



Visit London What's New Travel Trade

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Welcome to the December Travel Trade newsletter. Keep up to date with all that's happening in London by reading the latest travel trade updates.

If you need any further information about the news below or have a specific enquiry please email trade@visitlondon.com or dial the travel trade helpline: +44 (0)20 7234 5821.



Visit London News

New European security regulations

The European Union has adopted new security rules that restrict the quantity of liquids, gels and pastes air passengers may carry through airport security search points in cabin bags. The new rules apply to all air travellers travelling from any EU airport, as well as those travelling from Switzerland, Norway and Iceland, regardless of their destination. The changes will be effective from November 6, 2006.

Liquids must be held in individual containers not exceeding 100ml (approximately 4 fl. oz). All liquid containers must be carried in a separate clear plastic, zip-top or re-sealable bag that does not exceed 20 cm x 20 cm (8 inches x 8 inches) or one litre capacity.

More information about disruptions at London's airports can be found at www.baa.com, www.london-luton.co.uk and www.londoncityairport.com.

Excursions 2007

Visit London will be attending Excursions 2007, the UK's premier one-day group travel show taking place at Saturday 13 January 2007 at Alexandra Palace, London. The show is free to enter so come to the Visit London stand to pick up your free Groups Guide to London. For further information contact [Louisa Jackley](mailto:Louisa.Jackley) on +44(0) 207 234 5821.

Partner Offers and News

New Year's Ice

Canary Wharf Ice Rink in Canada Square is open until **18 February 2007** and makes for a perfect outing for family or friends! Skating lessons are also available.

Times: Monday-Saturday: 10am-10.30pm, Sunday: 10am - 8pm

Venue: Canada Square Park

Ticket details: Prices range from £7 for children to £30 for a family ticket

Group sales: +44 (0)870 594 9494. Tickets can also be purchased from the Ice Rink Box Office in Canada Square Park

City Cruises launches its commentary system in Chinese

City Cruises plc has launched a multilingual commentary (RiverGuide) in Chinese. RiverGuide is a tailor-made Global Positioning System (GPS) multilingual commentary system which is available in six languages (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish & Japanese).

City Cruises offers an extensive range of sightseeing, entertainment and charter services in addition to operating the restaurant ship the R.S. Hispaniola.

For further information, please contact **David Steele** on **+44 (0)20 77 400 400** or email davids@citycruises.com

New Ballet Packages from Theatre Breaks Ltd

English National Ballet and Theatre Breaks Ltd have created **commissionable** packages for *The Nutcracker*, *Alice in Wonderland* and *Giselle* from **8 December** to **13 January** at the London Coliseum. For 3* overnight and 2-course meal packages from **£99** per person, call **+44 (0)1727 834422**.

Special lunch menu for Travel Trade

Moti Mahal, an elegant Indian restaurant located in the heart of Covent Garden would like to offer members of the travel trade a special lunch menu:

2 courses plus wine - £12.95

3 courses plus wine - £15.95

Offer is available Mon-Sat from 12noon to 3pm. For more information contact **Gillian Meyer** on **+44 (0)20 7240 9329**

English National Opera's Group Ticket Offers

15% off top four price bands for three toe-tapping shows when you book 10 or more tickets for either Gilbert & Sullivan's romantic comedy *The Gondoliers*, Bernstein's original 'New York, New York' musical *On the Town* or Wright & Forrest's Arabian fantasy, *Kismet* starring Michael Ball.

For more information visit www.eno.org or call **+44 (0)870 160 0990** for group information.

Exhibitions and Events

Visitlondon.com - What's On

The "What's On" section of the website will give you the latest information on what on in London. Make sure you keep up-to-date with what's happening at www.visitlondon.com/whats_on/

Somerset House

Over 200 striking photographs by Soviet Modernist photographer Max Penson are on view at the **Gilbert Collection** until **24 February 2007**. In the **Hermitage Rooms** from **17 May** to **30 September 2007**, *France in Russia: Empress Josephine's Malmaison Collection* will bring together masterpieces collected by Napoleon's wife at her sumptuous country retreat.

Temptation in Eden: Lucas Cranach's Adam and Eve in the **Courtauld Institute of Art Gallery** from **21 June** to **23 September 2007** explores the making and meaning of Cranach's masterpiece.

Opening times: 10.00 - 18.00 daily

Admission: Free. Admission fee applies to the Collections. Discounted rates for groups

Tours: Guided gallery tours and package programmes are available

Contact: Natasha Wallace +44 (0)20 7420 9410 or groups@somerset-house.org.uk

Champion of the Child - Janusz Korczak, Jewish Museum Camden, 6 December 2006 – 8 April 2007

This inspiring exhibition tells the extraordinary story of Janusz Korczak (1878-1942), a Polish-Jewish doctor, educator and children's author who devoted his life to establishing and defining the rights of the child. Drawing on objects, paintings, photographs and Korczak's own writings, the exhibition tracks his rise to status of Polish National hero and highlights his courage as director of a Jewish orphanage in the Warsaw Ghetto. Email:

admin@jewishmuseum.org.uk

Citizens and Kings: Portraits in the Age of Revolution 1760 – 1830, Royal Academy 3 Feb- 20 April 2007

Citizens and Kings: Portraits in the Age of Revolution will give an in-depth view, through sculpted and painted portraits, of an era characterised by sweeping political and social changes. www.royalacademy.org.uk/events/

Hogarth, Tate Britain, 7 Feb- 29 April

No other artist's work has come to define a period of British history as powerfully and enduringly as that of Hogarth. The exhibition incorporates the full range of Hogarth's work, highlighting his unique contribution to the development of modern British art.

www.tate.org.uk/britain/exhibitions/hogarth/default.shtm

Chinese New Year Celebrations, 18 Feb

This annual festival and parade, which takes place in Chinatown, Leicester Square, Charing Cross Road, Trafalgar Square and surrounding area will mark the arrival of the Year of the Pig.

Theatre and Entertainment

The Sound of Music

Now booking until 13 November 2007! The West End is alive with the Sound of Music. Andrew Lloyd Webber's

stage version of this classic musical has finally arrived. www.soundofmusiclondon.com

New Mary Poppins

Lisa O'Hare will star as Mary Poppins in Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's smash hit West End musical Mary Poppins at the Prince Edward Theatre from Monday 6 November. Her theatre work includes Acorn Antiques, Anything Goes and starring as Eliza Doolittle in the UK national tour of My Fair Lady. [More](#)

General Information

Changing the Guard

The ceremony will take place provisionally on even days in January 2007 (ie:2, 4, 6, 8).

Transport Disruptions

A list of planned station closures and track closures for the next six months is now available in PDF format. For this and further information on travel in London go to: www.tfl.gov.uk

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