

Your Weekend Agenda: 1-3 December

SAVE TO COLLECTIONS 

It's officially December, and winter has her icy talons firmly gripped around London. People are skating on the Thames and injecting mulled wine into their arteries. It's pretty scary. You might be tempted to stay in, but don't let your social life go cold - get involved with these seasonal activities, you'll be glad you dragged yourself out from under your blanket.

FRIDAY 1ST



LMFF - In God's Country

Pastoral Gay Romance

£10 •  STEPNEY GREEN

Jake Gyllenhaal and Heath Ledger (RIP) were faultless in Brokeback Mountain, and that tent scene will always have a special place in our hearts. We probably think about it more than we should, tbh. So it's about time another flawless duo came around and unseated Jakepoo and Heath as our favourite pastoral gay romance - God's Own Country is a raw, sensual story about a tumultuous affair in the Yorkshire Moors, and it's a scorcher.



Skate Lates

Late Night Carving

£19.35 •  TEMPLE

Pop on some blades and carve some shapes at Somerset House's Skate Lates, where their famed ice rink will stay open to the wee hours, soundtracked by the city's finest selectors. This week, Peckham-based purveyors of cool, Balamii will be providing the jams, taking polar punters on a journey through hip hop and house.



Good Block is 5 - Africaine 808, Habibi Funk, Jonny Rock, Nomad

Global Sounds • £11.30

£11.30 • OLD STREET

Good Block have been pumping out little-known global jams in dingy London basements since way before your favourite Dalston DJ was doing it. They're turning the ripe old age of five, and throwing it down the only way they know how - with a serious barn stormer, featuring Turkish party starter Jonny Rock and weirdo-disco don Nomad.

SATURDAY 2ND

#4 See some shapely art

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Carmen Herrera

Geometric Lyricism

FREE ENTRY •  EDGWARE ROAD

Carmen Herrera is one bad bitch. The 102-year-old (!!!) minimalist painter fought off endemic sexism at the beginning of her long career, rising to the big leagues alongside contemporaries Picasso and Matisse. She's showing no signs of slowing down with a new show at Lisson Gallery, displaying an entirely new body of work that stays true to her classic style of prismatic geometric shapes.

#5 Take the express train to Cheese Town



Cheesy Town

Cheesy Shindig

•  BRIXTON

You better brie-lieve that this cheesy jamboree is poppin' up in Brixton for a weekend of fromage-fuelled fun. Scoff down some dairy delights like Mac to the Future's mac 'n' cheese inside a baked camembert, Fancy Funkin Chicken's cheesy-topped chicken wings, and the Raclette Brothers' cheese-drenched patates. Slap some quality choons on top off all that coagulated milk and you've got gouda vibes all round.

#6 Step inside The Imaginarium





The Imaginarium

Arts Festival & Creative Space

•  BOROUGH

The latest venture from the devilish dream weavers Marbles and Ware, this immersive creative space is housed in an old factory, which provides the perfect backdrop for some festive magic. The Imaginarium offers workshops, gin masterclasses, life drawing, storytelling, talks, plays, and live jazz, all set against some pretty lavish set design.

SUNDAY 3RD

#7 Take a stately stroll





Osterley Park

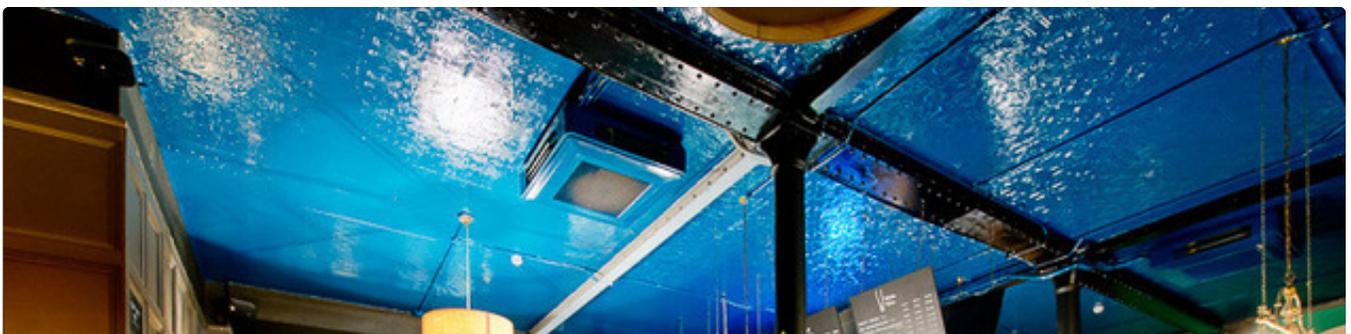
Georgian Estate and Gardens



Brave the chill on a seasonal stroll through Osterley House and Park, where you'll find a stately Georgian home set amongst an opulent green sprawl. The grounds feature 350 acres of manicured gardens, mystical wooded paths, and plenty of natural wonders to explore. When your cheeks are sufficiently pink, duck into the house and have a nose around. It's a beaut.



#8 Post up at the pub





The Antelope

Locals' Pub

££££ •  TOOTING BROADWAY

This sprawling pub in Tooting offers some serious snug vibes with not one, not two, but three open fires to warm your winter buns. The grub at this pub is famed amongst locals, and with good reason - their Sunday roast is amongst the best we've ever had. Those arm chairs should come with a warning... careful, you may get lost in them.



#9 Shuffle your feet to jazz beats



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Hypnotic Brass Ensemble



Hip Hop-Inspired Jazz • £25.30

£25.30 •  HAGGERSTON

These guys are some of our favourite cats to see live - their Hip Hop-inspired party Jazz translates to some pretty rowdy stompers. HBE is made up of seven mad talented brothers (seriously, what's in that gene pool?) from Chicago's South Side, and they've collaborated with the likes of Prince, Damon Albarn, Mos Def, and basically anyone who knows what's up. If you know what's up, you'll be at their gig this Sunday.

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