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GOING OUT

Every exquisitely agonising Euros moment will be on a big screen from Friday. **David Ellis** on where to watch the beautiful game

Premier League

When it looked like, just for a moment, 2018's World Cup might not be a wash out, even the most ardent rugby fan decided they'd scream for the boys with the round ball. The city's biggest operators took notice and this summer, football madness is set to be similarly heady for those looking for the next best thing to being in a stadium itself.

The gang behind Costa Del Tottenham have opened **Euros Warehouse** down the road (N17, costadelottenham.co.uk), promising two giant screens, street food, room for 300 and "all the hallmarks of a 1989 warehouse party". There'll be similar celebratory scenes over at Bethnal Green's Oval Space where the **Fanpark Euro 2021** (E2, feverup.com) kicks things off 90 minutes before each match with pints, pies and live DJs.

Going big is very much the theme of the summer: up in Kentish Town, new spot **The Garden** (NW5, cometothe garden.co.uk) promises around 15,000 sq ft of space, two 12-metre bars and two giant LED screens. The only snag is that it won't open till June 24. However, Borough Market's much-loved **Flat Iron Square** (SE1, flatironsquare.co.uk) will show every big game from this Friday onwards and are hoping the next stage



Going for goal: Barrio Bars across town will show all the big games.

Above, Fanpark Euro 2021 at Oval Space, and right, Tobacco Dock



of lockdown easing will be confirmed in order to pack out their uproariously unruly terrace from June 21.

There are kindred vibes at nearby **Vinegar Yard** (SE1, vinegaryard.london), where the screen is one of the biggest in town, at 6x3.5m, so no one will miss a single tormented minute of play. Every game is being shown and while only the England fixtures are ticketed, a minimum spend applies to every table of up to eight.

Meanwhile, the lively **Hackney Bridge** (E15, hackneybridge.org) has some serious pedigree — it was founded by the team behind Pop Brixton and Peck-

ham Levels — and although the England games are mostly sold out, most of the other group stage games still have space and groups can be booked for up to 30 at a time.

Further east and **Truman's Social Club** (E17, trumanssocialclub.co.uk) will screen all the games on its two screens and, with more than 20 draft beers on tap, is one to settle in for a session. Speaking of which, the **Boxpark** sites (E1, CR0, HA9, boxpark.co.uk) are all known for their boisterous moods — they're a go-to for those after a good

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time. Somewhat ironically, the Wembley bar won't be able to show fixtures when the nearby stadium is in full flow, but the Croydon and Shoreditch sites will remain unaffected. Keep July 8 in your diary as that's when tickets for the final go on sale.

If Boxpark is booked, Shoreditch fans should try **Cargo** (EC2A, cargo-london.com). Cocktails and beers will be being banged out both inside and out, with 20ft TVs showing all the games and DJs keeping the mood up before and after. Finally, don't overlook the official offerings: there's the **Football Village** in Potters Fields Park by Tower Bridge and the **Fan Zone** in Trafalgar Square (both london.gov.uk) which offer free entry. Beware, Potters Fields isn't showing any home games while Trafalgar Square is avoiding trouble by keeping the group stage home games for key workers only.

Local Heroes

Casual fans caught up in the summer frenzy — and there's no shame in wondering if Gareth Southgate losing the waistcoat means he's gearing up for a return to the pitch — may want to shy from the heaving crowds and look a little more low-key. On last count, more than 60 pubs across town are showing matches but the true figure is likely somewhere around four times that, ring up your local, in other words.

Those looking for a destination might want to try the recently overhauled **Jolly Gardeners** in Vauxhall (SE11, @thejollygardeners), which is strictly walk-ins only for its four screens — including one in a secret garden. Or head out into the big old beer garden at Lewisham's **Perry Hill** pub (SE6, perryhillpub.co.uk), which can seat 250. Food should be good, too; the kitchen's top man is Jamie Younger, better known for Peckham's popular The Begging Bowl.

Should this summer suddenly be swept up in a downpour, stay warm and dry in a heated garden hut at Brixton's **Hope & Anchor** (SW2, hopeandanchor-brixton.co.uk). Each of the 12 weather-proof boxes will have two TVs showing the matches, and there'll be a projected screen in the pub for those not outdoors. In Acton, **The Aeronaut** (W3, aeronaut.pub) has screens up for every match; come for a game, but come back

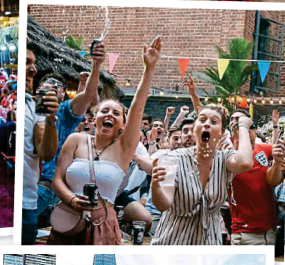


for one of their ever-entertaining circus nights and drag shows. Those set on really tucking themselves away should trek below Daffodil Mulligan to **Gibney's** (EC1, gibneyslondon.com), which is half Irish bar, half Irish pub. In its agreeable, wood-paneled snugs, which each sit eight, TV screens are up and there'll be mini kegs of lager to pass around the table. Richard Corrigan looks after the food so it's somewhere for a proper snack, too — the cheese toasties are some of the best in town.

Cocktails move your speed? At all four of the fun-loving Latin-inspired **Barrio Bars** (N1, E1, SW2, W1, barrios.com), all the England, Spain and Portuguese games will be on, with free entry to their technicolour spaces. They're somewhere to head for a late bottomless brunch before wootzily sitting back for kick-off. Meanwhile, Drake & Morgan's spot on West India Quay, **The Sipping Room** (E14, drakeandmorgan.co.uk), has a terrace to catch the sun on before heading indoors to cheers the lads on; besides the footy, Wimbledon will be served as well.

