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If you love discovering new wines, spirits and beers then you will be spoiled for choice at Vinopolis.

Set under the soaring arches of a former railway viaduct, Vinopolis offers wine and spirit enthusiasts the opportunity to learn more about the history of their favourite tipples and how to fully appreciate them through a variety of wine tours and tasting events.

Whether you want to learn how wine is produced, how to match cheese and wine or how to shake a cocktail like a professional, we have something for everyone to enjoy at any level.



# The Wine Tour

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Treat your taste buds to a diverse range of wines, beer from the microbrewery, Bombay Sapphire cocktails, the best in whiskies and absinthe.

With 150 wines from all over the world and themed sections representing the regions they come from, the Wine Tour offers visitors a unique opportunity to explore wines and spirits of the world all under one roof. Featured countries include: France, Italy, Australia, California, South Africa and some lesser known regions such as Brazil and Georgia.

## Self Guided Tours

Vinopolis offer 4 self guided tours where visitors can make their way around the tour at their leisure, absorbing information and sampling different wines and spirits at the various tasting tables.

Depending on which of the 4 tours you purchase you can also taste Champagne, premium wines, whisky, absinthe and beer.



## How to Taste Wine

All self guided tours include a 'How to Taste Wine' session, delivered by one of our guides, taking you through how to truly appreciate wine using all of your senses. This takes place every ½ hour with the first session taking place 30 minutes after opening and the last session 1.5 hours before closing.



## The Bombay Sapphire Blue Room

All self guided tours give you the opportunity to sample a Bombay Sapphire cocktail. Choose from a selection of 3 gin based cocktails in the stylish, recently refurbished Bombay Sapphire Blue Room. This space is also available for private hire for groups of up to 80 people.



## Champagne Bar

For those of you with a thirst for fizz, a visit to 'The Champagne Bar' is a must! Here you will have the opportunity to enjoy a selection of fine Champagnes. Tastings are included in 'The Vinopolis Celebration' tour, or can be purchased as an upgrade.

## Vinopolis Wine Club

Once you have tasted and enjoyed the wines on the tour you can order them and have them delivered directly to your door with the Vinopolis Wine Club.

Membership also offers you great deals on all the wines on the tour, and by joining you can enjoy other benefits such as loyalty bonuses.

For further information visit [www.vinopolis.co.uk/wineclub](http://www.vinopolis.co.uk/wineclub) or call 0207 940 3000.



## Absinthe Tasting

Sample traditionally prepared Bohemian and Parisienne absinthe and unravel the myths of this infamous green spirit. Tastings are included in the 'Spirit of Vinopolis' and celebration tour and upgrades are available.



## The Chivas Room

A chance to sample up to 3 different Scotch whiskies whilst learning more about single malts and blends in the relaxed environment of the Chivas Room. This is included in the 'Spirit of Vinopolis' tour and upgrades can be purchased.



## Beer Tasting

Taste our very own beer brewed onsite along with locally brewed beer from the Greenwich based Meantime brewery. Beer samples are included in the 'Spirit of Vinopolis' tour and can be purchased.



## Tapas with Brindisa

Visitors to the Wine Tour can complement their tastings with some authentic Spanish tapas. Vinopolis have a permanent tapas feature in partnership with Spanish food retailer Brindisa.

Winner of the 'Best Retail Food Outlet' in the Observer Monthly Food Awards, Brindisa has shops in both nearby Borough market and Exmouth market. Options include Serrano ham, mild chorizo, piquillos peppers and manzanilla olives. Individual items can be purchased on the tour from as little as £1, plus a selection of platters.

## Tasting Notebooks

All tour visitors will receive a tasting notebook containing general information about wine and grape varieties, where they can collect details of the wines they taste.

To book your tour tickets visit the website [www.vinopolis.co.uk/tickets](http://www.vinopolis.co.uk/tickets) or call 020 7940 3000.

