

## **Winter on Glorious South Bank**

With its twinkling tree lights, unrivalled views and relaxed atmosphere, South Bank is London's coolest winter destination. Spend time with friends and family and soak up South Bank's special sprinkle of festive spirit with world-class shows, one-of-a-kind experiences, seasonal exhibitions and festive foodie treats. For further information on magical South Bank this winter, visit [www.southbanklondon.com](http://www.southbanklondon.com).

### **// WORLD CLASS SHOWS**

Experience a joyous, dream-like world with **Slava's Snowshow** at **Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall** (17 Dec 2012 – 7 Jan 2013) which will touch both your heart and funny bone, culminating in a breathtaking blizzard leaving you knee-deep in snow! For a sense of Broadway, award-winning director, Trevor Nunn returns to **The Old Vic** to direct the Tony award-winning, Broadway classic, **Kiss Me, Kate**. (20 Nov 2012 – 02 March 2013). For new and creative drama, visit the **Young Vic** this winter to catch one of four performances: **Blackta** (26 Oct – 17 Nov), **The Changeling** (20 Nov – 15 Dec), **Going Dark** (4 – 22 Dec) and **The Shawl** (5 – 15 Dec).

### **// ONE OF A KIND EXPERIENCES**

Take in London's spectacular Christmas lights from 135 metres above the city by booking a **Champagne Experience** on the **EDF Energy London Eye**. For a sightseeing closer to the ground, hop on board a **London Duck Tour** and see the sights of London from an amphibious vehicle used in the D-Day landings, or join a **50's Rock n Roll Cruise** on board the **London Eye Barracuda** (17 Nov). To explore under the water, meet the creatures and the experts with a **SEA LIFE London Aquarium behind the scenes tour**. If you are looking for drama, **The Old Vic Tunnels**, MGM HD and Time Out Live present **Nights of Noir**, where you can watch some of your favourite film noir and neo noir classics in the dark labyrinth of mystical tunnels underneath Waterloo Station (9 – 11 Nov).

**// SEASONAL EXHIBITIONS**

**BFI Southbank** will be celebrating the great British studio this winter, from classic comedy favourites to surprising rediscoveries in November and December. For a family friendly exhibition, visit **gallery@oxo** to see Roger Hooper's photographs highlighting his vision of **Art in the Wild** (7 Dec 2012 – 6 Jan 2013). To quench your thirst for knowledge visit **Florence Nightingale Museum** every Wednesday at 3pm for 'Miss Nightingale Said'; illustrated talks examining the incredible life and achievements of Florence Nightingale. Discover a less well-known side of Cecil Beaton at **IWM London's** exhibition **Cecil Beaton: Theatre of War** (6 Sept 2012 – 1 Jan 2013) which showcases Beaton's work as an official war photographer.

**// FESTIVE FOODIE TREATS**

Find festive foodie treats at the **Real Food Christmas Market** (14 – 16 Dec, 20 – 23 Dec) and for something specialist enjoy sumptuous delights at the **Christmas Chocolate Festival** (7 – 9 Dec) at Southbank Centre Square. For a glamorous French touch, join chanson singer Gabrielle Ducomble for an evening of traditional French song at alongside classic French cuisine at **Brasserie Joel, Park Plaza Westminster** (last Thursday of every month). OXO's signature **Not Afternoon Tea** is back this autumn with tasting dessert plates consisting of four mini desserts, each paired with matching cocktails. For a more traditional afternoon tea visit **The Library at London Marriott Hotel County Hall** with superb views across the Thames to Westminster.

If you're planning a trip to South Bank this winter, don't forget to download the new FREE **Riverside London mobile app** for iPhone and Android from **www.riversidelondonapp.com**. Find out about the latest events with easy-to-navigate listings plus over 150 shopping, eating and drinking options. Hold up your device and step into Riverside London for an eye-opening augmented reality experience. The handy app is essential for Londoners and visitors alike, featuring events from world-famous attractions by the Thames. If you're planning to travel across London, travel by river with **KPMG Thames Clippers River Roamer ticket** which allows passengers unlimited hop-on, hop-off travel for a day on the Thames.

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**About South Bank Marketing Group**

We are an association of key attractions, cultural venues, restaurants and hotels in the area committed to promoting South Bank as one of London's top destinations, including: BFI IMAX, BFI Southbank, Coin Street Community Builders, EDF Energy London Eye, Florence Nightingale Museum, IWM London, London Duck Tours, London Marriott Hotel County Hall, National Theatre, OXO Tower Restaurant, Bar & Brasserie, Park Plaza Westminster Bridge, Park Plaza County Hall, Park Plaza Riverbank, Plaza on the River Club & Residence, SEA LIFE London Aquarium, Southbank Centre, Thames Clippers, The Old Vic and Young Vic.

Our role is to:

- Provide destination leadership
- Maintain and grow South Bank's profile as one of the capital's top destinations
- Increase visitor dwell time and spend throughout the year
- Build strategic alliances which enhance the area's profile and its influence
- Influence local public realm schemes which impact on the visitor

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