

## 101 Ultimate Things To Do in London

London's official visitors guide, Visit London, has put together an fantastic list of the 101 Ultimate Things to Do in London. Enjoy the city's fantastic sights and events, and make the most of the fabulous host of things to do in London.

You could also get lost in the wonders of [London museums](#), savour some delicious traditional dishes and see London sights from a new perspective with one of the many [London tours](#). Use the [London Attractions Map](#) to help you pinpoint all the places you want to go.

### London Attractions

1. Ready, steady... go! Tick all of London's [top 10 attractions](#) off your list.
2. See 55 of London's greatest landmarks on a 30-minute ride on the [Coca-Cola London Eye](#).
3. Soar above London on the [Emirates Air Line cable car](#).
4. Discover the magnificent [Hampton Court Palace](#), Henry VIII's former residence.
5. Be dazzled by the largest diamond in the world, on display at the [Tower of London's](#) Crown Jewels exhibition.
6. Take a tour of [Buckingham Palace](#) during its summer opening, or find some wonderful [royal alternatives](#) throughout the year.
7. Climb the dome of [St Paul's Cathedral](#) and enjoy spectacular views across London.
8. See Egyptian mummies and the world-famous Rosetta Stone at the [British Museum](#).

### London Sightseeing

9. Sit back and get an overview of London sights on a hop-on hop-off [bus tour](#).
10. Explore historic [Greenwich](#) and jump on the [Prime Meridian Line](#).
11. Take a [boat trip on the Thames](#) and see London in style.
12. Get closer to the most interesting tourist attractions in London with a [walking tour](#).
13. Catch the iconic [Changing the Guard](#) ceremony in front of Buckingham Palace.
14. Meet the [Beefeaters](#) at the Tower of London and let them share the tower's oldest secrets with you.
15. Snap a photo at [Piccadilly Circus](#) in front of its iconic, electronic advertising hoarding.
16. See the bronze lions and Nelson's Column at [Trafalgar Square](#).

### Free Things To Do in London

17. Explore the eight [Royal Parks](#) in London, from pretty [St James's Park](#) to the peaceful [Bushy Park](#).
18. Walk the Thames Path on the South Bank and see some of the major London landmarks: from the [Houses of Parliament](#) to [Tower Bridge](#). You can also go beyond the city centre, up to [Kew](#) or [Hampton Court Palace](#) in West London.
19. See some world-class art for free at the [National Gallery](#), at [Tate Modern](#) and other major [galleries](#).
20. Be next to [Big Ben](#) when the bell strikes on the hour.
21. Take in some free entertainment at the annual More London Festival at the [The Scoop](#), or watch street performers in [Covent Garden](#).
22. Admire the 12,000 roses in Queen Mary's Gardens in [Regent's Park](#). Come on the first two weeks of June to see it in full bloom.
23. See what English homes were once like at [The Geffrye, Museum of the Home](#).
24. Be in the right place at the right time to see [Tower Bridge](#) lift up, or watch it from home with our [live webcam](#).

## Fun Things To Do in London

25. Ride a [Santander Cycle](#) in [Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park](#) and relive the spirit of the London 2012 Olympic Games.
26. Ride a rollercoaster at one of London's [theme parks](#).
27. Come face to face with the legendary saga's beloved characters with [Star Wars Identities: The Exhibition](#) at The O2.
28. [Ice skate](#) next to a major attraction and enjoy the magical view of iconic landmarks such as Hampton Court Palace and Somerset House lit up with festive lights.
29. [Hire a pedalo](#) or rowing boat on [Hyde Park](#)'s famous Serpentine Lake (from April to October).
30. Have a fun night out with friends at one of London's best [bowling alleys](#).
31. See a game (and do the [tour](#)) at the legendary [Wembley Stadium](#) or get a taste of London's club football scene at [Chelsea](#) or [Arsenal](#).
32. Take an exhilarating 007-like ride on the Thames with a [speedboat tour](#).

## Things To Do In London With Kids

33. Push a trolley through Harry Potter's magical world at [Platform 9 ¾ at King's Cross](#).
34. See full-size dinosaurs in [Crystal Palace Park](#) and explore the maze and children's farm.
35. See the penguins at the [ZLS London Zoo](#).
36. Step inside Gryffindor common room and see hundreds of costumes and props from the Harry Potter films at the [Warner Bros Studio Tour – The Making of Harry Potter](#).
37. Rub shoulders with the world's most iconic figures and check out the special Star Wars experience at [Madame Tussauds London](#).
38. Say hello to our underwater friends at the [SEA LIFE London](#) aquarium.
39. Take the kids to the theatre for spectacular [family friendly shows](#), from [The Lion King](#) to [Aladdin](#).
40. Fly a kite on [Hampstead Heath](#), splash around at one of its swimming ponds and enjoy the view from Parliament Hill.
41. Explore the collection of toys at the [V&A Museum of Childhood](#).
42. See the Apollo 10 command capsule at the [Science Museum](#).

## Unusual Things to Do in London

43. Wander around the [Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew](#) and see the [Amorphophallus titanium](#), a giant (and smelly) plant whose flowering is incredibly rare.
44. Go [Up at the O2](#): climb this world-famous entertainment venue and get a 360-degree view of the London's skyline.
45. Get off the beaten track and discover a London [hidden gem](#), from [Eltham Palace](#) and [Epping Forest](#) to [Apsley House](#).
46. Search for cool locations and [legendary music landmarks](#) dotted across London.
47. Discover the weird and the wonderful world of humans at the [Wellcome Collection](#).
48. Step into the ruins of London's Roman Amphitheatre at the [Guildhall Art Gallery & Roman Ampitheatre](#).

## Romantic Things To Do in London

49. Soak up spectacular views of London's skyline at sunset at [The View from the Shard](#).
50. Have a romantic stroll around Kyoto Gardens in [Holland Park](#).
51. Sip a classy cocktail and enjoy the view of London at night at a seductive [rooftop bar](#).
52. Take a [London Helicopter](#) flight over the sights of London: impressive date guaranteed!
53. Take in the view from [Primrose Hill](#) and have a walk around its colourful neighbourhoods.
54. Soak up London's magical atmosphere with your loved one, as [Christmas](#) lights are turned on in London's famous shopping streets.
55. