

Enjoy the festive fun in London

Christmas cheer has come to London!

THERE are lots of fantastic events happening across the city this festive season and here's a selection:

The Snowman and The Snowdog, Emirates Air Line Until January 4

Soar over London with The Snowman and The Snowdog for a magical Christmas flying experience on the Emirates Air Line cable car. Take photos with a life-size Snowman before boarding your flight or an on-board selfie with one of the movie characters featured in the film. Kids get goody bags, too. Price £4.50, standard adult single ticket. Nearest Tube: North Greenwich (Jubilee line).

Trafalgar Square carols Until Wednesday December 23

There's carol singing every day around the

beautifully lit Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square, with charities and other organisations raising funds for good causes.

Join one of the 50 carol groups for some festive cheer between 4pm and 8pm weekdays, and 2pm to 6pm weekends.

Nearest Tube: Charing Cross (Bakerloo and Northern lines).

Festival of Carols, St Martin-in-the-Fields Wednesday December 9, 7pm

The annual festive carol service, supported by the Transport Benevolent Fund, takes place in St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square at 6.15pm. Admission is by Souvenir Programme, £4 at the door.

Nearest Tube: Charing Cross (Bakerloo and Northern lines).

Mayor's Carol Service, Southwark Cathedral Monday December 14, 7pm

This year's Mayor's Carol Service will feature



a variety of musical performances, alongside traditional Christmas carols and readings.

The event is free but tickets are needed for entry and are available from www.london.gov.uk. Arrive early as seats fill up quickly. Doors open at 6.15pm.

Nearest Tube: London Bridge (Jubilee and Northern lines).

Lighting of the Menorah, Trafalgar Square Thursday December 10, 5.30pm - 7.30pm

See the giant menorah lit up with candles for the Chanukah London event, in celebration of the Jewish festival of lights. The menorah will be on display at Trafalgar Square from December 7 to 14,

with one light being lit each day.

Nearest Tube: Charing Cross (Bakerloo and Northern lines).

New Year's Eve fireworks, London Eye Thursday December 31, 5pm to 2am

London's hugely popular fireworks display is in partnership with Unicef this year and revellers are invited to get together for the first ever New Year's 'Big Resolution'.

The event is ticketed to help manage the crowds and are available from www.london.gov.uk/nye. Tickets carry a £10 administration fee and a maximum of four per person can be booked.

Nearest station: Waterloo (Bakerloo, Northern, Waterloo & City and Jubilee lines).

New Year's Day parade, central London Friday January 1, midday to 3.15pm

More than 8,500 performers representing 20 countries worldwide will take part in the annual parade, including marching bands, cheerleaders, clowns, acrobats and much more.

The parade kicks off at Piccadilly and finishes in Parliament Square, taking in Lower Regent Street, Pall Mall, Trafalgar Square and Whitehall. For more details, go to www.lnydp.com

Nearest Tube: Piccadilly Circus (Bakerloo and Piccadilly lines).

■ For more information about these events, visit www.london.gov.uk/events. Plan your travel at tfl.gov.uk/travelplanner



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For full details visit www.crossrail2.co.uk or call 0343 222 0055*.

The consultation will close on Friday 8 January 2016.

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Accessibility app in major Tube trial

BLIND and partially sighted people are trialling the new Wayfindr digital navigation system at one of London's busiest Tube stations.

Trial participants will get around Euston by picking up audio directions from a prototype smartphone app that interacts with beacons installed throughout the station, making it easier for them to navigate their way.

Wayfindr, a not-for-profit joint venture of the Royal London Society for Blind People and digital product studio ustwo, has been commissioned by London Underground to trial the technology.

Wayfindr has also attracted a grant from Google.org to accelerate its work over the next three years with the hope it becomes adopted in cities worldwide, in a range of urban environments from shops and stations to hospitals.

The trial at Euston follows a pilot scheme run at Pimlico station earlier this year.



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