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31 best things to do in London this weekend: 23 - 25 May

Condé Nast Traveller's edit of the best things to do in London this weekend, from a buzzy new city-centre beach bar to the hottest new restaurant in town

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When searching for the best things to do in London each weekend, it's hard not to end up more confused and indecisive than when you started. While it's never a bad idea to secure a booking at one of the **best restaurants** in the capital, spend an evening in one of the latest **innovative bars** on the scene, or even explore an iconic **London attraction**, we're always on the lookout for new, exciting pop-ups, openings and events. Each week, we get the inside track on exciting things to do in **London** for the upcoming weekend to help us discover a new area of the city or explore a new address in a **neighbourhood** we (thought) we'd already uncovered. This weekend, we're in full spring-mode. The Chelsea Flower Show is back, bringing with it the likes of Chelsea in Bloom and Belgravia in Bloom for budding horticulturalists who haven't got their hands on tickets. There's also the opening of NoMad London's new NYC-inspired brasserie, and a bar takeover at Seed Library worth penning in the diary.

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Chelsea in Bloom 2024 Dave Benett/Getty Images

1. Celebrate the return of the Chelsea Flower Show

London's most flamboyant event is back, as the Chelsea Flower Show invites horticulturalists of all ages to explore its resplendent gardens. Tasty highlights include an **afternoon tea** on The Promenade created in partnership with The Dorchester, Champagne picnic baskets curated by Fortnum & Mason, and a pop-up from salad connoisseurs Atis, who launch an inaugural pop-up serving bright, crunchy bowls of goodness for the duration of the show. As the social event of the season, only tickets for certain sessions remain. However, there's plenty to enjoy across the neighbourhood. Chelsea in Bloom brings the beauty of the English garden to London's buzzy streets, as more than 100 businesses, shops and restaurants are adorned with floral displays fitting with this year's theme, *Flowers in Fashion*. Peckish? Swing by The Surprise in Chelsea for a Moatwood Meadow Spritz and feast on plump Puglian burrata and Wye Valley Asparagus, garlicky Cornish lobster, and tangy strawberry Eton mess from the specials.

Address: Chelsea Flower Show, London Gate, Royal Hospital Road, Royal Hospital Chelsea, London SW3 4SR; Chelsea in Bloom, across Chelsea; The Surprise, 6 Christchurch Terrace, London SW3 4AJ

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