

# THE HANDBOOK

## 14 Spellbinding Christmas Pop-Ups To Visit This Month



EXPERIENCES & POP-UPS

By Lottie Woodrow | 1st December 2020

From festive bars to alpine-inspired chalets, winter igloos to cosy wonderland havens, here are all of the best Christmas pop-ups arriving in London this December.

*With London in Tier 2, these events could be cancelled at short notice so it's best to check on the direct websites and book ahead where possible.*

### Miracle at Henrietta

At long last, a Christmas miracle has arrived, swooping in to save 2020's big day from being far from exciting.

The festively famous pop-up bar phenomenon, Miracle, is arriving in London for the third time, at Henrietta Hotel, meaning us Londoners too can enjoy the overtly festive and kitsch atmosphere. This year, however, because the festive season has been disrupted by lockdown and the pandemic, they've launched The Extended Christmas Story by Miracle, meaning you can get your festive thrills right through until 20th January.



The Christmas pop-up will be bringing its famous cocktails, including the Bad Santa and SanTaRex. Plus a few new creations, including the Fruitcake Flip, made up of brandy, Jamaican Overproof rum, amaretto, fruitcake, cherry bitters and whole egg, and the Jolly Koala, made with gin, vermouth and pine-cardamon-sage cordial. Soak up every ounce of the festive season here.

RUNNING THROUGHOUT DECEMBER UNTIL 20TH JANUARY

**WHERE:** 14-15 HENRIETTA STREET, COVENT GARDEN, WC2E 8QG

**WEBSITE:** [WWW.HENRIETTAHOTEL.COM](http://WWW.HENRIETTAHOTEL.COM)



CHRIS WINTER / WEMBLEY PARK

## United in Light, Wembley Park

Those looking for the ultimate Insta-worthy spot should head down to Wembley Park and delight in its festivities. This year's theme is named United in Light and is home to the tallest LED Christmas tree ever built in London, which in itself is pretty impressive. Head down and see the 100,000 LED light display come to life and recreate this iconic photo from their light switch on.

**WHERE:** WEMBLEY PARK

**WEBSITE:** [WWW.WEMBLEYPARK.COM](http://WWW.WEMBLEYPARK.COM)





## Coq d'Argent

Bring in the festive season with a little help from Coq d'Argent and their winter pop-up, Lodge d'Argent. Created in partnership with Hennessy, you can book in for your own private chalet. Cosy up and settle in for a night of fine cocktails and alpine inspired sharing dishes, including a Whole Baked Mont d'Or Cheese and croutons, Beillevaire selection of Alpine cheese and chutney, and a Classic Tartiflette with salad.

The chalet itself is clad with fairy lights, faux fur blankets and winter foliage, perfect for snapping up a photo for the Insta grid.

**WHERE:** NO.1 POULTRY, BANK, EC2R 8EJ

**WEBSITE:** [WWW.COQDARGENT.CO.UK](http://WWW.COQDARGENT.CO.UK)

# Jimmy's Lodge

Of course, the king of London pop-ups is returning with another festive season of winter lodges on the Southbank. Jimmy's Lodge has arrived on Southbank and you can book in to experience the igloo-style snow globe for yourself.

On the food front, you can expect an alpine feast on offer. From traditional Alpine Fondue, served with mixed charcuterie and sourdough baguette, to the Ultimate Winter Feast, made up of a whole baked mont d'or, British flat iron steak, Butcher Ryans handmade sausages, mixed charcuterie and sourdough baguette. Yum.



JIMMY'S LODGE, SOUTHBANK, LONDON, PHOTOGRAPHED FOR JIMMY GARCIA



**WHERE:** SOUTHBANK CENTRE, BELVEDERE ROAD, SE1 8XX

**WEBSITE:** [WWW.JIMMYSPOPUP.COM](http://WWW.JIMMYSPOPUP.COM)

## THE ULTIMATE ROMANTIC COMEDY **loveactually** In Concert



**the film with live orchestra**

## Love Actually In Concert

Rekindle your love for your favourite Yuletide classic as you see it on the big screen with a live orchestra in tow.