Otherwise, take it upstairs and onto

Get your kicks: clockwise from top, Hackney bridge, Cargo, Vinegar Yard and Boxpark



the roof of Tobacco Dock's **Skylight** (E1, tobaccodocklondon.com), which is set to show all 51 games on its giant screen, and with room for 600, is setting up a few extra spots so no goal goes unseen no matter how busy it gets. Like many spots, tickets for full tables will need to be booked for the games played up until June 20 — from then, with a little luck, individual seats will be ticketed and will include a beer.

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For some, the game is only half the fun, or not even that much. Fortunately, there are a host of places built for big kids to get their kicks when the thought of a penalty isn't quite enough to get the blood pumping. Go west to Stratford where **The Bat and Ball** (E20, thebatandball.com) has the matches on — if Jordan Henderson isn't raising quite enough hell on the pitch, settle into a game of table tennis, or better yet, beer (and prosecco) pong. There's also pool and karaoke for those who've been unwillingly dragged along.

There's more ping pong at **Bounce** (both EC1, bouncepingpong.com) and for those stuck to the big screen, bottomless pizza and beer will be on tap. **Pizza Pilgrims** (E14, pizzapilgrims.co.uk) also offer endless pizza, plus a foosball table. Meanwhile, the new **Arcade Monkeyz** in Southwark (SE1, arcade-monkeyz.com) will have the games once it opens on June 18. When half time is called, shake off the stress at one of their arcade machines.

If all you want to do is dance, try the live-music dens the **Piano Works** (EC1, WC2, pianoworks.bar), which both are popping up screens. Better still, it'll always be happy hour before kickoff and bottomless beer and fizz are both on hand. Predict a winner and they'll give you a drink on the house; be sure to put in a request for the house band to play Three Lions for a triumphant singalong. At the end of the day, the guys will give it everything they have — and you should too.

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Aries March 20 – April 18

For weeks, your time and thoughts have been focused on a range of pivotal but complex dilemmas involving home, family or ways of drawing everybody together. While in most situations others were eager to cooperate, that hasn't always been the case. Now it's time to tackle those last few remaining matters.

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Taurus April 19 – May 19

Appealing as sudden ideas or offers may be, those now coming your way are as disruptive as they are promising. While understandably you'd rather wait, watch and learn more about these, the current swift pace makes that impossible. The secret? Go with the flow. In the long run, it'll be easiest.

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Gemini May 20 – June 20

Judging by the current exciting but unsettling planetary activity, life's about questioning, review and change. While you're happy to deal with each day's events as they arise, certain individuals are determined to make plans. Agree that it's a good idea, but explain even the simplest of plans will have to wait.

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Cancer June 21 – July 21

The time has come to shed familiar and often reassuring arrangements. While in the past these worked well, recently they've only led to complications. That's because it's time to say farewell to these and move on. Worrying as that seems now, what comes your way over the next few days will boost your spirits.

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Leo July 22 – August 21

One of your greatest virtues is your loyalty to what you believe in and those you care about. Recently, however, one particular individual has been taking advantage of your commitment. While they welcome your efforts, they give you little in return. Speak up. They've no idea this is upsetting to you.

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Virgo August 22 – September 21

Obviously, you don't want to upset anybody. However, with each passing day it's becoming increasingly clear that what recently seemed solid plans can't last as they were originally conceived of. Tempting as it is to try to keep these going, you'd only complicate matters. Shift the focus on how best to disentangle yourself.

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Libra September 22 – October 22

Only days ago, you feared that you'd never be able to reach an accord over one particularly tricky issue. While nobody is better than a Libra at achieving a shared perspective, the matter in question has been especially tricky. Finally, you've not only reached a turning point, things are working out brilliantly.

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Scorpio October 23 – November 21

For you, as a caring Scorpio, one of life's great joys is doing something that benefits others, or even giving them secret gifts. While your intentions are understandable, and you can be shy, those on the receiving end would love to thank you. Let them know you were responsible, if not now, soon.

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Sagittarius November 22 – December 20

Accepting the fact that, whatever you do, decisions will be a struggle won't be easy. As a quick-thinking and often impatient Sagittarius, you'll be tempted to commit to a plan just to get things dealt with. While that's understandable, it's also unwise. Wait. Within days you'll realise the reason why.

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Capricorn December 21 – January 18

The idea of an offer that comes from out of the blue is appealing. But dealing with it is another matter, as you'll soon discover. Judging by the planetary setup, a range of fascinating ideas or opportunities are about to appear. Each will demand time and thought, and each will be worth it.

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Aquarius January 19 – February 18

When you first began discussing certain plans or ideas, you avoided mentioning them to many of those around you. It's not that you were being secretive, as is now being said, but you knew they wouldn't be interested. Don't argue. Simply begin including them in the contents of every discussion. They'll soon get the point.

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Pisces February 19 – March 19

You may not be feeling patient at the moment. However, while late May's powerful eclipse kick-started a series of pivotal changes, things are unlikely to make sense until the current eclipsed Full Moon tomorrow. Knowing that, discuss various options, but no more. The coming day's events could change everything.

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IF IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY TOMORROW...

While everybody and every sign is influenced by the current eclipsed New Moon, the fact it's in Gemini and takes place on your birthday indicates you've reached a turning point, one that's about leaving elements of the past behind and venturing into new territory in terms of your life, habits, interests and pursuits. While you're inquisitive by nature, once you lose interest in something or somebody, you'll move on. This is about reviewing the past while exploring the future and, most of all, taking advantage of the stunning changes currently reshaping your life.

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