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THINGS TO DO IN **LONDON CLERKENWELL**



Slap bang in the heart of the UK capital, Clerkenwell is an ultra-fashionable neighbourhood, attracting a vibrant mix of creatives and city workers.

Linking Kings Cross with the City of London, and a short walk from the Barbican,

Chancery Lane, Farringdon, Bloomsbury and St Paul's, it's particularly well connected and a great base for exploring London's legendary nightlife and cultural scene.

It's one of the city's best food destinations with Michelin-starred restaurants,

historic gastropubs and brilliant street food at Exmouth Market and Leather Lane. Designer shops, cool boutiques, furniture showrooms and artist studios add to the district's eclectic and inclusive feel. Here's our pick of LGBTQ+ spots in the area.

NIGHTLIFE



BISTROTHEQUE



A favourite with London's trend-setting crowd, Bistrottheque is a warehouse-style restaurant in Bethnal Green. Head here for a relaxed dinner inspired by romantic French neighbourhood bistros, or try its weekend brunch, which is accompanied by an unassuming pianist playing pop music favourites. Downstairs is The Cockatoo – a new dinner theatre with drag and cabaret performances, followed by dancing.

DALSTON SUPERSTORE



Club, bar, café, restaurant, art gallery, cabaret spot and performance venue all rolled into one, Dalston Superstore is the beating heart of East London's diverse LGBTQ+ scene. Its varied art, DJ and live music shows range from one-off dance music gigs and weekly club nights to queer exhibitions and chef pop-ups. In need of a hangover cure? Try its weekend drag brunch featuring alt-cabaret stars, games, quizzes, shows and prizes between 12pm and 5pm every Saturday and Sunday.

SHOPPING



UPMARKET



Upmarket is Brick Lane's world-famous weekend eclectic food hall, where you can try all manner of imaginative street food, fresh, local produce and indulgent sweet treats. It's linked to the UK's largest collection of independent vintage stalls at the Brick Lane Vintage Market, and there's a bi-monthly arts and design market too.

THE YARD



A secret courtyard in the heart of London's bustling Soho, The Yard is one of the city's most stylish LGBTQ+ venues with a heated garden, balcony and loft bar. Whether you're looking for a pre-drink before you hit the town, a few cocktails on a warm summer evening, or a cosy spot on a winter's night, you'll always find a fabulous atmosphere and fun crowd.

THE APPLE TREE



Friendly independent pub, venue and community hub The Apple Tree has a jam-packed events calendar with something going on most days of the week. From open-mic nights, queer speed dating, comedy shows to the best drag cabaret London has to offer, just a stone's throw from YOTEL London City, check out its Facebook page to see what's taking place during your visit.



PERFORMING ARTS



THE BARBICAN



A 10-minute walk from YOTEL London City is the architectural wonder, the Barbican. The largest performing arts centre of its kind in Europe, you could easily spend a day exploring the complex. With an ever-changing roster of world-class classical and contemporary music concerts, theatre performances, film screenings and art exhibitions, there's bound to be an event that takes your fancy during your stay. The centre is also home to a library, three restaurants and a conservatory, as well as around 6,500 residents that live on the Barbican Estate. Look out for the regular architecture tours too!

