

PRESS RELEASE

WANDER THROUGH A DESTINATION OF CULTURE AND JOY THIS CHRISTMAS

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Experience Chinatown London this Winter. As the West End is in full Christmas mode, with entertainment and sparkle in abundance, here's how and why to include Chinatown London in your West End itinerary.

After Christmas shopping in Covent Garden, a trip to the theatre or visiting London's Christmas lights, Chinatown London is the perfect next stop en route. Whether it's work drinks, cocktails with friends, a karaoke party or sharing a meal with loved ones, Chinatown has something for everyone to enjoy over the festive period.

We're spotlighting where to grab stocking filler gifts, where to pick up seasonal specials and where to go for a hot meal to warm up and recharge.

Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere and enjoy deliciously authentic food that celebrates togetherness and the magic of the season.

Winter warming food and drink

Whether you're seeing the sights, gift shopping or exploring the Christmas lights of the city - you'll feel the Winter chill in the air. Chinatown London has plenty of warming dishes and delicacies from steamy soups to hearty hot pots, lavish laksas and cosy cups.

For comforting **Cantonese buns**, head to [Bun House](#), a favourite amongst visitors. Tuck into their classic pork belly bun or the hugely popular salted egg yolk custard bun which oozes with molten, silky custard. If it's big bowls of piping broth you're after, head to [Kung Fu Noodle](#) and slurp up some **soup noodles**; grab a spoon and brave the heat at [Zhang Liang Malatang](#). **Malatang** translates as 'hot, spicy soup' originating from Sichuan province, a popular street food throughout China. Lap up the finest Malaysian **laksa** in Chinatown at [C&R Café](#), which serves up a delicious Penang Assam laksa with a perfumed lemongrass broth.

Warm up with a cup of toasty Hojicha Latte at [Tsuji](#) or for something a little more indulgent and kid friendly, stop by Filipino ice cream house [Mamasons](#) for their Ube (purple yam) hot cocoa.

Post/Pre-Theatre dinner in Chinatown

If you're looking for a light bite before a night in the stalls, [Viet Food](#) has the perfect selection of small plates including crispy coconut calamari, rice paper summer rolls and their signature home-style fried rice with Vietnamese sausage and prawns. For something more traditional, opt for a feast of **dim sum and roast Cantonese meats** at [Dumplings' Legend](#). Grab your chopsticks and tuck into delicious Xiao long bao, Har Gau and Char Sui.



When the curtain falls and hunger strikes, step into [Rasa Sayang](#) for authentic Malaysian and Singaporean cuisine. Turn up the temperature with the **beef rendang**, a dry curry with tender meat and plenty of red chilli, savour Roti Canai and get ready to fight over the last of the delicious salted egg prawns. For a meal with show stopping presentation, [High Yaki](#) brings an exciting take on **Japanese BBQ**, with ready-to-grill items in its unique “staircase barbecue” style. Make sure to try the special Bluefin Otoro Tuna with Caviar Nigiri, elegantly presented with gold leaf.

Group dining, drinks and karaoke!

Get the gang together and share the Christmas cheer over a good meal. Grab a stool (and some tongs), fire up the grill and enjoy an authentic **Korean BBQ** at [Pochawa Grill](#). Choose from platters of beef, pork belly, chicken and mapo accompanied by sauces and marinades. The Kimchi Jeon, a Korean kimchi pancake, is an absolute must try.

Winter is just the season for hot pot, a warm, comforting, and social meal to enjoy with friends and family. **Hot pot** consists of a large steaming bowl of broth that sits in the centre of the table; meats, vegetables and noodles are then submerged into the soupy bath and cooked to your preference. Hit up [Shu Xiangge](#) for some of the best hot pot in town.

Inspired by South Korea’s popular fried chicken, [Wing Wing](#) specialises in the elite combination of ultra-crispy chicken wings, finger lickin’ sides and ice cold beer to match. Within its West End branch in Chinatown, there are KTV **karaoke rooms** available for you to sing your heart out and enjoy your favourite Christmas tunes.

