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THE PERFECT DAY IN CAMDEN



Morning: Start your day off right with chicken and waffles at the quirky and cute Lumi Cafe for the perfect touch of sweet and savoury to start your day.

Mid-morning: Make your way up Camden High Street, stopping if anything takes your fancy, before crossing the Canal and landing at Camden Market.

Lunch: Spend the next few hours working up an appetite weaving between vintage stalls, handmade jewellery and global street food. This market is home to some of the world's most viral foods, and personally we would never go without getting the masala chips at Funky Chips.



Afternoon: After some resting and digesting, cut through to the Regent's Canal, where warehouse walls are painted with street art and narrowboats drift slowly by. Watch couples planting love locks on the Camden bridge and if you're lucky in love, place your own.

Evening: Finish your day in Camden with dinner at Parakeet pub, featured on the Michelin Guide this spot is known for its wood-fire grilling and lively dining room.

CHRISTMAS IN LONDON

WORK CHRISTMAS PARTIES FILL PRIVATE DINING ROOMS, PUBS CROWD EARLIER THAN USUAL, AND CITY STREETS EMPTY A LITTLE SOONER ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS. OFFICES WIND DOWN, FAMILIES ARRIVE, AND FRIENDS GATHER. SOME WOULD ARGUE THIS IS THE BEST TIME TO BE HERE WHEN PLANS SHIFT FROM MEETINGS TO MEALS, AND THE YEAR ENDS NOT WITH A FULL STOP BUT A TOAST.

The busiest time of year, where Londoners enjoy the cold as it ties into the winter wonderland Christmas spirit of it all, before the bleak cold of January and February sets in. Whether you lean towards the classic ice rinks or prefer to explore local markets, there's plenty to enjoy without having to plan too far ahead. Christmas in London has a way of making the city feel connected. It's a time to pause, enjoy what's nearby and close the year on a high note.

Christmas Markets

London's Christmas markets are more than places to shop. They're social, creative and full of atmosphere. Along the Southbank, wooden chalets line the river with handmade gifts, independent food traders and the scent of cinnamon and cloves in the air. It's lively without feeling rushed, perfect for a weekend stroll.

Covent Garden transforms completely each December. The square is filled with lights, musicians and a huge tree that has become one of the city's most recognisable festive sights. The mix of boutiques and local stalls makes it ideal for gift hunting between coffees or cocktails. For something more curated, Canopy Market at King's Cross focuses on small-batch design and craft. It's a little less traditional and a great place to discover new makers, from ceramic artists to independent food producers.

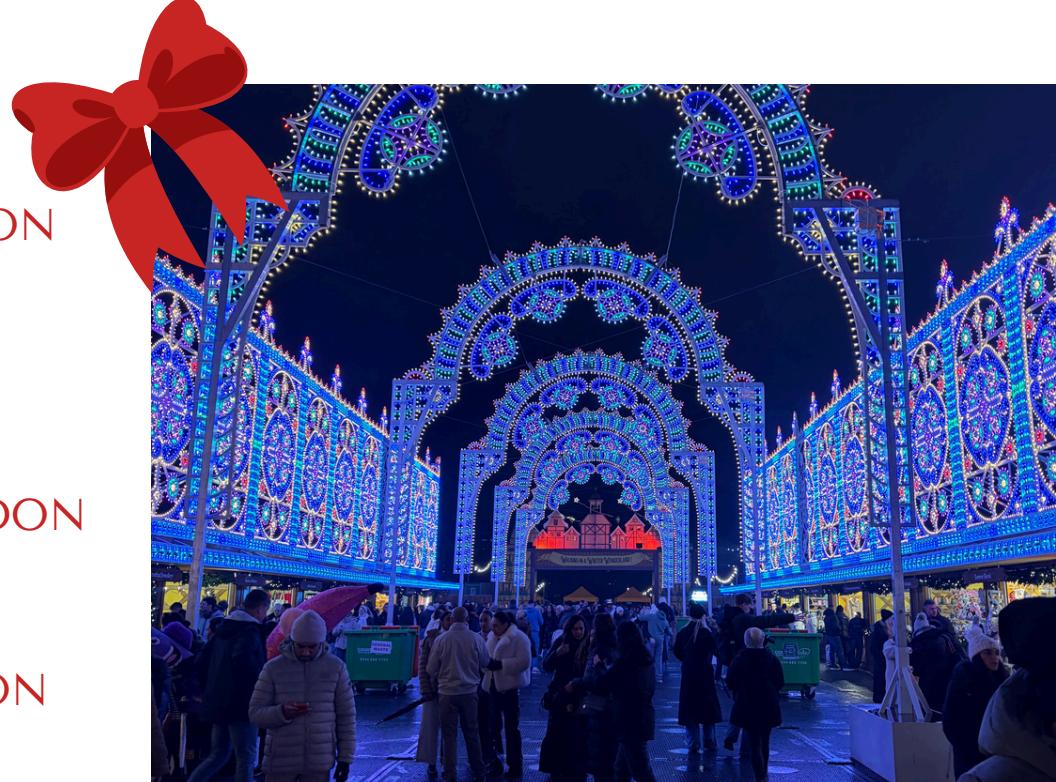
Ice Skating

Ice skating remains one of the simplest ways to feel part of the season, well if you can skate that is. Somerset House is still the most iconic spot, set against grand 18th-century architecture and backed by a festive soundtrack. If we aren't sick of Mariah Carey at this point, we never will be.

