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DERBY GUIDE

WHAT'S ON



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SUMMER IN DERBY

There's a real energy building in Derby as we move into the late summer and early autumn months. From vibrant exhibitions to a growing programme of events, the city is full of opportunities to explore, experience, and be inspired.





Derby's creative scene is taking centre stage this season, with standout exhibitions including *Lara Croft: 30 Years On – From Derby to Global Icon*, celebrating the global impact of one of gaming's most recognisable characters, and *Wright of Derby: From the Shadows*, which shines a light on the life and work of a master of light and shadow.

Alongside these highlights, you'll find a packed calendar of cultural events, performances, and activities happening across the city, making it the perfect time to rediscover Derby or experience it for the first time.

Take a look at our interactive guide to discover what's happening across Derby - just click on any listing for more details.

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DON'T MISS A BEAT

Top things to do and authentic experiences you can't miss in Derby

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The Darley Park Weekender 2026

21 Aug 2026 - 23 Aug 2026

📍 Darley Park, DE22 1EN

Derby's summer highlight returns for 2026, bringing a star-studded line-up to the Darley Park Weekender stage.

2

Derby Festé

26 Sep 2026

📍 Derby City Centre,

Leap into the extraordinary with Derby Festé 2026 on Saturday 26th September!

3

Derby Book Festival 2026

13 Nov 2026 - 15 Nov 2026

📍 Various Derby venues,

Derby Book Festival will return in 2026 with Summer and Autumn editions.

4

Derby Folk Festival 2026

9 Oct 2026 - 11 Oct 2026

📍 Various Derby locations,

Derby Folk Festival returns autumn 2026, celebrating folk music, dance, workshops and city centre community spirit.

5

Sadler Gate Night Market

26 Nov 2026

📍 Sadler Gate, Derby DE1 3NQ

Late-night indie shopping, unique gifts, fashion, festive food, drink & entertainment in one sparkling evening.



EAT, DRINK, SHOP AND PLAY THIS SUMMER AT DERBY MARKET HALL

Shop our historic market with changing product lines from our independent traders. Discover beautiful plants, hand-crafted gifts and artisan treasures, or pick up supplies and fresh local produce from our on-site grocer, bakery, fishmonger and deli counter.

Discover delicious food from award-winning independent businesses with an array of sweet and savoury flavours from around the world, including food from Asia, Europe, South America and the UK.

Enjoy expertly brewed speciality coffee, tea and more, paired with freshly baked pastries, artisanal cakes and sweet treats. Later on in the day, grab a drink from our bars with local craft beers, cocktails, wines, and premium soft drinks, or sample craft spirits made on-site at The Spirit Run, our very own distillery bar.

There's plenty happening at Derby Market Hall over the next few months. Enjoy weekly live music and monthly Farmers' Markets, plus supper cluns, artisan markets, summer activities and a miniature railway for families, Craft Beer, Wines & Spirits Festivals and Vintage Fairs.

Make Derby Market Hall your go-to spot this season. We can't wait to see you! See what's on and find out more at derbymarkethall.co.uk.



SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Derby is a lively city of events. From July to September, you can enjoy a great mix of festivals, celebrations, exhibitions and cultural events. Find below a small selection of great events, there's lots more, see visitderby.co.uk/whats-on



Wright of Derby: From the Shadows

25 Jun 2026 - 1 Nov 2026

📍 Derby Museum & Art Gallery, The Strand, Derby DE1 1BS

Discover Wright of Derby's 'Candlelight' masterpieces – drama, intrigue, and sublime art in From the Shadows!



Hot Goth Summer

3 Jul 2026 - 5 Jul 2026

📍 Derby QUAD & Cinema, Market Place, Cathedral Quarter...

Escape the Summer sun with a Hot Goth Summer of dark, cult cinema and gothic vibes!



Lara Croft: 30 Years On - From Derby to Global Icon

24 Jul 2026 - 28 Nov 2026

📍 Pickford's House, 41 Friar Gate, Derby DE1 1DA

Celebrate 30 years of Tomb Raider - step into Lara Croft's world as Pickford's House transforms into Croft Manor.



