



## Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London



***Please look at the organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements***

### **Winter Wonderland – Hyde Park**

Hyde Park, London W2 2UH  
Until 6<sup>th</sup> January – closed on Christmas Day  
FREE to enter. Additional attractions at a cost  
[www.hydeparkwinterwonderland.com](http://www.hydeparkwinterwonderland.com)

Christmas family fun aplenty with a huge ice rink, two circuses, an observation wheel and the Magical Ice Kingdom, plus themed bars for the grown-ups. The Grinch would have a real job stealing all the Christmas from Hyde Park's huge tribute to festive fun. The annual favourite is back for its thirteenth year in 2019. Entry to Winter Wonderland is free, and you can head along for cheerily-lit fairground rides, a child-friendly Santa Land (including Santa's grotto) and quaint Christmas markets.

### **South Bank Centre Winter Festival**

South Bank Centre, Bevedere Road, SE1  
Nearest station: Waterloo

[www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk). Until 26<sup>th</sup> January

Some events are free – some are ticketed at a cost – check the website.

Fun-filled family shows, festive goodies at our markets and pop-ups, twinkling lights, dazzling comedy and cabaret – with more seasonal delights than you can shake a stocking at, Southbank Centre in winter is truly magical. Enter a world of dazzling art with Hayward Gallery's major retrospective exhibition devoted to the work of celebrated British artist Bridget Riley. Experience the thrills and daredevil entertainment of a turn-of-the-century circus at *Circus 1903*, returning with new acts for 2019 including the Brazilian Wheel of Death. Saddle up for our five-star retelling of *Black Beauty*. Blending storytelling, music and puppetry, it's a must for fans of the book, lovers of the classic TV show and those brand new to the tale. Plus, sensory play installation and family favourite *Soundpit*.

### **Natural History Museum – Investigate!**

Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 9BD nearest station: High Street Kensington [www.nhm.ac.uk](http://www.nhm.ac.uk)  
1030 am – 5pm Weekends and school holidays **FREE**

Designed especially for families with children aged 7+, Investigate has over 300 specimens to explore and spark your curiosity. You'll discover remarkable objects ranging from trays of fossils and beetles to larger bones, skins, minerals and much more. Everything in Investigate can be held or touched, so pick an object to study and unleash your inner scientist. Examine it under a microscope or compare it with others objects, browse the dedicated library or chat with one of our friendly science educators, who are always on hand to support your investigation. Scientists make predictions about the natural world based on their observations. In Investigate, children are encouraged to think, explore and ask questions like a scientist. With so much to discover, there's something to inspire every young scientist. At the same time – see the magical ice-skating rink outside the museum!

## **Greenwich Christmas Market and Santa Grotto**

Greenwich Town Centre, SE10 9HZ [www.greenwichmarket.com](http://www.greenwichmarket.com).

London's only market set within a World Heritage site is open 7 days a week and is stuffed full of the kinds of distinctive gifts friends and family love to discover under the tree and modern. Expect Christmas carol singing, Father Christmas in his Greenwich Grotto and characters from the Greenwich Playhouse panto. Santa's Grotto is open on: Thursday 19, Friday 20 & Saturday 21 - 11am –5pm; Sunday 22 – 10am – 4pm; Monday 23 – 10am - 5pm; Christmas Eve 10am–3pm. The Greenwich Market Grotto will be fundraising for the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice. Tickets to see Father Christmas cost £5. The Grotto is located at 9 Greenwich Market.

## **Christmas Family Fun Day – Croydon FC versus Forest Hill Park football**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Croydon Sports Arena, Albert Road, South Norwood, SE25 4QL [www.croydonfc.com](http://www.croydonfc.com) Entry from 1230, kick off 3pm Adults £5, concessions £2.50, children FREE

## **Brockwell Park – New Year's Day Wildflower Hunt**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 11am – 1pm

**FREE** No Booking required.

Meet at the clock tower in Brockwell Park for a plant hunting walk to see how many wildflowers can be recorded at this time of year. Run jointly with the Friends of Brockwell Park. Part of the Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland's New Year Plant Hunt.

## **Tiny Dancers Family Rave – Tooting – New Year's Eve**

Tuesday 31 December 2 – 4pm

Tooting Tram and Social, 46 – 48 Mitcham Road, SW17 9NA. Nearest station Tooting Broadway [www.tootingtramandsocial.co.uk](http://www.tootingtramandsocial.co.uk). Tickets: £6.00 on website – under 12 months free but require a ticket.

Join Tiny Dancers Family Rave on New Year Eve this year and see in 2020 at Tooting Tram and Social with your family and friends! With nostalgic house tunes from resident DJ JOY ALARM we will countdown to the New Year every 30 minutes with confetti cannons to celebrate the start of 2020! And then it's back into the tunes to rave in the New Year too! Rave your way into the New Year with Tiny Dancers Family Rave! All ravers get free mini party poppers on the way in to help celebrate the New Year. There's free crafts and stickers, balloons, inflatables, confetti cannons, bubble machines, colouring in wall murals, buggy park, visual projections, carefully monitored sound and light levels.

This promises to be a very popular event with last year's rave selling out in advance so grab your tickets early for this event. Parents remain responsible for their children at all times. For families with younger children (8s and under) though all ages are welcome. Music is played at a safe volume for everyone and monitored throughout event. Adults are not admitted unless accompanied by a child.

Each member of your group must have a ticket and pre-walking infants free (but ticketed).