

# London

## England

- Enjoy a bird's-eye view of the city from the top of the London Eye, The Shard or Sky Garden, or venture Up at the O2.
- Marvel at the Houses of Parliament and hear Big Ben chime, climb the 528 steps inside the dome of St Paul's Cathedral or catch a theatre show in the West End.
- Find unique vintage markets on Portobello Road, Camden or Spitalfields, or browse the high-street shops of Oxford, Regent and Carnaby Streets, as well as department stores Harrods, Harvey Nichols and Selfridges.
- Check out trendy Shoreditch and Brick Lane, or Borough and Camden Market, for everything from Michelin star restaurants to street food.



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## Fun Fact

The name given to London's iconic clock, Big Ben, is technically incorrect. Big Ben is the name given to the huge bell inside the tower. The building itself is called Elizabeth Tower.



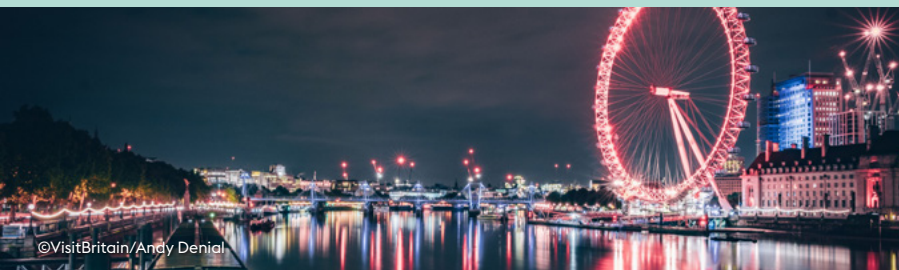
## Did you know?

The 'City of London' is England's smallest city by size, and is commonly referred to as the Square Mile.



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## Things to do in London



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### ABBA Voyage

Experience a concert like no other. Blurring the lines between the physical and digital, see ABBA brought to life using the latest in motion capture technology.

[www.visitbritainshop.com/world/en/abba-voyage](http://www.visitbritainshop.com/world/en/abba-voyage)

### Tally Ho Gin Safari

Discover the history of London's favourite spirit on this gin-fuelled bike tour of Southwark and Bermondsey.

[www.tallyho.cc/tours/london-gin-safari/](http://www.tallyho.cc/tours/london-gin-safari/)

### Thames Rockets

Zoom through the city aboard a speedboat and make a splash while whizzing past London's iconic sights.

[www.visitbritainshop.com/world/en/ultimate-london-adventure-thames-rockets](http://www.visitbritainshop.com/world/en/ultimate-london-adventure-thames-rockets)

### iFly at the O2

Feel the adrenaline rush while taking flight and freefalling through the air at this indoor skydiving experience.

[www.theo2.co.uk/do-more-at-the-o2/iflyindoorskydiving](http://www.theo2.co.uk/do-more-at-the-o2/iflyindoorskydiving)

### Warner Bros. Studios – Harry Potter

Enter the world of Harry Potter on this behind-the-scenes tour filled with original props, sets and costumes from the film adaptations of the bestselling novels.

[www.wbstudiotour.co.uk/](http://www.wbstudiotour.co.uk/)

### Dare to Skywalk

Visitors can test their nerves along the top of Tottenham Stadium with a thrilling climb and a chance to abseil back down.

[www.experience.tottenhamhotspur.com/spurs-sky-walk.htm](http://www.experience.tottenhamhotspur.com/spurs-sky-walk.htm)

### Tower of London

Get hands-on with history at this former palace and prison. It's full of tales and treasures, including the Crown Jewels.

[www.visitbritainshop.com/world/en/tower-london-tickets](http://www.visitbritainshop.com/world/en/tower-london-tickets)

## Discover the best of London



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### Like... London's vibrant cultural scene

With over 170 museums to choose from, London is a hot-spot for a cultural experience – why not explore decorative art and design at the [V&A](#), or marvel at dinosaur bones at the [Natural History Museum](#).

### Love... Art, but not as you know it

Learn all about street art on the [Alternative London Street Art Tour & Workshop](#), then create a graffiti masterpiece during the included taster session.

# Seasonal highlights

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## Spring



### A sleepover at London Zoo

Stay overnight with the animals, get a private evening tour of wild beasts, eat dinner within a whisker of a lion and sleep among the cacophony of baboons and parrots.

[www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/london-zoo-lodge](http://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/london-zoo-lodge)

## Summer



### London Pride

Discover London's Pride festival, an annual celebration of diversity and inclusion featuring a parade, colourful performances and a range of community events.

[www.prideinlondon.org](http://www.prideinlondon.org)

## Autumn



### Learn a new skill at Petersham Nursery

Escape the city for Petersham Nurseries, a garden centre with a Michelin-Green-Starred difference. Enjoy seasonal events, from autumn wreath making to tablescaping. After getting crafty, relax in the greenhouse restaurant.

[www.petershamnurseries.com](http://www.petershamnurseries.com)

## Winter



### Christmas festivities

London glows with twinkling Christmas lights, bustling shops, ice rinks and seasonal theatre performances each Christmas. Visit the capital to get a taste for the festivities.

[www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/whats-on/christmas](http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/whats-on/christmas)

## Places to stay in London



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### Notting Hill

Stroll along the brightly painted houses, the buzzing cafés and pubs and visit its famous market in this, the home to one of the world's most iconic festivals - The Notting Hill Carnival.

### Soho

Explore the super central, trendy, all night buzz to Soho, find cafes, bars, restaurants and ice cream parlour here. It's a playful and buzzing spot all the time, and shoulders China Town.

### Hampstead

Stay in this leafy and affluent part of London full of delis and restaurants. It's also home to London's green lung - Hampstead Heath. And of course, you can grab one of best views here - Primrose Hill.

### Find accommodation in London

[www.visitlondon.com/where-to-stay](http://www.visitlondon.com/where-to-stay)

## Getting around

London is well served by public transport, much of which runs late and through the night. [London visitor Oyster cards](#) are the cheapest ways to pay for your journeys on buses, trams, trains and the tube.

### By tube



The London Underground rail network, also called the [Tube](#), is a great way to travel to, from and around central London. All services and numerous stations are wheelchair accessible.

### By bike



Grab a [Santander Cycle](#) from one of hundreds of docking stations around the capital - you can bike around the city from as little as £2.


### By bus




London's iconic double-decker buses are a convenient and cheap way to travel around the city, with plenty of sightseeing opportunities along the way.

# Getting to London

## Located in south-west England

 The capital is served by **six international airports**, including London Heathrow and Gatwick, with direct and connecting routes to international destinations (shop for [Heathrow Express tickets](#) and [Stansted Express tickets](#)).

 Travelling by train is an eco-friendlier option and the capital offers **12 major stations**, including Waterloo, Euston and Paddington. St Pancras International is the city's Eurostar hub, with multiple direct connections to Europe.

 Companies such as [National Express](#) and [Megabus](#) operate regular routes between London and major destinations like Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham and Leeds.



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