Invention Music Festival

19 Sep 2026

📍 Various Derby venues,

Invention Music Festival is a one-day, multi-venue Derby event celebrating grassroots music and independent venues.

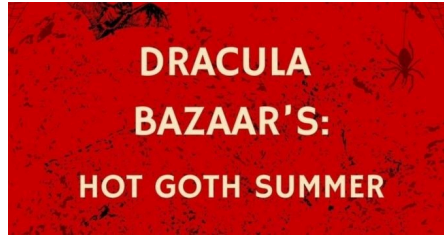


We Feed The UK

25 Jun 2026 - 4 Oct 2026

📍 Derby QUAD & Cinema, Market Pla...

Through photography and poetry, the exhibition celebrates collaboration with land, water and wildlife.



Dracula's Bazaar: Alternative Market

3 Jul 2026 - 5 Jul 2026

📍 Derby QUAD & Cinema, Market Pla...

Dracula's Bazaar returns to Derby Quad for Hot Goth Summer - gothic traders, art, fashion & dark delights await.



An Evening with Elizabeth I

10 Jul 2026

📍 The Old Bell Hotel, 51 Sadler Gate, ...

Held at Grand Regency Ballroom, this show transports audiences to Renaissance England with Drake, Raleigh, Shakespeare.



Japan Fest 2026

11 Jul 2026

📍 Derby QUAD & Cinema, Market Pla...

Japan Fest Derby brings a celebration of Japanese culture to the city this July!



A Jurassic Day Out 2026

18 Jul 2026

📍 Cathedral Quarter Derby, Derby DE...

The Dinosaurs return to Derby's Cathedral Quarter - meet Zeus T-Rex, Emily Bronty and Tank Triceratops.



In the Night Garden Live

23 Jul 2026

📍 Derby Theatre, 15 Theatre Walk, St ...

In the Night Garden Live is coming to Derby Theatre - don't miss this magical show for little ones.



The Music of Coldplay By Candlelight

24 Jul 2026

📍 Derby Cathedral, 18-19 Iron Gate, ...

Coldplay by Candlelight comes to Derby Cathedral - live West End cast, band & hits Yellow, Viva La Vida, Fix You!



Derbion Get Active

27 Jul 2026 - 2 Aug 2026

📍 Derbion, London Road, Derby DE1 ...

Derbion's Get Active brings a week of free, hands-on sports and activities for families.



CBeebies House Party

15 Aug 2026

📍 Vaillant Live, 2 Colyear Street, Derb...

CBeebies favourites Mr Tumble, Mister Maker, Rebecca, Nigel and Hey Duggee bring a family party to Vaillant Live.



Markeaton Park Food Festival 2026

15 Aug 2026 - 16 Aug 2026

📍 Markeaton Park, Markeaton Park, D...

A relaxed, family-friendly food festival takes over Markeaton Park - great food, fun, and a perfect day out.



Jimmy Carr

4 Sep 2026

📍 Vaillant Live, 2 Colyear Street, Derb...

One of the world's best-loved comedians, Jimmy Carr, brings his new show Laughs Funny to Derby.

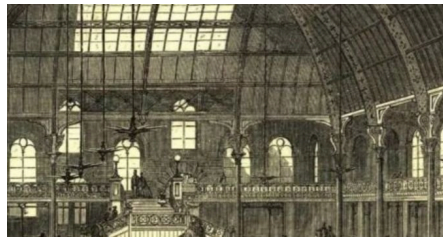


DEKA FIT East Midlands 2026

12 Sep 2026 - 13 Sep 2026

📍 Derby Arena, Royal Way, Pride Park...

DEKA FIT returns to Derby Arena - an intense fitness event of functional challenges and endurance.



Derby History Festival

22 Aug 2026 - 23 Aug 2026

📍 Derby Market Hall, Market Place, D...

Step into Derby History Festival - where storytellers and historians bring the city's past vividly to life.

