



Diwali on the Square

Event information

Visual Story



Welcome to Diwali on the Square. In this document you will find useful information about the event, including date, time, location, and what will happen on the day.

About the event



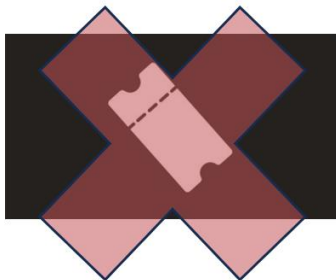
Date and Time

Sunday, 27 October 2024
1:00 PM to 7:00 PM



Location

Trafalgar Square, London



The event is free and no need to book a ticket.



Theme

Diwali is the Festival of Lights and a time to celebrate with family and friends.

This year, our theme is 'Giving from the Heart.'



Who is it for?

Everyone is welcome at our event, whether you are young or old, coming with family and friends, or joining us on your own.



Accessible spectator area



Hearing induction loop

Accessible viewing area

Our event has an accessible viewing area for the main stage performances. This area is for people who use wheelchairs or find it hard to stand for long periods. Companions are welcome to join, and chairs are provided.



Access

The event is wheelchair friendly.

Event staff are trained to welcome and support disabled people.

Assistance dogs are welcome.

All shows will be BSL interpreted.

Accessible toilets are available. Please bring your own hoist.

There will be printed copies of this Easy Read with the volunteers.



Relaxed Performance:

You can join the performance at any point and leave at any time.

You can move around.

You do not need to be quiet.



Main Stage

The main stage will have lots of exciting performances for everyone to enjoy.

There will be music, dancing, and special shows.

At 1:00 PM, there will be a big opening dance in the main square with lots of dancers.

Throughout the day, on the stage, there will be performances from different groups, including Bollywood dances, traditional Indian music, and more.

At 5:15 PM, the square will light up to celebrate "Light over Darkness"—a special moment of the day.



Sari and Turban Zone

Try on a sari or a turban.

Sari is a traditional piece of clothing worn by women.

Turban is a headwear worn by many cultures, including Sikhs, Rajputs, Afghanis.



Dance Zone

Free dance workshops, from classic, to folk and Bollywood.

If you don't want to dance, you can also watch the dancers.

Workshops run from 1:15pm – 6:45pm



Harmony Zone

Join in with a series of activities, photo opportunity and contribute to a message wall.



Yoga and Meditation Zone

Join a series of yoga sessions, starting at 1:00 PM throughout the day. The sessions are free and open for everyone, no matter your level of experience.



Glimpse of Goddesses

Learn about the nine goddesses and join in meditation sessions.



Diwali Culture Zone

Watch traditional dance and play Indian games.



Healthy Living Zone

Learn about healthy living. Get tips on exercise, yoga, and wellbeing.



Soho Theatre Comedy

Watch a comedy show. Enjoy performances by Indian and British comedians.



Children Zone

Fun activities for kids:

- Play games.
- Get your face painted.
- Dress up for photos.



Diwali Puppet Show

Watch the Ramayana story with puppets.

Ramayana is the story of the life of Rama, the seventh incarnation of the god Vishnu.



Bhajan

Listen to spiritual songs (bhajans) throughout the day.



Food and Stalls

All food will be vegan or vegetarian and available to purchase.

Explore different stalls from community groups, charities, and traders.



Transport Information

You can get to Trafalgar Square by bus and the nearest underground stations are Charing Cross and Leicester Square.



First Aid

First Aid is located on the right side of the stage.



Safety

There will be bag checks at the entry points for safety.



Help at the Event

Stewards and volunteers will be available to help.

Information Desk: located to the right of the stage, next to the first aid area, for any questions or assistance.



If there's an emergency **your companion** must help you get out, and a steward or a member of our team will also help.



Bring dry and warm clothes in case it rains.



If you bring a water bottle you can fill it up for free as often as you like.

Find out more



To find out more about Diwali on the Square, visit our website:

www.london.gov.uk/events/diwali-square-2024

You can also contact us if you have any question at Diwali@London.gov.uk