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Kicking back: Skylight in Tobacco Dock will be showing the World Cup STEVE DUNLOP

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CATCH ALL THE ACTION FROM THE WORLD CUP

ALL eyes will be on Russia today as the biggest festival of football gets under way, with the hosts taking on Saudi Arabia in Group A.

England kick off their World Cup campaign on Monday, as Gareth Southgate's team look to navigate their way through a tricky group that sees them play Tunisia, Panama and Belgium.

With the likes of Brazil, Germany, France and Spain all in contention, there will be no easy match, but the good news for football fans is that the action comes thick and fast over the next five weeks. The even better news is that there are plenty of places in the capital where you can watch every kick of the ball.

Getting there: The nearest Tube stations are Edgware Road and Paddington (Bakerloo, Circle, District, and Hammersmith & City lines). There are several Santander Cycles docking stations nearby.

FLAT IRON SQUARE

Football fans will be flocking to this eclectic venue near London Bridge this summer, where big screens will be showing all the action, both indoors and outdoors. There will also be smaller screens scattered around, so visitors will be sure of a good view.

Flat Iron Square in Southwark Street has quickly become a hit with Londoners since it launched in 2016, with a varied mix of street food traders and four on-site bars. This summer also sees the addition of a pop-up wine bar, meaning there is no reason to rush off after the final whistle has blown.

Getting there: London Bridge (Jubilee and Northern lines) is around six-minutes away or take a River Bus service to London Bridge City Pier, around 12 minutes away.

SKYLIGHT

England fans will be hoping that the sky's the limit this summer, no more so than at Skylight in Tobacco Dock. Head to the roof to enjoy soccer in the sun, with the action screened

against a panoramic backdrop of London's skyline.

This venue in Wapping boasts three floors of bars, street food, live entertainment and lawn games, including croquet and pétanque. There is also a new penalty shootout game to help get fans in the competitive spirit during the big games, and with indoor and covered outdoor areas you can enjoy the action come rain or shine.

Getting there: The nearest Tube station is Tower Hill (Circle and District lines), which is around a 15-minute walk away. Shadwell (Overground and DLR) and Wapping (Overground) are between five and ten minutes away. Santander Cycles docking stations are on nearby Reardon Street and Garnet Street.



Big screen: Enjoy a festival of football in Merchant Square

MERCHANT SQUARE

What better way to watch the big game than by sitting on the grass and soaking up the sun, with a giant screen to follow all the action? The lawn outside the Merchant Square Pavilion in Paddington is offering free coverage of the World Cup, with deckchairs and blankets to ensure you can watch in comfort even if the British summer weather springs a few surprises.

There is a range of food and drink options available seven days a week, as well as a pop-up street food market on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 3pm.

Travel advice for strike

THERE is no service on the Jubilee line today, owing to strike action by the ASLEF and RMT unions. All other TfL services are expected to run as normal.

Customers are advised to use alternative routes where possible and allow more time than usual to complete their journeys. TfL Travel Ambassadors are at key locations to provide travel information and advice.

Up-to-date service information is available on the TfL website at tfl.gov.uk/tube-strike. You can also get all the latest information on Twitter by following @TfLTravelAlerts and @Jubileeline

TRAVEL TO THE GIG

Customers going to the Ed Sheeran concert at Wembley Stadium tonight are advised that trains to and from the event will

be extremely busy. Buses and roads in the area will also be congested.

Consider your return journey and allow more time, especially if you have connections with National Rail services. Regular passengers on the London Overground from Euston or on the Bakerloo and Metropolitan lines should complete their journeys by 6pm to avoid the crowds.

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