doubles players of the men's game. Tickets available here.

5th July, England vs Australia, Vitality IT20, Oval Women's Ashes, Kia Oval

The Australians are back on English soil and The Kia Oval will be hosting the fifth LV= Insurance Ashes Test between the two sides.



3rd to 16th July, Wimbledon Tennis Championships 2023, Wimbledon

Get tickets for the Wimbledon Tennis Championship here.

6th to 31st July.

UEFA Women's Euro 2023, Wembley Stadium

Football in nine stadiums in eight cities across England host the UEFA Women' EURO 2023 games, with the final taking place at London's Wembley Stadium. Book tickets <u>here</u>.



29th to 30th July, **London E-Prix, East London Docklands**

The ABB FIA Formula E World Championship as teams go wheel to wheel on the streets around the historical heartland of East London's docklands. Tickets available here.

1st to 27th August The Hundred, Oval & Lord's

Watch world class athletes and big names compete during The Hundred at Kia Oval and Lord's Cricket Ground.

8th July, England v Australia, Lord's

Women's IT20. Book tickets here.

13th - 15th September, England v New Zealand, Oval Men's one day international. Tickets available here.

25th December, The Peter Pan Cup, Hyde Park

Swimmers will brave the icy waters of Hyde Park's Serpentine to compete.





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14th April, Vaisakhi 2023

The Spring Festival of the Sikh Calendar.

14th to 18th June, Taste of London, Regents Park

The wait is over, Taste of London is back. 14 – 18 June 2023 in Regent's Park. Come and feast with us and enjoy 36 restaurants, 50 chefs, 150 artisan producers, and eight long sessions of deliciousness.

17th -18th June, West End Live Trafalgar Square

Enjoy performances from London's most celebrated West End musicals and discover exciting new shows with West End LIVE, live and free in Trafalgar Square this summer.

24th June to 8th July, BST Hyde Park, Hyde Park

The place to catch the world's biggest artists, in London's premier green space. There is no re-admission to BST Hyde Park after entry. Please plan ahead, once you're in, you're in! Book your tickets here.



1st July, Pride in London Parade, Central London

Through Central London, free festivities in Trafalgar Square and city wide events. London hosts a huge party with Pride in London celebrating all aspects of the LGBTQI+ community. The festival usually comes to close with a sizzling carnival of colour and music, floats and dancing.

7th to 9th July, Wireless, Crystal Palace

London's urban music festival. See some of the biggest names in rap, hip hop, and R&B.



4th to 9th July, Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival

The largest flower show in the world is ready to welcome you this year RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival is set to showcase glorious gardens, fabulous floral displays and much more

13th to 16th July, Kew the Music Festival in Kew Gardens

A series of summer picnic concerts in Kew Gardens, London.

15th July, Kaleidoscope Festival, Alexandra Palace

Kaleidoscope is London's highest festival, set atop our hill within 196 acres of parkland offering the best panoramic views across the city.

22nd July, Visions Festival, Hackney

The one day festival of underground music will be taking over multiple venues across Hackney.



5th August, 51st Festival, Copthall Playing Fields

Featuring pioneers of house music and breakthrough acts of today. Performers from UK, Europe and the Americas. Copthall Playing Fields, North London.

11th to 12th August- Local Craft Beer Festival

The world's best breweries are together at Tobacco Dock for a celebration of beer.



27th August to 28th August-Notting Hill Carnival

The annual Caribbean festival event that has taken place in London since 1966 on the streets of the Notting Hill area of Kensington, each August over two days.



1st to 30th September, Totally Thames, Various Locations

Celebrating the river Thames and its culture with a programme of river inspired art, tours and virtual activities. Across 42 locations on the Thames.



6th to 17th September, Open House Festival, Multiple Locations

Explore the capital's architectural wonders at the Open House Festival. A celebration of architecture and urban landscape of London staged by the charity Open City. Various locations.

16th to 24th September, London Design Festival, Bloomsbury Way

Innovative design projects and large scale installations pop up all over the capital this September.



1st to 31st October, Black History Month 2023 in London

A citywide celebration of Black Communities with epic events during October.

28th to 29th October, Battle of the Ideas, Venue TBD

A weekend festival of debate on politics, economics, science and more. Venue tbc.



