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Cold, dark, damp and cheerless... January isn't most people's favourite month. But if you're lucky enough to be coming to the capital, we've got plenty of suggestions to warm up your winter and beat the post-Christmas blues. So come out from under that duvet and discover what London has to offer!

Happy New Year!

Annemarie

On behalf of the londonnights.com team

London Tips & Tricks



Spa-style pampering - on a shoestring

If your budget couldn't quite stretch to a spa break straight after the extravagances of Christmas, don't despair - you can still indulge in a little pampering. Dating from 1929, [Porchester Spa](#) in Bayswater is a

fabulous day spa where you can relax in beautiful Art Deco surroundings. Facilities include Russian steam rooms, Turkish hot rooms, a traditional Finnish log sauna and - for the brave - an ice-cold plunge pool. The spa is open every day from 10am to 10pm, with Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays reserved for women only and Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays just for men. Entry only costs around £20, or a bargain £28 per couple on Sundays, when the spa is open to both sexes.

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Hotel of the Month

A unique hotel with a boutique feel

Chic surroundings, friendly, helpful staff and great facilities: that's [Twenty Nevern Square](#). The hotel's 20 rooms are individually styled with a mix of European and Asian influences, and feature marble bathrooms and Egyptian cotton sheets alongside modern touches such as free wireless internet access, CD players and wide-screen digital TV. Hotel facilities include an iPod docking station, 24-hour concierge and licensed bar, and room service with no extra charge. A luxury buffet breakfast is served in



London Diary

Art

London Art Fair
17th-21st Jan

Aimed at established collectors and casual visitors alike, the fair displays a broad range of work

David Hockney Portraits
To 21st Jan



Theatre

Love Song

Booking until March
Neve Campbell stars in this offbeat romantic comedy

Much Ado About Nothing

To Jan 6th
Your last chance to see Tamsin Greig in her debut RSC production

Peter Pan



To Jan 14th
Panto starring The Fonz (a.k.a. Henry Winkler) alongside

Bobby Davro

The New Statesman
To Jan 27th

Café Twenty, the hotel's stylish restaurant, and full English and vegetarian breakfasts are also available. Conveniently located near to Earl's Court tube station, [Twenty Nevern Square](#) is an ideal choice if you're looking for a hotel with its own special character and style.

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London Inspirations

A tropical paradise

Imagine yourself wandering past exotic blooms, the warm, tropical air caressing your skin as thousands of beautiful butterflies in myriad hues flutter all around you. Sounds like a line from a holiday brochure? Well, it's not - it's the London Butterfly House at Syon Park, just outside London. Stepping into this magical place is like entering another world - the perfect antidote to a rainy January afternoon. It's educational, too: you can get right up close to the butterflies, and they'll even land on you! The Butterfly House is due to close when its lease expires at the end of October, so make sure you experience it while you still can.



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London's hilltop village

One of the most charming areas of London, Hampstead is bursting with history and character and offers plenty to see and do. We suggest you start by grabbing a crepe from the [Hampstead Creperie](#) stall in the High Street - a favourite with the locals (when you try one, you'll understand why they don't mind the queue). Stroll up the hill and admire the panoramic views from the famous [Heath](#), then pay a visit to [Keats' house](#), where the poet wrote 'Ode to a Nightingale'. Finally, head to one of the best pubs in London, the [Holly Bush](#). Built in 1643, this pub really comes into its own at this time of year, with an open fire, great food, real ale and plenty of cosy corners. You won't want to leave.



London Food

A reader's favourite

This month, it's over to you as we feature an Italian eatery recommended by a reader, Yasmin Tzioni. Yasmin says: "My partner and I found a fantastic little restaurant in the Regent's Park area... I just had to tell everyone about it. We wanted to go to somewhere cosy and romantic but at a reasonable price. We found a restaurant called Nelson's Wine Bar and Restaurant on Stanhope Street. The staff were really helpful and although the restaurant was busy our drinks and starters were served within 15 minutes of ordering. The service, the food and everything there was beautiful. I have been to many restaurants in London and have found most of the staff rude and rushed but in Nelson's, even though they were busy, the staff found time to talk to us. Just a tip: if you are going to go, have the tiramisu for dessert - it



Rik Mayall reprises his role as Alan B'stard

Music

[Carmen](#)
To 3rd Feb

Other Events

[London Boat Show](#)
5-14th Jan

[Russian Winter Festival](#)
13th Jan
A free family event taking place in Trafalgar Square

Weird & Wonderful London

Party on the platform

It's November 30th, 7.18pm, and you're walking through Paddington station. Suddenly, everyone around you starts dancing. Bewildered, you stop and stare, along with other bemused commuters, as hundreds of people bop away in silence to their iPods. So what's it all about? You've just witnessed mobile clubbing, where those in the know turn up at a set place and time and dance like crazy - just for the sheer joy of it!



The details are announced via the internet and spread by word of mouth, adding to the surprise factor, and previous venues have included Liverpool Street station and London Bridge. Crazy or creative? You decide!

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was incredible". Thanks for the suggestion, Yasmin!

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London Teaser

Think you know London? See if you can identify these famous museums and galleries!



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Win a Weekend in London!

Congratulations to last month's lucky competition winner, xxxxx. This month, we're giving you the chance to win a stay for you and a guest at the [Clarion Shaftesbury London Hyde Park Hotel!](#)



This elegant hotel is centrally located in Bayswater, with Queensway and Bayswater tube stations both just five minutes' walk away, giving easy access to the West End. Hyde Park and Notting Hill are nearby, and there are plenty of shops and restaurants in the neighbourhood.

The hotel's richly furnished drawing room and restored Theatre Bar provide an ideal place to relax before dinner or at the end of a busy day, and other on-site facilities include a fitness room and a restaurant. The newly refurbished rooms are comfortable and stylish and all have free high-speed internet access.

For your chance to win this great prize, just answer this question:

The Clarion Shaftesbury London Hyde Park Hotel is close to which two tube stations?

- A) Queen's Park and Bayswater B) Queensbury and Bayswater C) Queensway and Bayswater

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Over to You!

"Well laid out, informative and interesting". That was one reader's comment on our last newsletter (thank you, Michael Everitt!). But what did you think? We'd love to hear your opinions of Love London. This month, we also want to hear [what you like and dislike](#) about London - it could be something specific, like your favourite pub, or something more general, like the Tube at rush hour!



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