The rink is spacious, well run, and ideal for groups or an early morning skate before the crowds arrive. Glide at Battersea Power Station offers something more contemporary. You skate in the shadow of the restored chimneys, surrounded by modern design and views of the Thames. Once you've finished, there's a full stretch of restaurants and bars to explore, making it easy to turn it into a full evening out.

Canary Wharf's rink brings a calm city energy. The glass towers reflect the lights, and the rink stays open later than most. It's a solid choice for an after-work plan that still feels festive but not forced. For those of you who have been compared to Bambi on ice, a doe taking its first steps, go watch and enjoy the people-watching with a cup of over-priced hot chocolate.

FRESH TAKES ON MINCE PIES, CRANBERRY SAUCE AND STUFFING GALORE: LONDON RESTAURANTS GET INTO THE FESTIVE SEASON



Eating and Drinking

Food takes centre stage in London during December. Restaurants and bakeries lean into comfort, warmth and indulgence. From restaurants that dress up in baubles and tinsel to Christmas specials that consist of homely flavours and far too many calories, the end of the year is a foodie's delight.

Clos Maggiore in Covent Garden is one of the city's most festive dining rooms, with twinkling lights overhead and a menu that celebrates the season with roast pheasant, chestnut velouté and winter desserts.

Italian Bear Chocolate, while serving up indulgences all year round, takes on a special novelty this time of year. Known for their triple chocolate drizzles, Matilda cake and hot chocolate so thick it could be a Disney cartoon character's mum, this is the weather and time of the year when their gluttonous menu hits the best.

Christmas is that time of the year where such indulgences are allowed before the idea of New Year's resolutions looms. Taking full advantage of this, besides adding dessert to the end of every meal, we are also hunting out the best spins on Christmas classics. Dishoom adds its own spin with turkey raan, festive samosas, and its signature house chai, while The Riding House Bloomsbury and NoMad London serve modern winter menus paired with seasonal cocktails. Those in search of pastries should visit Chestnut Bakery for cranberry croissants or Bread Ahead for their filled doughnuts that have become a December tradition. Similarly, BAO adds two more seasonal specials to the menu, including its take on a mince pie or, for a savoury option, a glazed duck and watercress bao that you'll be thinking about well into February.

Continuing with the Christmas theme, Honest Burgers brings back the 'Camembert Christmas special'. This burger reminds us of the day after Christmas when you decide that the only thing missing from the Christmas roast is more carbs. So, you pile all the leftovers between two slices of bread, add cheese, butter, and cranberry sauce to your roast chicken. However, unlike your Christmas leftovers, this special is available all throughout December and a little bit into January too.

To drink, Miracle at Henrietta brings a fun Christmas pop-up bar to Covent Garden, serving spiced and playful cocktails. Or when in doubt, you can never go wrong with the colourfully decorated Mr Fogg's. Serving mulled wine, hot ciders, and some of the most clever flavour combinations.

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5 min walk - Camden Road

15 min walk - Euston



9 min walk - Camden Market

2 min walk - Blues Kitchen

10 min walk - Pick and Cheese

9 min walk - Camden Coffee Roastery



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NEW AND UPCOMING THIS MONTH



COVENT GARDENS CHRISTMAS BELLS

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A Rubix christmas, whether you're skating before work, meeting clients over mulled wine, or exploring a market after hours, there's no better time to enjoy London. The city feels alive with connection and celebration, a reminder of why we love calling it home. Here are the opening dates for the best christmas markets.

- 1 **Leicester Square Christmas market - 1st Nov - 4th Jan**
Leicester Square has transformed into a festive wonderland, complete with artisan gifts, seasonal treats, and a dose of holiday magic in the heart of the West End.
- 2 **Southbank Centre Winter Market 3rd Nov - 4th Jan**
The Southbank Centre Winter Market returns, bringing riverside charm with cosy wooden chalets, street food, mulled wine, and festive lights along the Thames.
- 3 **Covent Garden Christmas markets 12th Nov - Early Jan**
Dazzling decorations, live entertainment, artisan stalls, and seasonal eats set against one of London's most iconic backdrops.
- 4 **Winter Wonderland Christmas market 14 Nov - 1 Jan**
Winter Wonderland returns to Hyde Park, bringing its famous Christmas market, ice rink, rides, and festive attractions, tickets on sale now from £8.
- 5 **King's Cross Christmas markets 27 Nov - 22 Dec**
Featuring boutique stalls, festive food, and live entertainment across Coal Drops Yard and Granary Square this is not one to miss.

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PICK AND CHEESE CAMDEN

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