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THIS MONTH

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DAY IN  
KING'S CROSS

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From canal-side coffee to rooftop cocktails, King's Cross has transformed from a transit hub into one of London's most exciting neighbourhoods. Here's your Rubix-approved guide to the perfect day.

## 4 WALK & TALK

Why the Walking Meeting is the New Power Lunch. As London's parks bloom and the days stretch past 8pm, corporate London is ditching the boardroom in favour of the towpath.

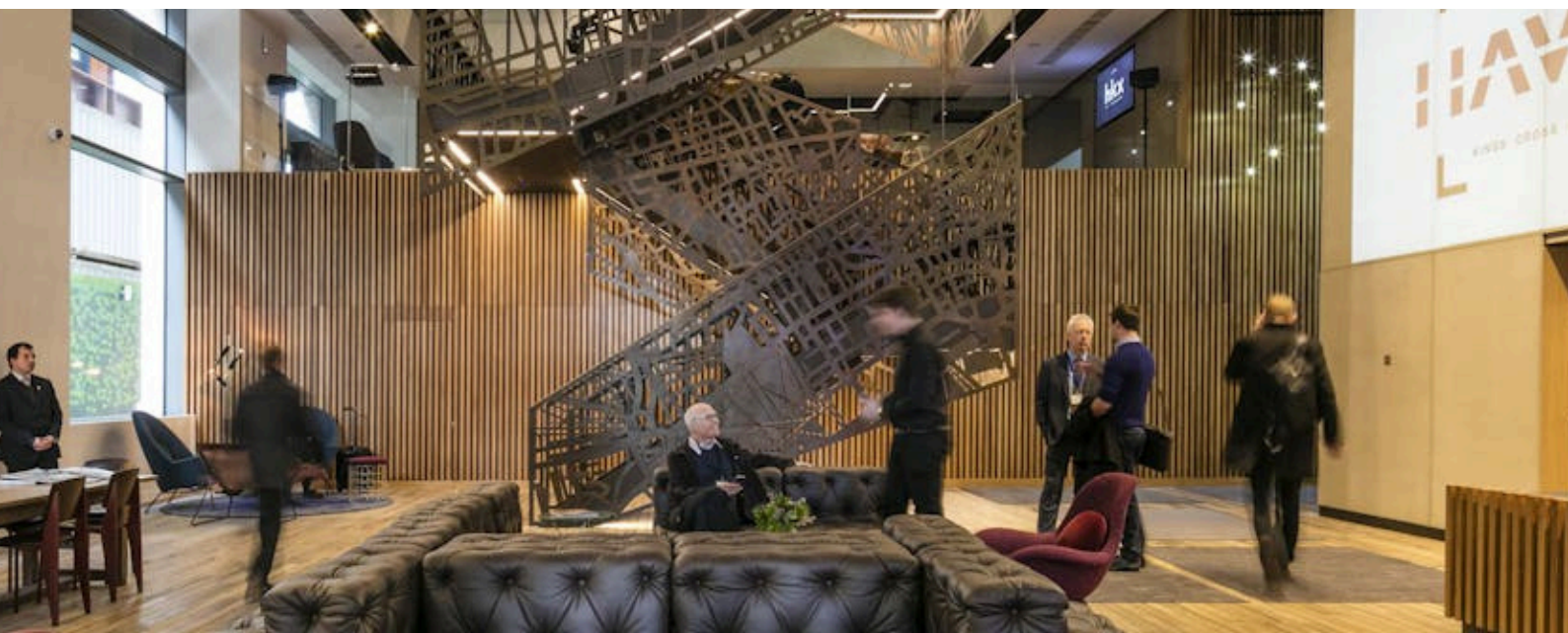
## 5 FEATURE SPACE

Every month we feature an office space worth the commute. This May, Three Pancras Square.

## 6 COMING UP THIS MONTH

What's new, now and worth knowing in London. Rubix is tracking the best new food spots, live music and pop-up events for you to explore this month.

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# THE PERFECT DAY AT KING'S CROSS



**Morning:** Begin at the German Gymnasium on King's Boulevard, a Grade II listed former athletics hall turned grand European restaurant. The soaring ceilings make it feel like dining inside a cathedral. Insider tip: the counter seats on the upper level give you the best view of the room for a client breakfast.

**Mid-morning:** Walk through Coal Drops Yard, the shopping destination built inside two Victorian coal drops. The architecture alone is worth the detour.

