

# Destination Olympia London

The best bits from our local area for you to explore and make the most of your visit...



# 6 Things you never knew about Olympia London

Handcrafted in 1886 Olympia London is more than an events space. It's where culture and heritage come together to create inspiring experiences for everyone who steps through our doors. But did you know our world famous venue has some hidden secrets...

The site of Olympia London was once a famous vineyard established in



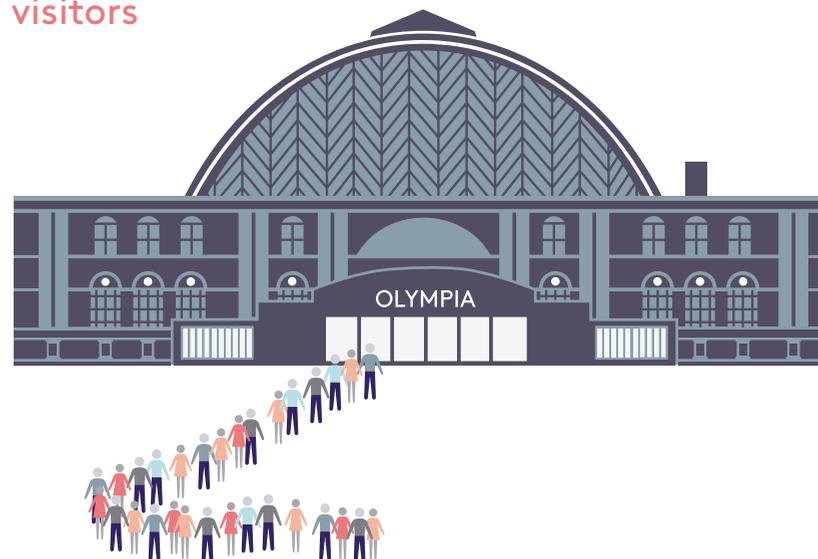
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In 2016, the venue welcomed

16,000 exhibitors

And over

1,700,000 visitors

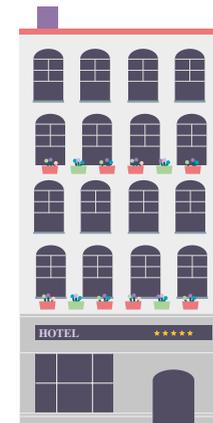


Olympia London opened its doors to the public on Boxing Day in

1886



All monarchs from Queen Victoria to Queen Elizabeth II have attended an event at Olympia London. In fact we also spotted Kate Middleton at Spirit of Summer.



There are 100

hotels within one mile,

&

235

within two miles of the venue

320,000

people live within a mile radius of Olympia London





## How to get to Olympia London:

Sitting at the heart of the UK's capital Olympia London is the best connected venue in the city. With 5 underground lines, 8 bus routes and a dedicated overground station next to the venue, your guests are free to explore the delights of London with ease.

*Did you know:*

*We are the only central London venue with our own dedicated rail station, Kensington (Olympia)*

From Kensington (Olympia) it takes 10 minutes to Clapham Junction and 2 minutes to Shepherd's Bush

There are 5 underground lines within walking distance including; District, Piccadilly, Central, Circle and Hammersmith and City lines

Our bus stops are served by 8 routes connecting you to Victoria, Oxford Circus, Paddington and Charing Cross

You can reach Heathrow Airport in 55 minutes and it's only 50 minutes to Gatwick Airport

The closest Crossrail station to Olympia London will be Bond Street; just 11 minutes away

Plan your journey:

[olympia.london/visiting/getting-here/public-transport](https://olympia.london/visiting/getting-here/public-transport)

See live departure times:

[travel.olympia.london](https://travel.olympia.london)

# Cultural attractions



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The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea is home to some of the leading arts, culture and education institutions in the world. Just five minutes' walk from each other you will find: the Victoria and Albert, Science and Natural History Museums, as well as the Royal Albert Hall surrounded by two Royal Parks, the two Royal Colleges of Art and Music and the Imperial College.

[Click here to view cultural attractions on the map](#)  
Looking for more places to explore? Check out Time Out's review of the local area: [www.timeout.com/london/explore-olympia-london](http://www.timeout.com/london/explore-olympia-london)

## V&A

The Victoria and Albert Museum, London, is the world's largest museum of decorative arts and design, housing a permanent collection of over 4.5 million objects.