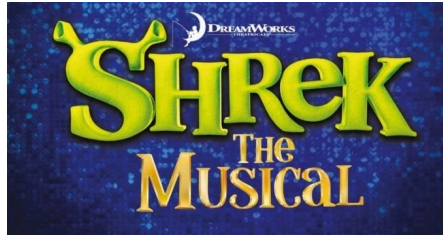


Whooverville 17

5 Sep 2026

📍 Derby QUAD & Cinema, Market Pla...

The Whoovers & Derby Quad return with the East Midlands' favourite Doctor Who fan convention for its 17th year.



Shrek the Musical

17 Sep 2026 - 20 Sep 2026

📍 Derby Theatre, 15 Theatre Walk, St ...

Join Shrek, Donkey and friends on a spectacular, laugh-filled musical adventure you won't want to miss.

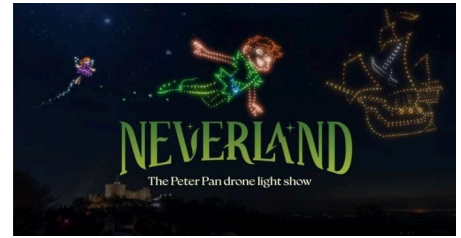


RNB MANIA | Derby's R&B Festival (August)

30 Aug 2026

📍 Ultra Warehouse, 9 Downing Road,...

Derby, get ready for RNB MANIA - an epic 90s & 00s R&B showcase hitting Ultra Warehouse!



Neverland: The Peter Pan Drone Light Show

12 Sep 2026

📍 Derbyshire County Cricket Club, C...

A spectacular drone light show lights up Derby's night sky, bringing Neverland to life with light, music and story.



Edge-Lit 12

19 Sep 2026

📍 Derby QUAD & Cinema, Market Pla...

Edge-Lit returns for its 12th year with interviews, talks, workshops and more for genre fiction fans.

EXPLORE FURTHER AFIELD

On Derby's doorstep is the stunning Peak District and Derbyshire. There is always a great selection of events, whatever time of year you visit.

Find out more at visitderby.co.uk/whats-on



Wearing Feelings: Children in Black and Bright

25 Jun 2026 - 7 Sep 2026

📍 The Children's Country House at S...

Exploring 150 years of children's fashion, this exhibition reveals how clothing reflects growing freedom and expression.



Live at Melbourne Hall

24 Jul 2026 - 26 Jul 2026

📍 Melbourne Hall & Gardens, Church ...

Live At Melbourne Hall hosts a 3-day summer extravaganza at the South Derbyshire stately home beyond its gardens.



Bloodstock 25th Anniversary 2026

6 Aug 2026 - 9 Aug 2026

📍 Catton Park, Derbyshire

Bloodstock Open Air marks its 25th anniversary at Catton Park, Derbyshire with four days of metal and live music.



Summer of Punch and Judy

18 Jul 2026 - 1 Sep 2026

📍 Heights of Abraham, Matlock Bath, ...

The hilarious Punch and Judy show returns for another summer of laughter at the Heights.



Y Not Festival 2026

30 Jul 2026 - 2 Aug 2026

📍 Pikehall, Derbyshire

Join Y Not Festival in the stunning Peak District at Pikehall, Derbyshire for an unforgettable weekend of music and fun.



Dog Lovers Festival 2026

21 Aug 2026 - 23 Aug 2026

📍 Elvaston Castle Country Park, Borr...

Dog Lovers Festival is a feel-good day of dogs, live music, great food and fun for families and their furry friends.

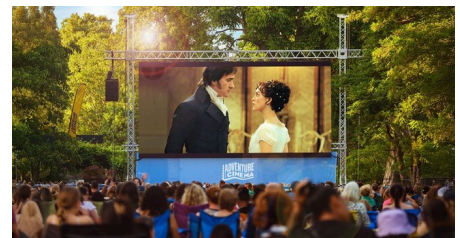


Farmarama

18 Jul 2026 - 1 Sep 2026

📍 National Forest Adventure Farm, P...

A huge summer beach party comes to Burton - bigger than ever, packed with fun and seaside vibes!



Pride & Prejudice (U) at Calke Abbey

31 Jul 2026

📍 Calke Abbey, Ticknall, Derbyshire D...

