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New accommodation, restaurants, and innovative food venue openings

Soho House, Manchester, England

Early 2025

Soho House is set to open its first property in the north of England, encompassing the upper three floors of Manchester's former Granada Studios – located in the up-and-coming St John's neighbourhood. The building, which is also home to Aviva Studios, is one of Manchester's most iconic locations. As well as 23 deluxe rooms and suites, there will be a rooftop pool, workspaces that transform into a club after dark, dining rooms and lounges – all with Soho House's signature creative flair.

Clydeside Containers, Glasgow, Scotland

Early 2025

Located along the River Clyde, Clydeside Containers presents an innovative development that blends urban living with sustainability. This eco-conscious project includes flexible spaces, green energy solutions, and locally sourced materials, offering visitors a unique opportunity to experience sustainable architecture.

Seaton House, St Andrews, Scotland

February 2025

Seaton House will offer luxurious 5-star accommodation near the iconic Old Course in St Andrews. This elegant hotel promises a unique stay for golf enthusiasts and those seeking opulence, with world-class facilities and breathtaking views across West Sands Beach.

Gordon Ramsay restaurants at 22 Bishopsgate, London, England

February 2025

Gordon Ramsay will open five restaurants on the 59th, 60th and 61st storeys of 22 Bishopsgate this year – making them the Capital's new highest dining destinations – including Lucky Cat and Bread Street Kitchen, plus the Gordon Ramsay Academy cookery school. With an exclusive 14-seat chef's table, Restaurant Gordon Ramsay will also occupy the 60th floor: an homage to the chef's first Michelin-starred restaurant, serving a fine dining menu to match. Following in the footsteps of Lucky Cats in Mayfair, Manchester and Miami, this new addition will feature a 61st-floor rooftop cocktail bar with panoramic views of the City and beyond.

Society Birmingham, Birmingham, England

February 2025

On a mission to champion the West Midlands' home-grown chefs and artisan producers, Society Birmingham will feature a huge street food hall with five independent kitchens – plus an outdoor terrace, craft beer bar, café and cocktail bar. This lively new venue will be located in the city centre, seating up to 350 diners amid colourful murals and artworks by local creatives. Like its sister food hall, Society Manchester, we can expect live music, events and DJ sets too, with a buzzing atmosphere from lunchtime until late.

Hotel Gotham Newcastle, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England

Spring 2025

Hotel Gotham in Newcastle-upon-Tyne will redefine the hospitality experience when it opens in Spring 2025. Set in the historic Old Fire Station, the hotel will offer 60 bespoke bedrooms, a stylish



restaurant, a bar with a DJ booth and an event space in the former Court Rooms that can accommodate up to 120 guests. Thirty additional rooms will be available in the adjacent Police Station side of the hotel in autumn 2025.

Dao by Dorsett North, London, England

Spring 2025

Dao by Dorsett North London will bring 68 serviced apartments to Crouch End, blending historical charm with modern comforts in the restored Grade II* listed Town Hall. Beyond stylish accommodation, the venue will offer co-working spaces, a cinema, recording studios and a rooftop bar, making it a vibrant cultural hub.

STACK, Manchester, England

Spring 2025

Taking over Manchester's shipping container venue formerly known as Hatch, food market pioneer STACK will open a new clutch of independent food and drink retailers this year. It will extend the Oxford Road site with more global cuisines and local producers – joining its market ventures in Seaburn, Lincoln and Newcastle.

The Newman, London, England

Spring 2025

Launching in spring 2025, The Newman is set to be a stylish new addition to London's West End. The boutique hotel will feature 38 elegantly designed rooms, combining sleek modern interiors with luxurious touches. Guests will enjoy world-class dining, a rooftop bar with stunning city views, and its location in Fitzrovia just a few paces from Covent Garden and Theatreland.

Darley Street Market, Bradford, England

Spring 2025

With a food hall at its heart, this new Bradford hub will also feature three storeys of entertainment venues, popup events spaces and shopping opportunities – plus an outdoor dining terrace overlooking the city. Great timing, as the city will be in the spotlight throughout this year as the 2025 UK City of Culture. From morning coffees to dinner for two, Darley Street Market will showcase Yorkshire's top produce and chefs, with 13 street food vendors and a market-style setup true to Bradford's trading roots.

Ty Gwyn Hotel, Abersoch, Wales

Spring 2025

Nestled on the stunning Welsh coast, the Ty Gwyn Abersoch Hotel is set to become one of Britain's most luxurious waterfront destinations when it opens in 2025. Offering unparalleled views and exquisite service, this new hotel promises to be a perfect retreat for those looking to unwind in style.

Cotswolds Designer Outlet, The Cotswolds, England

Spring 2025

The first phase of the new designer outlet is planned to open in Spring 2024. More than 90 fashion and lifestyle brands will be presented at the retail destination. The architecture of the buildings has been inspired by the picturesque Cotswold's region, and the outlet will be more than just a shopping centre. It will also be home to a village with plenty of bars, restaurants and a wide range of events from street food festivals to art exhibitions and music performances.



Mar Hall Golf & Spa Resort, Renfrewshire, Scotland

Spring 2025

Mar Hall Golf & Spa Resort in Renfrewshire will debut its multi-million-pound transformation in Spring 2025, with redesigned interiors and the addition of a private dining room and members' lounge. The estate will also introduce 30 luxurious woodland lodges and enhancements to the spa, gardens, and golf course, offering an elevated experience just ten minutes from Glasgow International Airport.

Supercity Aparthotel, Edinburgh, Scotland

Spring 2025

Opening in Spring 2025, Supercity Aparthotels is set to launch a signature property in the heart of Edinburgh. The project combines the historic façade of the Category B Listed Forth House with a transformed Playfair House, blending heritage and modern design in the city's iconic New Town. Guests can choose from Studio, One-Bedroom, and Two-Bedroom Apartment Suites for a luxurious stay.

