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## A feast of festival fun

Find out why the capital is the hottest place to be this summer with MetroTravel's pick of London's festivals and events, and how to get there.

### Open Senses

May 19 - 21

THE first festival of its kind, the Open Senses weekend is a chance to smell, taste, hear, see, feel and experience the world more profoundly.

Art exhibitions, live performances, sensory walks and workshops are among a host of happenings across the capital.

Highlights include a multisensory club night at the Islington Assembly Hall (nearest stations: Essex Road and Highbury & Islington). This is a ticketed event.

Visit [opensenses.squarespace.com](http://opensenses.squarespace.com)

### Greenwich+Docklands International Festival

June 23 - July 8

Canary Wharf's stilt dancers, an inflatable moon sculpture in Greenwich Park and a giant colour-wheel procession through Woolwich are among the top picks of this year's annual street theatre festival.

Events take place in an assortment of spaces throughout Greenwich and Tower Hamlets.

Enjoy some of London's best panoramas on the way there, travelling

in an Emirates Air Line cable car or arriving by one of the MBNA Thames Clippers' catamarans, which call at the following piers - Canary Wharf, Greenwich, North Greenwich and Royal Arsenal in Woolwich.

Visit [festival.org](http://festival.org)

### West End LIVE

June 24 - 25

Enjoy free performances from much-loved productions including Wicked, Mamma Mia!, Dreamgirls, Matilda - the Musical, Hair and Disney's The Lion King at Theatreland's annual weekend, which takes place in Trafalgar Square.

The nearest station is Charing Cross or take one of many buses that serve the area.

Visit [westendlive.co.uk](http://westendlive.co.uk)

### London Bridge City Summer Festival

July 1 - August 31

Food, drink and entertainment abound during the capital's largest free outdoor festival.

Based around The Scoop, an outdoor amphitheatre close to Tower Bridge, this year's festival includes a Mexican

bar-restaurant and programme of free activities including fitness and dance classes, live theatre, drama workshops, film screenings and a Mad Hatter's Tea Party for children.

Among a host of big screen entertainments, there will be live coverage of top sports events such as Wimbledon, the World Athletics Championships and the ICC Cricket Champions Trophy.

Nearby London Bridge station offers convenient Tube, rail and bus links.

Visit [morelondon.com](http://morelondon.com)

### Lambeth Country Show

July 15 - 16

Rural England meets urban London as Brixton's annual agricultural fair arrives in Brockwell Park.

Sheepdog shows, flower and vegetable contests, food and craft stalls, traditional folk music and a programme of hands-on activities offer a range of countrified, family-friendly experiences.

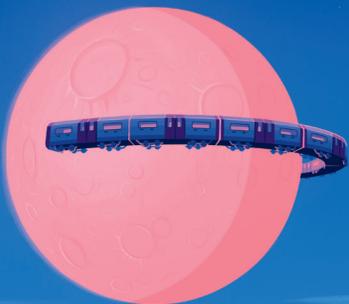
Nearest stations: Herne Hill or Brixton.

Visit [lambethcountryshow.co.uk](http://lambethcountryshow.co.uk)

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## Shenfield station is back on track

UPGRADE work has been completed to prepare for Elizabeth line services between Liverpool Street and Shenfield in December 2018.

The improvements will allow the introduction of the first new trains for TfL Rail services later this month.

Additional capacity has been added to the railway at Shenfield to cater for the higher frequency service that will be provided once the Elizabeth line extends from Essex and through the central tunnels in 2019.

This includes a new dedicated

platform and three new sidings at Shenfield to accommodate the new trains.

An amended TfL Rail service from Brentwood to Shenfield has resumed on weekdays, with three trains an hour. There is a full service at weekends. Trains have been terminating at Brentwood since January to allow Network Rail to carry out the work, with replacement buses provided for those travelling on to Shenfield.

A full service will resume from Monday May 22.



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