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Evening on the Thames

01 · Parliament Hill for a skyline view

02 · British Museum: the free permanent collection

03 · National Gallery: paintings including Van Gogh and Turner

04 · Tate Modern, then St Paul's viewed from Millennium Bridge

05 · Tate Britain for British art

06 · The V&A and its courtyard

07 · Natural History Museum: dinosaurs and the blue whale

08 · Science Museum: free galleries; some activities are paid

09 · Sky Garden with a free admission booking

10 · South Bank from Tate Modern towards the London Eye

11 · Greenwich Park; Observatory interiors and courtyard have separate admission

12 · Browse bookshops on Charing Cross Road

13 · Borough Market's atmosphere; food purchases are extra

14 · Columbia Road Flower Market on a market day

15 · Notting Hill and Portobello Road

16 · Little Venice and the canal towards Camden

17 · Hampstead Heath and its ponds; swimming has separate rules and fees

18 · Richmond Park and deer viewed from a respectful distance

19 · Kyoto Garden in Holland Park

20 · The skyline from Waterloo Bridge at sunset

21 · Camden Market, taking in the sights and smells

22 · Hyde Park and free Serpentine gallery exhibitions

23 · St James's Park and its pelicans

24 · Changing the Guard, subject to the official schedule

25 · Neal's Yard and its colourful courtyard

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Keep the weekends going



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26 · Leadenhall Market, a Harry Potter filming location

27 · Browse Daunt Books in Marylebone

28 · Barbican architecture; check separate Conservatory booking arrangements

29 · Wellcome Collection

30 · Look for free exhibitions at Saatchi Gallery; some shows charge

31 · Regent's Canal towards Victoria Park

32 · Window-shopping in Mayfair and Burlington Arcade

33 · A self-guided street-art walk around Shoreditch and Brick Lane

34 · A cathedral service or choral evensong: attend respectfully, not as a sightseeing tour

35 · The Greenwich Foot Tunnel

36 · London Museum Docklands: the permanent displays

37 · Thames Path by Kew Bridge; this does not include entry to Kew Gardens

38 · Sunset on Primrose Hill

39 · Battersea Park and the Peace Pagoda

40 · Free lectures and events found on Eventbrite

41 · A quiet browse in public areas of the British Library

42 · Maltby Street Market on an opening day

43 · A Sunday walk through the City

44 · Highgate village and its viewpoints

45 · Crystal Palace Park and its historic dinosaur sculptures

46 · Look for a free lunchtime church concert

47 · A photo walk over Millennium, Tower and Westminster bridges

48 · Greenwich Market and Cutty Sark viewed from outside

49 · Public Pride, carnival and festival activities: check each event's programme

50 · Walk around one unfamiliar neighbourhood each week

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One idea each week



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Evening on the Thames

Choose one idea for the week and put it in your calendar. Over a year, that can mean 50 new places and a stronger feeling of living in the city, rather than only working and sleeping here.

Want company? Look at the current Telegram announcements for group outings. Our paid Club is still in preparation.

Always check official opening, free admission and booking conditions before travelling. Free entry does not necessarily cover every exhibition or activity. Sky Garden: skygarden.london/booking/; Greenwich: rmg.co.uk/royal-observatory.

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