

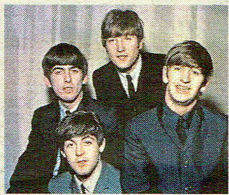
GOING OUT

MORE TOURS

**LONDON ROCK TOUR: PUNK AND NEW WAVE**

Feeling energetic? Skip the traffic jams and take to London on foot to explore a time when the Sex Pistols, The Clash and The Jam ruled the roost.

£75 for eight-and-a-half hours, londonrocktour.com

**ROCK 'N' ROLL BEATLES TOUR**

Beatles fans can rediscover the Fab Four's favourite haunts from the back seat of a renovated classic British mini.

£214 for the car for two hours, smallcarbcity.com

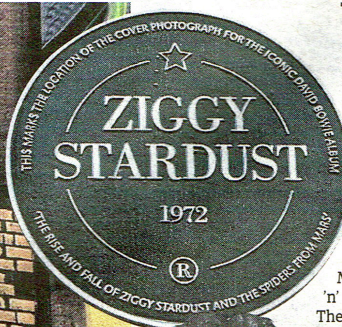
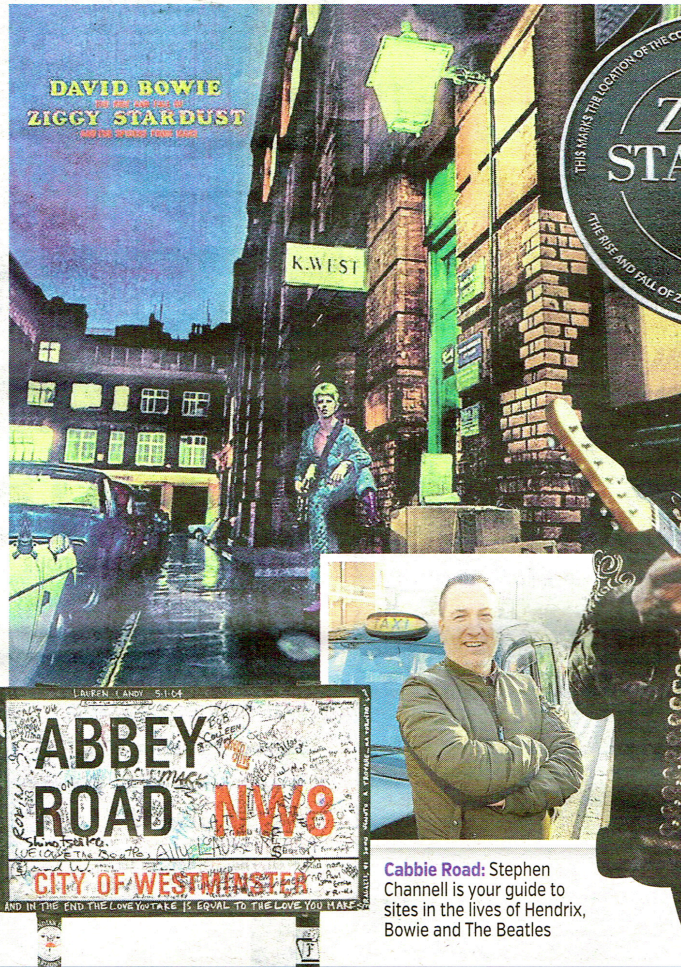
**SWINGING SIXTIES**

This bus tour is soundtracked by recordings from 1960s pirate station Radio Caroline and takes in Chelsea's King's Road and the Royal Albert Hall.

£20 for one hour, 60sbus.london

Meet Ziggy Stardust and the black cab from Mars

ALEXANDER HOLMES ACCEPTS A TICKET TO RIDE THROUGH MUSICAL HISTORY



THE sight of a London black cab drawing up outside the Notting Hill building where Jimi Hendrix breathed his last hardly merits a mention. But when its driver starts talking about Hendrix's music and his likely overdose in what was once the Samarkand Hotel on Lansdowne Crescent, you realise you've hailed a cabbie with a different type of knowledge. Welcome to Rock Cab Tours, an exploration of London's musical history with a hackney-carriage tour guide in the form of former Warner Music exec Stephen Channell. It's only rock 'n' roll – but we like it!

The two-hour ride meanders through the city's backstreets to pivotal landmarks that capture British music's impact across the decades.

You'll visit iconic album cover locations such as Heddon Street, just off Regent Street, where David Bowie posed as Ziggy Stardust, and Abbey Road, where you can re-enact that zebra-crossing picture of The Beatles. You'll also see the shrine in Barnes that marks where glam rocker Marc Bolan died in a car crash.

But it's not just cabbie and trivia on offer here. There's an opportunity to wet your whistle with cocktails and a Glam Rock Afternoon Tea from menus printed to look like a record cover when the tour ends at musicians' hotspot K West Hotel And Spa in Shepherd's Bush. That this is the site of the BBC's former BBC Kensington House recording studio only adds to the vibe. An option is to include an overnight stay at the hotel with a full English breakfast in addition to the tea. And at the hotel's K West Live night every third Thursday of the month, there's free entry with a free beer for the first 100 people.

So if you plan it well, you'll have an ideal rock-star weekend. Just don't throw your TV out of the window...

Prices start from £212 for just the tour and tea for four people, to £315 for two people sharing a room. k-west.co.uk

Cabbie Road: Stephen Channell is your guide to sites in the lives of Hendrix, Bowie and The Beatles

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