



A Taste of London

With so much on offer, it's difficult knowing where to begin when suggesting things to see and do in the capital. But by asking people in London what they think, A Taste of London has some truly personal recommendations. They cater to a variety of tastes and budgets and range from the familiar sites to some little-known treasures.

A Taste of London FastFacts

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Way2Go Perfect Day in London (duration: 23:24)

Before you Way2Go

Getting Around

Why not use the Transport for London website: tfl.gov.uk or call the 24 hour TFL Travel Information Line on: +44 (0)20 7222 1234.

Oyster Cards are available at most Tube and railway stations as well as some newsagents – just look for the blue Oyster sign. They can also be purchased before you arrive, through the Visit London website: visitlondon.com/travel/oyster

Need2Go?

Public toilets (with disabled access) are located at most of London's major visitor attractions.

Places to Way2Go

The Banqueting House

Architectural masterpiece with a ceiling painted by Rubens and the site of King Charles I's execution.

The Banqueting House, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2ER

24-hour information line:
+44 (0)844 482 7777

hrp.org.uk/banquetinghouse

British Museum

The world's finest museum of mankind, and it's free.

Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3DG

Information desk: +44 (0)20 7323 8299 - for information about the Museum
Box office: +44 (0)20 7323 8181 - for exhibition and event ticket booking
britishmuseum.org

Kew Gardens

300 acres of stunning scenery, iconic buildings and a fascinating history.

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew Green, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 3AB

24 hour information line:
+44 (0)20 8332 5655

kew.org

The London Eye

See all of London, simply by going 135 metres up in the air!

Riverside Building, County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7PB

Information and bookings:
+44 (0)870 5000 600 (9am - 5pm daily)
londoneye.com

Download a map and guide to the many attractions on the river's Southbank
static.visitlondon.com/assets/areas/river/1walkthisway_southbank.pdf

The London Underground

Listen to 'Tube Guru' and the world's oldest underground railway suddenly becomes a working museum!

National Maritime Museum
Britain's sea-faring past brought to life – great for kids, and it's free

Romney Road, Greenwich, London, SE10 9NF
Information line: +44 (0)20 8312 6565
nmm.ac.uk

The Royal Parks

Not just beautiful open spaces, but all sorts of activities, from guided walks, to horse riding, to Speaker's Corner.
royalparks.org.uk/

St Paul's Cathedral

The dominant symbol of London, with a great view from the top.

St Paul's Churchyard, London, EC4M 8AD
General enquiry line:
+44 (0)20 7236 4128 / +44 (0)20 7246 8350
stpauls.co.uk

The Tower of London

From gory executions to the glittering Crown Jewels.

Tower Hill, London, EC3N 4AB
Telephone: 0844 482 7777 (from UK).
+44 (0)20 3166 6000 (from outside UK)
hrp.org.uk/toweroflondon

Westminster Abbey

The site of every Coronation since 1066.
Westminster Abbey, Parliament Square, London, SW1P 3PA
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7222 5152
westminster-abbey.org

Places to Way2Go

Changing the Guard

At Horse Guards on Whitehall, mounted regiments of the Household Cavalry change daily at 11.00am (Monday – Saturday) and 10.00am on Sundays.

At Buckingham Palace, the Foot Guards change at 11.30am every day in summer and every other day in winter. The ceremony is accompanied by a band. army.mod.uk/events/ceremonial/1068.aspx

Hang out in Soho

In the day Soho is more about trendy coffee bars and cafes rather than the sex shops for which it was once known. Old Compton Street is the centre of London's gay scene. streetsensation.co.uk/soho/so_intro.htm

Stroll around Covent Garden

Covent Garden is renowned for boutiques, street entertainers, restaurants and bars.

London, WC2
coventgardenlife.com

Afternoon tea?

The Berkeley Hotel
Reservations: +44 (0)20 7201 1619
the-berkeley.co.uk/page.aspx?id=504

Claridge's

Reservations: +44 (0)20 7409 6307
claridges.co.uk/page.aspx?id=1792

The Dorchester Hotel

Reservations: +44 (0)20 7629 8888
thedorchester.com/restaurants_bars/pr_omenade.html

The Ritz

Reservations: +44 (0)20 7300 2345
theritzlondon.com/tea/index.asp

London's Theatreland

London offers over 50 of the world's finest theatre productions guaranteeing something for everyone.

Telephone: +44 (0)20 7494 1767
officiallondontheatre.co.uk
londontheatre.co.uk/lashmars/index.html

Late-night culture

Many of London's museums and galleries are open late. lates.org/home

Breakfast in Smithfield

Smiths serves everything from fish finger butties to gourmet rare breed meat.

67-77 Charterhouse Street,
London, EC1M 6HJ
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7251 7950
smithsofsmithfield.co.uk

A London Bus Tour

One of the easiest ways to see London's sights.

Original London Sightseeing Tour
(Multiple pick-up points throughout central London)
Telephone: +44 (0)20 8877 1722
theoriginaltour.com

A pint in Westminster

Winston Churchill was regularly found in St Stephen's Tavern and the pub relays Parliament's division bell, summoning MPs to the vote.

10 Bridge Street, Westminster,
London, SW1 2JR
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7925 2286
pubs.com/pub_details.cfm?id=270
For detailed information on all of London's historic pubs visit pubs.com

Visit Oxford Street - Europe's largest High Street

Explore over 300 shops from flagship department stores to unique boutiques.

Oxford Street, London, W1
oxfordstreet.co.uk/

Westfield Shopping Centre

The largest in-town shopping and leisure centre in Europe.

Shepherd's Bush, London, W12 7SL
uk.westfield.com/london

Watch a football match

With 13 professional football clubs London has more choice than anywhere else. Buying tickets for Premier League clubs can be difficult without membership but some independent websites sell them at higher cost. For links to all the clubs' websites see visitlondon.com/attractions/sport/football

See a concert

For current listings and to book tickets visit timeout.com/london/music

Half a dozen London markets

Brick Lane

An Aladdin's cave with early morning bargains, also famous for tasty curries and bagel shops.
londontown.com/LondonInformation/Shops/Brick_Lane_Market/a24b/

Columbia Road

Traditional flower market offering a chance to meet some colourful East End characters.
columbia-flower-market.freewebspace.com/index_2.html

Borough

London's oldest food market with plenty of opportunity to try before you buy. Take a big bag and big appetite.
boroughmarket.org.uk

Portobello

Trendy retro clothes combined with collectibles/antiques and traditional fruit and veg stalls.
portobellomarket.org

Smithfield

For early birds, or night owls. When at this historic meat market it's easy to forget it's 4am.
londontown.com/LondonInformation/Attraction/Smithfield_Market/b7b5/

Bayswater Road

Think of it as a mile-long open air art gallery where everything's for sale and you haggle with the artist.
bayswater-road-artists.co.uk/photo+album

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