

Seven quirky things to do this holiday

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Moonrocket fairground ride

Here's our pick of some of the weird, wonderful and more unusual heritage sites to visit in the UK this break.

If you collect selfies at unusual attractions or you've already exhausted the blockbuster exhibitions, then check out our list of lesser-known National Lottery-funded things to do.

Pitt Rivers Museum

Discover the many curiosities at the [Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford](#), one of the world's great collections of anthropology and archaeology, including shrunken heads, Japanese Noh masks and Haida totem pole.

Wilton's Music Hall

Why not stop off at [Wilton's Music Hall](#), the world's oldest surviving Grand Music Hall? This historic London gem presents a year-round programme of live music and productions.

Fairground Museum

Roll up, roll up! Take a trip to the [Fairground Museum](#) at the The Dingles Fairground Heritage Centre. Explore vintage fairground rides, games and art, plus Shaw's 1930s Moonrocket, the only fully functioning historic thrill ride of its kind.

Surgeons' Hall Museum

The UK's largest historic collection of surgical pathology artefacts is held at the [Surgeons' Hall Museum in Edinburgh](#), including anatomical specimens, surgical instruments and a pocket book made from the skin of the infamous murderer, William Burke.

Regal Cinema

The [Regal Cinema](#) in Tenbury Wells is recognised by the Cinema Theatre Association as having "one of the most astonishing auditorium decorations of 1930s cinemas in Britain". A must-visit for any film buff!

The London Transport Museum Acton Depot

[The Depot](#) houses over 320,000 items, including many original works of art used for the museum's celebrated poster collection, vehicles, signs, photographs and uniforms. All aboard for an interesting day out.

Painshill Grotto

The fully restored crystal [18th-century Grotto at Painshill](#) in Cobham, Surrey is an exceptional example of an 18th-century grotto in its entire and original form, sitting within a historic landscape garden. Prepare to be dazzled!



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