“The place to go for a trail of discovery and fun about the wines, beers and spirits of the world”

*Oz Clarke*

*Celebrity Wine Expert*

## Self Guided Tour packages

### The Vinopolis Grapevine

Off peak £21.00 / Peak £26.00

Admission to the Vinopolis Wine Tour

A 'How to Taste Wine' session

6 regular wine tastings

A Bombay Sapphire cocktail

A Vinopolis tasting notebook

### The Vinopolis Vineyard

Off peak £26.00 / Peak £31.00

Admission to the Vinopolis Wine Tour

A 'How to Taste Wine' session

6 regular wine tastings

3 premium wine tastings

A Bombay Sapphire cocktail

A Vinopolis tasting notebook

### The Spirit of Vinopolis

Off peak £28.50 / Peak £33.50

Admission to the Vinopolis Wine Tour

A 'How to Taste Wine' session

6 regular wine tastings

2 whisky tastings

2 absinthe tastings

2 beer tastings

2 rum tastings

A Bombay Sapphire cocktail

A Vinopolis tasting notebook

### The Vinopolis Celebration

Off peak £33.50 / Peak £38.50

Admission to the Vinopolis Wine Tour

A 'How to Taste Wine' session

6 regular wine tastings

3 premium wine tastings

3 Champagne tastings

2 whisky tastings

A Vinopolis tasting notebook

## Guided Tours

Vinopolis also offer guided tours for groups of 10 or more people. Guided tours are a great opportunity to get hands on tips and advice from a Vinopolis wine guide.

Duration: 1 hour.

Prices from £25 per person.

For more information or to book call 020 7940 3000.

## Ticket Types

Vinopolis offers 2 ticket types on all self guided tours, a peak ticket that is valid Thursday through to Sunday (including Saturdays) redeemable within a 6 month period or an off peak ticket valid on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays redeemable within a 3 month period.

## Group Discounts

Group discounts are available for pre-booked groups of 8 or more people when booked over the phone. Call 020 7940 3000 for more details.

Please note that all wine tasting measures are 25ml which is the standard measure for wine tasting. The wine served in the 'How to Taste Wine' session is 50ml. Beers are 50ml and spirits are 15ml per taste. All prices and packages are correct at time of going to press and are subject to change.

# Eating and Drinking

Within its 2 acre site, Vinopolis also houses 4 of the best restaurants and bars in Bankside, so you can complete your Vinopolis experience with a cocktail, 3 course meal or a pint from our microbrewery! Take your pick from Cantina, Brew Wharf, Wine Wharf and Bar Blue.

## Cantina Vinopolis

Created by award winning restaurateurs Claudio Pulze and Trevor Gulliver, Cantina Vinopolis serves modern dishes with a strong Mediterranean influence. To reserve a table call 020 7940 8333 or for further information visit [www.cantinavinopolis.com](http://www.cantinavinopolis.com)

## Brew Wharf

With its own microbrewery, Brew Wharf has established itself as the place to go for a hearty lunch and a fine pint of beer. For further information call 020 7378 6601 or visit [www.brewwharf.com](http://www.brewwharf.com)

## Wine Wharf Wine Bar

Recent runner up for best wine bar in the Time Out Food & Drinks awards, Wine Wharf serves more than 100 wines by the glass. For further information call 020 7940 8335 or visit [www.winewharf.com](http://www.winewharf.com)

## Bar Blue

Bar Blue is a stunning cocktail bar with an impressive drinks menu. The perfect place for a drink before, or after the tour. For further information call 020 7940 8333 or visit [www.barbluevinopolis.com](http://www.barbluevinopolis.com)



# Vinopolis Hen Parties

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## Hen Parties

What better way for the bride-to-be to celebrate than with an interactive wine tasting and cocktail making session. The Vinopolis Hen Party is a fun and sophisticated way to enjoy the occasion with friends and learn something new in an informal and engaging manner.

On arrival, a Vinopolis wine guide will greet you and your party with a glass of Prosecco.

Your guide will then teach you and your guests how to sniff, swirl and slurp like a professional in a private 'How to Taste Wine' session. Following this the chief hen will be challenged to a blind wine tasting of red and white wine, putting her newly acquired skills to the test.

The party will conclude with a cocktail making session where the chief hen can create her own masterpiece for the group to enjoy under the guidance of a Vinopolis cocktail expert.

