

River fun to float your boat



This year's Totally Thames festival is in full flow with a raft of activities bringing the river to life this month.

WITH more than 150 events including walks, exhibitions, film screenings and tours taking place, we've selected some of this weekend's highlights.

Comida fest

Both Saturday and Sunday, 11am to 6pm, at Bishops Park Event Circle SW6

This festival celebrates Latin American culture with dance, music, literature, performances and workshops making a fun day out for the whole family. Foodies can choose from more than 30 different stalls serving cuisine from Mexico to Chile, and children will be kept entertained with face painting, storytelling and games. Entry is free.

Thames Rockets 'Totally Thames Blast'

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September, from 11am to 5pm, from St. Katharine's Pier.

See the sights along the Thames from a super-speedy Thames Rocket and learn all about the greatest river in the world.

The shiny 'Rocket' speedboats travel

at around 35mph.

Tickets cost from £17.50 for a 15-minute ride.

Midnight Apothecary at the Brunel Museum

Every Friday and Saturday in September, from 5.30pm.

Well worth a visit is London's quirkiest cocktail bar on the roof gardens of The Brunel Museum.

The bar has designed a 'Sweet Thames' cocktail in honour of the festival, as well as a range of original drinks infused with herbs and flowers from the museum's garden. Guests can relax toasting marshmallows around a fire pit before descending into the cavernous Brunel Tunnel for a guided tour.

Tickets cost £5. Over 18s only.

Billingsgate Roman House and Baths

Every Saturday and Sunday in September, tours at 10.30am and midday.

Explore the hidden remains of a Roman

house and baths, once the riverside residence of a wealthy Londoner.

One of Roman London's most fascinating structures, the bathhouse was discovered in 1848 having survived 2,000 years of building, fires and bombings. Visitors can learn more on a 45-minute guided tour and see the remains which lie hidden beneath offices.

Tickets cost £8, concessions £6.

■ Visit www.totallythames.org

River view

Why not catch a boat and enjoy the sights of London during the Totally Thames Festival.

Various river operators offer trips and excursions including MBNA Thames Clippers, Thames River Services and City Cruises.

■ Visit tfl.gov.uk/modes/river

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Are you travelling to Wembley?

ENGINEERING works on the Metropolitan line are being suspended tonight so people can travel to Wembley Stadium for the Champions League match between Tottenham Hotspur and Borussia Dortmund.

Trains will run as usual between Aldgate and Wembley Park, with early closures starting again from 10pm on Monday.

Traffic information for the capital

Hammersmith flyover

Nightly, until Friday, midnight to 5am

Westbound carriageway closed together with one eastbound lane closed for maintenance works.

A406 North Circular, Staples Corner flyover

Until September 20, 5am

Flyover closed eastbound overnight Monday (10pm to 5am), and westbound closed overnight Tuesday (10pm to 5am), for resurfacing works.

Wembley Stadium

Tonight and Saturday

Heavy traffic and large crowds expected in the area this afternoon for the Champions League Tottenham v Borussia Dortmund match. Kick off is 7.45pm. The area

will also be affected on Saturday, between 2pm and 9.30pm, for the Tottenham v Swansea game. Kick off is 5.30pm.

Bermondsey Street, SE1

Saturday, 6am to 11pm

Road closed between Crucifix Lane and Long Lane and other roads affected for an event.

Lambeth Bridge

Saturday, 11pm to Sunday, 2pm

Bridge closed and lane restrictions on the Albert Embankment approach for filming.

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