Late October, London Literature Festival, South Bank



10th to 19th November, EFG London Jazz Festival 2023

The full programme of events has yet to be announced. Each year, the festival plays host to 10 days of live and online performance, bringing together new talent and world-renowned figures from the electrifying world of jazz.

WHAT'S TO COME IN LONDON



August, Cocktails in the City, Bedford Square Gardens

A celebration themed around a 'Festival of Drinks.' Bedford Square Gardens will come alive with festival vibes and nonstop live music, and the likes of London Cocktail Club, Barrio Bars and Callooh Callay are amongst those running the drinks.

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Festival.org collaborates with artists and arts organisations throughout the world to create outstanding productions.

Mid-Autumn Festival (dates changes every year in line with the Lunar Cycle), China Town

Celebrate Moonfest in China Town, one of the most important national holidays in China after Lunar New Year. We will see exciting performances and street activities, live music together with a Dragon Dance.



November, Southall Festival of Lights, Southall

Lit up floats, dancers and live performances take over the streets of Southall in West London for the Southall Festival of Lights. This Diwali inspired night carnival travels in a parade of paper lanterns, fire performers and illuminated umbrellas.



Date TBD, Diwali at Trafalgar Square

Join this year for Diwali, a festival of lights in the heart of London. With an exciting line-up of music and dance, plus workshops, food, art and crafts for the whole family, it's a fantastic day out for everyone to enjoy.



Date TBD, Chelsea History Festival, Royal Hospital Chelsea

A programme of talks by world class speakers, historians and performers.



THE LONDON SOCIAL SEASON

26th March- The 168th Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race

River Thames. The Men's Race will set off at 5pm, and the 77th Women's Race will start at 4pm (All times are BST). The Reserve Races will take place between both Blue Boat races

20th to 22nd April- Salon Privée, The luxury car event - Royal Hospital Chelsea

For three days only you're invited to join the world of luxury cars – historic and modern – and to enjoy the exciting lifestyle that goes with this exclusive set. At the heart of the event is the 'Concours de Vente' – a carefully curated selection of 60 rare historic automobiles, which are all for sale. This is a collection of the most collectable motoring marques in a unique display of power and passion.

Tickets available to book here.

11th to 14th May- Royal Windsor Horse Show

Taking place in the private grounds of Windsor Castle, Royal Windsor Horse Show hosts international jumping, driving, dressage and endurance competitions as well as over 130 Showing classes. On the 10th May the show hosts only the International Dressage Grand Prix competition. Book here.

22nd to 27th May - RHS Chelsea Flower Show - Royal Hospital Chelsea

Experience Cutting Edge Horticulture Design & Visionary Gardens, beautiful blooms and unique family experiences. Tickets available here.





9th to 11th June- Chesterton's Polo in the Park Horse Show- Hurlingham Club

Celebrate from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th June 2023 at Chestertons Polo in the Park. A firm fixture in London's social calendar, Chestertons Polo in the Park brings world-class polo to the Capital.

14th June- Cartier Queens Cup Polo 2023 - Guards Polo, Windsor.

One of the most famous polo tournaments in the world, the Cartier Queen's Cup competition brings together the sport's finest players and their remarkable horsepower.

4th to 9th July- Palace Garden Festival - Hampton Court

RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival is set to showcase glorious gardens, fabulous floral displays and much more. buy tickets here.

20th to 24th June-Royal Ascot

Revered across the globe, Royal Ascot is the seasonal event of the year playing host to the finest horse racing. Steeped in elegance, the atmosphere found across the Royal Meeting's fivedays creates the perfect canvas for a drama that cannot be written. Tickets available here.

27th June to 1st July- Henley Royal Regatta

The Regatta attracts thousands of visitors over the week, and spectators are thrilled by over 300 races of an international standard, which can include Olympic rowers, as well as crews new to the event.

15th July to 10th September- BBC Proms Classical Music Festival -Royal Albert Hall

23rd of July- Gold cup final for the British Polo Open - Cowdray Park

With all the international stars of the game in action in the incomparable setting of Cowdray Park's stunning grounds, situated in the heart of the South Downs National Park, the tournament draws in polo aficionados from all over the world.