The Waterside Hotel, West Kilbride, Scotland

Spring 2025

The Waterside Hotel in West Kilbride, just 40 minutes from Glasgow, is set to launch a stunning new £3 million spa in Spring 2025. Overlooking the Firth of Clyde and the Isle of Arran, the spa will feature six treatment rooms, a Rasul experience, and an indoor thermal area with a sauna and steam room. Designed with a focus on the outdoors, it will include a hydro pool, outdoor shower, cold bucket, and a cosy firepit with seating, creating a serene escape by the beach. The expansion also adds 17 elegant guest rooms, enhancing the hotel's offering.

Crossbasket Castle, East Kilbride, Scotland

Spring 2025

Crossbasket Castle, a five-star hotel near Glasgow, will unveil a multi-million-pound expansion in Spring 2025, elevating its reputation for luxury. The development includes a new 40-bedroom hotel, two eco-friendly lodges, a lavish spa, and an entertainment-led dining experience featuring live acts, immersive dining, and bespoke cocktails. This "no-expense-spared passion project" promises unparalleled service and opulence, setting a new standard in Scotland's hospitality scene.

The Britannic Explorer, A Belmond Train, London, Cornwall and the Lake District, England

July 2025

Belmond will launch England's first luxury sleeper hotel train this summer, to coincide with the nationwide Railway 200 anniversary. All aboard the Britannic Explorer for fine dining, spa treatments, sumptuous cabins and spectacular views. Its inaugural three-night journeys will traverse London, Cornwall and the Lake District, with on-board cultural entertainment to enable passengers to delve deeper into their destinations. By day, it will host optional guided excursions, and by night guests can mingle in the Observation Car's botanical-inspired bar.

CitizenM London Olympia, London, England

Late summer 2025

The fifth London property of the trendy CitizenM hotel brand, this 146-room property will be in West London's Olympia. It will be part of the transformation of the Olympia exhibition centre, with a multi-functional arts space, theatre, four-screen cinema, restaurants and cafés on its doorstep.



The hotel will feature co-working spaces, a 24/7 dining spot and the Apex Room – a historically-listed lounge and living area that will be open to the public

The PIG-on the Farm, Stratford-upon-Avon, England

Autumn 2025

The PIG–on the farm will open its doors in autumn 2025, nestled within 53 acres of picturesque landscape just outside Stratford-upon-Avon. This new addition will focus on sustainability, offering guests a unique experience that highlights local produce and the surrounding countryside. With a commitment to relaxed luxury, it promises to be a haven for both food lovers and nature enthusiasts.

Hotel Gotham, Bristol, England

Autumn 2025

Hotel Gotham in Bristol is set to breathe new life into the previously empty Guildhall, transforming it into a luxurious 5-star destination. With 75 elegant bedrooms, a chic restaurant, rooftop bar, and indulgent spa, this hidden gem promises a vibrant nightlife scene and a relaxing escape for visitors.

Dorsett Canary Wharf, London, England

Winter 2025

Set to open in early 2025, Dorsett Canary Wharf will bring 231 guest rooms to Canary Wharf, London, offering modern amenities like a café, a restaurant, a gym, event space and a sky bar with terrace views. Just a short walk from Canary Wharf's key transport links, the hotel provides easy access to Central London, London City Airport, and the Elizabeth Line. With its prime location in one of London's major business districts, Dorsett Canary Wharf promises to be a standout destination for both leisure and business travellers.

Leafield luxury holiday park, Oxfordshire, England

Winter 2025

The former home of the Caterham Formula 1 team headquarters in the Cotswolds is set to be transformed into a luxurious holiday park, scheduled to open in late 2025. According to the planning application, it will feature 51 cabins, eight larger suite-style barns and two loft houses – alongside an indoor swimming pool, spa, outdoor hot tubs, changing rooms, shop, bar and restaurant. Expect a tranquil, nature-inspired atmosphere to suit both families and couples, with wood-built accommodation and extensive gardens.

Cambridge House, London, England

Winter 2025

Cambridge House at 94 Piccadilly is set to open as a luxury hotel and members' club in 2025, transforming the historic Georgian mansion and Grade I listed Palladian-style townhouse into a 102-room property. Once home to high-profile figures including Prime Minister Lord Palmerston and Queen Victoria, the building will now feature fine-dining restaurants, a double-level spa with heated pools, and a hydrotherapy suite.

Waldorf Astoria London Admiralty Arch, London, England

2025

Admiralty Arch's transformation into a five-star-plus luxury hotel and members' club is set to be one of London's most significant openings in 2025. This iconic landmark, with its unrivalled views



over Trafalgar Square and The Mall, will offer 100 luxurious rooms and suites, a cutting-edge spa, and several bars. For the first time, the public will have access to the building through a grand restaurant, making it a major talking point for travel and hospitality in the capital next year.

BOXHALL, Bristol, England

2025

Bringing more fresh flavours to Bristol's dining scene, BOXHALL will serve a mix of elevated street food, craft beers and cocktails in one stylish waterfront location. From the creators of BOXPARK in London, it will be helmed by its "Food Ambassador" and Michelin-starred local chef Josh Eggleton, a torchbearer for Bristol's pioneering chefs and concepts – alongside live music and events year-round.

Chester Zoo: Safari-style lodges, Cheshire, England

2025

Chester Zoo is set to open 51 new safari-style lodges overlooking the area where its resident giraffes roam. Located beside the savannah-style enclosure and scenic lake, the accommodation will feature all the creature comforts of a deluxe hotel – with views that are straight out of Africa. Each one will sleep up to four or six people, making them well-suited to families seeking adventure. The project will also include a two-storey reception area with a restaurant and bar, and a new lake for the animals to enjoy.

The Hoxton, Edinburgh, Scotland

2025

The latest hotel in the Hoxton hotel chain will open in the Haymarket neighbour of Edinburgh. The 214-room hotel, split across seven Georgian townhouses also includes three houses for longer stays, plus a restaurant, large event space and gallery.

Six Senses Hotel, London, England

2025

Mark your calendars for early 2025, as Six Senses London makes its much-anticipated debut in the heart of Bayswater. Housed in the stunning former art deco department store, The Whiteley, this luxurious retreat will feature 109 beautifully designed guest rooms and suites, along with diverse dining options and a world-class Six Senses Spa. For those seeking a longer stay, 14 exclusive branded residences will be available for purchase, complete with bespoke design and premium amenities. Nestled near Hyde Park and Kensington Palace, this hotel promises a unique blend of elegance, comfort, and a vibrant city life, making it an unmissable addition to Britain's luxury scene.

