

New map of London's 2020

Christmas lights out now

Alpine mapping specialists, 2theAlps, have turned their attention closer to home this winter to produce a map of central London's wonderful array of Christmas lights.

With holidays in the Alps looking increasingly unlikely over the festive period, the socially-distancing 2theAlps research team headed into London's West End, grabbed some hire bikes, and cycled through the wintry cityscape from Marble Arch to Covent Garden via Marylebone, Regent Street, Fitzrovia and Soho to chart the extent of this year's festive displays.

Although a few of the usual streets have decided against a 2020 display, most have brought theirs out in style. We've selected our favourite 10 ranging from iconic shopping streets to obscure back lanes.

The map can be seen for free on 2theAlps website, along with a commentary on the top 10 - let us know if we've missed any of your favourites. www.2thealps.com/london-christmas-lights-2020-2021.htm

2theAlps cartographic researcher, Neil Guthrie, comments, "We're keeping our fingers crossed that the Alps will open up properly this coming season - in the meantime, we offer our new festive map to help people explore the winter wonderland on their own doorstep, and enjoy the glorious lights of central London, trading in Serre Chevalier for Seven Dials, Mayrhofen for Marylebone and Obergurgl for Oxford Street."