

Calendar of Events 2012



2012

January

From January The Alnwick Garden's 10th anniversary. Alnwick, Northumberland, England <http://www.alnwickgarden.com/>

21 Jan- 09 April David Hockney, Royal Academy of Arts <http://www.royalacademy.org.uk>

Until 29 January Alice in Wonderland, Tate Liverpool, England <http://www.tate.org.uk/liverpool/exhibitions/aliceinwonderland/default.shtm>

26 January-15 April The Hajj: journey to the heart of Islam, British Museum, London, England <http://www.britishmuseum.org>

February

Feb 1- May 12 Lucien Freud Portraits, National Portrait Gallery, London, England <http://npg.org.uk>

Until 5 February Leonardo Da Vinci: Painter at the Court of Milan, The National Gallery, London, England <http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk>

Feb 7 200th anniversary of birth of author Charles Dickens. Year-long programme of events in England. <http://www.dickens2012.org/index.html>

March

March (date and venue to be confirmed) International Confex, London (Industry Event) <http://www.international-confex.com/>

March (date to be confirmed) Best of Britain and Ireland (BoBI), Birmingham, England (Industry Event) <http://www.britainandirelandevent.co.uk>

March (date to be confirmed) British Tourism Week, (Industry Event) <http://britishtourismweek.com/>

March-August (date to be confirmed) British Designs 1948-2012, V&A, London, England <http://www.vam.ac.uk>

April

April (date to be confirmed) VisitScotland Expo, Scotland (Industry Event) <http://www.visitscotlandexpo.com/>

12 April 100th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic. Year-long programme of events. Liverpool, Belfast... <http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/titanic2012/>

23 April (for three months) World Shakespeare Festival (Main event hubs, London, Stratford-upon-Avon, Newcastle) <http://www.london2012.com/get-involved/cultural-olympiad/major-projects/world-shakespeare-festival.php>

May

24-27 May CI BMX World Championships, Birmingham, England <http://new.britishcycling.org.uk/bmx>

From 18 May (for 70 Days) The Olympic Torch Relay <http://www.london2012.com/games/ceremonies/index.php>

May (date to be confirmed) Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Chelsea Flower Show, London, England <http://www.rhs.org.uk/Shows-Events>

June

2-5 June Diamond Jubilee (London and rest of UK) http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/honours/diamondjubilee.aspx

8-10 June Curtis Cup, Nairn Golf Club, Scotland <http://www.lgu.org/championships/cc2012nairn/>

21 June – 9 September London 2012 Festival, London, England <http://www.london2012.com/get-involved/cultural-olympiad/festival-in-2012/index.php>

23 June- 8 July World Pride, London, England http://www.pridelondon.org/about-us/worldpride2012?file_loc=897

25 June – 8 July The All England Lawn Tennis Championships, London, England http://www.wimbledon.org/en_GB/index.html

July

July (date to be confirmed) British Formula1 Grand Prix, Silverstone, England <http://www.formula1.com/default.html>

1-28 July "Gold: Britain's Glorious Riches", Goldsmiths' Company, Goldsmiths' Hall, London, England <http://thegoldsmiths.co.uk>

19-22 July The British Open Championship, Royal Lytham & St Annes Golf Club, Lytham, England <http://www.royallytham.org/index2.html>

27 July-12 August London 2012 Olympic Games, London, England <http://www.london2012.com/>



August

6-12 August Piping Live 2012 (International Piping Festival) Glasgow, Scotland <http://www.pipinglive.co.uk/the-festival/>

11-18 August Cowes Week, Isle of Wight, England <http://www.cowesweek.co.uk/web/code/php/main.php?section=home>

16-20 August Celebrating Tolkien (Return of the Ring), Loughborough University, England <http://www.returnofthering.org/>

29 August – 9 September London 2012 Paralympic Games, London, England <http://www.london2012.com/games/paralympic/index.php>

August (date to be confirmed) Edinburgh International Festival, Edinburgh, Scotland www.eif.co.uk

September

September (date to be confirmed) Abergavenny Food and Drink Festival, Abergavenny, Wales <http://www.abergavennyfoodfestival.com>

1 September The Braemar Gathering, Braemar, Aberdeenshire, Scotland <http://www.braemargathering.org/index.html>

Through to mid September Proms 2012, Royal Albert Hall, London, England <http://www.royalalberthall.com/tickets/proms.aspx>

September (date to be confirmed) LAPADA Art and Antiques Fair, England, <http://www.lapada.org/index.pl?id=2144;isa=Category;op=show>

October

October (date to be confirmed) London Restaurant Festival, London, England <http://www.visitlondon.com/londonrestaurantfestival/>

November

November (date to be confirmed) World Travel Market, Excel London, England (Industry Event) <http://www.wtmlondon.com/>

November-December (date to be confirmed) Christmas at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, England <http://www.blenheimpalace.com/>

December

December Get into London Theatre. Booking opens for the January 2012 event in December 2010. <http://www.getintolondontheatre.co.uk/>

Other Highlights During 2012

- Transforming Tate Modern, London
- New Mary Rose Museum, Historic Dockyard, Portsmouth, England
- Completion of Chatsworth House Restoration, Derbyshire, England (Home of Duke and Duchess of Devonshire)
- Relaunch of Old Trafford Cricket Ground Manchester, England
- New Harry Potter Visitor Attraction, Warner Bros' Leavesden Film Studios, Herfordshire, England
- Completion of Abbotsford restoration project (home of Author Sir Walter Scott), Melrose, Scotland
- Completion of restoration of Cutty Sark, Greenwich, London
- 400th anniversary of the Cotswolds Olympick Games, Chipping Campden, England
- Cafe Royal, London to re-open as 160 bedroom luxury hotel
- 10th anniversary of the BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, England
- May-Oct 2012 The Queen: Sixty Portraits for Sixty Years, National Portrait Gallery, London
- New World-Class Giants Causeway Visitor Experience (World Heritage Site), Country Antrim, Northern Ireland, UK
- 'Palace for Everyone' - Transformation of Kensington Palace, London and re-presentation of the Crown Jewels, Tower of London (Historic Royal Palaces)
- (To be confirmed late 2012) - King Lear Directed by Sam Mendes, National Theatre, London
- Early 2012 Merlin Entertainments Group Regeneration of Blackpool Tower Complex
- (To be confirmed) Damien Hirst Retrospective, Tate Modern, Bankside, London