**Lunch:** Barrafinna King's Cross is the move. Perch at the marble counter and watch tapas being made in front of you. The prawns a la plancha are non-negotiable. If the sun is out, Parrillan next door has an open-air grill terrace overlooking the canal that feels more Barcelona than NIC.



**Afternoon:** Cross the canal to Granary Square and let the choreographed fountains reset your afternoon.

If you have time, the House of Illustration hosts consistently sharp exhibitions. For something more active, the towpath walk north toward Camden is one of the most underrated strolls in London.

**Dinner:** Dishoom King's Cross deserves the hype. Set in a cavernous former transit shed, the interiors are modelled on the Irani cafes of 1960s Bombay. The black daal is legendary and the bacon naan roll has converted an entire generation. Arrive by 5:30pm or prepare to queue, though the queue itself has become something of a London ritual.

# WALK & TALK:

## THE WALKING MEETING IS THE NEW POWER LUNCH

THE BEST IDEAS IN LONDON ARE NO LONGER BORN IN BOARDROOMS. THEY ARE BORN ON THE FOOTPATH.

The most productive meetings in London are not happening around a conference table. They are happening along the Regent's Canal, through the gravel paths of Granary Square, and across the greens of King's Cross. The walking meeting has arrived, and it is not going anywhere.

The idea is not new. Steve Jobs was famous for his walk-and-talk sessions around Palo Alto. But what has changed is the infrastructure. London's office developments, particularly at King's Cross, Bankside and the South Bank, are now designed with walking routes woven into the urban fabric.

For decades, the power lunch was the currency of deal-making. A white tablecloth, a bottle of riesling, and two hours of your afternoon gone. But as the wellness economy reshapes corporate culture, the walk is replacing the wine.

When you walk side by side, the dynamic shifts. Eye contact becomes optional rather than mandatory. The pressure of the conference room dissolves. People say things on a canal path that they would never say across a boardroom table.

A thirty-minute walk costs nothing, generates no hangover, and doubles as your daily step count. It is the ultimate two-for-one.

London's commercial landlords are paying attention. King's Cross now has over three kilometres of landscaped walking routes connecting office buildings. The canal towpath from Pancras Square to Camden Lock has become an unofficial meeting corridor.

On any given Tuesday lunchtime, you will see pairs of professionals in smart-casual striding north with takeaway coffees and serious expressions.

Of course, there are limitations. You cannot walk and present a deck. Rain remains a persistent occupational hazard. And the British tendency to walk at wildly different speeds can turn a strategy session into an unintentional race. But these are minor inconveniences in the face of a fundamental shift in how business gets done.

The old guard still clings to the corner office and the mahogany table. But the next generation of London's dealmakers are lacing up their trainers and heading for the road. If you want to close a deal in May, suggest a walk. You might be surprised where it takes you.

# FEATURE SPACE

## 3 ST PANCRAS

The building is home to media multinational Havas and features stunning views across the canal to Granary Square and the iconic St Pancras Clock Tower. Occupiers benefit from a 150-person auditorium, a first-floor cafeteria, and plug-and-play office space.



- 1 min walk - King's Cross St Pancras
- 2 min walk - St Pancras International
- 2 min walk - Eurostar Terminal



- 1 min walk - Barrafinna
- 2 min walk - Dishoom
- 2 min walk - German Gymnasium
- 3 min walk - Coal Office
- 3 min walk - Lina Stores



# NEW AND UPCOMING THIS MONTH



CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

## MAY

May in London is when spring finally commits. Two bank holidays, evenings that stretch past 8pm and a calendar that suddenly feels packed. The city is at its most optimistic.

- 1 Early May Bank Holiday 2nd - 4th**  
The first of two long weekends this month. London's parks are in full bloom and Regent's Park Open Air Theatre kicks off its season with Sherlock Holmes. Book early, bring a blanket.
- 2 London Craft Week 11th - 17th**  
Over 1,000 makers, designers and galleries take over the city for a week celebrating craft in all its forms.
- 3 Chelsea Flower Show 19th - 23rd**  
The greatest flower show on earth returns to the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea. Definitely not one to miss this month!
- 4 GALA festival - 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Peckham Rye Park hosts one of London's best electronic music festivals. The 2026 theme is 'The Floor Is Ours.'
- 5 Schiaparelli at the V&A - Ongoing**  
The Italian couturier's collaboration with Salvador Dali is the highlight.