The Vinopolis Hen party includes:

A Prosecco reception on arrival

A private 'How to Taste Wine' session

A blind wine tasting for the chief hen

A cocktail making session with a Vinopolis cocktail expert, where the whole party will enjoy the chief hens masterpiece

5 further tasting vouchers to redeem on the tour

As a memento of the occasion the bride-to-be will receive Suzy Atkins' 'Girls Guide to Wine'\*

Duration: 1.5 hours approx (of which 45 minutes is spent with your guide and the remaining time is self guided around the tour).

Available for parties of 10 or more during tour opening hours.

Price: £30 per person.

\* Gifts are subject to change but alternatives will be of equal or higher value.



Champagne  
Hen Parties

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For those of you with a thirst for fizz why not upgrade to the Champagne Hen Party.

Welcomed with a glass of Nicolas Feuillatte Champagne, before learning how to 'sniff, swirl and slurp' a glass of wine like a professional in a private 'How to Taste Wine' session. The chief hen will put her newly acquired skills to the test in a 'blind wine challenge'.

Hens will also enjoy 2 more Champagne tastings followed by a cocktail making session where the chief hen will prepare her own masterpiece for the rest of the group to enjoy. Each hen will then receive a ¼ bottle of Nicolas Feuillatte Champagne to enjoy at their leisure plus 3 regular wine tasting vouchers, the bride-to-be will also receive a copy of Suzy Atkins 'Girls Guide to Wine'.

Duration: 2.5 hours approx (of which 1 hour is spent with your guide, and the remaining time is self guided around the tour).

Available for parties of 10 or more during tour opening hours.

If you are not a bride-to-be the hen party package is also a great option for a 'girl's night out' for groups of 10 or more.

Price: £49 per person.

For more information and bookings, contact the Vinopolis Sales Team on 020 7940 3000 or email [sales@vinopolis.co.uk](mailto:sales@vinopolis.co.uk)

For more information visit [www.vinopolis.co.uk/henparties](http://www.vinopolis.co.uk/henparties)



# Vinopolis Stag Parties

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If you are in search of something different to do for your stag party then why not come to Vinopolis. The Vinopolis Stag Party is the perfect way to indulge in a variety of drinks including wines, whisky, rum and absinthe and learn a little more about your preferred tittle in a fun and relaxed environment.

On arrival, a Vinopolis wine guide will greet you and your party with a glass of Prosecco, famously used in Bellini's in Harry's Bar in Venice. Your guide will then show you and your guests how to sniff, swirl and slurp like a professional in a private 'How to Taste Wine' session.

Following this, your guide will give an introduction to whisky and rum, and take you through their key characteristics. The stag will then be put to test with a blind tasting to see if he can tell a whisky from a rum, which when sampled in black glasses, is a deceptively difficult challenge.

The highlight of the event will be an absinthe making session. The stag will prepare a French absinthe for the rest of the party to enjoy in the traditional way, The group will each then receive 3 further wine tasting & 2 beer tasting vouchers to redeem on the tour.

The stag will receive a copy of the book "I don't know much about wine... but I know what I like", plus a miniature.

Duration: 1.5 hours.

Available: Private groups of 10 or more from Thursday to Sunday.

Price: £30 per person.

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Tasting Events

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In addition to the Wine Tour, Vinopolis also host various tasting events, giving you the opportunity to learn more about your chosen drink with a Vinopolis host. Whether you want to learn how wine is produced, how to match cheese and wine or how to shake a cocktail like a professional, we have something for everyone at every level. Our tasting events make great gifts or team building activities.

We offer a range of tasting events for individuals or if you prefer you can gather a group of friends and book a private tasting (minimum of 10 people per booking).

For timings and the most up to date schedule of tasting events visit [www.vinopolis.co.uk/tastingevents](http://www.vinopolis.co.uk/tastingevents) or pick up a 'What's On' leaflet from reception.



## Tom Forrest Wine School

Run by Tom Forrest, our resident wine expert, these monthly workshops focus on particular wines and wine making regions of the world. From the classic production areas of France to the cutting edge producers of the New World, discover and enjoy up to 8 wines from some of the best winemakers of today. Each workshop includes a set of tasting notes of the wines, compiled by Tom Forrest, and a set of 6 wine tasting glasses.

Tickets can either be booked for a specific session or open dated (valid for 6 months from date of purchase), making these an excellent gift for a friend or loved one.

Duration: all the workshops will commence at 6.30pm and last for 2.5 hours.

