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What to do in London

Oxford Royale Academy Summer School



For ages
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Welcome to LONDON

Built over the ancient ruins of the Roman port of Londinium, modern-day London has an impressive 2000 year history. It has survived plague, fire and civil war, emerging as one of the primary cultural and financial capitals of the world. Characterised by its iconic landmarks, it is a bustling hub of commerce, creativity and diversity. South Kensington, where the main campus of Imperial College London is located, boasts some of London's finest museums and attractions, including the Royal Albert Hall, Science Museum, Natural History Museum and Royal College of Music - all on your doorstep.



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1 Cinemas

1.1 For an arthouse experience

Cine Lumiere

Just around the corner from Imperial College London is the Cine Lumiere, which screens French, European and world cinema. Popular with the cool, hip London crowd, head there for an experience very different to any other cinematic experience in the area.

1.2 For the latest blockbusters

Cineworld

For the latest 2d and 3d blockbusters, Cineworld on the Fulham Road is the place to go - a large, multiplex cinema chain guaranteed to be featuring the latest releases.





2 Concerts

For music lovers

The Royal Albert Hall

Just a short walk away from Imperial College London is The Royal Albert Hall, one of the UK's most famous concert halls, opened by Queen Victoria in 1871. While it hosts a wide range of events spanning sports, music and more, in the summer it is most well known for being the home of The Proms, a series of evening classical concerts that are one of the defining features of a British summer.



3 Museums

3.1 Major museums

Just a stone's throw away from Imperial College London are some of the UK's finest museums, including the Science Museum, the Natural History Museum and the Victoria & Albert Museum, all of which feature stunning collections admired the world over.

The Science Museum

The Science Museum documents some of the greatest scientific discoveries and achievements through awe-inspiring artefacts and exhibits, while also giving a taste of future discoveries to come.

The Natural History Museum

The Natural History Museum is a must-see attraction, displaying extraordinary fossils, dinosaur skeletons, stuffed animals, flora, fauna and more, while special exhibits shed light on particular areas.

The Victoria & Albert Museum

The Victoria & Albert Museum - or V&A as it is more commonly known - is one of the world's leading museums of art and design, housing some of the greatest examples of human creativity over the past 5,000 years.

3.2 Off the beaten track

Though the area is famous for its major museums, there are one or two gems that are less well known but still well worth visiting.

The Sikorski Museum

Located in Princes Gate, it was created by Polish exiles living in London who didn't want to return to Poland after The Second World War, and contains thousands of artefacts from WWII.

The Saatchi Gallery

A leading London gallery for contemporary art, which showcases work not seen in other modern art galleries in London.

The Purdy Hicks Gallery

A photography gallery that presents British and Irish photography/painting alongside other international artists.





4 Shopping

Imperial College London is just a short walk (or tube ride) away from Knightsbridge - one of London's most glamorous shopping areas. Home to London's most famous department store - Harrods - along with other luxury brands and chic eateries, Knightsbridge is a shopper's paradise. And if you get tired of shopping (if that's possible!) then why not head to Hyde Park to relax?



5 Off the beaten track

For the inquisitive

The Hidden Mews of Belgravia and Knightsbridge

A gorgeous, quiet 'mews' - a term that describes a row of houses that have been converted from stables or built to look like former stables.

Kyoto Garden in Holland Park

A quiet, peaceful Japanese garden known for its colourful blossom tree.





6 Where to get a bite to eat

Ladurée

A high-class café/tearoom and bakery located inside Harrods, famous for its macaroons.

Benugo

A good-quality café inside the V&A that serves large portions of good, wholesome food and great coffee!

Caffé Concerto

An elegant Italian restaurant and café, that serves great Italian food as well as some of Kensington's finest pastries and cakes.

The Burger Bar

One of the many restaurants inside Harrods, this gourmet burger bar serves delicious burgers and fries in a stunning setting. Not the cheapest burger bar, but certainly good quality.

Hawksmoor Knightsbridge

A traditional British seafood and steak restaurant, serving up British classics with the finest of well-sourced, sustainable ingredients.

Patara Thai

For authentic, modern Thai cuisine, just a short walk from Harrods and the shops and boutiques of Knightsbridge.

Sale e Pepe

Simple, quality Italian food, made using fresh ingredients and served in a friendly, traditionally Italian atmosphere.



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