Open-air Pride & Prejudice screening at Calke Abbey with live music beforehand - romance, wit, drama under the stars.



Chatsworth Country Fair 2026

4 Sep 2026 - 6 Sep 2026

📍 Chatsworth, Bakewell, Derbyshire ...

Featuring grand ring displays in the air and on land, demos from celebrity chefs, plus family entertainment

POPULAR PLACES AND ATTRACTIONS

Derby is a vibrant city with lots of events throughout the year. Many events take place within our award winning attractions. There are always lots of things to see and do, particularly around celebrations and holidays. Here are a few of our attractions where there is always something to see and do.



Artcore

📍 8 Albert Street, Osnabruck Square, Derby DE1 2DS

Artcore is Derby's vibrant international centre for contemporary art and creativity, bringing together a gallery, artist...

Bluebells

📍 Brunswood Farm, Locko Road, Derby DE21 7AR

If you're looking for a fun-filled family day out near Derby, Bluebell Dairy offers hands-on animal experiences,...

Derby Cathedral

📍 Derby Cathedral, 18-19 Iron Gate, Derby DE1 3GP

A fascinating place to visit and a venue for musical and cultural excellence in the heart of the city.

Derby Market Hall

📍 Derby Market Hall, Market Place, Derby DE1 2DB

A treasure trove of unique finds and delicious treats, perfect for a day of shopping, dining and entertainment.

Derby Museum & Art Gallery

📍 Derby Museum & Art Gallery, The Strand, Derby DE1 1BS

Lots of treasures to explore and lots of activities for families to enjoy together at Derby Museums.

Electric Daisy

📍 1 - 4 Bold Lane, Derby DE1 3NT

A vibrant space where people connect, culture blooms, and nature takes the spotlight with great events happening.

Great Northern Classics

📍 274 - 278 Osmaston Road, Derby DE24 8AE

Great Northern Classics is a centre of excellence for classic vehicle enthusiasts.

Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

📍 Silk Mill Lane, Derby DE1 3AF

Explore Derby's 300-year history of making and enjoy events and activities for families to enjoy together.

Pickford's House

📍 Pickford's House, 41 Friar Gate, Derby DE1 1DA

Come and experience our unique museum in the show home of the Enlightenment architect Joseph Pickford.

EATING AND DRINKING

Indulge in a culinary adventure in Derby's vibrant food and drink scene. From cosy cafes and traditional pubs to award-winning restaurants and international cuisines.



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The Spice Lounge

📍 10 Friar Gate, Cathedral Quarter, Derby DE1 1BU

The Spice Lounge offers a stimulating range of Bangladeshi and Southern Asian dishes with a creative twist to appeal to...

Houseboat

📍 89 - 91 St Peters Street, Derby DE1 2AB

Authentic Kerala flavours, enjoy South Indian dishes in a cosy houseboat-inspired setting.

Bluebells Ice Cream Parlour

📍 Brunswood Farm, Locko Road, Derby DE21 7AR

Award-winning farm-made ice cream, shakes and sweet treats at Bluebell Dairy near Derby.

Good Thai Derby

📍 34 Victoria Street, Derby DE1 1ES

Authentic Thai cuisine in Derby with classic dishes, street food favourites and vegan options.

Hickory's Smokehouse Derby

📍 166 Swarkestone Road, Derbyshire DE73 5UE

Discover the flavours & hospitality of the Southern States in this family-friendly restaurant.

Cast Iron Bar & Grill

📍 Breadsall Priory Marriott Hotel & Country Club, Moor Ro...

If you find yourself in Derby, make sure to pay a visit to Cast Iron Bar & Grill situated in the recently refurbished...

Bistrot Pierre

📍 18 Friar Gate, Cathedral Quarter, Derby DE1 1BX

Offering the charm and warmth of a Parisian restaurant, unwind and indulge in French-inspired dishes.

BEAR Derbion

📍 Derbion, Level 2, Derby DE1 2PL

BEAR Derbion is a snug little haven that you can use to escape all that retail hustle. Come and make yourself at home.