Price: £59 per person.



## Welcome to Wine Tastings

Expand your knowledge with one of our 'Welcome to Wine' sessions. Whether you are a wine novice or an enthusiast there is something to interest everyone at every level.

### Welcome to Wine

For those of you who are keen to master the fundamentals of wine tasting this light-hearted introduction will give you the opportunity to sample 6 fantastic wines from around the world and perfect your 'sniff, swirl and slurp' technique.

Duration: 1 hour.

Price: £35 per person.

### Welcome to Premium Wine

Explore some of the world's finest wines, vineyards and wine production methods. For those with a taste for the finer things in life, this session gives you opportunity to sample a range of premium wines retailing at between £15 and £40 per bottle\* and expand your knowledge with a Vinopolis host.

Duration: 1 hour.

Price: £40 per person.

\*Subject to availability.

### Welcome to Cheese & Wine

Our experts here at Vinopolis have put their heads together and created the Vinopolis cheese and wine tasting event

You will taste 6 specially selected wines and an accompaniment of delicious cheeses. The event will be hosted by one of our in-house experts who will share their knowledge and guide you through all the tasting and slurping.

Duration: 1.5 hours.

Price: £49 per person.

## Welcome to Food & Wine

If you are a dab hand in the kitchen and would like to know which wines would best complement your creations, this session is the perfect way to learn how to match food and wine for any occasion.

This 2 hour taste sensation gives you the opportunity to taste 6 different wines accompanied by a range of homemade dishes as well as take part in an interactive food demonstration. Each guest will also receive a set of wine tasting notes and recipes for the dishes sampled during the workshop.

Duration: 2 hours.

Price: £60 per person.



## Chocolate and Wine Tasting

The wine experts at Vinopolis have done their research and are delighted to offer an exciting masterclass pairing chocolate with wine.

You will taste 6 specially selected wines with an accompaniment of the finest chocolates from around the world, and learn more about the history of chocolate as well as a few pairing tips from our experts.

Duration: 1.5 hours.

Price: £49 per person.

'Welcome to Wine' sessions take place on selected Sundays at 1pm, please visit [www.vinopolis.co.uk/welcome](http://www.vinopolis.co.uk/welcome) to make a booking or for more information.

For private group tastings of 10 or more please call 0207 940 3000.

# Vinopolis Masterclasses

Our Masterclasses offer a great opportunity to gain an in depth understanding of whisky and a variety of cocktails under the expert tutelage of a Vinopolis host. In each Masterclass you will have the opportunity to sample 6 drinks.



## Whisky Masterclass

Discover the heritage of Whisky, the world's most historical drink. Whisky lovers and novices alike can explore the tastes of 6 single malt and blended whiskies, including Scotch, Bourbon and Irish. As you learn about the evolution of the malting process, our Whisky Ambassador will teach you how to truly enjoy one of the most expensive pleasures in the world.

Duration: 1.5 hours.

Date / Time: 2nd Thursday of every month / 7pm.

Price: £39 per person.



## Cocktail Masterclass

A rare opportunity to learn how to mix your very own cocktail creations. This interactive masterclass gives a unique insight into bar culture and the art of bartending and ultimately how to create a range of cocktails from the classic Martini to more contemporary creations with our resident mixologist.

Duration: 1.5 hours.

Date / Time: 1st Thurs & last Tues of every month / 7pm.

Price: £49 per person.

For more information visit  
[www.vinopolis.co.uk/masterclasses](http://www.vinopolis.co.uk/masterclasses)



Special Events

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## Laughter Lounge

Join us for a night of cracking comedy at Laughter Lounge, our new comedy sensation. With fabulous food and drink on offer, together with an electrifying atmosphere, this is a great way to start your weekend. Tickets are a steal at £12 in advance and £15 on the door.

Date/time: Last Friday of the month from 6.30pm - 11pm.

For the latest line ups visit: [www.vinopolis.co.uk/comedy](http://www.vinopolis.co.uk/comedy)



## Celebrity Wine Tasting with Oz Clarke

Oz Clarke is one of the world's leading wine experts whose formidable reputation is based on his extensive wine knowledge and accessible approach.

