



What's On

May

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Wishing all of our guests a marvellous May, from all the team @ City Apartments

WEATHER

Avg. Low Temp: 9°C	Avg. High Temp: 19°C	Avg. Wet days: 12
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www.visitlondon.com

www.allinlondon.co.uk

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www.thisislondon.co.uk

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SPECIAL DATES

Monday 7 May

Public Holiday

EXPLORING AND TOURING LONDON

With the sun shining again and with a bank holiday next Monday why not try our suggestion and explore one of the city's most picturesque neighbourhood—**Hampstead**: a perfectly preserved Georgian village crowning the top of a hand-some hill and garnished with the capital's most elegant old world promenade, a medley of cobble-stone lanes, pretty cottages, surprising turnings, and unsurpassed views. It was known for its artists in the 19th century, including Constable and Romney and the poet John Keats, The 20th century a heaven of intellectuals, including Sigmund Freud. Now favoured by football players, pop stars and comedians. The wildest of London's parks, **Hampstead Heath** has fields to run in, long grass to roll in, woods to hide in and, most famously, ponds to swim in. In north London this 791-acre heath and woodland is *THE* place to get back to nature. Strewn with picnickers, cyclists, families and the rest, the heath is large enough and has enough copses, hills and mounds that a quiet spot is never far away. '*Chronicles of Narnia*' author, CS Lewis, lived near **Hampstead Heath** and local folklore asserts that it was its picturesque rises, ponds and woodland glades which inspired his mystical land. Parliament Hill is a beacon in the midst of this sprawling expanse of natural beauty. Its summit provides a view of the city almost in its entirety. Spot the famous dome of St Paul's juxtaposed by the ultra-modern Canary Wharf towers in the distance. This is the perfect kite-flying spot. **Hampstead Heath** is renowned as a rich conservation area and parts of it are designated as areas of scientific interest by English Nature. Hoards flock to the refreshing waters of the heath's celebrated ponds in the summer months. Along the edges of the heath a number of attractions will attempt to lure you away. There's the lido at the south, Kenwood House at the north, South End Green and Hampstead Village at the west, and Highgate to the east. There are also plenty of pubs dotted around the edge - The Spaniards Inn (Spaniards Road), the Holly Bush (22 Holly Mount) or the Freemasons Arms (32 Downshire Hill) are all worthy of a visit. **Best for:** Wild and woody walks, ponds, picnics and panoramic views. Address: Highgate Road, Golders Green, London NW3 7JR. nearest tube station: Belsize Park & Hampstead

BARBICAN

The iconic performing arts centre hosts the resident London Symphony Orchestra and BBC Symphony Orchestra. It presents a diverse programme of performances from jazz to classical, world to contemporary music in the Barbican Hall. There's also theatre and dance at the centre's three theatres and smaller spaces, plus arts and mainstream cinema. Contemporary art, architecture, design and photography are shown in the main Barbican Art Gallery and free space The Curve, and there are regularly free foyer events. Address: Silk St, EC2Y 8DS, nearest tube: Barbican & St Pauls.

Visit www.barbican.org.uk for info.

RUGBY SEVENS

Emirates Rugby Sevens are heading back to London's South West home of Rugby, Twickenham Stadium. The 2-day event (Sat 12 & Sun 13 May) will incorporate 16 international standard teams, playing more than 12 hours of world class rugby sevens, to a backdrop of festival atmosphere in the stands. With cheerleaders, dress up competitions, entertainment and fast paced sport, you have your weekend cut out for you. Day tickets start at £18 or weekend tickets for £30. Visit www.rfu.com for tickets and info.

Regent's Park Open Air Theatre

A verdant setting lends itself perfectly to the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre's typical combination of serious drama, summery Shakespeare romps and the big end of season musical. You can also catch folky musical acts and comics keen to break free from the stuffy club circuit. Standards are well above village-green dramatics and there's a distinctly moneyed feel in this delightfully secluded corner of Regent's Park, while the amphitheatre-style seating and grand, looming sets add a certain classical gravitas. If picnicking is an al fresco step too far, a barbecue and a hot and cold buffet is available before all evening performances including Sunday music and comedy events in the theatre grounds. Good-value grub can also be purchased at the refurbished Garden Café in Regent's Park. Pre-ordered picnics can be booked for evening and matinee performances, or you can plump for traditional tea and cake or Pimms on the lawn. The Open Air Theatre's typical season runs from May to September and tickets can usually be purchased on the day, though booking is advised for weekend performances. Remember to take an extra layer to fight chills. Address: Inner Circle, Regent's Park, for more info visit <http://www.openairtheatre.org/about>



Chelsea Flower Show: Limited tickets are still available for the world renowned RHS Chelsea Flower Show, running from Tues 22 to Sat 26 May. Located in Chelsea and well worth some time spent amongst the flora and fauna festivities, the show will also have food areas and plenty of picnic space, brand new area that includes modern, inventive gardens and tradestands offering ingenious new products. For more info visit www.rhs.org.uk—and keep an eye out for big fan, Queen Elizabeth II when you're there!!

Museums at night weekend: From Friday May 18 to Sunday May 20 – An annual after hour's celebration, where hundreds of museums, galleries, libraries, archives and heritage sites are open for special evening events with a party atmosphere. For more info visit <http://www.culture24.org.uk/places+to+go/museums+at+night>

FESTIVALS IN LONDON

Curry Festival: The festival Kick start on Sunday 8th May in conjunction with Baishaki Mela (Bangladeshi New Year Festival) transforming Brick Lane in to an all fresco dining experience. Up to 40 participating restaurants will treat curry lovers to a street party with tables, chairs and stalls lined up to enjoy the special dishes cooked up by the talented chefs. The Festivities begin with a colourful procession with musicians, dancers and children in costume. A wide range of music will be performed including international and UK stars. There will be a fairground and family area for picnics and a range of free arts and crafts activities and interactive performances. From 8th of May to 15th of May. For more info visit <http://www.curryfestival.co.uk/>

London Wonderground: A brand new Festival from the same company who organise the annual E4 Udderbelly Festival. The new event, which will be staged at the renovated coach park between the Royal Festival Hall and the London Eye, will run alongside the hugely popular E4 Udderbelly programme, which returns with a line-up including Greg Proops, Rufus Hound, Gina Yashere, Richard Herring and The Boy With Tape On His Face. Opening on 8 May a wonderful speigeltent will form the centre of a marvellous playground of wonders curiosities. The headline show will be – Cantina – which premieres in London after hugely run in Adelaide and International tour. This all singing, all dancing festival is housed in equally eye catching venue – a red and white striped speigeltent - bringing a world of fun circus, strange curiosities and eye popping sideshows. For more info visit <https://pricelesslondonwonderground.co.uk/aboutus>

Shakespeare Festival: Globe to Globe – A festival that will see Shakespeare's 37 plays performed in 37 languages, from Swahili to sign language, has got underway. Globe to Globe is just one of the World Shakespeare Festival, which was launched on Monday, the anniversary of the playwright's birth. The polyglot performances are taking place at the Globe Theatre, the replica of Shakespeare original theatre. For more info visit <http://globetoglobe.shakespearesglobe.com/>

