



Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London



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

Family Tours at Tate Modern

Tate Modern, Bankside, London, SE1 9TG

16 February at 11.00-11.30, 21 February at 11.00-11.30

Each tour is different and unpacks 2-3 artworks through a multisensory experience. They can include responses to textures, shapes, colours and sounds which are expressed verbally and non-verbally. Guides often use hand gestures and activities to explain ideas and encourage children to ask questions and to be curious. Tours are suitable for children aged 5-11 years old and last around 30 minutes. It is advised to call the ticket desk on the morning of your visit to confirm which tours are going ahead.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/tate-modern-family-tours>

Octonauts Trail at Horniman Museum - **FREE**

Horniman Museum, 100 London Road, Forest Hill, SE23 3PQ

13 February - 1 November 2026 - 10am - 5.30pm

Join the Octonauts crew on mini-missions throughout the Museum and discover some fun Octofacts along the way. Then head outside to the Sound Garden for a bonus adventure. The Octonauts crew need your help on some mini-missions throughout the Museum. As an Octocadet you will search for shells, mimic musical instruments and design your own underwater vehicle. Along the way you will also discover some fun Octofacts, before collecting a 'mission complete' sticker from HQ. Then head outside to the Sound Garden for a bonus adventure. Octocadets, let's do this!

Pick up a free Octonauts: Adventure at the Horniman trail from the Ticket Desk.

<https://www.horniman.ac.uk/event/octonauts-adventure-at-the-horniman/>

020 8699 1872, enquiry@horniman.ac.uk

'Voyage to the Deep - Underwater Adventures' - Horniman Museum

100 London Road, Forest Hill, SE23 3PQ

13 February - 1 November 2026 - 10am - 5.30pm

Adults £9.80, Children £7.00, children under 3 free.

Discover the wonders below the waves in 'Voyage to the Deep - Underwater Adventures'. Inspired by Jules Verne's '20,000 Leagues Under the Seas', board the legendary 'Nautilus' submarine and embark on an extraordinary underwater adventure. Explore uncharted waters, encounter fantastic sea creatures, and discover hidden wonders of life beneath the waves. There's even Captain Nemo's Bubbly Pipe Organ to play and a galley filled with strange and unusual foods. On display for the first time in Europe, this interactive adventure features larger-than-life environments and hands-on activities perfect for aspiring aquanauts of all ages. What will you discover?

- Command the 'Nautilus' submarine - Take the helm, scan the ocean through the periscope, and learn how submarines navigate vast bodies of water.
- Uncover hidden mysteries - Crawl through shipwrecks, decode ancient secrets in Atlantis, and weave through towering kelp forests.
- Meet the creatures of the deep - Come face-to-face with a giant squid and spot camouflaged reef creatures as you explore vibrant underwater worlds.
- Dive into interactive challenges - Collect deep-sea specimens, test your skills as a submariner, and see if you have what it takes to explore the unknown.

[Voyage to the Deep - Underwater Adventures - Horniman Museum and Gardens](#)

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Science Museum - FREE

Exhibition Road, South Kensington, SW7 2DD

Open daily 10am – 6pm (except for 24 – 26 December)

Choose your adventure this winter and discover a universe of unforgettable experiences.

Try out film production roles on a Marvel filmset, a free interactive gallery, including ‘Operating a robotic arm and try your hand at welding a rollercoaster track’.

Pop along to one of 10 free volunteer tour, including ‘Space Gallery Tour’ ‘Women in Science Tour’ ‘Flight Gallery Tour’ and ‘Information Age Gallery Tour’.

Walk among out-of-this-world objects in their free spectacular new Space Gallery, discovering inspiring stories of human achievement in space travel, and see significant space objects from a new perspective.

<https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/see-and-do/technicians-david-sainsbury-gallery>

<https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/free-volunteer-tours>

<https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/see-and-do/space>

Make your own zine - FREE

London Museum Docklands - No 1 Warehouse, West India Quay, E14 4AL

Sunday 15th February 2026, 2pm – 4pm

Pick your passion and create your own personal queer fanzine inspired by the east London's LGBTQ+ community and activism. Get involved in this craft activity to create your own zine.

Set down your proud thoughts, feelings and ideas for all to see.

This is a drop-in activity and you can arrive at any time throughout the duration of the event.

Duration: 120 mins, **Accessibility:** Wheelchair access,

Part of a series: [LGBTQ+ History Month](#) [Zine Making](#)

Architecture Explorers: Family Trail - FREE - no ticket required

Southbank Centre, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall

Friday 13th February – Friday 20th February 2026, 10am – 4pm

Closed Monday 16th February 2026

What will you discover or create on their amazing, interactive family activity trail?

Grab a map and find out! Follow a guided, interactive journey around the Southbank Centre, inviting you to take in the unusual architecture and hidden details of their site, in a trail that celebrates their 75th birthday. Explore together as a family – the trail is designed to be followed by children, with a little help from their grown-ups! Trail maps are available on site, at the start point. This year's trail is co-designed by families and MATT+FIONA, an award-winning social enterprise that asks young people how their built environment might be improved.

[Architecture Explorers: Family Trail | Southbank Centre](#)

Brixton Chamber Orchestra presents Pitch Perfect - FREE

3G Football pitch at Brixton Recreation Centre

Friday 13th February 2026

BCO and Lambeth Youth symphony Orchestra in association with Lambeth Music Service

Present this concert featuring 35 young musicians alongside their orchestra players.