Georgian-themed accommodation at Beamish Museum, Durham, England

2025

Don't just spend the daytime-travelling at Beamish – enjoy a night of it, too. County Durham's award-winning living museum will open the new (but old) self-catering Pockerley Farm Cottages and Flint Mill Cottages this year, for an authentic Georgian-style stay. All the accommodations will be styled just as they would have looked in their heyday, though with a few discreet modern comforts like flushing toilets! Two holiday lets will be opened initially, with plans for more to follow – including one with an accessible bedroom and bathroom



Fingal Hotel, Edinburgh, Scotland

2025

Fingal, Edinburgh's luxury floating hotel, will enhance its dining offerings with an expanded Lighthouse Restaurant & Bar and a new private dining experience in the original Bridge. This addition promises a bespoke and immersive gastronomic journey for guests.

Big events and upcoming exhibitions

The Sage, Newcastle Gateshead, England

2025

Situated on the banks of the Tyne, The Sage is set to be the most sought-after venue for international meetings, conferences and events. The 12,500-capacity, state-of-the-art arena will have a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces, restaurants and two adjoining hotels. This development will feature public green spaces, an outdoor performance square, and a range of bars and restaurants to suit all.

Bradford UK City of Culture 2025, Bradford, England

All of 2025

Bradford is set to take centre stage as the UK City of Culture 2025, featuring an extensive programme of events aimed at showcasing the city's cultural diversity and artistic talents. Additionally, the National Science and Media Museum will be reopening following a significant transformation, enhancing its role as a key cultural asset in the region. This initiative aims to boost tourism, engage the community, and promote Bradford's rich heritage.

Manchester Eurovision Festival, Manchester, England

11 – 13 April 2025

Eurovision fans, assemble! Following its 2024 debut in Copenhagen, the MancHagen Eurovision Festival will come to Manchester for the first time this year, as Britain's biggest celebration of the European song contest. As well as two concerts by Eurovision stars and previous years' winners, the three-day extravaganza will feature drag shows, red carpet parades and glittering events – and will raise funds for charities and celebrate Manchester's strong Ukrainian community links. Up to 50,000 tickets will be available, including VIP packages.

Austen and Turner: A Country House Encounter, Yorkshire, England

2 May – 19 October 2025

In a year marking the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen and J.M.W. Turner, a new exhibition explores their shared fascination with the social and cultural life of the British country house. Featuring Turner's paintings of Harewood House, a first-edition copy of *Sense and Sensibility*, and rarely seen artefacts, the display brings together paintings, period costumes, and the creative tools that shaped their work.

Wide Awake Festival, London, England

23 May 2025

Wide Awake Festival will bring electrifying performances to London's Brockwell Park this summer. With headliners like Kneecap and CMAT, the festival promises an unforgettable experience for fans of Britain's best artists. Expect energetic sets, vibrant crowds, and a celebration of music that captures the spirit of the UK's music scene.



SXSW London, London, England

2 – 7 June 2025

Since 1987, SXSW (pronounced “South By Southwest”) has gathered the world’s top musicians, creatives, thinkers and entrepreneurs in Texas, USA – and this year, it will host its first European festival in London. The likes of Barack Obama, Nancy Pelosi, Tilda Swinton, NASA and Meghan Markle have featured at past events, and the London iteration will cover music, film, tech and creativity – so expect a similarly high-profile lineup. It’ll be held at venues throughout Shoreditch.

Orkney 2025 Island Games, Orkney, Scotland

12 – 18 July 2025

Every two years, thousands of athletes from around 24 island nations across the world compete in 12 sports in the NatWest Island Games. The games give islanders a chance to represent their community and compete at an international level. In 2025, it’s the Orkney Island’s turn to host the isle-based competitors.

Tall Ships, Aberdeen, Scotland

19 – 22 July 2025

The Tall Ships Races return to Aberdeen from 19-22 July 2025, marking the city's third time hosting this spectacular event after memorable editions in 1991 and 1997. This vibrant four-day celebration will welcome hundreds of thousands of visitors to enjoy Europe’s largest free family event.

Women’s Rugby World Cup 2025, England-wide

22 August – 27 September 2025

The world’s top female rugby teams will converge in England for the highly anticipated Women’s Rugby World Cup 2025. This thrilling tournament promises to be a landmark moment for women’s sport, with matches held in iconic stadiums across the country. Don’t miss the chance to witness rugby history with matches taking place in host cities Brighton and Hove, Bristol, Exeter, London, Manchester, Northampton, Sunderland and York.

Manchester International Festival – 10th Edition, Manchester, England

Summer 2025

The globally renowned Manchester International Festival returns for its 10th edition in 2025 with a new permanent home. Known for its groundbreaking performances and art installations, this milestone year promises to be a cultural event like no other, with artists from around the world converging in Manchester.

Jane Austen Festival 2025, Bath, England

12 - 21 September 2025

In 2025, the Jane Austen Festival will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the renowned author's birth with a series of celebratory events across Bath. Literary fans will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in Austen’s world, with guided tours, performances and discussions, honouring the legacy of one of Britain’s most beloved authors in the city she adored.

Material World | Temperate House, Kew Gardens, London, England

20 September – 31 October 2025

Autumn 2025 will see Kew’s iconic Temperate House transformed for Material World, an inspiring festival that explores the future of fashion through sustainability. Visitors will discover how plants and fungi are paving the way for eco-friendly solutions in the fashion industry, surrounded by



some of the rarest and most remarkable plants on Earth. Featuring a series of innovative installations, this festival promises to engage and educate attendees about the intersection of nature and design, celebrating creativity that respects our planet.

The Grand Sumo Tournament, London, England

15 – 19 October 2025

For five days in October, London's Royal Albert Hall will host Britain's largest sumo wrestling event—the first of its kind outside Japan. More than 40 elite *makuuchi* rikishi will compete in an authentic *dohyo*, complete with hand-embroidered *kesho-mawashi* robes and traditional salt-throwing rituals. This landmark event will bring the history and heritage of sumo to one of Britain's most iconic venues.

