

London events guide

AUGUST 2025

Introducing our summer guide, designed to help you make the very best of London this August. It includes a wide range of activities, including world-class music, theatre shows, art exhibitions and outdoor festivals.



BBC PROMS: A CELEBRATION OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

18 JUL – 13 SEP

ROYAL ALBERT HALL

A world-renowned annual celebration of classical music, with an extensive lineup of programming ranging from large-scale orchestral and choral works to small chamber performances and exciting Proms debuts.



REGENT'S PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE

2 AUG – 20 SEP

REGENT'S PARK

In August, Regent's Park Open Air Theatre presents Lerner and Loewe's Brigadoon and Roald Dahl's The Enormous Crocodile, alongside a vibrant programme of dance, comedy, family festivals, and immersive creative workshops beneath the summer skies.



SPACESHIFTING ART EXHIBITION

11 JUL – 14 SEP

ROYAL OVER-SEAS LEAGUE

Discover "Spaceshifting", our second art exhibition with the international cohort of the Royal Society of Sculptors, curated by our Visual Arts Curator Louis Chapple, featuring talented artists whose work explores transformation, movement and speculative futures.



CHELSEA PHYSIC GARDEN

4 – 19 AUG

CHELSEA

One of London's oldest cultural and scientific institutions presents a series of family workshops on pondlife, bugs, soap and chocolate making, and plant painting, alongside summer yoga and expert-led talks on the medicinal power of plants for adults.



JAZZ IN THE GARDEN

1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 AUG

ROYAL OVER-SEAS LEAGUE

Enjoy live jazz with our resident singer and pianist Oliver Lord, as seen on The Voice of Belgium, a favourite among members, while savouring a Wagyu and brisket burger paired with Pinot Noir or Cabernet Sauvignon, overlooking the Royal Park.



BARBICAN OUTDOOR CINEMA

20 – 31 AUG

BARBICAN CENTRE

Experience striking open-air screenings at the Barbican Sculpture Court, featuring David Lynch's Dune and Björk's captivating concert film Cornucopia, all while enjoying street food and drinks under the starry sky.



HAMPTON COURT PALACE FOOD FESTIVAL 23 – 25 AUG

HAMPTON COURT PALACE

Indulge in street cuisine and refreshing beverages at the Hampton Court Palace Food Festival. This culinary extravaganza offers a wide array of delectable street food options, along with pop-up bars, artisan producers, drinks masterclasses, live music, and shops.



FRAMELESS EXPERIENCE DAILY

MARBLE ARCH

Recognised as one of London's most cutting-edge cultural spaces, this venue presents 42 iconic artworks by Klimt, Van Gogh, Monet and more, brought to life through motion sensors, sound, and floor-to-ceiling projections. Wander through four galleries where every movement transforms the art around you.



BATTERSEA PARK IN CONCERT 23 – 25 AUG

BATTERSEA PARK

Soak up the summer ambiance with three days of open-air concerts at Battersea Park. Revel in an eclectic blend of classical, jazz, blues, and disco music, accompanied by gourmet picnics, refreshing drinks, and lively dancing amid one of London's most picturesque green spaces.



AFTERNOON TEA DAILY FROM 13.00 – 17.30

ROYAL OVER-SEAS LEAGUE

Enjoy a quintessentially British afternoon tea in the heart of St. James's, served overlooking our picturesque garden and London's leafy Green Park beyond. Bookings must be made 48 hours in advance. To book this experience, please visit rosl.org.uk/dining/afternoon-tea or email dining@rosl.org.uk.

Here are some of the best recommendations for West End musicals according to London's top critics in 2025:



THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

MON – SAT, 19.30 | WED & SAT, 14.30

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE

The Phantom of the Opera, Andrew Lloyd Webber's legendary musical, tells the haunting tale of a masked genius and his obsession with a young soprano at the Paris Opera, featuring a mesmerising score, dazzling effects, and a gothic romance that remains one of London's must-see, long-running musicals.



WICKED

TUE – SAT, 19.30 | WED, SAT & SUN, 14.30

APOLLO VICTORIA

Now in its 18th triumphant year in the West End and seen by over 12 million theatregoers, Wicked continues to mesmerise with its reimagining of the witches of Oz, a spellbinding musical adaptation of Gregory Maguire's acclaimed novel.



TINA: THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL

MON – WED, 19.00 | THU – SAT, 19.30

ALDWYCH THEATRE

The Tina Turner Musical chronicles the legendary Queen of Rock 'n' Roll's rise from humble roots through hardship and triumph, celebrating her resilience with iconic hits like "Proud Mary" in a thrilling Olivier-nominated production that ranks among the top 10 longest-running shows in the West End.

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