



LONDON GUIDE



London

Known for being the capital and most populous city of the United Kingdom, London is the central hub of culture. Home to one of the most diverse populations in the world, London offers shopping, drinking, eating, fashion, art and history - Everything you could want all in one place. Take a walk around the parks, the museums, Southbank riverside and be truly inspired by everything this city has to give. One thing is sure - London is sure to give you an experience that you will never forget.



What to see

- ★ *Palace of Westminster* - The grand gothic building that stands along the north bank of the River Thames offers beautiful architecture and history dating back centuries. With Big Ben standing tall at the North end of the palace, this is one sight not to be missed
- ★ *St. James Park* - The oldest of London's royal parks, St. James park presents millions of visitors with beautiful flowerbeds

and a tranquil atmosphere right in the middle of this buzzing city.

- ★ **St Paul's Cathedral** - Part of the rebuilding of the city following the great fire of London, St Paul's Cathedral was once the tallest building in London - it's dome being one key significant identity for the city. Take a visit inside to experience the incredible details within. Whilst this may not be the tallest building in the city anymore, it sure does continue to offer some of the best views from the top.
- ★ **Buckingham Palace** - The London residence for the monarch of the United Kingdom. Admire from outside the gates where you can watch the guards or take a tour inside.
- ★ **Museums** - London has museums to cover all interests whether it is modern art, design, transport, photography or history. The majority of these museums are free so why not pop in and take advantage while you're around?
- ★ **Shoreditch** - With London being a cultural hub, take a little trip to the east end to see all the street art. From well-known artists such as Banksy to new talent wanting to express themselves - this side of the city offers a different perspective.
- ★ **Parliament Hill** - Located in the beautiful surroundings of Hampstead Heath, Parliament Hill offers spectacular views across the whole city. This is the perfect location for a peaceful stroll.
- ★ **University of Greenwich** - Greenwich campus is located in the old Royal Naval College, the architectural centrepiece of Maritime Greenwich. The site is regularly used for films and television as it boasts impressive architecture and greenery. Take in the history and you might even bump into your favourite actor.

Now this is just to start you off - I could keep going but that would be a lot of reading! London has hundreds of sights so make the most of your visit this time but there is always more.

Where to eat

- ★ **Flat Iron** - For the meat eaters - with just steak on the menu, you will not be disappointed by the exquisite quality. With friendly staff and free popcorn, this is a definite must visit restaurant! Visit Covent Garden and you even get a free dessert.
- ★ **Duck and Waffle** - 24 hour restaurant in one of London's skyscrapers. Both the food and the views make this restaurant worth it.
- ★ **Crazy Bear** - Sumptuous Thai cuisine and oriental spices. This tucked away restaurant and cocktail bar offers regular diners and partygoers the perfect night.
- ★ **The Shard** - Combination of great food and great cocktails - enjoy a night in the city's tallest building.
- ★ **The Alchemist** - A selection of dishes that cross genres. Each dish is a feast for the eyes. Enjoy a unique cocktail experience from 'masters in the dark arts'.
- ★ **Franco Manca** - Sourdough pizza, freshly made and great prices. Franco Manca offers a classy environment for all occasions.



Where to drink

- ★ **Madison** - Rooftop terrace near St Paul's - tasty cocktails and great views.
- ★ **Experimental Cocktail Club** - Hidden cocktail bar in Chinatown with a unique menu that you won't find anywhere else.
- ★ **Opium** - Another hidden cocktail bar in Chinatown with unique seasonal mixes and funky beats. Delicious Dim Sum as well.
- ★ **The Porter House** - Irish bar located in Covent Garden. Friendly experience, live music and worldwide drink choices.
- ★ **The Crown & Two Chairmen** - Soho pub with classy interior. Great selection of drinks and perfect for relaxed drinks or a night out. The manager also owns an impressive Star Wars figurine set which is often on display.
- ★ **The Crown & Shuttle** - Located just a short walk from Liverpool Street, this pub offers a buzzing east end atmosphere with the perfect beer garden.
- ★ **Said** - For those chocolate lovers - just off Carnaby Street, Said chocolate shop will give you a hot chocolate experience that you will not forget - we are still yet to find a better one.

Where to shop

- ★ **Oxford Street** - Oxford Street is the main shopping hub for London, offering high end shopping to high street shopping. It is also the home to Selfridges.
- ★ **Harrods** - Located in Knightsbridge, Harrods department store covers a huge space and hundreds of departments. You could easily get lost in here for a day.

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- ★ **Liberty** - Luxury department store in London's West End. Whilst offering an array of goods, this Tudor style building is beautiful to the eye.
 - ★ **Covent Garden** - Escape the hustle and bustle of Oxford Street by visiting Covent Garden and explore a wide range of shopping choices. Also a great spot to stop and have a bite to eat/drink.
 - ★ **Borough Market** - On the south side of the river, Borough Market offers a different kind of shopping experience. Purchase fresh food, cheeses, wines, breads, cakes and plants from local businesses.
 - ★ **Boxpark** - If you find yourself in Shoreditch, take a visit to Boxpark and browse through the cute small shops which offer big brands and small start-ups.

We look forward to welcoming you in London

