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Round the world in 10 London pop ups

June 2013

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London loves a pop-up; every summer, strange shacks, food carts and rooftop bars appear all over the city. This year, you can backpack your way around the world one bite at a time. Katie Gatens picks the best for 2013



Rekorderlig's Midsummer House is coming to Victoria Park

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6–20 August

Transforming London's two Jam Tree pubs (Clapham and Chelsea) into tropical paradises, complete with Caribbean barbecue. Chilled reggae beats will match the flavours of curried goat, grilled snapper escoveitch and jerk chicken. Sip a ginger beer in the garden and pretend you're in Kingston. thejamtree.com

SWEDEN

Rekorderlig Midsummer House

21 June–5 July

If you're a fan of the fruity Swedish cider, you can now try it in five summery cocktails at Midsummer House, the brand's pop-up Scandi-chic hut in east London's Victoria Park. Set to pair its various ciders with delicious barbecued bites, it's probably the closest you'll come this summer to sitting in a Swedish meadow overlooking a fjord. Tickets are £10. rekorderlig.eventbrite.co.uk

USA

Mother Clucker at The Shackwell Arms

23 May–5 July

For six weeks you can enjoy Mother Clucker's proper southern fried chicken at this popular East End pub and live music venue. The free-range meat is marinated in sweet tea brine and coated in buttermilk and spices, fried twice and served with traditional buttermilk biscuits rather than chips. It couldn't be further from a greasy bucket of fast-food wings — but we bet it goes down just as well after a few drinks. shacklewellarms.com



SICILY

Mile High

19–22 June

Inspired by 'the golden age of air travel', Mile High focuses on a different

destination for each pop-up, and this month it's Sicily. The mouthwatering menu includes orange and cinnamon swordfish and burnt peach gelato, guaranteed to leave you lusting for a holiday on the Italian isle. Mile High combines art, music and interactive theatre, so whatever the food, it's sure to be a memorable night. dinemilehigh.com

BRAZIL

Clandestinos Supper Club

Selected dates from 30 June–28 July

A secret supper club in a Finsbury Park cottage — directions on the website are limited to 'behind a picket fence and a bay leaf tree'. Its living room is turned into a bistro a few times a month, with a foodie theme (this month it's Rio de Janeiro) and dinner is served



up to about 12 guests a night. Four courses for £25 — you have to book — and the organisers make a donation to LGBT charity Galop. clandestinos.co.uk

CHINA

Mama Wang's Kitchen

23 June at Haringey Market, 2 July Dalston Dead Dolls club

Mama Wang's mobile kitchen takes lesser-known regional dishes of China to street markets and supper clubs across London — this month's cuisine is from the Shaanxi capital of Xi'an. Mama's healthy, interesting food aims to overturn the bad press given by Chinese takeaways across the country. Try the famous Biang Biang noodles.

mamawangskitchen.com

LEBANON

Yalla Yalla

Until end of August

Established Middle Eastern restaurant Yalla Yalla has a street food pop-up on Shoreditch High Street this summer, serving the best in Lebanese cuisine. Visitors will dine on cushions beneath a canopy and at weekends belly dancers and DJs perform as you sip Lebanese-style cocktails and nibble on halloumi and falafel. yalla-yalla.co.uk



IRAN

**E17
Pop-Up**
8 July
No, not the dodgy 90s boyband — E17 is a pop-up group that hosts a series of themed

dining events every fortnight in Walthamstow, and on 8 July it's all about Persian food. Dishes include *zerehk polo o morgh* (that's rice and saffron chicken to you and me) and tickets are reasonably priced at just £16 for three courses. e17popup.co.uk

ITALY

Forza Win

30 May–21 September

If you fancy spending a summer evening being served delicious Neapolitan pizzas and Aperol Spritzes on a Shoreditch rooftop, Forza Win is the pop-up for you. With a charmingly DIY look (serving planks are balanced on huge tomato tins and wood-fired oven pizzas are knocked together right in front of you), Forza Win also has a party atmosphere as diners share communal tables and bands entertain beneath the stars.

forzawin.com

GHANA

Zoe's Ghana Kitchen at Dalston Roof Park

Thursdays–Sundays in August

Funky turf-covered space DRP (on the roof of the Print House on Ashwin Street) is hosting a range of great foodie pop-ups this summer, the most exciting of which might just be Zoe's Ghana Kitchen. Zoe's pop-up is a blur of grilled chicken, spicy sauce, rice, chunky coleslaw and famously friendly service. Look out for the Roof Park's wider events programme – this summer includes free film and documentary screenings (you donate £3 for the whole summer) a Japanese food festival and a lot of roof parties.

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