Love Actually in Concert is coming to Eventim Apollo this December, meaning you can enjoy the festive film with a live orchestra playing the tunes from the iconic favourite. You guessed it – they'll also be playing *Christmas is all Around Us* too. Level up your favourite film and watch it in concert.

RESCHEDULED FOR 17TH - 20TH DECEMBER

**WHERE:** 45 QUEEN CAROLINE STREET, HAMMERSMITH, W6 9QH

**WEBSITE:** [WWW.EVENTIMAPOLLO.COM](http://WWW.EVENTIMAPOLLO.COM)





## The Montague on the Gardens

Imagine you're anywhere but London when you step inside this alpine-themed ski lodge at The Montague on the Gardens. This festive space has been transformed with fake snow, skis, piste maps, reindeer and strings of fairy lights and lanterns.

Helping you combat the cold will be mulled wine, hot spiced cider, mugs of steaming hot chocolate cocktails and big woolly rugs to bundle up in.

Book your ski pass now (available Thursday to Sunday) and enjoy festive food platters, seasonal drinks and access to the Ski Lodge. Perfect for small groups and catching up with friends after a month in lockdown.



## The Hawk's Nest Christmas Market Pop-Up

Hooray! We've found a Christmas market that isn't cancelled! The Hawk's Nest will play host to its first ever Christmas Market this December, bringing a host of local, independent brands selling an assortment of homeware goodies, perfect for Christmas presents. Think scented candles, prints, sunglasses and jewellery, along with other goodies. Head on down and soak up the festive cheer.

MARKET DATES ON: 6TH, 13TH AND 20TH DECEMBER, 12-10PM

**WHERE:** GOLDHAWK ROAD, SHEPHERD'S BUSH MARKET, W12  
8DF

**WEBSITE:** [WWW.THE-HAWKS-NEST.CO.UK](http://WWW.THE-HAWKS-NEST.CO.UK)



## Skylight Christmas

Christmas has officially arrived at Skylight, meaning you can enjoy all of the festivities from dining in igloos to cosying up with a Christmas classic at their cocktail cinema.

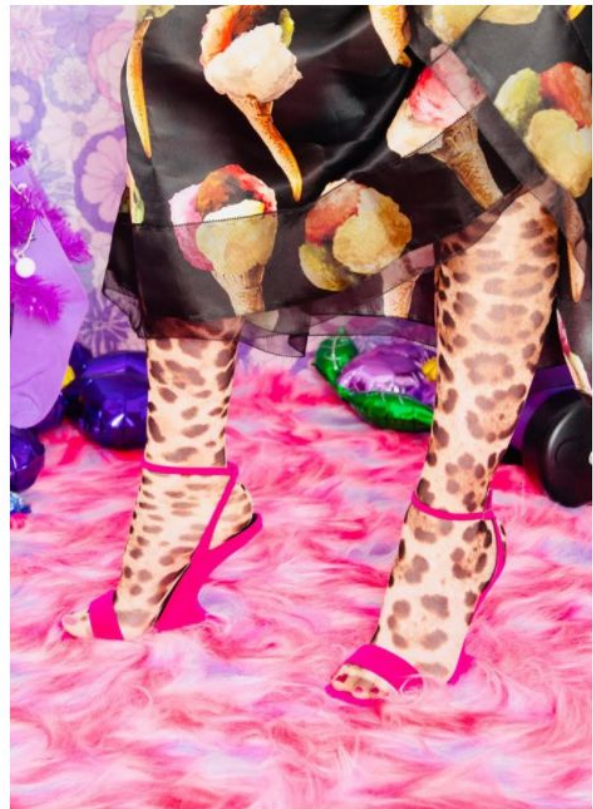
The venue will play host to a rooftop igloo village, spacious Apres Ski Lodge bar, Off-Piste speakeasy bar and Christmas Cocktail Cinema Experience. Bavarian-inspired dishes will be served through the venue, perfect for pairing alongside a warming winter tittle too.



