

Family-friendly days out in London



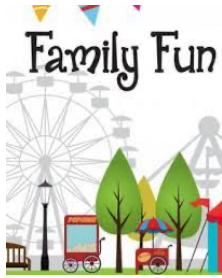
1. **Be amazed at the Natural History Museum:** Meet a roaring T-Rex and feel the ground shake on the earthquake simulator
2. **Step into the past at the Ragged School Museum:** See what life was like for the poor and destitute children of London's East End during the late 1800s.
3. **Enjoy seafaring tales at the National Maritime Museum:** Stoke the boiler of a steamship in the AHOY! Children's gallery.
4. **Spend hours at the British Museum:** Be wowed by the Rosetta Stone and Egyptian mummies.
5. **Time travel at the Museum of London:** Walk through the streets of Victorian London, head back to Roman times or explore the modern-day city.
6. **Get interactive at the Science Museum:** Spot space rockets and giant steam engines, and enjoy hands-on activities.
7. **Learn about London's trade at the Museum of London Docklands:** Step into Sailortown, a reconstruction of 19th-century London.
8. **Find quirky exhibits at the Wellcome Collection:** Discover Napoleon's toothbrush and Darwin's walking stick.
9. Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum <https://pism.org.uk/sikorski-museum/>

London for free

Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park © London Legacy Development Corporation

1. **Unwind in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park:** Splash about in the fountains and let them loose in the playgrounds.
2. **Play at the Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Playground:** Climb the wooden pirate ship or commandeer a teepee.
3. **Meet life-size dinosaurs in Crystal Palace Park:** You'll also find a children's farm, maze and playground.
4. **Enjoy an afternoon at Coram's Fields:** This park and playground has a small animal area, cafe and paddling pool.
5. **Cool off at Granary Square:** This traffic-free square in King's Cross has fountains where jets change colour and squirt in patterns.





Animal attractions in London

1. **Explore the Horniman Museum and Gardens:** Meet the gigantic overstuffed walrus and more weird and wonderful exhibits.
2. **Meet animals at Mudchute Farm and Park:** Feed the cows and more at London's largest urban park.
3. **Head to Vauxhall City Farm:** Marvel at the funky hairstyles of its three famous alpacas, Tom, Jerry and Ben.
4. **Say hi to the residents at Deen City Farm and Riding School:** Take home some farm produce after the little ones have played with the animals.
5. **Time your visit to St James's Park:** Watch the pelicans being fed every day at 2.30pm, while keeping your eyes peeled for water birds, owls, pelicans and bats too.
6. **Go pond dipping at Camley Street Natural Park:** You can also spot birds and butterflies at this King's Cross wildlife haven.

BOOK YOUR FREE SKY GARDEN VISIT

Access to the Sky Gardens is free of charge on weekdays 10.00am -6.00pm and weekends 11.00am – 9.00pm

Tickets are currently available to book up to three weeks in advance. Tickets are only valid for the date and time stated on the tickets and have a time limit of 1 hour from time of entry. Book on line:

<https://skygarden.london/booking/>

Visit Hamleys

We've put [Hamleys](#) in here because it's free to go in and browse but whether or not you will get away without spending any money in there is another matter. It is every little child's dream. A whopping seven floors jam-packed with the latest toy or your favourite classic toy.

There will no doubt be toy demonstrations going on, puppet shows, parades and for the older kids, a NERF blaster testing zone!

We spent a long time watching a radio-controlled helicopter and then obviously there were protests when we decided it was time to go without buying it. Warning: it's a bit of a sensory overload for kids but according to our boys, it is one of the best things to do in London with kids!

COST: FREE (although you might need a second mortgage to pay for the toys).

<https://www.londonxlondon.com/kyoto-garden/>

Can you believe that London's very own Japanese-inspired Kyoto Garden lies within Kensington's Holland Park?

As authentic as it gets without actually taking a trip to Japan, this park is a breath-taking space with a wonderful history to discover and is home to plenty of wildlife for you to spot when you visit.

Taking a few hours to explore this peaceful garden is a must-do for anyone looking to escape the busy London life, or just experience something a bit more unique in the capital. It's no wonder that this garden has gathered plenty of attention over recent years.

In Enfield

Forty Hall Forty Hill, London, EN2 9HA Country house with interactive activities, Farm entrance fee - adult's £2 children free of charge, children's adventure playground and acres of land to walk and hike.

Lea Valley Park You can cycle along the tow path from Hertfordshire right into London and there are camping sites availability at a number of sections of the park. There are also historical activities at Waltham Abbey. There are numerous picnic areas all along the river Lea.

Trent Park Cockfosters Road, Enfield, Barnet, EN4 0PS There is a wildlife reserve with a range of rescued animals, there are picnic areas, there is a large children's climbing frame and café. There are acres of land through which to hike and walk with ponds/lakes to explore.

Dugdale 39 London Road, Enfield, EN3 6DS Houses the Enfield Museum – providing a view into Enfield's past. Dugdale Centre also has an Art Gallery and a café.

Millfield House & Theatre Silver St, Edmonton, London, N18 1PJ Tel: 020 8807 6680 Boxoffice@enfield.gov.uk Millfield House & Theatre provides high quality and varied entertainment. The auditorium seat up to 362 & plays host to a rich annual programme of professional shows that include drama, dance, musicals, comedy, cabaret, variety, popular music & children's theatre. They also host productions by local amateur theatre companies & local dance schools.

Myddleton House Bulls Cross Enfield EN2 9HG Entry to the gardens is free plenty of space to picnic and relax. They are open all year round from 10:00 - 17:00 (or dusk if earlier)

Alexandra Park and Palace **Alexandra Park and Palace**, Wood Green, N22 7AY FREE Park and garden hangout with playgrounds, deer and a lake There are other activities on site at a cost such as ice skating and paddle boats