EATING AND DRINKING



Lotus Indian Kitchen

📍 Mercia Marina, Findern Lane, Willington, Derby DE65 6DW

Experience dining at the first Indian tapas restaurant in Derby, a restaurant which helped change the face of dining in...

The Engine Room

📍 Riverlights, Morledge, Derby DE1 2BB

The Engine Room is a bold new addition to Derby city centre, serving inventive dishes in a stylish industrial-chic...

The River Kitchen

📍 Museum of Making, Silk Mill Lane, Derby DE1 3AF

The River Kitchen is all about community. Their delicious food is locally sourced, homemade, always within season and...

The Pepperpot

📍 Nightingale Quarter, London Road, Derby DE1 2UH

Exceptional dishes using the finest locally sourced produce. Awarded AA Rosette for Culinary Excellence 2024-2025.

BEAR Derby Irongate

📍 7 Iron Gate, Derby, DE1 3FJ

Offering all-day dining from a locally-sourced menu, including an abundance of fresh seasonal treats.

The Elephant and Peacock

📍 Derby Road, Milford, Belper DE56 0QW

Daily Telegraph Top 20 Best Options for a Sunday Lunch in the UK Marketing Derby Food & Drink Awards Best out of Town...

Lorentes Darley Abbey

📍 The Cotton Yard, Darley Abbey Mills, Derby DE22 1DZ

The flavours of Madrid and Barcelona, set in a riverside bistro within the World Heritage site of Darley Abbey Mills.

Café 42

📍 Derby Arena, Royal Way, Pride Park, , Derby DE24 8JB

A range of delicious and nutritious food and hot and cold drinks are available at the Arena. Whether you're calling in...



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EXPERIENCES

Unlock a world of unforgettable experiences, plan your next thrilling adventure in Derby and create memories that will last a lifetime.



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Derby Riverboat Trips

Various dates until October 2026

📍 Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill (UNESCO World He...

Eco river cruises along the Derwent – with onboard café, kids' activities & David Suchet commentary.

Highland Cow Afternoon Tea

25 Jun 2026 - 27 Sep 2026

📍 Bluebells, Brunswood Farm, Locko Road, Derby DE21 7AR

Experience the charm of farm life with a relaxed small group visit in the heart of the countryside.

Letterpress Workshops

📍 The Smallprint Co, 2-3 Friary Street, Derby DE1 1JF

Learn the intricacies of letterpress printing, typography, and bookbinding at our heritage print and design studio.

Spa Treatments at Breadsall Priory

📍 Delta Hotels by Marriott Breadsall Priory Country Club, ...

Relax on a spa day and enjoy access to a leisure centre with gym, classes, pool and jacuzzi.

The Escape Room Guys

📍 1-5 Iron Gate, Derby DE1 3FJ

Try a range of immersive escape rooms, perfect for team-building and family outings.

Craftcore - The City's First Public Ceramic Studio

📍 5 Osnabruck Square, Derby DE1 2DS

Craftcore, the city's first fully equipped public ceramic studio, offering an immersive and hands-on experience in the...

Introduction to Track Cycling at Derby Arena

Available Sundays

📍 Derby Arena, Royal Way, Pride Park, Derby DE24 8JB

This could be your first go at track cycling and can be a one-off taster session just for fun or to see if it's for you...

Sip n Paint

📍 Mosaic at the Mills, Darley Abbey Mills, Unit 2, The Saw ...

Guided painting session with drinks – art, mindfulness, and fun for all.

