

Cultural highlights in London

Here are some of MetroTravel's favourite winter events and attractions – and advice on how to get there.

Swingers

The Tate Modern continues to host the 'One Two Three Swing!' Installation in its Turbine Hall (until April 2, 2018). Created by Danish art collective Superflex, this interactive artwork features swings that visitors are free to sit upon and a giant pendulum rocking from the ceiling.

How to get there: Bus routes 381 and RV1 will take you close to Tate Modern. It's also a short walk from Southwark or Blackfriars stations.

Bright lights

Returning for a second London visit, Lumiere is a festival of light installations. Bigger than

the last London Lumiere in 2016, 40 sites across the capital will be involved in the four-day event, between January 18 and 21. Highlights include French artist Patrice Warrener bringing the west façade of Westminster Abbey to life with his digital projections.

How to get there: Westminster Abbey is near Westminster Tube station (Circle, District and Jubilee lines).



Mamma Mia!

London's South Bank will be reverberating to the sounds of 'Waterloo' and 'Dancing Queen'. As part of its Nordic Matters festival, it's hosting a major Abba exhibition at the Royal Festival Hall (until April 29). Wander through nine immersive rooms to explore the group's rise to stardom and enduring appeal.

How to get there: Waterloo station (Bakerloo, Jubilee, Northern and Waterloo & City lines). There are also several nearby Santander Cycle docking stations (try Concert Hall Approach and Belvedere Road).

New Year's Day Parade

From humble beginnings in 1987, the 2018 London New Year's Day Parade is expected to attract about 500,000 spectators and 10,000 participants – including marching bands from all around the world. The parade kicks off at noon in Piccadilly, near Green Park.

How to get there: Expect bus routes to be disrupted due to road closures for the parade. Instead, head for Green Park, Piccadilly, Trafalgar Square, Charing Cross, Embankment or Westminster Tube stations.

Winter with Winnie

A major exhibition looking at the world of Winnie The Pooh is coming to the V&A. Primarily looking at the working relationship between writer A.A. Milne and illustrator E.H. Shephard, expect drawings, letters, photographs and manuscripts. The exhibition runs until April 2018. Tickets cost £8.

How to get there: South Kensington (Circle, District and Piccadilly lines). Bus routes 14, 74, 360, 414, 430 and C1 run nearby.



Vintage bus rides to see the Christmas lights

There are some magical displays of Christmas lights and the London

Transport Museum offers a unique way of enjoying them. Its RT vintage bus ride – which has been designed specifically with children in mind – departs from the museum in Covent Garden and takes in Regent Street, Oxford Street and Pall Mall. Tours take place on Thursday December 21 and Friday 22 only, with tickets £10 for adults and from £5 for children. Advance booking necessary at ltmuseum.co.uk.

How to get there: London Transport Museum is a short walk from Covent Garden Tube on the Piccadilly line. Alternatively, take one of

the many buses to The Strand (6, 9, 11, 15, 23, 87, 91, 139 and 176).

SE1's Snow Kingdom

The Backyard Cinema is one of London's most quirkier screening rooms. Situated in the Mercato Metropolitano market in Borough, this winter it's been given a 'Snow Kingdom' makeover. Enter via a frosty snow cave then snuggle up under a blanket on a giant bean bag to enjoy the movie. The cinema has a schedule of classics, family favourites and recent releases.

How to get there: You'll find Mercato Metropolitano at 42 Newington Causeway, SE1 – halfway between Borough and Elephant & Castle Tube stations. Buses 35, 40, 133, 343 and C10 stop outside.

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