

**Tree-mendous:** Plan a trip to see some of the capital's most spectacular and unusual Christmas trees of 2022, including the display at St Pancras International (left) and Coal Drops Yard JOHN STURROCK

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# Spruce up your life

## GET INTO THE FESTIVE SPIRIT BY VISITING THESE UN-FIR-GETTABLE CHRISTMAS TREES

WRAP up warm and venture out into London town to find these mesmerising trees.

### TRAFALGAR SQUARE

Did you know that the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square is a Norwegian spruce?

It's an annual gift from the city of Oslo to London – a thank you from Norway for Britain's support during World War II. They've been doing this every year since 1947.

The tree remains on display until the 12th day of Christmas and you'll often find choirs performing carols there during the evenings.

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### COAL DROPS YARD

Head to Coal Drops Yard to see the new 47ft alpine-inspired Christmas tree, which was unveiled by 'Fashion Santa' himself.

The tree comes complete with twinkly lights and neon ski

accessories. As an added bonus, the pine needles will be reduced into candles to be sold in Coal Drops Yard in the new year.

Don't forget to allow some time to browse the boutique shops, bars and restaurants, and enjoy a wintery stroll along the canal.

**Nearest station:** King's Cross St Pancras (Circle, Hammersmith & City, Metropolitan, Northern, Piccadilly and Victoria lines).

### COVENT GARDEN

This part of the capital always looks particularly beautiful at this time of year. Covent Garden's enormous tree is one of the biggest in central London, standing at a majestic 60ft tall. It is decorated with baubles and glitters with 30,000 lights.

Shop for presents at the festive markets and enjoy live performances from the Royal Opera House ballet dancers. There will be plenty of photo opportunities too, with daily 'snow' showers and Santa's sleigh.

You can escape the cold by popping into London Transport Museum, which is located nearby, and enjoy a hot drink in the canteen.

**Nearest stations:** Covent Garden (Piccadilly line) and Holborn (Central and Piccadilly lines).

### ST PANCRAS STATION

The Christmas tree at St Pancras International is always one of London's most eye-catching and imaginative. This year's tree is inspired by the city's skyline, and part of a collaboration with The Prince's Trust.

Visitors are sure to be delighted by the impressive display, and the chance to peek inside the building windows where they can discover Christmas scenes within.

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