North Pennines Stargazing Festival, Northern England

October 2025

Gaze up at some of the clearest night skies in Britain at the North Pennines Stargazing Festival, returning in October 2025. Offering celestial events, expert talks, and night walks, this festival is a dream for anyone looking to experience the beauty of the cosmos.

Glow Wild – Kew Gardens, London, England

November 2025 – January 2026

This winter, Wakehurst, Kew's wild botanic garden, presents its award-winning lantern trail, celebrating 25 years of the Millennium Seed Bank. Explore an immersive journey through the fascinating world of seeds, illuminated by hundreds of stunning light installations created by renowned artists and local community groups. Join a festive celebration that transforms Wakehurst into a spectacular wonderland!

New tours, attractions, experiences and entertainment venues

New tours of Buckingham Palace's East Wing, London, England

Mid-January – late May 2025

Visitors to Buckingham Palace will soon be able to explore its East Wing, seeing the detail and craftsmanship of its artworks and architecture up-close – all at a time when the Palace isn't usually open to the public. These new 90-minute tours, which do not include a visit to the State Rooms, will be led by expert guides in groups of up to 20 people. Visitors will enter through the Palace's front gates and across the famous Forecourt – just as guests do for official royal events – before touring the Centre Room, from which they will have a view of the central balcony and the Victoria Memorial.

Wellness retreats at Three Choirs Vineyards, Gloucestershire, England

10 – 11 January & 31 January – 1 February 2025

The award-winning Three Choirs Vineyards will kick off the year with its first ever wellness weekend breaks. They'll commence on the Friday afternoons with a wine tasting session, while the Saturdays will feature exercise classes, pilates, yoga, breathwork and sound healing. All meals and accommodation are included too, and guests will also be able to explore the vineyards at their leisure

Stargazing Weekend at Yarn Market Hotel, Exmoor National Park, England

31 January – 2 February 2025



Look to the heavens in one of England's finest stargazing regions – Exmoor National Park. Dunster's Yarn Market Hotel will host a special themed weekend this winter, featuring stargazing activities and excursions hosted by local astronomers – timed to coincide with the visibility of Saturn, Venus, Jupiter and Mars in the (hopefully) clear winter sky. The programme will include two nights of full-board accommodation, with a special Sunday lunch too.

Sadler's Wells East, London, England

February 2025

After years of anticipation, Sadler's Wells East will commence its inaugural season in February – when it opens in Stratford's East Bank in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. As the fourth Sadlers Wells theatre venue, it will continue the company's world-renowned dance programme, promising “everything from hip hop to ballet, rave to rhumba and waacking to welding”, with a flexible auditorium to accommodate ambitious new works.

The Great Gatsby: The Musical, London, England

7 April – 11 September 2025

The Great Gatsby: A New Musical will make its West End debut at the London Coliseum in 2025. Directed by Marc Bruni, this new jazz-infused musical adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel explores themes of wealth, class, and obsession in the roaring twenties. With a pop and jazz-inspired score, the production is set in the opulent world of Jay Gatsby's parties.

E-bike tours and tastings at White Heron Estate, Herefordshire, England

April – October 2025

White Heron Estate will launch new guided e-bike tours and tastings this spring, to discover its abundant vineyards, orchards and blackcurrant fields. The tour will reveal the estate's heritage, harvest and production processes, while the tastings will feature its home-grown produce – such as the award-winning British cassis liqueur.

Traitors Live Immersive Experience, London, England

Spring 2025

‘The Traitors’ TV show is set to come to life in London with a high-stakes immersive experience. A world of deception, strategy, and betrayal unfolds as players take on daring challenges, uncover hidden secrets, and navigate shocking twists. Players should expect mind games, mystery, and pulse-racing drama at every turn.

Domaine Evremond Estate, Kent, England

Spring 2025

Domaine Evremond, a new luxury wine estate in the heart of Kent, will open in Spring 2025. The estate will offer exclusive wine-tasting experiences, stunning vineyard views, and a world-class hospitality offering, blending the best of French winemaking with British charm.

The Royal Yacht Britannia, Edinburgh, Scotland

Spring 2025

In Spring 2025, the Royal Yacht Britannia in Edinburgh will unveil a brand-new Visitor Centre and Shop. The Visitor Centre will showcase previously unseen images and films, providing an in-depth look at the Royal Yacht's fascinating history.



Life below the stairs, Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire, England

Spring 2025

Blenheim Palace will offer a unique behind-the-scenes experience with its "Life Below the Stairs" tour. Venture deep underground to explore areas that have rarely been seen by the public. Discover the hidden world beneath one of England's most iconic palaces, uncovering the stories of those who worked behind the scenes.

New guided tours of St James's Palace, London, England

Spring 2025

Following successful trials, St James's Palace will host exclusive guided tours on selected weekends this spring. From its origins as Henry VIII's residence to its status today as the official seat of the British monarchy, the palace is steeped in 500 years of royal history. The tour will include views of the Palace's Tudor courtyard and gatehouse; paintings, furniture and art from the Royal Collection; and the Throne Room and Picture Gallery where the Accession Council of King Charles III was held. It will also reveal the chapel where Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were married, and where Prince George and Prince Louis were christened.

Behind-the-scenes tours of Aerospace Bristol, Bristol, England

Spring 2025

Home of the last Concorde aircraft, Aerospace Bristol is working on a new behind-the-scenes tour launching in spring, which will allow visitors to access areas and objects of the museum that are usually hidden from view. Current attractions include a Red Arrows simulator, alongside classic aeroplanes, helicopters and rockets on display. The museum's Concorde was used as a filming location for the 2024 adaptation of Jilly Cooper's *Rivals* on Disney+, in its rather risqué opening scene!

Kylie Minogue: Tension Tour 2025, Britain-wide

Various dates between May and June

Pop sensation Kylie Minogue will be bringing her highly anticipated Tension Tour to Britain in September and October 2025! Known for her infectious hits and captivating stage presence, Kylie promises a spectacular show filled with fan-favourite songs and stunning visuals. This tour is not to be missed, as she showcases her incredible talent and charisma across some of Britain's most iconic venues.