# All I Want For Christmas is...JOY, by Joy Bomb

For those looking to get their art fix this December should head to Brook Street, Mayfair where the ultimate Christmas pop-up art installation will be launching.

Running from 3rd December, JOY BOMB London is hoping to brighten up the festive season with an art installation that offers a welcomed break from reality. It's blueberry spirit and helium-light delights will guide you away from the grey, cold streets of London and into another dimension. Fall in love with it's bizarre silliness and neon colours.



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**WHERE:** BROOK STREET, MAYFAIR

**WEBSITE:** [WWW.JOYBOMBLONDON.COM](http://WWW.JOYBOMBLONDON.COM)





## Miracle on Kingdom Street, Pergola Paddington

Pergola Paddington isn't only for summer...

Pergola Paddington's Miracle on Kingdom Street arrives this week, bringing with it a seasonal escape to be enjoyed all December long. The venue has been decked out with a winter wonderland forest and alpine feature, plus cosy chalets and igloos you can fire out too.

The four pop-up restaurants will be serving up goodies, plus there's a new alpine concept. Expect raclette, boozy cheese fondue, roasted chestnuts and bratwurst. Plus plenty of winter warmers to wash it all down with.

RUNNING FROM 3RD DECEMBER

## The Winter Garden, Corinthia London

From roaring fireplaces to alpaca blankets, there's nowhere quite as cosy as The Winter Garden at Corinthia London this festive season. The terrace has been utterly transformed into a cosy winter haven thanks to help from expert in-house florist, By Appointment Only Design.

Expect glittering snow globes, heaters, blankets and cosy fireplaces to be spread around the area, plus an Alpine-inspired menu to tuck into too. Our favourite being the alpine macaroni cheese with a choice of braised beef, shellfish or lashings of truffle. Who could resist.

**WHERE:** CORINTHIA LONDON, WHITEHALL PLACE, SW1A 2BD  
**WEBSITE:** [WWW.CORINTHIA.COM](http://WWW.CORINTHIA.COM)







## Christmas at Kew

All is not lost this Christmas as Kew Gardens gets a magical makeover as its annual enchanting winter trail returns for another festive season.

It's the eighth year Christmas at Kew returns, bringing with it the city's most magical light display over the Christmas period. Wrap up warm and journey through the beautifully illuminated Rose Garden, as you explore old favourites and brand new light installations.

Expect giant illuminated seed heads, majestic trees wrapped in light and a tunnel of bells glistening overhead. The iconic Temperate House will also be lit up with laser projections enveloping the glasshouse.

RUNNING 4TH DECEMBER – 3RD JANUARY 2021

## The Snow Kingdom & The Winter Night Garden, Backyard Cinema

Fall in love with the magic of cinema once again this Christmas as Backyard Cinema's The Snow Kingdom and The Winter Night Garden return with Christmas film classics. From the *Home Alone* franchise to Will Ferrell's iconic *Elf*, *The Muppets Christmas Carol* to *Love Actually*, make sure you reserve your tickets now as some screenings have already sold out.



**WHERE:** CAPITAL STUDIOS, RAM QUARTER, 13 WANDSWORTH PLAIN SW18 1ET  
**WEBSITE:** [WWW.BACKYARDCINEMA.CO.UK](http://WWW.BACKYARDCINEMA.CO.UK)



## Connected by Light, Canary Wharf

Canary Wharf's dazzling January light display has arrived earlier than usual, and will be landing this Wednesday igniting the sky through vivid displays.

Connected by Light, a collection of inspiring light artworks, will provide the perfect backdrop for your Instagram selfie and provide your little ones with hours of fun. Over 75 pieces by 50 world-renowned artists will be situated on the Estate, free to roam and explore at your leisure.

RUNNING WEDNESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER – SUNDAY, 31ST JANUARY

**WHERE:** CANARY WHARF

**WEBSITE:** [WWW.CANARYWHARF.COM](http://WWW.CANARYWHARF.COM)