Afternoon Tea at Breadsall Priory

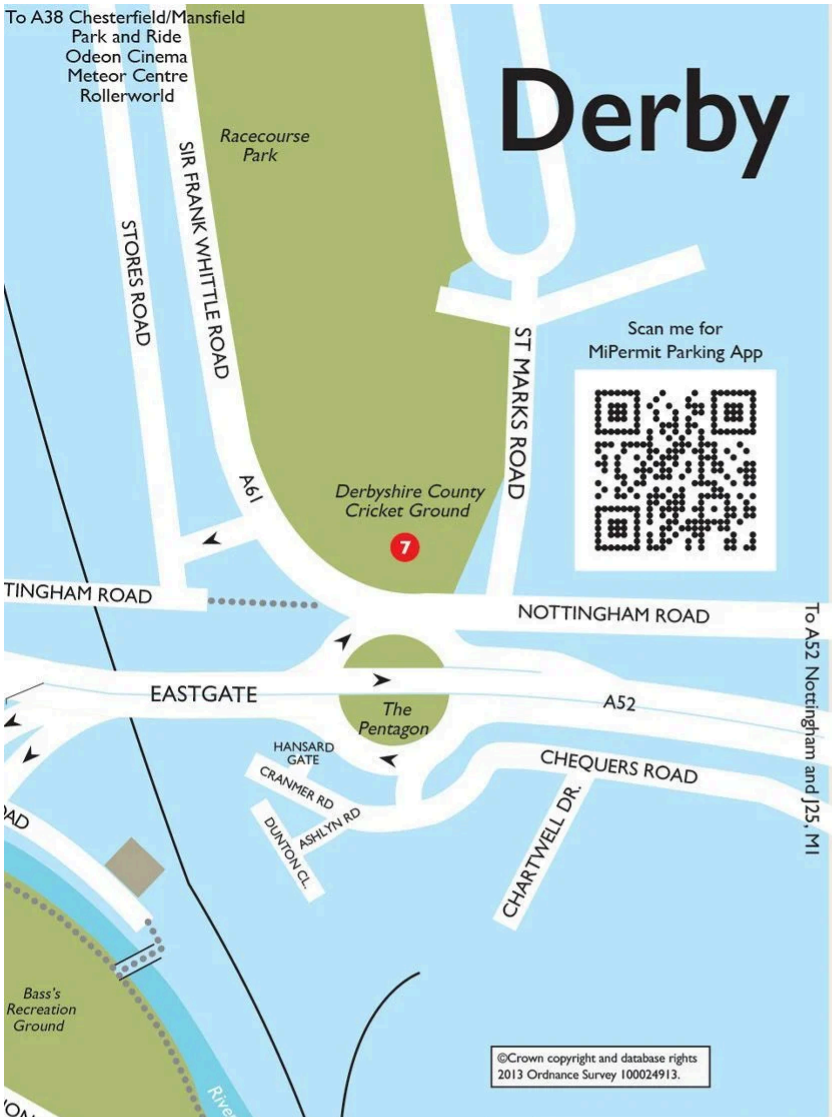
📍 Delta Hotels by Marriott Breadsall Priory Country Club, ...

Spoil someone special with a quintessentially British afternoon tea experience, surrounded by serene and rolling...



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To National Sikh Museum
To Calke Abbey



- 1 BBC Radio Derby
 - 2 Council House
 - 3 Bonnie Prince Charlie Statue
 - 4 'Made in Derby' Walk of Fame (Albion Street, Exchange Street, Market Place and Iron Gate)
 - 5 Artcore Gallery
 - 6 Bus Station (Coach bookings please call 01332 711554)
 - 7 Derbyshire County Cricket Ground
 - 8 Derby Cathedral
 - 9 Vaillant Live
 - 10 Dubrek Studios
 - 11 Derby Gaol
 - 12 Derby Museum & Art Gallery
 - 13 Derby Theatre
 - 14 The Hairy Dog
 - 15 Guildhall Theatre (currently closed)
 - 16 Joseph Wright Centre (Derby College)
 - 17 Great Northern Classics
 - 18 Derby Market Hall
 - 19 Pickford's House Museum
 - 20 The Venue
 - 21 QUAD
 - 22 The Flowerpot
 - 23 Railway Station
 - 24 Museum of Making
 - 25 Pride Park Stadium
 - 26 Derby Arena (Velodrome)
 - 27 Derby Uncovered Heritage Centre
 - 28 Derby Riverboat
 - 29 Electric Daisy
 - EV Charging
 - Coach Parking
 - Car Park / Parking
 - Designated Disabled Parking (No. of spaces)
 - Derby Sales & Information Centre (Chapel Street Arts Centre)
 - Toilets
 - Footpath
 - One Way Streets
 - Restricted Vehicle Access
 - Pedestrianised Streets
 - Cul de sac
 - Library
 - Place of Worship
 - Derbion (shopping centre)
- Cathedral Quarter
- St Peters Quarter