Liverpool Sound City 2025, Liverpool, England

3 – 4 May 2025

Liverpool Sound City, one of the city's most popular multi-venue music festivals, returns for another unforgettable weekend. Spread across various iconic venues, the festival showcases rising stars and established artists in an electric atmosphere. While the lineup is yet to be announced, music fans can expect an incredible mix of talent and genres, making it a highlight of Liverpool's live music scene.

Walthamstow's Soho Theatre, London, England

May 2025

This summer, Walthamstow becomes home to Soho Theatre's new, exciting venue. Famed for its innovation and creativity, the theatre brings cutting-edge performances, live comedy, and immersive experiences to this vibrant London district. The space is set to captivate audiences with an array of boundary-pushing performances.



The Spirit of Water Flower Festival - Salisbury Cathedral – Salisbury, England

13 – 18 May 2025

Salisbury Cathedral's *The Spirit of Water Flower* festival, a companion to the summer exhibition *Living Water*, invites visitors to explore the power and poetry of water. This immersive event examines water's influence on landscapes, memories, and communities through thought-provoking installations, including *A World Without Water* and *A River of Flowers*. Highlights include hundreds of handcrafted fish created by local community groups, bringing the movement and magic of water to life within the cathedral's historic walls.

Hercules: The Musical, London, England

From 6 June 2025

Disney's *Hercules* will make its London stage debut in 2025, bringing the beloved animated film to life with an electrifying musical experience. Set in a world of Greek mythology, the show will follow Hercules' journey to prove his heroism while discovering his true identity.

Portsmouth to be host city for UK Pride, Portsmouth, England

7 June 2025

Portsmouth has been selected as the UK Pride host city for 2025, so expect its parades, protests and parties to be bigger and brighter than ever before. Last year, the city hosted around 20,000 people at its Pride events – ranging from talks and workshops to its parade along the waterfront – plus live concerts, after parties and a meet-and-greets.

Liverpool Biennial: UK's Largest Festival of Contemporary Art, Liverpool, England

7 June – 14 September 2025

Liverpool Biennial returns as Britain's largest free festival of contemporary visual art. Showcasing cutting-edge works from international and local artists across the city, the festival transforms Liverpool into a dynamic canvas, inviting art lovers to experience groundbreaking exhibitions and performances. This celebration of creativity is a must-visit for anyone seeking to explore the future of visual art.

Lana Del Rey UK and Ireland Tour 2025, Britain – Wide

23 June – 3 July 2025

Lana Del Rey returns to Britain in 2025, bringing her signature sound to some of the country's most iconic venues, showcasing her timeless hits and cinematic melodies.

Emily Kam Ngwarray - Tate Modern – London, England

10 July 2025 – 11 January 2026

Visitors to the Tate Modern this summer can experience the artistry of Emily Kam Ngwarray, one of the most significant painters of the late 20th century. A senior Anmatyerre woman from Australia's Utopia region, Ngwarray translated a deep connection to Country into vivid batiks and monumental paintings. This exhibition brings the legacy to life through rich textiles, striking canvases, and immersive film and audio elements, offering a powerful reflection of ancestral heritage and spiritual landscape.

The Hunger Games on Stage – West End, London, England

Autumn 2025



The stage adaptation of *The Hunger Games* is coming to the West End this Autumn, bringing the dystopian world to life. With cutting-edge production design, epic storytelling, and a talented cast, the show promises to be an unforgettable experience.

Inverness Castle, Inverness, Scotland

2025

Inverness Castle is set to reopen in 2025 following a major transformation, offering visitors a chance to explore its rich history and stunning views of the Scottish Highlands. The revamped attraction will feature new exhibition spaces, immersive experiences and cultural events, making it a must-visit destination for those seeking to discover Scotland's heritage in the heart of Inverness.

Everton's New Stadium, Liverpool, England

2025

Kicking off the 2025/2026 season, Everton FC will move into their state-of-the-art stadium at Bramley Moore Dock, located on Liverpool's iconic waterfront. This long-awaited opening marks a major milestone for both the club and the city, bringing a new era of football to a world-class venue that will inspire fans and visitors. It's set to be a monumental year for Everton and the vibrant Liverpool community.

The Wave, London, England

2025

Bringing the thrill of surfing to the heart of London, The Wave London is set to make waves in 2025. This world-class inland surfing destination will offer the perfect spot for both beginners and pros to catch a wave without leaving the capital and will have a strong focus on sustainability and community engagement.

Peaky Blinders I BritMovieTours, Liverpool, England

2025

Launching in 2025 to coincide with the release of the highly anticipated Peaky Blinders film, the new Peaky Blinders Tour in Liverpool offers fans a chance to explore iconic filming locations from the hit series. Led by expert guides, visitors can step into the world of the Shelby family and uncover behind-the-scenes stories while walking through the streets where key scenes were shot. This immersive experience is a must for any Peaky Blinders fan eager to relive the drama in the heart of Liverpool.

Olympia Theatre, London, England

2025

London's theatre scene is getting a major new addition in 2025 with the opening of the Olympia Theatre. Located in West London, this 1,575-seat venue is part of a £1.3 billion transformation of the historic Olympia site, which will also feature a hotel, restaurants, office spaces, a new school, and a live music venue.

Paddington: The Musical, London, England

2025

McFly's Tom Fletcher is set to compose the music and lyrics for a new Paddington stage musical, adapted from Michael Bond's beloved books and film series. Currently in development, the



musical is scheduled to debut in 2025. Fletcher, known for his success with British band McFly and as a children's author, will use his musical, storytelling talents to capture the magic of Paddington's adventures and mishaps with the Brown family.

Therme Manchester, Manchester, England

2025

Therme Manchester will be the first city-based wellness resort in Britain when it opens in 2025. The resort will be located right next to iconic shopping destination, the Trafford Centre. Visitors can expect 25 pools, 30 water slides, a roof terrace, an indoor beach with swim-up bars and an English meadow-inspired garden. Therme will be the ultimate haven for relaxation with dedicated adults-only and family friendly zones.