Each session will be a chance to meet Oz Clarke, as he focuses on 5 specially selected wines from his list of favourites, featuring a secret selection including wines from his top 50 selection of the year, while the VIP session will include an additional 30 minute Q&A sessions and signed book.

Duration: 1 hour with Oz, followed by the 'Vinopolis Grapevine' tour.

Date and times: 9th October 2010, the VIP session will be at 12pm and the regular sessions will be at 3pm and 5.30pm, with dates for 2011 to be announced

Price: £59 per person & £99 per person for the VIP session.

For more information visit [www.vinopolis.co.uk/meettheexperts](http://www.vinopolis.co.uk/meettheexperts)



## Tour Events

Visit the tour during one of our focus weeks and expand your knowledge about particular varieties of wine or wine regions. Previous features include, English Wine Week, Australian Wine Fortnight and Fairtrade Fortnight.

During these focus weeks we often host related wine and food pairing events, giving you the opportunity to meet the wine makers and learn how to fully appreciate your favourite wines by matching them with appropriate dishes.

For the latest schedule pick up a copy of our 'What's on' leaflet from reception or visit [www.vinopolis.co.uk/whatson](http://www.vinopolis.co.uk/whatson)

## WSET courses



Vinopolis is an approved provider of WSET courses, offering both intermediate and advanced level qualifications, suitable for those in the trade and enthusiasts alike. The Wine & Spirit Education Trust (WSET) is the internationally recognised body which offers qualifications in wines and spirits. For more details about these courses at Vinopolis visit [www.vinopolis.co.uk/wset](http://www.vinopolis.co.uk/wset)

# Wine Gifts



## Vinopolis in a Box

Whilst all of our tour packages and masterclasses make great presents, the all new 'Vinopolis in a Box' is a fantastic gift for wine lovers and gives enthusiasts the chance to learn a little more about their favourite tipple. Ideal for birthday and wedding presents or even corporate gifts.

Prices start at £60, for further information visit [www.vinopolis.co.uk/winegifts](http://www.vinopolis.co.uk/winegifts)



## Signed Wine Books

We have an excellent range of signed wine books from some the leading names in the industry, including Oz Clarke, Matt Skinner, Suzy Atkins and Charles Metcalfe.

All our books can be ordered online, over the phone or from the Vinopolis ticket desk. These books make an excellent memento of your visit to Vinopolis.

Prices start at £4.99, for further information visit [www.vinopolis.co.uk/books](http://www.vinopolis.co.uk/books)

# General information

## Purchasing Tickets

Visitors can purchase tickets online at [www.vinopolis.co.uk/tickets](http://www.vinopolis.co.uk/tickets), or by calling 020 7940 3000 (Mon-Fri 9:00hrs – 17:30hrs). Alternatively, tickets can easily be purchased on the day from the Vinopolis ticket desk (subject to availability).

## Access

The Vinopolis Wine Tour is wheelchair friendly throughout. Please be advised that no person under the age of 18 is allowed to consume alcohol.

## Opening times

Thursday, Friday & Saturday 12-10pm, Sunday 12-6pm

Last admission is 2.5 hours before closing time.

Please note that the Bombay Sapphire Blue Room closes 30 mins before the tour closes. For Bank Holiday, Easter and December opening times, visit our website [www.vinopolis.co.uk/openingtimes](http://www.vinopolis.co.uk/openingtimes)

# Travel information

## By tube

London Bridge is the nearest tube station (Northern and Jubilee lines). Exit via the Borough High Street West exit. At the top of the stairs, take the first right into Stoney Street. Just before Monmouth Coffee, turn left down Park Street and follow the road around until you reach the main visitor entrance of Vinopolis on your right.

## By coach

Coach drop off points are situated along Southwark Street and Southwark Bridge Road.

## By boat

The nearest pier is Bankside, opposite Shakespeare's Globe, 5 minutes walk from Vinopolis.

## Terms and Conditions

Vinopolis reserves the right to vary admission prices and opening times without prior notice, in addition to the right to alter, close or withdraw attractions within the Vinopolis Tour without notice. Guests are advised that no person under the age of 18 is allowed to consume alcohol at a tasting event. Tasting events are subject to availability. Prompt arrival is necessary to ensure the smooth running of your tutored tasting. All bookings are non-refundable and non-transferable. If you have any special needs, please let us know in advance.

