

# Entertain the kids for free

Make the most of the weekends and take the children to London to see things for free.

THEY can meet dinosaurs and mummies, take a trip in a singing elevator, see Britain's iconic Spitfire and Harrier jet, and visit Harry Potter's magical world, Platform 9¾ at King's Cross station.

With parks and historic houses to visit, museums and art galleries, children will be spoilt for choice!

## Changing the Guard

Head for Victoria (Circle, District and Victoria lines) or St James's Park Tube (Circle and District lines) to get to Buckingham Palace to watch the Changing of the Guard



ceremony. It's on most Sundays, but do check in advance.

You can then stroll across Green Park to Piccadilly and on to Trafalgar Square to look at London's famous stone lions and Nelson's Column.

While here, take in a visit to one of the many museums where entry is free. There are pictures of royalty, musicians and film stars at the National Portrait Gallery and masterpieces by Leonardo da Vinci, Rembrandt and Van Gogh at the National Gallery.



## Transport

Go to Covent Garden (Piccadilly line),

to see the street entertainers and visit the London Transport Museum in the Piazza. Children under 18 are free.

Check out the programme of family fun and activities, learn about the history of our famous transport network and climb on board some of the old vehicles.

There's even a special play zone for youngsters up to seven where they can get in the driver's seat of a real bus, repair a mini Tube train and play in the 'Lost Property' office.

You could then wander down to Somerset House on the Strand with a picnic and relax in the 18th-century courtyard.

## Singing elevator

The South Bank has lots to offer, too. Head to Waterloo station (Bakerloo, Jubilee and Northern lines), take a stroll along the river and watch the skateboarders perform their stunts before going to the Southbank Centre.

Free musical concerts are regularly held either in the foyer of the National

Theatre or in the Royal Festival Hall and Queen Elizabeth Hall, so check in advance to see what's on.

And while you're there, take a trip in the glass lift for a singing elevator experience!

## Harry Potter

For something a little different, head for Euston

Square (Circle, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines) and visit the

## Travelling with children

### Under 11 years

Children travel for free on buses and trams, and also go free on the Tube, DLR and London Overground with a 5-10 Zip Oyster photocard if accompanied by an adult paying by contactless or Oyster. Maximum of four children per adult.

### 11-15 years

Youngsters pay child fares on buses, the Tube, tram, DLR and London Overground, TfL Rail and most National Rail services with an 11-15 Zip Oyster photocard.

### 16-18 years

Young people can pay half the adult rate on the Tube, DLR, London Overground, TfL Rail and most National Rail services with a 16+ Zip Oyster photocard.

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Wellcome Collection to see its selection of weird and wonderful exhibits. There's an ancient mummy, Napoleon's toothbrush and Darwin's walking stick!

Then head to the wall marked Platform 9¾ at King's Cross mainline station where you can push a trolley through to the magical world of Harry Potter.

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### A3 West Hill

**Until Sunday, 7pm**

Temporary traffic lights in place at the junction of Lebanon Road for utility works.

### A24 Clapham Common South Side

**Until June 16, 7pm**

Lane restrictions, southbound, between Nightingale Lane and The Avenue for utility works.

### A3 Kingston Bypass

**Until September 7, 6pm**

Lane closures, northbound, between Rydal Gardens and the Robin Hood Roundabout for utility works.

### St James's Park/Green Park area

**Saturday, 8am to 3pm**

Roads closed including Constitution Hill, The Mall, Birdcage Walk and Spur Road, plus other short closures throughout the day, for a planned event.

### Westminster area

**Sunday, 11am to 5pm**

Road closures and short traffic holds will be in place when a group gathers at Hyde Park and proceeds to Trafalgar Square.

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