Modern Surf, Manchester, England

2025

Modern Surf, a cutting-edge outdoor surfing pool, is currently under development and will complement Trafford City's growing leisure offerings. Catering to surfers of all levels, from beginners to professionals, visitors can practice and enhance their surfing skills. Additionally, the facility will feature a fitness zone, bouldering, halfpipe area a lively bar and a restaurant.

V&A East Storehouse, London, England

2025

Set to open in 2025, the V&A East Storehouse will be an extraordinary addition to the V&A's cultural offerings. Located in the vibrant Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, this innovative facility will house over 250,000 objects and 917 archives, giving the public unprecedented access to the museum's vast collections. Visitors will be able to explore behind the scenes of the V&A, with immersive displays and rotating exhibits that bring hidden treasures to life. This groundbreaking project reimagines museum spaces, creating a hub for learning, creativity, and culture in the heart of East London.

Museum of Shakespeare, London, England

2025

'The Museum of Shakespeare,' is set to open in early spring 2025. The theatre is being built on what is still left of the Curtain Playhouse, an ancient theatre in Shoreditch that was first re-discovered in 2011. The immersive museum, created by Bompas & Parr in collaboration with Cain International, Museum of London Archaeology and Historic England, will be part of The Stage, a new public space with offices, housing, leisure areas and a roof terrace.

South West Coast Path Photographer of the Year, location TBA

2025

The South West Coast Path Photographer of the Year Exhibition is set to return for its third edition in 2025. Last year's event, held in partnership with Great Western Railway, brought the stunning coastal imagery to Paddington Station, London. While the location for the 2025 showcase is still to be finalised, it will once again celebrate the natural beauty of England's coastline through the lens of talented photographers.

Completion of King Charles III England Coast Path, Nationwide

2025

The King Charles III England Coast Path will become the world's longest continuous coastal walking route, stretching 2,700 miles (4,498 km). It opened in phases, with sections already



available in Kent, East Sussex, Lake District, and others. Renamed in 2023 to honour King Charles III, much of the path is either complete or in progress, with the aim to finish the path in 2025.

Coast to Coast National Trail: Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors National Parks, England

Late 2025

Ever since Lake District explorer Alfred Wainwright published A Coast to Coast Walk in 1973, his cross-country jaunt has become one of England's most popular long-distance hiking routes – and this year, it will officially become a National Trail, meaning improved accessibility and higher maintenance/environmental standards. It stretches between St Bees on the west coast and Robin Hood's Bay on the east, for 197 miles (317km) of restorative rambling through three glorious National Parks: the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors. Fun fact: David Nicholls' best-selling novel *You Are Here* (released in 2024) is set on the trail too.

Britian shines on and off the screen

Paddington in Peru

Release Date: 8 November 2024 (*January 2025 for US*)

Paddington returns for a delightful adventure in Peru, featuring an all-star cast including Ben Whishaw and Hugh Bonneville. Filming took place across various stunning locations, including London and Peru, with notable scenes at Paddington Station and surrounding areas. Don't miss the chance to explore the charm of these iconic spots!

Black Doves

Release Date: 5 December 2024

Black Doves is a gripping thriller centred on a woman whose affair leads her lover into a dangerous web of secrets, pulling them into London's dark and treacherous underworld. Filmed across various iconic London locations, this suspenseful drama highlights the capital's shadowy side, with scenes shot in Soho and Shoreditch, adding depth and atmosphere to the story.

Kraven the Hunter

Release Date: 13 December 2024

Kraven the Hunter brings another thrilling instalment from the Marvel universe, following Russian immigrant Sergei Kravinoff on his quest to prove himself as the greatest hunter in the world. Starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Russell Crowe, and Ariana DeBose, the film blends intense action with stunning scenery. Filming took place in iconic London locations and the rugged landscapes of Wales, providing a dynamic backdrop for Kraven's intense journey.

Back in Action

Release Date: 17 January 2025

Cameron Diaz and Jamie Foxx star in this action-comedy filmed in London, showcasing locations such as the streets of Soho and Tower Bridge. As the plot unfolds, viewers can expect a mix of action and humour, set against the backdrop of the city's iconic sites.

We Live in Time

Release Date: 22 January 2025

We Live in Time is a heartwarming romantic-drama that explores the ups and downs of a couple's relationship as they navigate different periods of time together. Set in London, the film beautifully



captures the city's evolving landscape, with key scenes filmed at locations like Herne Hill and in the county of Surrey, England offering a picturesque backdrop to this love story.

Bridget Jones' Diary: Mad About the Boy

Release Date: 14 February 2025

The beloved Bridget Jones is back! Renée Zellweger reprises her role in this anticipated sequel, filmed in the heart of London. Key locations include Borough Market and the South Bank, which provide a vibrant backdrop for Bridget's latest misadventures. Experience the charm of these London hotspots that bring the story to life.

Mission: Impossible 8

Release Date: 21 May 2025

Tom Cruise returns as Ethan Hunt in *Mission: Impossible 8*, where he faces new challenges in the high-stakes world of espionage. As Hunt navigates his most dangerous mission yet, audiences can expect a thrilling ride filled with twists and turns, with Britain itself taking centre stage as a key filming location. Filmed in various locations across Britain, including Liverpool, Birmingham, and central London this instalment promises the franchise's signature blend of intense action sequences and intricate plots.

28 Years Later: Part 1

Release Date: 20 June 2025

The latest instalment in the *28 Days Later* series, *28 Years Later: Part 1* stars Cillian Murphy and Aaron Taylor-Johnson. This film delves into the harrowing aftermath of the original events from *28 Days Later* and *28 Weeks Later*. Filming for this post-apocalyptic thriller took place across stunning locations in Somerset, Yorkshire, and Northumberland, offering dramatic landscapes that amplify the tension and desolation of the storyline.

