



## Things to Do

### THE PERFECT WEEKEND

FRI JUL 26



#### Italy Live in Golden Square

Sample a taste of *la bella vita* courtesy of Birra Moretti, which is linking the Italian piazza of San Gimignano in Tuscany with Soho's Golden Square via satellite and offering free beer (tasters of Tuscan food, too, but only for early birds).

W1F9JG. [www.facebook.com/morettiuk](http://www.facebook.com/morettiuk).  
Piccadilly Circus. Free. 12.30-2pm, 5.30-7pm.

SAT JUL 27



#### Royal Kitten Shower at Battersea Dogs & Cats Home

Any time you can get more than one kitten into the same room you're on to something. Featuring dozens in an event for families in search of a cat, in honour of the royal baby? Sheer genius. Expect crafts, quizzes and a naming ceremony.

4 Battersea Park Rd, SW8 4AA.  
[www.battersea.org.uk](http://www.battersea.org.uk). Battersea Park rail. £2, £1 concs suggested donation. Noon.

SUN JUL 28



#### Sumo Run in Battersea Park

Running in sports gear not for you? Try a sumo suit and wobble your way around a 5km course for charity (Link Community Development, which provides education for children in Sub-Saharan Africa). Before the race there's a mass inflation followed by a sumo warm up. Should be a big fat laugh for anyone out for an early stroll.

Queenstown Rd, SW11 4NJ.  
[www.sumorun.com](http://www.sumorun.com). Battersea Park rail. £39-£79 registration. 8-11.30am.

### Wing it

**Butterfly Preservation and Mounting Workshop** When you arrive at this three-hour workshop, you'll be given 12 preserved butterflies (or moths or giant beetles), a basic box display frame and all the materials you'll need to create a unique display of winged insects. *London Taxidermy Academy, Lant St, SE1 1QR. [www.london-taxidermy-academy.com](http://www.london-taxidermy-academy.com). London Bridge. £120, £60 for Time Out readers. 6-9pm. Thu Jul 25.*

### The Museum of Everything presents Nek Chand & The Kingdom of Gods and Goddesses

Dear high-brow/low-brow **Time Out** browser, your search for enlightenment is over! Those handsome champions of everyday creativity - **The Museum of Everything** - have returned to London, and they've brought with them one of the most inspired human beings ever to channel the spirit of the divine and make what we call art. That earthbound icon is **Nek Chand**, the nearly 90 year old creator of the **Rock Garden** in Chandigarh, India, an architectural dreamscape, where three thousand sculptures welcome over ten thousand visitors, dawn to dusk, every damn day. It's a wonder of our un-modern world, a monument to patience and persistence. But don't take for granted our certainty of this gentleman's brilliance ... you surely need to witness it for yourself. We cannot recommend strongly enough that you hop, skip, sprint and thrust your way over to **The Museum of Everything** at **Hayward Gallery**, and discover for yourself one hundred sculptures from **Nek Chand's** original environment, without the hassle of having to backpack all the way there.

### Cool it

**FREE Local Community Open Day at the Fan Museum** Hoping to introduce those unfamiliar with the museum to its collections, the Fan Museum is inviting residents in the boroughs of Greenwich and Lewisham to visit for free. Activities for families and children include talks and fan-making demonstrations. *Fan Museum, 12 Crooms Hill, SE10 8ER. 8305 1441. [www.thefanmuseum.org.uk](http://www.thefanmuseum.org.uk). Greenwich or Cutty Sark DLR. 11am-5pm. Sat Jul 27.*

### Shrink it

**FREE Toy Soldier Weekend** This weekend includes recreations of key events involving the British Army, and the opportunity to learn about the museum's own, rarely exhibited model collection. Children (aged 7-plus) must be accompanied by an adult. *National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Rd, SW3 4HT. [www.nam.ac.uk](http://www.nam.ac.uk). Sloane Square. 10.30am-4.30pm. Sat Jul 27 and Sun Jul 28.*

As if that wasn't enough, the show is open every day and forms part of the **Alternative Guide to the Universe**, a supremely otherworldly immersion into the thoughts, behaviours, systems and realisations of mankind, featuring over twenty of the untrained, unintentional, undiscovered and unclassifiable artists celebrated by **The Museum of Everything**. There's not much more to say so here's what some others have said on our behalf:

**extraordinary**  
*The Telegraph*  
**vast, consuming**  
*Evening Standard*  
**incredible**  
*The Guardian*  
**brilliantly bizarre**  
*Metro*

**Nek Chand at Hayward Gallery**  
Southbank Centre, Belvedere Rd, London SE1 8XX, Great Britain until 26th August 2013



a presentation of **The Museum of Everything**  
[www.musevery.com](http://www.musevery.com)

### Step it out

**FREE Adidas Spezial** This exhibition offers a history of Adidas's trainers as contributed by fans and collectors. After raiding the cupboards of hoarders, the organisers have pulled together a solid collection of vintage pumps, deadstock, re-issues, collaborations and rarities. See also p56. *The Arch at Hoxton Gallery, 9 Kingsland Rd, E2 8AA. [www.hoxtongallery.com](http://www.hoxtongallery.com). Shoreditch High St rail. Tue-Sat noon-7pm. Sat Jul 27.*

### Picture it

**Turner's House: Your Art Studio for a Day - or Two** Fancy washing your paintbrushes in JMW Turner's scullery? Sandycombe Lodge, designed by the artist and built in 1813 as his city retreat, is open for two weekends this summer (the second is September 14-15). Professional and amateur artists are welcome to take their kit along and paint or draw, inspired by the atmosphere that lingers in the now-empty house and its garden. *Sandycombe Lodge, 40 Sandycombe Rd, TW1 2LR. [www.turnerintwickenham.org.uk](http://www.turnerintwickenham.org.uk). £10, £5 under-16s. 10am-6pm. Sat Jul 27 and Sun Jul 28.*

### Take it east

**The Olympic Walk** Visit the site of 2012's magic as the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park shifts into legacy mode. The Aquatics Centre and Velopark are being converted for long-term use and there's a chance to talk to professionals on the site with intimate knowledge of the project. If you fancy it, you can even stop for a picnic in the lush parklands. Meet your Blue Badge guide outside Pudding Mill Lane DLR station and make sure you've got the correct change for the ticket (it's strictly cash only). *Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, E20 2ST. [www.tourguides2012.co.uk](http://www.tourguides2012.co.uk). £10, £8 students, £5 under-16s. 11am-1pm Mon-Fri. Mon Jul 29 Oct 26.*

**FREE Eco-Chic Outdoor Market** Spitalfields Farm's weekly craft fair is back for a second year, bringing food, donkey rides (from 3pm) and all sorts of family-friendly fun to this cheerful corner of east London. You'll also have the chance to snap up up-cycled furniture and vintage clothes, jewellery and homeware. *Spitalfields City Farm, Buxton St, E1 5AR. [www.spitalfieldscityfarm.org](http://www.spitalfieldscityfarm.org). Aldgate East or Liverpool St. Noon-6pm Sun. Sep 29.*

### HOT TICKET

See all of London's key sights in just 30 minutes on the **EDF London Eye**.

Tickets start from **£18.80**  
[timeout.com/tickets](http://timeout.com/tickets)

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