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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 rums, 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 Thailand and China.

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, beer and rum.



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 of £5 for 3 tastings.

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. Wines can be ordered at the Vinopolis Wine Club desk within the tour or online.

For further information visit www.vinopoliswineclub.co.uk or call 0845 643 5641.



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' tour and upgrades are available for £1 per measure of absinthe.



The Still 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 Still Room. This is included in the 'Spirit of Vinopolis' tour and upgrades can be purchased at £3 for 3 tastings.



The Authentic Caribbean Rum Experience

Take a walk through a sunny sugar plantation, dip your hands in water from a re-created Caribbean spring and savour the magical aroma of a 15 year old spirit aged in oak barrels.

Tastings are included in the 'Vinopolis Celebration' tour, the 'Vinopolis Vineyard' tour and the 'Spirit of Vinopolis' tour. Tastings can also be purchased as an upgrade of £3.50 for 3.



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 at £1 for 2 tastings.



Tapas with Brindisa

Visitors to the Wine Tour can now complement their tastings with some authentic Spanish tapas. Vinopolis now 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. Platters start at £4.

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 or call 020 940 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 Reg £19.50 / Flexi £24.50

Admission to the Vinopolis Wine Tour

A 'How to Taste Wine' session

5 regular wine tastings

A Bombay Sapphire cocktail

A Vinopolis tasting notebook

The Vinopolis Vineyard Reg £25 / Flexi £30

Admission to the Vinopolis Wine Tour

A 'How to Taste Wine' session

5 regular wine tastings

2 premium wine tastings

2 rum tastings

A Bombay Sapphire cocktail

A Vinopolis tasting notebook

The Spirit of Vinopolis Reg £27.50 / Flexi £32.50

Admission to the Vinopolis Wine Tour

A 'How to Taste Wine' session

5 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 Reg £32.50 / Flexi £37.50

Admission to the Vinopolis Wine Tour

A 'How to Taste Wine' session

5 regular wine tastings

2 premium wine tastings

3 Champagne tastings

2 rum tastings

Audio guide featuring Oz Clarke

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 flexi ticket that is valid Thursday through to Sunday (including Saturdays) redeemable within a 6 month period or a regular 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

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

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

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.vinopolis.co.uk/barblue



Vinopolis Hen Parties

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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, famously used in Bellini's in Harry's Bar in Venice, whilst you learn a little more about the provenance of this elegant drink.

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 hens will then receive 3 further tasting vouchers to redeem on the tour.

As a memento of the occasion the bride-to-be will receive a gift box including a Suzy Atkins' 'Girls Guide to Wine', a disposable camera, to record all the hen party moments, 2 wine glasses and a bottle of 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
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For those of you with a thirst for fizz why not upgrade to the Champagne Hen Party. In addition to all the activities and gifts included in the Vinopolis Hen Party, you will also get the opportunity to taste Champagne. A Vinopolis host will give a detailed overview of the traditional method of making Champagne from the vine to the glass. Each hen will then receive a small bottle of Champagne to drink on the tour to toast the event along with 3 additional tasting vouchers.

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.

Duration: 2 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.

Price: £40 per person.

For more information and bookings, contact the Vinopolis Sales Team on 020 7940 3000 or email sales@vinopolis.co.uk



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 Caribbean rum, which when sampled in black glasses, is a deceptively difficult challenge.

The highlight of the evening is an absinthe making session. The stag will prepare a Czech absinthe for the rest of the party to enjoy in the traditional way, lighting a teaspoon of sugar. The group will then receive 3 further tasting vouchers each to redeem on the tour.

The stag will receive a gift box including a disposable camera to record your night out, "I don't know much about wine... but I know what I like" book, and a miniature bottle of Caribbean rum.*

Duration: 1.5 hours.

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

Price: £30 per person.

For more information and bookings, contact the Vinopolis Sales Team on 020 7940 3000 or email sales@vinopolis.co.uk

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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 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. Each session includes 6 tastings under the tutelage of a Vinopolis expert.

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.

Date/time: Monthly on a Sunday at 1pm.

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.

Date/time: Monthly on a Sunday at 1pm.

Price: £40 per person.

*Subject to availability.

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.

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

Duration: 2 hours.

Date/time: Monthly on a Sunday at 1pm.

Price: £60 per person.

To book any of the 'Welcome to Wine' sessions visit www.vinopolis.co.uk/welcome



Cheese and Wine Workshop

Our expert team here at Vinopolis have put their heads together and created the Vinopolis cheese and wine tasting event. You will taste 6 specially selected wines with an assortment 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.

Date/time: Selective Sunday's at 1pm.

Price: £49 per person.

To book visit www.vinopolis.co.uk/cheese

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 Thursday of every month / 7pm.

Price: £49 per person.

For more information visit
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



Chocolate and Wine Tasting

Some say it can't be done, pairing wine with chocolate, but if you have the right wine to complement the right chocolate it can be a match made in heaven. The wine experts at Vinopolis have done their research and are delighted to offer an exciting new masterclass pairing wine with chocolate.

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.

For further dates visit www.vinopolis.co.uk/chocolate



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



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 - as seen in his recent television wine adventure with James May.

In this session Oz will focus on 5 specially selected wines from his list of favourites featured in the new 'Oz Clarke Pocket Wine Guide 2009'. Tasting 5 wines from across the globe, Oz will teach you will how to assess its appearance, smell and taste - just like the professionals.

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

Date and times: Saturday 13th June/Saturday 10th October 2009 VIP sessions at 12pm, regular sessions at 3pm and 5pm.

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

For more information visit www.vinopolis.co.uk/meettheexperts



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



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 tippie. Ideal for birthday and wedding presents or even corporate gifts.

Prices start at £65, for further information visit www.vinopolis.co.uk/winegifts

General information

Purchasing Tickets

Visitors can purchase tickets online at 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

Thurs and Fri 12-10pm. Sat 11-10pm and Sun 12-6pm and selected Bank holidays. 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

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.



Events at Vinopolis

With its Victorian splendour, convenient location and 21st century facilities, Vinopolis is a leading London venue. From Christmas parties, private parties, weddings and civil partnerships, corporate entertainment and conferences, Vinopolis offers unrivalled event solutions. With an in-house event management team, catering, lighting and AV suppliers, Vinopolis provides seamless solutions for flawless events.

For more information call our events team on 020 7940 8322 or email events@vinopolis.co.uk

For further updates on events at Vinopolis please visit www.vinopolis.co.uk and subscribe to our newsletter.



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