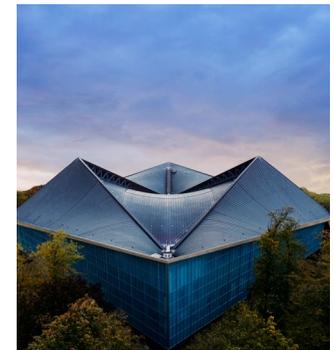
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## Design Museum

Just down the road from Olympia London is the world's leading museum devoted to contemporary design. Showcasing design in every form; from architecture and fashion to graphics, product and industrial displays, there is something to inspire everyone.

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## Royal Albert Hall

This iconic concert hall situated on the northern edge of South Kensington, has been the home of arts and culture since 1871. The beautiful structure is also a Grade I listed building admired by visitors for its stunning architecture and ornate designs.

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## Natural History Museum

One of the UK's most popular visitor attractions, see over 80 million specimens spanning billions of years from the natural world at this renowned scientific research institution.

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## Science Museum

Experience a world-class collection of scientific, technological and medical achievements from across the globe at London's Science Museum. Discover online exhibits, iconic objects and stories of incredible scientific discoveries.

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# Outdoor adventures

If you fancy a breath of fresh air why not take a short stroll to Holland Park or Brook Green and escape in these charming green spaces. Trying to catch a glimpse of the Royal Family? Head to Kensington Gardens with a picnic and tuck into a royal feast in the beautiful grounds of Kensington Palace.



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## Holland Park

The borough's largest park with 22.5 hectares of gardens, children's play facilities, sports areas, a cafeteria and large areas of woodland abundant with wildlife. Contained within the park is the beautiful Kyoto Garden; a Japanese garden donated by the Chamber of Commerce of Kyoto in 1991.



## Hyde Park

At 1.5 miles long and about a mile wide, Hyde Park is one of the largest of London's Royal Parks. The land was appropriated in 1536 from the monks of Westminster Abbey by Henry VIII for hunting deer and, despite opening to the public in the early 1600s, was only frequented by the upper echelons of society. London's oldest boating lake, The Serpentine, is at the bottom of Hyde Park.



## Brook Green

The eponymous park at the heart of Brook Green is a focal point for the community. The space is well loved by residents and families who often meet by the children's playground; kids can run around while their parents relax under the leafy trees.



## Kensington Gardens

At the end of the seventeenth century, William III relocated to Kensington Palace and consequently, a corner of Hyde Park (Kensington Gardens) was sectioned off to make grounds for the residence. Nowadays, Kensington Gardens is only delineated from Hyde Park by the line of the Serpentine and the Long Water.



# Fashion fiesta



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Whether you're after the latest designer handbag or a vintage pair of jeans the local area offers everything keen shoppers could ask for; just 2 minutes from the venue is Westfield Shopping Centre, the capital's ultimate shopping experience. High Street Kensington offers the perfect balance of affordable brands and stylish boutiques, or for something more unique, Portobello Road offers chic vintage and antique markets.



[Click here to view shopping spots on the map](#)

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## High Street Kensington

Best for young fashion (eastern end), bespoke travel agents and outdoor retail specialists (western end), boutiques in Kensington Church Street, and generally a calm and quiet place to shop the big High Street names.



## Portobello Road

Portobello Road was once famous for its antique market, but it's now so much more. On Saturdays the road goes into full selling mode and party swing – you name it, you can find it: crafts, fashions, music, books, collectables, specialist antiques and bric-a-brac. Navigate through haggling crowds and you'll also find plenty of international food stalls and chic cafes.



## Westfield

At a whopping 150,000 square metres the imposing Shepherd's Bush Westfield Shopping Centre has the honour of being London's largest shopping mall. Opened on 30th October 2008, this monster mall houses 265 high end shops and 50 restaurants, supplemented by a luxury spa and 14-screen cinema.



# A taste of the capital



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With over 17,000 restaurants in London, the capital is a haven for food fanatics. At the heart of the city, Olympia London is surrounded by the best of the best. From top Michelin restaurants to the trendiest street food pop-ups, traditional English pubs and delectable French patisseries there is so much to inspire your taste buds. So we've picked our favourites for breakfast, lunch & dinner...

 [Click here to view restaurants on the map](#)  
Visit our website [olympia.london/visiting/food-drink](http://olympia.london/visiting/food-drink) to discover more.

