

London Events Guide

OCTOBER 2025

As the nights draw in and a crisp autumn air takes hold, London brims with cultural highlights this October. From major festivals and world-class exhibitions to concerts and immersive dining adventures, this curated autumn guide is designed to help you make the most of London and savour the spooky season.



PAUL MCCARTNEY'S BEATLES EXHIBITION

UNTIL 4 OCT

GAGOSIAN GALLERY

Step back into the early days of Beatlemania with Paul McCartney's collection of rarely seen photographs taken between December 1963 and February 1964 titled 'Rearview Mirror: Liverpool-London-Paris'.



THE LEGEND OF TITANIC IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION

IN OCT, DAILY

DOCK X

Step aboard this acclaimed exhibition featuring 13 rooms of interactive storytelling, 360° projections, VR experiences and historic artefacts. Travel back to 1912, relive the grandeur of the Titanic and explore its tragic journey through immersive technology.



BFI LONDON FILM FESTIVAL

8 - 19 OCT

VARIOUS VENUES ACROSS LONDON

The 69th BFI London Film Festival celebrates cinema with world premieres, screenings and industry events. This year's Screen Talks feature Lynne Ramsay, Chloé Zhao, Daniel Day-Lewis, Tessa Thompson, Yorgos Lanthimos, Richard Linklater and Jafar Panahi.



LONDON COCKTAIL WEEK

9 - 19 OCT

MULTIPLE BARS ACROSS LONDON

Back for its 15th year, London Cocktail Week is the world's largest celebration of cocktail culture. With a festival wristband, enjoy signature cocktails, non-alcoholic creations and Champagne specials in hundreds of London's best bars. Our in-house mixologist's pick is 'The Duchess' from our autumn cocktail list at the Duke of York bar.



AN AUTUMN SYMPHONY WITH PADDINGTON TRIO

9 OCT, 18.30 - 19.30

ROYAL OVER-SEAS LEAGUE

As part of our Autumn Reflections series, the award-winning Paddington Trio performs works by Piazzolla, Schubert and Shostakovich, promising an evening of chamber music at its finest.



FRENCH CONNECTIONS: GERSHWIN, RAVEL AND BEYOND

14 OCT, 18.30 - 19.30

ROYAL OVER-SEAS LEAGUE

Violinist Emily Sun, saxophonist Jonathan Radford and pianist Joseph Havlat, alumni of our AMC, present a vibrant programme inspired by France. Known for their vivid interpretations, they perform works by Milhaud, Ravel and Gershwin.



GOLD MEDAL RECITAL: OBOE CONCERT WITH EWAN MILLAR

20 OCT, 18.30 – 19.30

ROYAL OVER-SEAS LEAGUE

2025 ROSL Gold Medal winner and BBC Young Musician woodwind finalist, Ewan Millar returns with a programme highlighting the expressive breadth of the oboe. Featuring works by Alessandro Marcello, Ravel and Lili Boulanger, this recital showcases one of the UK's most talented young musicians.



BACK TO THE FUTURE: FILMS IN CONCERT

26 OCT, 14.30 AND 19.30

ROYAL ALBERT HALL

'Back to the Future' celebrates its 40th anniversary with the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra performing Alan Silvestri's iconic score live, in sync with the film in HD. Featuring new music written for these exclusive performances, this is a cinematic and symphonic adventure not to be missed.



THE MURDER EXPRESS PART DEUX: JEWEL OF THE EMPIRE

IN OCT, THU-SUN

FUNICULAR PRODUCTIONS

All aboard for a 1930s-inspired theatrical dining journey, blending delectable dishes with murder mystery intrigue. Designed by MasterChef finalist Louisa Ellis, the four-course menu accompanies a live-acted whodunit set aboard a luxury train carriage. Just remember, anyone could be a suspect.



HALLOWEEN SILENT DISCO AT THE MUSEUM

31 OCT

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

London's most atmospheric Halloween party returns with its legendary silent disco, immersive trails and themed vampire ball. Wander through the museum's eerie galleries after dark, discover myths and monsters and dance the night away beneath the dinosaurs.

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

THE PERFECT PRE-THEATRE MEAL: SAVOUR OUR 1910 SET MENU, MON TO SAT, 17.30 – 18.45 | RESERVATIONS VIA [ROSL.ORG.UK/DINING](https://rosl.org.uk/dining)



MJ THE MUSICAL

MON – SAT 19.30 | THU – SAT 14.30

PRINCE EDWARD THEATRE

The multi-award-winning production celebrating Michael Jackson's artistry, featuring Tony award-winning choreography and a Pulitzer Prize-winning book. With dazzling stagecraft and iconic hits, it's a thrilling homage to the King of Pop's genius.



THE LION KING

TUE – SAT 19.30 | WED, SAT AND SUN 14.30

LYCEUM THEATRE

Now in its 26th year, one of the longest-running musicals in the West End, Julie Taymor's landmark musical combines puppetry, dance and Elton John and Tim Rice's unforgettable score. A timeless theatrical achievement, it continues to inspire audiences with its scale and artistry.



MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL

MON – SAT 19.30 | THU AND SAT 14.30

PICADILLY THEATRE

Baz Luhrmann's revolutionary story of truth, beauty, freedom and love explodes on stage in a dazzling spectacle of music and theatre. Expect lavish sets, high-energy performances and unforgettable romance at every turn.

MEMBERS, TO BOOK AN OVERNIGHT STAY DURING OCTOBER, PLEASE VISIT [ROSL.ORG.UK/STAY](https://rosl.org.uk/stay) OR EMAIL [RESERVATIONS@ROSL.ORG.UK](mailto:reservations@rosl.org.uk)

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