From 15th July to 10th September

BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall with more than 40 days of classical concerts to enjoy.



25th of March to 18th of June - "A Little Life", Harold Pinter Theatre Acclaimed Dutch play starring James

Norton.

Until 18th March

Lemons Lemons Lemons Lemons Lemons, With Jemma Coleman and Aiden Turner at the Harold Pinter Theatre, SW1.



Until May - Noël Coward Theatre

'The Great British Bake off the Musical.' Noël Coward Theatre.

Until 30th April

Trafalgar Theatre – Jersey Boys

Until 3rd of June - Duke of York's

Willy Russel's Shirley Valentine. At Duke of York's Theatre with Sheridan Smith.

Until 17th June

The Apollo Theatre – Disney's The Lion King



Until 2nd September - Guys and Dolls at The Bridge Theatre

An immersive production of Frank Loesser's classical musical.

Pretty Woman: The Musical - The Savoy Theatre, The Strand

It"s time to head back to Beverley Hill and fall in love as the iconic characters Vivian and Edward take to the London theatre stage.



Matilda

Cambridge Theatre, Covent Garden.



Back to the Future: The Musical Adelphi Theatre, WC2.



Mamma Mia Novell Theatre, Covent Garden





International Confex, The PA Show The Publishing Show 2023.

1st - 2nd March

The Baby Show 2023
3rd - 5th March

Professional Beauty 2023

5th - 6th March

Futurebuild 2023 7th - 9th March

London Technology Event 2023

8th - 9th March

Move It 2023

10th - 12th March

Advanced Therapies 2023

14th - 15th March

The Cleaning & Hygiene Show 2023

14th - 16th March

Business Revival Conference, Corporate Wellbeing Expo and

Remote Working Expo 2023

15th - 16th March

Recruitment Agency Expo

15th - 16th March

Bridal Week London & White Gallery

19th - 21st March

IFE, HRC & Pro2Pac 2023

20th - 22nd March

EAGE Digital 2023

20th - 22nd March

BDIA Dental Showcase 2023

23rd - 25th March

BETT

29th - 31st March

NGC 2023

30th March - 1st April

Yu-Gi-Oh! Championship Series

London 2023 1st - 2nd April

The National Wedding Fair Spring

2023

1st - 2nd April

Enactus UK National Expo 2023

3rd - 4th April

Star Wars Celebration 2023

7th - 10th April

2023 Pokémon Europe International

Championships 14th - 16th April

The Franchise Show 2023

15th - 16th April

Natural & Organic Products Europe

2023

16th - 17th April

HVACR Show 2023

18th - 19th April

London Marathon Exhibition 2023

19th - 22nd April

Festival of Life 2023

21st April

Property Investor Spring 2023

21st - 22nd April

Salute 2023 22nd April

Decanter 2023

23rd - 29th April

SME XPO

25th - 26th April

Health + Care and Digital Health

Care 2023

26th April - 27th April

Grand Designs Live 2023

29th April - 7th May

UK Construction Week

2nd May - 4th May



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EVENTS AT EXCEL LONDON 2023

Concrete Expo 2nd May - 3rd May Digital Construction Week 2023 Kafka Summit 2023 17th May - 18th May MCM London Comic Con 2023 26th of May - 28th of May

HR Tech 2023 3rd May - 4th May

Counter Terror and Forensics Europe Expo 2023 17th May - 18th May. ICRA 2023 29th of May - 2nd of June

Learning Technologies 2023 3rd May - 4th May

EO Business 2023 17th of May - 18th of May

22nd of May - 24th of May

AAMAS 2023 31st of May - 2nd of June

SITS 2023 8th May - 12th May

Gartner - Data & Analytics Summit 2023

Natural Stone And Hard Surfaces Show 2023 6th of June- 8th of June

Accountex 2023 10th May - 11th May

Oncology Professional Care 2023

AWS Summit London 2023 6th of June- 7th of June

Clinical Pharmacy Congress 2023 12th May - 13th May

24th of May - 25th of May

Schools & Academies 2023 16th May - 17th May Intelligent Health 2023 24th of May - 25th of May Adobe Summit EMEA 2023 8th of June- 9th of June

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