Side-by-Side is an annual programme primarily for children in Years 9-13 who play Orchestral instruments at an intermediate level. Tickets for the concert are free and on a first come basis. Do not miss this unique opportunity to support and witness the next generation of incredible musical talents that surround us in our community.

Thanks go to the Kerslake Robshaw Foundation for their support with this project.

[Off Side by Side | Brixton Chamber Orchestra](#)

[Brixton Chamber Orchestra - Off Side by Side! at Brixton Recreation Centre event tickets from TicketSource](#)

South London Jazz Orchestra

Longfield Hall

50 Knatchbull Road, London SE5 9QY Sunday

Sunday 15th February 2026, 7pm, doors open from 6:45pm

Tickets £8, concessions £6 – Students, Under 18s, SLJO Members, Local Residents (anyone with a SW9 or SE5 postcode). Locally based community ensemble invites you to their first gig of 2026, offering up a variety of Big Band jazz from different eras.

[South London Jazz Orchestra at Longfield Hall Tickets, Sun, Feb 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Registration NOW OPEN – Easter Holidays – Routes - FREE

Omnibus Theatre – 1 Clapham Common Northside, SW4 0QW

WEEK 1: Monday 30th March – Friday 3rd April 2026

WEEK 2: Monday 6th April – Friday 10th April 2026

Routes is Omnibus Theatre's flagship participation programme, aimed at children aged 7-11 who qualify for Pupil Premium/benefits-related Free School Meals, or who are otherwise identified by our partners as being a likely beneficiary of the club. Alongside receiving breakfast, lunch and healthy snacks, young people work together under the guidance of our facilitators to create a play from their own imaginations which they perform for friends and family at the end of the week in our theatre.

Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The sign-up link is:-

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=VXZhlFBr2Ei5cGEk2ELFJaOnxFS4xMtHlonw-usx6MFUNUY4NE5BUUNERk5aVVk1UzdOOlpNSVpIQS4u&route=shorturl>

0207 622 4105 omnibus-clapham.org learningandparticipation@omnibus-clapham.org

London Docklands Museum – Series – FREE
London Museum Docklands - No 1 Warehouse, West India Quay, E14 4AL

Dig into the past this February half term with a week of hands-on history. Shape your own clay Roman pot, craft shiny Viking brooches and dive into captivating tales from the past in these fun, free family events exploring what mudlarking has taught us about our history.

Viking brooch-making

16th – 18th February – Activity

Create a shiny Viking brooch to treasure in this drop-in paper-craft activity

Vikings brought destruction to Britain, but they also brought their unique designs here too.

Fashion your own Viking-inspired treasure based on our collection and wear it as you explore the treasures of the museum!

[Viking brooch-making | London Museum](#)

Complete the clues craft activity

16th & 17th February – Courses & Workshops

Piece together clues like a real archaeologist!

Work with a mudlark and illustrator to uncover what pieces of pottery may have looked like when they were whole. Then use your art to make an artefact to take home with you in this craft workshop.

[Complete the clues craft activity | London Museum](#)

Decorate a biscuit shield

17th * 19th February – Activity

Transform a vegan biscuit into a Viking shield!

Who says history can't be sweet? Use icing and decorations to transform a digestive into a mini Viking shield. Be inspired by the mudlarked shields in our Secrets of the Thames exhibition or get creative and design your own.

[Decorate a biscuit shield | London Museum](#)

How to be a mudlark with Billy and Charley

17th – 20th February – Performance

Uncover stories from history with mudlarks Billy and Charley.

Join Hideout Theatre in this interactive storytelling performance. Help mudlarks Billy and Charley as they find treasures in the Thames and work together to discover the stories behind these historical objects.

[How to be a mudlark with Billy and Charley | London Museum](#)

Patterns from the past digital activity

18 & 19th February – Activity

Notice patterns in artefacts and then create your own digital pattern in this drop-in activity.

Be inspired by patterns from the past in this digital workshop. Spot the patterns on mudlarked objects and then create your own designs on an iPad. What will you create? Resources and iPads will be provided by us, so just bring yourself and some creativity.

[Patterns from the past digital activity | London Museum](#)

Make a Roman clay pot
18th & 20th February – Activity

Craft your own clay pot inspired by the Romans.

Get your hands mucky in this art workshop. Mould your own clay pots inspired by artefacts uncovered in the River Thames, then use tools to etch into your creation.

[Make a Roman clay pot | London Museum](#)

Buried treasure sensory installation

19th February – Activity

Dive beneath the Thames in this sensory, free drop-in installation by Groundswell Arts.

Use light boxes, projections and sensory materials to explore the sights, shapes and shadows of the river and discover what history might be hiding underneath the water in this specially developed installation for under-5s.

[Buried treasure sensory installation | London Museum](#)

All activities are free, but some require booking tickets in advance – check individual listings for details.

<https://www.londonmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/february-half-term/>

Clapham Library – SIM cards giveaway - **FREE**

Mary Seacole Centre – 91 Clapham High Street, SW4 7DB

Thursdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm

Good Things Foundation are giving away SIM cards via Lambeth Clapham library for adults (over 18)

Who need smartphone access or to be able to text for jobseeking etc

- Collect SIM cards from Clapham Library
- Helping to overcome the digital divide for over-18s on low income
- First come first served

Contact name: Liz Buchanan, **Contact job title:** town / Neighbourhood Library Manager

Contact phone: [020 7925 0717](tel:02079250717), **Enquiries email:** ClaphamLibrary@lambeth.gov.uk

Visit <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/events> for more information about other events at Lambeth Libraries.

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