With delicious fresh pastries L'Elysée is the perfect place to start your day just outside the venue. Looking for something more substantial? Balans Soho Society do the best brunches in town.

Relaxed yet sophisticated, The Ivy Kensington Brasserie offers all day dining, perfect for client lunches. Absolutely delicious pub lunches are found in The Cumberland Arms.

Start with cocktails and amazing views over London's skyline at The Roof Gardens, who's restaurant Babylon, offers mouth-watering cuisine. Or why not head down the road to Knightsbridge for an Asian culinary masterpiece at Buddha-Bar.

## A la carte...

### Breakfast

Balans Soho Society ↓

L'Elysée ↓



### Lunch

The Ivy Kensington Brasserie ↓



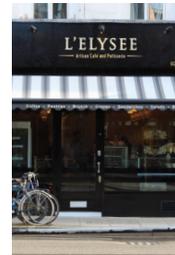
### Dinner

Buddha Bar ↓

Babylon ↓



Balans Soho Society



L'Elysée



The Ivy Kensington Brasserie



The Cumberland Arms



The Roof Gardens



The Buddha Bar

# The after party



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The hard work is done and you're ready to celebrate. Whether you're looking to host an exhibitor party or wanting to raise a glass with your team, we have some of the hottest celebrity hangouts as well as award-winning bars and pubs on our doorstep. So if you're after a pint in the local or an impressive champagne reception, there are plenty of places to let your hair down. With so many to choose from we took it upon ourselves to seek out the finest Olympia London has to offer (its a tough job but someone had to do it)...

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Explore the area further [olympia.london/visiting/local-area/guides/evening-entertainment](http://olympia.london/visiting/local-area/guides/evening-entertainment)

...Private parties with a difference  
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road  
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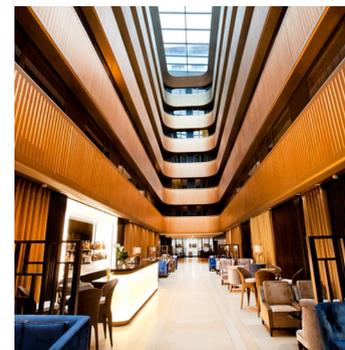


## Best for...

...Breath-taking views of the city's skyline (with token real-life Flamingos)  
The Roof Gardens, High Street Kensington  
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...Enjoying a glass of wine or two  
The Wine Rooms, Church Street  
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...Sipping exquisite cocktails and impressing clients  
Jin at The Dorsett Hotel  
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...Soaking up the sunshine in a traditional English beer garden  
The Queen's Head, Brook Green  
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...Happy hour cocktails and the All-American experience  
Dirty Bones, Kensington Church Street  
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# Rest your head

London's top five-star hotels - namely 45 Park Lane, Claridge's, Four Seasons Hotel London at Park Lane, The Dorchester, The Lanesborough, and The Savoy are all based in West London. And with over 30 four and five star hotels within walking distance from Olympia London, your guests will be spoiled for choice when looking for somewhere to relax after a busy day.



[Click here to view hotels & spas on the map](#)  
Take a look at our recommendations:  
[olympia.london/visiting/accommodation](#)



## The Boutique:

**Dorsett Shepherds Bush**  
Overlooking Shepherds Bush Common, this upscale, modern hotel in a former 1920s movie theatre is 3 minutes' walk from Shepherd's Bush Market tube station and 2 miles from Kensington Palace.



We couldn't pick a favourite so here is our hotel hotlist:



## The Spa:

**K West Hotel**  
With a modern glass facade, this chic hotel is 5 minutes' walk from Shepherd's Bush tube station and Westfield London shopping centre.



## The five-star:

**Royal Garden Hotel**  
This luxury hotel is known for its friendly service and great views. Located on the edge of Kensington Gardens with shops, restaurants and a tube station all within a 5-minute walk.



## The hidden gem:

**St Paul's Hotel**  
Just a short walk away, this stylish hotel which is steeped in history, offers unique rooms full with original character features. Interesting fact: this hidden gem was the location where Winston Churchill planned the D Day landings.



## The value for money:

**Hilton London Olympia**  
This contemporary hotel is a 2-minute walk from our venue, 2.9 miles from Buckingham Palace and 12 miles from Heathrow Airport.



We'd love to know if you've found any secret hideouts, hidden parks or lost treasures during your visit to Olympia London.

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