

Find free fun and culture in the capital



FANCY a day trip to London to catch up on a little culture? There's lots to see and it doesn't have to cost you a penny.

Many museums and art galleries are free, although there is often a charge for some exhibitions.

Museums

Discover the stories of those who lived, fought and died in conflict from the First World War to the present day at the Imperial War Museum. There are recreations of trenches and the Blitz, plus tanks and planes to see.

Nearest Tube: Lambeth North (Bakerloo line)

Find more than 80 different vehicles including the world's first Underground steam train at the London Transport Museum. It shows how services have changed over the past 200 years.

Nearest Tube: Covent Garden (Piccadilly line)

South Kensington is home to several museums. See, touch and experience some of the major scientific advances from the past 300 years at the Science Museum. And find out how the food you eat affects your body, brain and

eating habits at the latest free exhibition *Cravings: Can your food control you?*

Down the road, the Victoria and Albert Museum celebrates art and design with more than 4.5million objects from around the world. Look at paintings by Constable, a diverse display of historic musical instruments, a collection of fashionable dress dating back to the 17th century, and an exhibition of post-classical European sculpture.

As well as the dinosaur exhibition, the nearby Natural History Museum (right) has a collection of the biggest and rarest animals in the world. See a life-sized blue whale and a 40-million-year-old spider.

Nearest Tube: South Kensington (District, Circle and Piccadilly lines)

Art galleries

For contemporary art head to the Saatchi Gallery with works by young and international artists whose creations are rarely exhibited in the UK.

Nearest Tube: Sloane Square (Circle and District lines)

From Pre-Raphaelite paintings to landscapes by Turner and Francis Bacon's nudes, visit Tate Britain, which has the largest collection of British art in the world.

Nearest Tube: Pimlico (Victoria line)

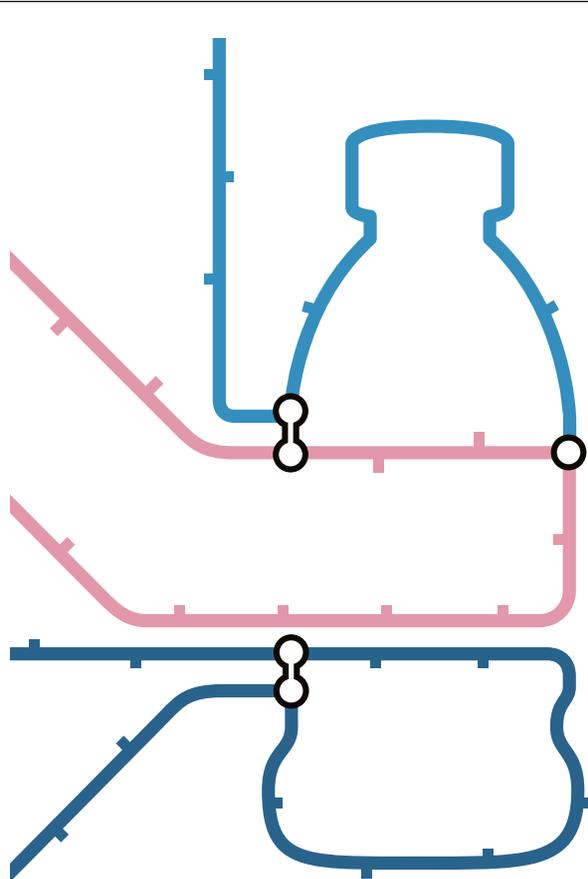
The small Serpentine Gallery in Kensington Gardens showcases international contemporary and modern art by a range of world-famous artists.

Nearest Tube: Lancaster Gate (Central line)

At Trafalgar Square, choose from seeing works by masters such as Van Gogh, da Vinci, Botticelli, Constable, Renoir, Titian and Stubbs at the National Gallery or famous faces from royalty to present day personalities at the National Portrait Gallery (left).

Nearest Tube: Leicester Square (Northern and Piccadilly lines)

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Have your say on the future of taxi and private hire services

THERE are just two weeks left to respond to proposed changes to taxi and private hire vehicle licensing ahead of the introduction of the Ultra Low Emission Zone in central London in 2020.

Under the new proposals, all newly licensed vehicles must be zero emission capable from January 1 2018. In addition, the existing 15-year age limit for all taxis would be retained with retirement of the oldest most polluting taxis encouraged through a voluntary decommissioning scheme.

■ For more information, and to give your views, visit consultations.tfl.gov.uk/environment/ulez-2



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