

Kids from 7 to 11 years old

IN LONDON

Step into Land of the Lions

Land of the Lions is here! ZSL London Zoo's newest and most breath-taking exhibit transports visitors from the heart of London to India's vibrant Sasan Gir, where they can get closer than ever before to mighty Asiatic lions.

Shrek's Adventure London

London's newest family attraction! Step into the kingdom of Far Far Away and enjoy a brand new madcap Shrek adventure where amazing DreamWorks animation, captivating story-telling and a good dose of Donkey's cheekiness awaits.

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BBC Tours

The tour is truly interactive, giving the chance to have a go at making some of their very own TV. Children could play their very own version of the CBBC show Copycats where two teams battle it out in a range of hilarious games, or take part in the new Gory Games Interactive area. As well as all the interactivity, the groups will take a peek into some of the BBC studios and enjoy an exclusive visit to a dressing-room or green room. There are a host of opportunities for photos so don't forget your camera! This interactive fun lasts for one and a half to two hours, and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Golden Hinde

Sample a taste of Tudor life on board The Golden Hinde, London's replica of Sir Francis Drake's warship offering visitors an unforgettable Living History Experience. The Golden Hinde is a full-sized reconstruction of the Tudor warship in which Sir Francis Drake circumnavigated the globe in 1577 – 1580.

Biscuit ceramic café, Greenwich

Biscuit is the most exciting place to create your personal masterpiece. Kids can choose from the available ceramic cups, plates, vases and paint colours, to create their own one-off designs. Biscuit is located in Greenwich town centre and it is a place to enjoy quality time with friends and family.

Kensington Palace

The newly-transformed Kensington Palace is now open following a two-year, £12million refurbishment. Explore the new gardens, shops, café and terrace as well as four redesigned visitor routes revealing both the secret and public lives of Kensington's inhabitants. Discover stories from Queen Victoria's life told in her own words in the new Victoria Revealed exhibition; master the games of royal court in the magnificent King's State Apartments; get a glimpse of a modern Princess in a small but special exhibition of some of Diana's dresses and uncover the secrets of a fragile dynasty in the beautiful Queen's State Apartments. A new lift makes the Palace accessible to all and, for the first time, kids under 16 go free.

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Marvel Super Heroes 4D at Madame Tussaud's auditorium

Enjoy a heroic new experience this summer as Marvel Super Heroes 4D arrives at the attraction. Some of Marvel's best loved Super Heroes will be brought to life in three floors of multisensory fun featuring a mix of interactive themed areas, startlingly realistic wax figures and an ALL NEW Marvel Super Heroes 4D film adventure.

Science Museum

Bringing science to life, and life to science. Investigate science in hands-on galleries, discover famous objects and see amazing effects in IMAX 3D Cinema and motion simulator rides.

Natural History Museum

Marvel at the size of the blue whale, snoop on thousands of live leafcutter ants at work, check out the star attractions, the giant prehistoric dinosaurs or the teeny creepy-crawlies and have fun in the earthquake room.

Ripley's Believe it Or Not

Marvel at over 800 weird and unusual artefacts in over twenty themed galleries spanning four floors.

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Fastest, longest, highest... Discover amazing animal records – Natural History Museum

Compare the feats of some past Olympic medallists with extraordinary records from the animal world. When it's animal versus athlete... who wins, Usain Bolt or the African Cheetah, Mo Farah or the American antelope ?

ONE HOUR AWAY

Raceway Karting at Docklands

A 450 meter track with 140cc karts, reaching a top speed of 20 mph for beginners.

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Horniman Museum and Gardens

Open since Victorian times, when Frederick John Horniman first opened his house and extraordinary collection of objects to visitors. Since then, the collection has grown tenfold and includes internationally important collections of anthropology and musical instruments, as well as an acclaimed aquarium and natural history collection. Unusually for such an important museum, you can see the collection up-close and face-to-face. You can even pick up, try on and play with some of the objects.

A DAY TRIP

Diggerland, Kent

For the best day out ever! An adventure park where children and adults can drive real diggers, go-karts, rides and so much more.

Bisley Shooting Ground

Bisley Shooting Ground will be holding their next Young Shot Day during the Christmas holidays on Thursday 3rd January 2013. This is a really fun day out for 10-16 year olds and includes bacon rolls, tuition, cartridges, drinks and snacks all for only £70. The Young Shots day at Bisley Shooting Ground is a morning of Clay Pigeon shooting for 10 – 16 years olds. Also included, is the chance to have a few shots on the Black Powder, a historic form of shooting. Whether you are an experienced shot or a complete novice, a team of dedicated Professional Instructors will teach you the importance of gun safety and ensure you have a morning of exhilarating fun.

RESTAURANTS

William's Bar and Bistro

The menu is perfect for light lunches, pre theatre or supper. Enjoy traditional English Afternoon Tea or a mouth-watering burger or delicious tagliatelle.

Sticky Fingers

Bill Wyman's restaurant was described by one American critic as 'the San Lorenzo of burger restaurants, plus great Rolling Stones memorabilia to match.

All Star Lanes

Bowling, Music and Dancing combined for small and big kids alike.