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Release date: 27 June 2025

In this thrilling sports drama, former '90s racer Sonny Hayes, played by Brad Pitt, is pulled back into the high-stakes world of motorsport after a devastating crash forced him into retirement. His old friend, now the owner of a struggling team that's never scored a point, convinces Sonny to return in a last-ditch attempt to turn things around. Alongside his new teammate, Joshua Pearce (Damson Idris), they face unexpected challenges and forge an unlikely path to redemption.

Jurassic World: Next Steps

Release Date: 2 July 2025

Set five years after *Jurassic World Dominion*, the next chapter follows a team of scientists and adventurers as they venture into remote regions to retrieve prehistoric DNA for groundbreaking medical research. The film was shot in various London locations as well as at Sky Studios Elstree, continuing the franchise's thrilling journey with new and intense action scenes that bring the dinosaurs to life once again.

Fantastic Four: First Steps

Release Date: 20 July 2025

The beloved Marvel Comics team is back in *Fantastic Four: First Steps*, featuring Pedro Pascal and Vanessa Kirby in this thrilling adaptation. As the iconic superhero group embarks on their first



adventure, filming took place at Pinewood Studios. Expect stunning visuals as this Marvel saga unfolds.

Downton Abbey 3

Release Date: 12 September 2025

Follows closely after the events of the previous film.

Wicked: For Good

Release Date: 21 November 2025

Follows Elphaba, the future Wicked Witch of the West and her relationship with Glinda, the Good Witch of the North. The second of a two-part feature film adaptation of the Broadway musical.

Peaky Blinders

Release Date: 2025 (exact date TBA)

The *Peaky Blinders* gang returns in this highly anticipated film continuation of the acclaimed series. Filmed in Liverpool and at Digbeth Studios in Birmingham, the film promises to bring back the gritty atmosphere and compelling storytelling that fans love. Expect a thrilling narrative as the Shelby family confronts new challenges in the post-war era.

Welcome to Wrexham: Series 4

Release Date: 2025 (exact date TBA)

The fourth season of *Welcome to Wrexham* has been confirmed for release in 2025, following the show's tremendous success. This season will document Wrexham A.F.C.'s journey as they compete in League One, a significant achievement after back-to-back promotions. Co-owners Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney will continue to showcase the club's rise, capturing the passionate local community and the stunning Welsh backdrop.

Big anniversaries

Yorkshire Dales National Park 10th Anniversary Dark Skies Festival, Yorkshire, England

14 February – 2 March 2025

The Dark Skies Festival returns to the Yorkshire Dales in 2025, offering stargazers a magical experience under the Britain's darkest skies. From astronomy talks to night-time nature walks, this festival celebrates the natural beauty of the night sky, making it a perfect escape for both amateur astronomers and nature lovers.

Celebrate the Legacy of the Magna Carta's 800th Anniversary in Historic Faversham, Kent, England

23 May – 28 June 2025

Faversham will host a spectacular touring exhibition for the Magna Carta anniversary this summer commemorating the sealing of the first Magna Carta in 1215 and honouring the 800th anniversary of the 1225 version. Home to an original 1300 Magna Carta, Faversham will host a series of immersive events, historical re-enactments, and educational experiences that bring the medieval world to life. Visitors can explore this pivotal moment in history while enjoying the charm of one of England's most picturesque towns.



75th Anniversary of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Edinburgh, Scotland

1 – 23 August 2025

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo will mark its 75th anniversary in 2025 with *The Heroes Who Made Us*, a spectacular show celebrating the individuals who have shaped its legacy and the communities across the UK. Running from 1–23 August, the performance will honour both the heroes within the Tattoo and the unsung champions of society, using storytelling and state-of-the-art visuals. This milestone year will also include a public exhibition in Edinburgh and a charitable donation initiative, continuing the Tattoo's proud tradition of giving back.

10th anniversary of Lindisfarne Festival, Northumberland, England

28 – 30 August 2025

A hedonistic gathering of live music, breathtaking performance and some of the best fancy dress costumes you'll ever set eyes on, Lindisfarne Festival is an all-out celebration of summer's finale overlooking Northumberland's Holy Island. It began in 2015, when 2,000 free-spirited souls visited the island to mark the changing of seasons – and now it's firmly on England's festival calendar. Expect plenty of big names across its eight stages, with previous headliners including Primal Scream, Madness and Rudimental.

Celebrate Glasgow's 850th anniversary, Glasgow, Scotland

2025

Glasgow will celebrate its 850th anniversary, offering the perfect opportunity to discover this vibrant city. Known for its UNESCO designation as a City of Music, Glasgow promises a wealth of events and activities throughout the year in honour of this milestone. Famous for its lively culture, exceptional food scene, impressive architecture, world-class events, and warm hospitality, Glasgow is sure to provide a memorable experience for all visitors. Learn more in the Glasgow spotlight section below.

London Eye's 25th Birthday, London, England

2025

The iconic London Eye celebrates its 25th birthday with a series of exciting events and activities. This landmark attraction, offering breathtaking views of the city, will host special commemorative experiences, making it a perfect time for visitors to enjoy its stunning perspectives while celebrating a quarter-century of captivating London's skyline.

Samlesbury Hall, Lancashire, England

2025

Samlesbury Hall will mark its 700th anniversary in 2025 with a year-long programme of special events under the banner "Samlesbury 700." The celebrations will feature a diverse array of activities, including festivals, theatrical productions, dining experiences, talks and lectures. With something for every member of the family, this milestone event promises to be an unforgettable celebration of history and heritage.

Railway 200, Britain-wide

2025

Britain will mark 200 years of railway history with a nationwide celebration, Railway 200. This milestone event will honour the groundbreaking achievements of Britain's railways, from the iconic Stockton & Darlington Railway to the modern network, through exhibitions, tours and special events.



Jane Austen 250th Birthday, South of England

In the South of England, 2025 marks the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth, offering literary enthusiasts the chance to celebrate the beloved author's life and legacy. Unique celebrations will take place in the cities she held dear, including Bath and Hampshire, where visitors can explore the settings that inspired her timeless novels.

Old Royal Naval College Celebrates 100 Years as a Film Location , Greenwich, London

2025

The iconic Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich will mark 100 years as one of Britain's most sought-after film locations. Known for its stunning baroque architecture, this UNESCO World Heritage Site has featured in countless blockbusters and period dramas. To celebrate this milestone, the College will offer special film tours, giving visitors an insider's look at the sets of major productions. It's a must-visit destination for film buffs and history enthusiasts.