With a choice of four private karaoke booths, each accommodating up to 30 people, [Plum Valley](#) is Chinatown’s ultimate singalong spot to sing the night away with friends and colleagues this Christmas. Sit back, pick up the mic and enjoy as a spread of delicious dim sum dishes are laid out on a buffet table in the private room, alongside wine, beer, or cocktails, including their notable lychee martini.

For the late-night enthusiasts this is where you want to be as Chinatown’s assortment of secret speakeasies and underground bars serve up some of London’s best **cocktails** in magical escapist settings, such as 1920s Shanghai themed [Opium](#). Head upstairs at [Speedboat Bar](#) for late night celebratory cocktails, whisky sodas, and chasers (shots) whilst shooting a game of pool - serving until 1am!

Christmas shopping

Not only a hub for ESEA cuisine, Chinatown London is also a destination for shopping. Wander along the towering aisles of the area’s **specialist supermarkets**, such as [SeeWoo](#) and New Loon Moon which sell ESEA delights including Thai, Malaysian, Singaporean, Indonesian and everything in-between. Be spoilt for choice with a selection of cooking sauces, chilli oils and curry pastes or satisfy their sweet tooth with mochi cookies, fruit teas and Pocky.

Japanese matcha tea specialists [Tsuji](#) have the perfect gift for those mad about the green stuff. Pick up their Christmas matcha gift set online.

[Pop Mart](#) and [Miniso](#) are both treasure troves for **plush toys, accessories, and figurines** of popular characters such as Hello Kitty and Astro Boy. [House of Spells](#) is a collector’s haven for all things magical and whimsical. Enter a world of wizards, fantastical beasts, and superheroes, with merchandise and memorabilia - including the likes of Harry Potter and Game of Thrones.

If they like to get crafty or they’ve always got their nose inside a book, [Guanghwa Bookshop](#) is a literary hub for beautiful **coffee-table worthy art books** and Chinese language learning aids. Guanghwa is also an **arts and crafts** supplier, retailing all manner of exquisite traditional Asian calligraphy accoutrements, delicate handmade paper cuttings, postcards, and stationery.

Independent **cosmetic and beauty** store [P2Bus](#) imports a lovingly-curated selection of over 300 quality Asian skincare, make-up, hair and oral care brands - as well as quirky health snacks.



[Oseyo](#) brings a little slice of Korea to the heart of London. Whilst it's the perfect place to stock up on Korean culinary essentials, you'll also find talking rice cookers, K-pop, stationery, accessories, and K-beauty favourites.

Explore Chinatown London this season and stay tuned to Chinatown London's ([TikTok](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)) social media platforms.

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Notes to Editors

Chinatown London

As the largest Chinatown in Europe, Chinatown London is the go-to destination for regional Chinese and Pan-Asian cuisine. Its twelve predominately pedestrianised and interconnected streets, lined with iconic red lanterns, are home to an ever-evolving mix of traditional and new concepts which reflect emerging dining trends from cities such as Shanghai, Beijing, Tokyo, and Seoul.

Equally thriving day and night, the area's restaurants, bars, shops and cafés, as well as its unique mix of ESEA supermarkets, authentic Asian retail stores and more, attract large numbers of Londoners, tourists, international students and local workers.

中国城

作为欧洲最大的中国城，伦敦中国城是追求地道中餐和亚洲美食的热门去处。这里有十二条以步行为主、互相连接的街道，路边挂满了标志性的红灯笼。中国城的美食也在不断演变，融合了传统与新潮的美食概念，将来自上海、北京、东京和首尔等城市的新兴餐饮趋势带给大家。

无论白天还是夜晚，这里的餐厅、酒吧、商店和咖啡馆，以及特色的东南亚超市、正宗亚洲零售店等，无不吸引着在伦敦学习，工作，旅游和生活的每一个人。

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