



LONDON CULTURE THINGS TO DO

15 GREAT THINGS TO DO THIS WEEKEND

Victoria Purcell on May 15, 2017

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1 Visit Fulham's new urban beach, **Neverland London**
Neverland London – a BYOB alfresco drinking and street-food dining experience with its very own white sandy beach – has just opened. With palm trees, pastel painted beach huts, deck chairs, swings and daybeds, the 20-metre Thameside beach is perfect for London's sun worshipers. Street food traders include Le Rac Shack, The Duck Truck, Taco Dave along with churros and ice cream. Create your own cocktails from the Unleaded Bar or have mixologists compose drinks via the 'Beach Butler' service. Beach huts can be booked for up to 8 people (£40) or a daybed for groups of 12-25, seated and standing (£60). Entry starts at £5 (basically the corkage fee), giving entry and access to any of the free seating from feasting tables to deckchairs. Limited tickets can be purchased on the door or jump the queue by pre-booking ticket on the Neverland London website. Opens Weds-Fri 6pm-11pm, Sat 12pm-11pm and Sun 12pm-9.30pm.

Albert Wharf, Fulham SW6 2TY; [neverlandlondon.com](#)

2 National Vegetarian Week 15-21 May

It's National Vegetarian Week and a fine time to be a veggie! Head for Rabbit on the King's Road, which is offering special vegetarian menu with the likes of Mushroom Marmite Eclairs with Confit Egg Yolk, as well as Broad Bean Hummus with Heritage Carrots and Ale Crisps, plus Grilled Asparagus served with Hens Egg and Toasted Almonds (£28 per person). Alternatively, Bluebird Chelsea has declared itself a Herbivore Hotspot with freshly foraged dishes including Bulgar wheat, confit peppers, olives and ratatouille; Jasper grilled seasonal vegetables, capers, raisin puree; and Pearl Barley, asparagus, kale & shitake mushrooms. Further south, Brother Marcus has created a veggie small plates menu with grilled aubergine with chilli, beetroot hummus and sesame seeds; halloumi with blood orange and pistachios; rye bread topped with goats curd, walnuts, dates and agave syrup, and field mushrooms, ricotta and thyme.

Rabbit Restaurant, 172 King's Road, Chelsea SW3 4UP; [rabbit-restaurant.com](#)Bluebird, 350 King's Road, Chelsea SW3 5UU; 020 7559 1000; [bluebird-restaurant.co.uk](#)Brother Marcus, 9 Chestnut Grove, Balham SW12 8JA; [brothermarcus.co.uk](#)

3 Sandwich Fest 20 May

As well as National Vegetarian Week, this week also celebrated the humble sandwich! And so naturally, London's first ever Sandwich Fest is launching this weekend. The inaugural Sandwich Fest will take place at SPACE Gallery Courtyard in Hackney, offering a variety of exclusive sandwiches from London's renowned street food vendors and restaurants, alongside craft beer, cocktails and live music. Sandwich aficionados such as Deeney's and Project Sandwich will be joined by cheese enthusiasts, Grill My Cheese, while Le Bao (voted best sandwich at The Street Food Awards 2016). Festival-goers are encouraged to try as many sandwiches as possible with at least three different taster-sized portions sold at each stall. Vendors will also be competing for 'Best Sandwich' at Sandwich Fest, voted for by festival-goers. Tickets for Sandwich Fest are £9 in advance, including one taster signature sandwich plus a beer or soft drink. Sessions run 12-4.30pm and 5pm-10pm.

SPACE Gallery Courtyard, Warburton Street, Hackney E8 3RH; [sandwichfest.co.uk](#)

4 Dulwich Festival 12-21 May

Featuring artists and performers from across the spectrum of the arts, music and theatre, Dulwich Festival returns for the 24th year with its best line-up yet. This year's event will explore the idea of 'home', a theme that runs through many events. Highlights include broadcaster and journalist Robin Lustig in conversation with BBC Deputy Political Editor John Pienaar at the Dulwich Picture Gallery on 17 May, acclaimed indie-folk quintet Patch & The Giant, performing at Belair House on 18 May, as well as the **Artists' Open House**, the Dulwich Festival **Food Trail** and the fabulously fun **festival fairs**.

[dulwichfestival.co.uk](#)

5 KERB 18-29 May

KERB returns to the Southbank for the third year running to transforming the space behind Royal Festival Hall into a rambunctious raft of spice and heat! As part of Southbank's Alchemy Festival, KERB does Alchemy sees 27 traders cooking up street food dishes from across India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka. Returning guest traders include Bun Kabab, Chaatit, The Indian's Next Door, Zouk, Curry Cookhouse, The Peckish Peacock, Gupta's, Ladle and Skillet and Ethiopian Coffee Co, accompanied by six brand new discoveries Rola Wala, Chaigaram, The Cheeky Indian, The Curry Shack Indian Street Kitchen and Khao Karachi. Open Mon-Weds 12noon-8pm, Thurs-Fri 12 noon-9pm, Sat 11am-9pm and Sun 11am-7pm (Bank Holiday Monday 12noon-7pm)

Royal Festival Hall, South Bank SE1 8XX; [kerbfood.com](#)