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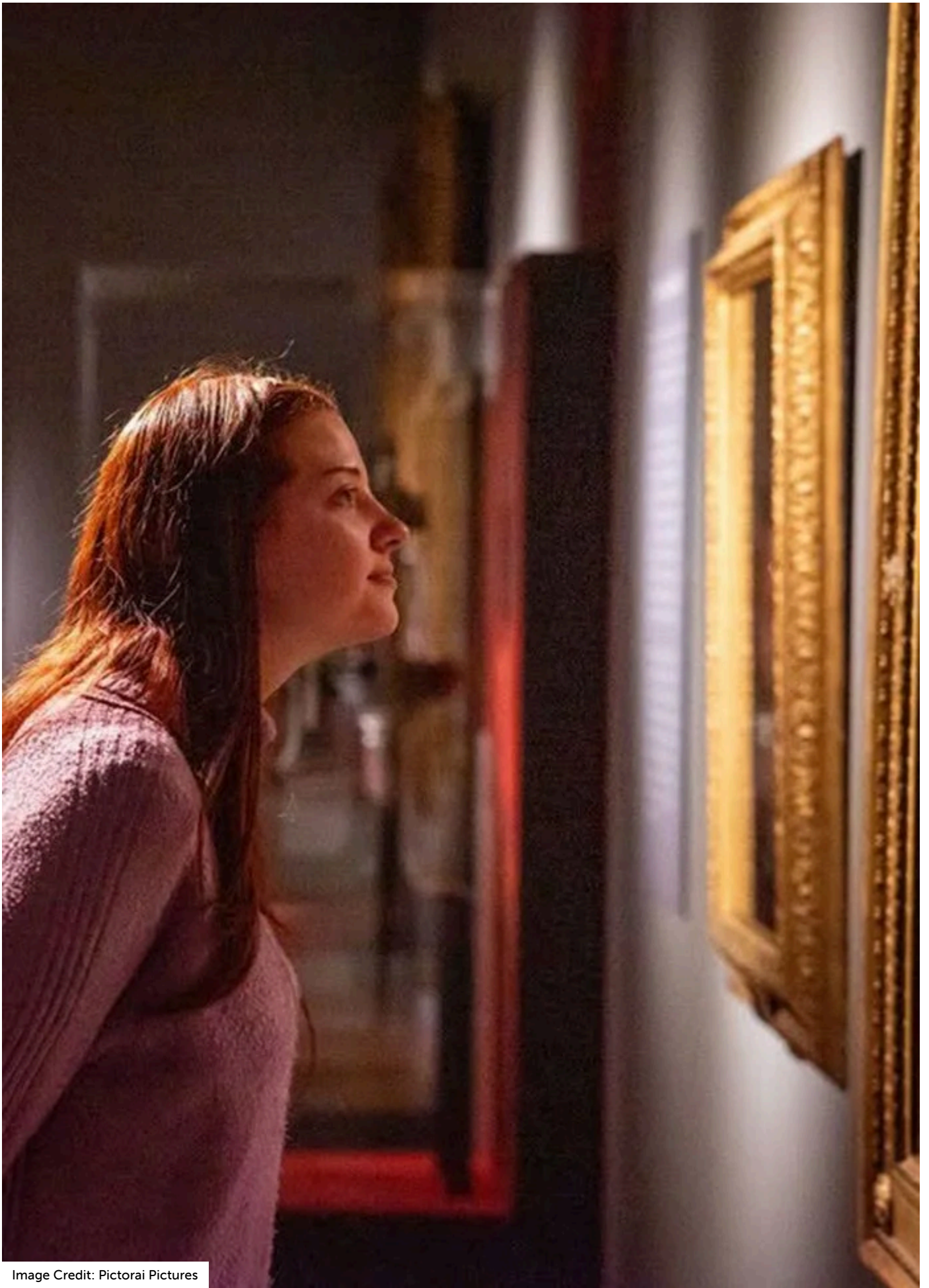


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