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LONDON SPY REPORT: JANUARY

Each month our Lucky Onion, London Spy leaves Cheltenham and the Cotswolds behind and heads for London. The spy brings you the latest news from the best restaurants, hotels, theatres, galleries and general happenings in the capital. Check out what January has to offer.

[RESTAURANT](#)

Kricket Soho

The team behind the super cool Kricket in Brixton are bringing their modern Indian plates to W1 with the opening of their second restaurant. Using the best of British seasonal produce, the menu is a delicious mix of classic and innovative dishes including: Bhel Puri, Keralan Fried Chicken and Samphire Pakoras. Indian-inspired cocktails (Gin, black pepper, apricot and jasmine) and exotic interiors such as antique Indian clock boxes complete the picture.



BOOK

CULTURE

The Hive at Kew

Modelled on the architecture of a honeycomb, this spectacular lattice structure represents the life of the honey bee. Designed by award-winning artist Wolfgang Buttress, it's made of a staggering 170,000 pieces of aluminium and fitted with hundreds of LED lights that glow and fade, triggered by the real-time vibrations of bees in a beehive behind the scenes at Kew. And if that wasn't enough... There's a soundtrack which hums and buzzes around you, mimicking a bee's singing voice.

Kew Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AE; 020 8332 5655

DESIGN

London Art Fair

The crème de la crème of the art world is descending once again on the Business Design Centre, Islington. With art spanning the early 20th century to the present day, 129 galleries will be on display, showcasing the best of Modern British art and top international names. Highlights include: **Jaye Moon's LEGO street art sculptures, works by Henry Moore and artist Alison Jackson's lookalike photos of the Royal Family.**

From 18th – 22nd January. Upper Street, 58 White Lion Street, N1 9PP; 020 7288 6736

MUSIC

Philip Glass at 80

One of the most influential composers of the 20th century, Philip Glass' 80th birthday is being celebrated in true style by the Barbican with an all-out Glass weekend. The BBC's Symphony Orchestra will be performing Glass' greatest works including the UK

premiere of his new concerto while the Royal Opera House and Royal Ballet take on Glass' opera Les Enfants Terribles.

From 27th – 29th January, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2Y 8DS; 020 7638 8891

SCENE-STEALER



BOOK

first two albums saw the electronic band nail too many awards to count including the Mercury Music Prize for Debut Album and now their hotly-anticipated upcoming third album, I See You, has sent critics raving once again. Catch The XX's soulful tunes on their European tour next month.

I See You is released 13th January

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