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The Hunterian Museum

For the budding biologists and doctors out there, over the last two-hundred years, the Hunterian Museum at the Royal College of Surgeons has boasted renowned collections of stunning human anatomy and pathology including the 7ft,7inch skeleton of “The Irish Giant” Charles Byrne as well as natural history and works of art.

Bank of England Museum, City

The Museum is housed within the Bank of England itself, right at the heart of the City of London. It traces the history of the Bank from its foundation by Royal Charter in 1694 to its role today as the nation's central bank. There are gold bars dating from ancient times, to the modern market bar (you can actually handle a real gold bar), coins and a unique collection of bank notes, as well as many other items you might not expect to find - such as the pikes and muskets once used to defend the Bank. On display are documents relating to famous customers such as the Duchess of Marlborough, George Washington and Horatio Nelson.

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Mudchute Park

Mudchute's 32 acres offer a great green escape in the city. It is home to 200 animals, stables, allotments, education projects and the homely Mudchute Kitchen café.

A Magical Toy Shop Party at Hamley's

Have you ever dreamt of having a whole toy shop to yourself? Hamley's can open especially for your kid's party on a Sunday morning for a couple of hours before they let anyone else in. No two adventurers are the same, so they'll work with you to create the party of your dreams. And of course there'll be party food, birthday cake and a goody bag for everyone.

Victoria & Albert Museum

The V&A's collections span 2,000 years of art in virtually every medium, from many parts of the world. Visitors have the opportunity to reflect on some of these treasures, their history and the people who inhabited them.

Portobello Markets

Portobello market is a vibrant interesting London market, selling a wide variety of things. Portobello is a great place to browse for antique and beautiful jewellery; there are loads of cheap and second-hand clothes, with handmade designer garments and lots of vintage denim and leather on offer.

Camden Town

There are 6 markets in Camden, but the famous Camden Lock and Stables Markets take centre stage. Everything from handmade jewellery and boutique fashion to sculpture and furniture imported direct from Africa, there is something for all tastes.

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Shakespeares Globe Exhibition and Tour

Open all year round, the Globe Exhibition & Tour gives you an opportunity to learn more about this unique building and its' most famous playwright, William Shakespeare. Based under the Globe Theatre, our engaging and informative Exhibition explores the life of Shakespeare, the London where he lived, and the theatre for which he wrote. Imagine the Globe as it would have been: the centre of what was once London's most notorious entertainment district, surrounded by raucous taverns and bawdy-houses.

All Star Lanes

All Star Lanes is a great place for the whole family and very experienced in keeping your young ones entertained! They offer reduced rates on bowling for under 12s and have a range of facilities to accommodate kids including extra light bowling balls, Bowling ramps, Bowling bumpers

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London waterbus canal trip

Cruise along the historic Regents Canal as it slips quietly along the green and leafy fringes of Regents Park. Trips from Brownings Pool at Little Venice, where the island is surrounded by the elegant graciousness of regency architecture, through the damp dark mysteriousness of the Maida Hill tunnel, to the lively bustle of Camden Lock, the famous market for everything from craftshops and clothing to the interesting and unusual. Trips are on traditional canal narrow boats, three with historic Ship certificates, and all with weather protection and large opening windows for sunny days.

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Bay Sixty 6

A fantastic skateboards and BMX park in Ladbroke Grove. Bring your board and make like Tony Hawk.

A DAY TRIP:

Brooklands & Mercedes Benz World

For a real on or off road driving experience in a Mercedes A Class, 4x4 and bigger for kids over 1.5 meters or 4ft 11ins tall.

Thorpe Park

You'll find loads of rides created just for the kids, as well as features to make your family day out at Thorpe Park even easier.

Chessington World of Adventures

There's nothing like a sense of wild adventure to really make you want to dig deeper and discover more. And at Chessington World of Adventures, you can let your intrepid explorers loose on the wildest lessons of their lives! Go on a journey of exotic exploration together and unearth the secrets of far-flung lands and the untamed inhabitants that lie within...

Dickens World

Dickens World has an assortment of attractions to keep the whole family entertained; jump on board the Great Expectations Boat Ride for splashing good fun, take a trip back in time to a Victorian School complete with nasty schoolmaster or get spooked in The Haunted House of 1859. Visitors will get the chance to come face to face with some of Dickens' literary characters in their magnificent rendition of a Victorian town courtyard! After all the excitement in the Dickensian courtyard, visitors can take a rest in the 4D cinema show at Peggotty's Boathouse or at the animatronic show in the Britannia Theatre - sit back and enjoy the story of Dickens' life and his literary works...

RESTAURANTS:

Seven Park Place

William's dishes are modern-French in style but are made up of primarily British ingredients. He is passionate about using the best seasonal ingredients from specialist suppliers and will create a special Seven Park Place Signature Dish.

Electric Brasserie

The Electric Brasserie is always full of interesting customers and its menu caters for most eventualities. Try the small plates of Crispy Squid with aioli or smoked haddock fishcakes, or the daily changing special or one of the specially prepared sandwiches.

THEATRE SHOWS:

Wicked

Wicked tells the story of an unlikely but profound friendship between two girls who meet as sorcery students. Their extraordinary adventures in Oz will ultimately see them fulfill their destinies as Glinda The Good and the Wicked Witch of the West.

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