Liverpool Empire Theatre Celebrates 100 Years, Liverpool, England

In 2025, Liverpool's Empire Theatre will celebrate its 100th anniversary as Britain's largest two-tier auditorium, a milestone that coincides with exciting productions such as *Hamilton* and *Blood Brothers*. This centennial year promises a vibrant lineup of performances, showcasing the theatre's rich legacy of hosting world-class entertainment. Its 100th year marks an ideal moment to experience the cultural significance and electric atmosphere of live theatre at this iconic venue.

20th and 25th anniversary of Lullingstone Castle & The World Garden, Kent, England

2025 marks a significant double celebration at Lullingstone Castle, honouring the 20th anniversary of The World Garden while reflecting on the extraordinary journey of curator Tom Hart Dyke. This milestone also coincides with the 25th anniversary of Hart Dyke's remarkable story, originating from his kidnapping during an orchid expedition in Colombia – a pivotal experience that sparked his vision for this stunning garden. A series of immersive experiences and exhibitions will delve into the rich history and diverse beauty of The World Garden, all set against the picturesque backdrop of Kent. This is a unique opportunity to recognise resilience, creativity, and the splendour of nature.

UNESCO celebrates its 80th anniversary in 2025, Britain-wide

2025

In 2025, the 80th anniversary of UNESCO will be commemorated, celebrating the esteemed organisation founded in London to promote peace and understanding through cultural heritage. With over 60 designated sites across Britain, ranging from the rugged landscapes of Shetland to the picturesque Isle of Wight, visitors will have the chance to explore an impressive array of World Heritage Sites, Biosphere Reserves, Creative Cities, and Global Geoparks. This milestone presents a unique opportunity to engage with the remarkable built and natural environments that highlight Britain's global significance, inviting travellers to appreciate the rich tapestry of history and culture championed by UNESCO for eight decades.

Beyond 2025

Bristol YTL Arena, Bristol, England

Late 2025 / early 2026



Plans to repurpose the Brabazon Hangars, the birthplace of the Brabazon aircraft and supersonic Concorde, into Britain's third largest arena have been approved. The new arena will be a year-round entertainment destination putting Bristol on a global stage for live music. Their vision is to create Europe's most sustainable arena and to be carbon neutral from day one.

THE PIG-at Groombridge, Kent, England

2026

THE PIG-at Groombridge will offer luxury accommodation in the historic setting of Groombridge Place, a moated manor house steeped in more than 350 years of history. Originally built in 1662 by barrister Philip Packer and architect Sir Christopher Wren, it overlooks its moat, gardens and vineyard. The latter is currently undergoing renovation, planted with Seyval Blanc and Pinot Meunier vines to create a crisp English rosé. With sustainability at its core, THE PIG-at Groombridge will be committed to locally sourced produce and eco-friendly practices.

Manchester Town Hall, Manchester, England

Summer 2026

Manchester's magnificent 19th century Town Hall is set to re-open its doors to the public in 2026, after a comprehensive restoration effort aimed at preserving it for generations to come. The Town Hall will feature a new education exhibition about the building's rich history. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore previously unseen areas, such as the Victorian police cells, courtyard, and clock tower on new guided tours.

PEAK Gateway Resort, Peak District, England

Winter 2026

A major new activities resort is to be developed on 300 acres of reclaimed land in Chesterfield, on the edge of the Peak District National Park. PEAK will feature a 2,000-bed hotel, 250 holiday lodges, indoor activities and a wellness centre. The PEAK express, a zero-carbon transport network, will connect it to the National Park and wider region.

SWG3 Hotel, Glasgow, Scotland

Late 2026

SWG3 has revealed their plans to bring a 'hotel for music lovers' to the west end of Glasgow. The multi-purpose hotel will offer 142 bedrooms and be home to a couple of restaurants and bars, co-working spaces, leisure facilities and a rooftop terrace overlooking the city. Their aim is to deliver a hotel like no other that provides an inviting place for creative minds to feel at home.

Eden Project Morecambe, Lancashire, England

Late 2027/2028

A major new attraction expected to open in 2027/28 the Eden Project Morecambe will feature impressive biomes showcasing diverse plant species and innovative exhibits focused on environmental sustainability. The site will also boast beautiful outdoor gardens, offering peaceful spots for relaxation. With a mission to educate and inspire both tourists and the local community, the Eden Project Morecambe is positioned to become a key player in promoting ecological awareness in the region.

Reopening of Tate Liverpool, Liverpool, England

2027

After closing for extensive renovation work, Tate Liverpool will reopen in the city in 2027 – with a landmark programme that will showcase its world-class collection and £30m refurbishment.



Until then, the Tate has partnered with RIBA North, the Royal Institute of British Architects' national architecture centre, to host a series of exhibitions on Mann Island on Liverpool's waterfront. Tate Liverpool is the northern home of the national collection of British and international modern and contemporary art.

Camden Highline, London, England

2027

Camden is getting its very own “sky park”, which will run along a disused railway line between Camden and King's Cross. The north London Park will be split into three sections, starting at Camden Gardens with a staircase through a tree canopy, followed by an area of viewing platforms, communal tables, woodland areas, purpose-built habitats and an orchard of fruit trees. Planning approval has been granted: the project is currently raising funds, with the intention of opening in 2027.

British stadiums to host UEFA EURO 2028, Nationwide

2028

UK and Ireland will host the UEFA European Football Championship in 2028 – the third time that the Euros will be played in England, after 1996 and 2021. The matches will be held at London's Wembley Stadium, London's Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, Manchester's City of Manchester Stadium, Liverpool's Everton Stadium, Newcastle's St James' Park and Birmingham's Villa Park.

The Arc Bristol, Bristol, England

TBC

See the city and the iconic Clifton Suspension Bridge from 70m above the harbourside in a state-of-the-art, solar-powered glass viewing pod on an arc. Visitors will be gently lifted skyward in the elegant glass cabin during an immersive experience.

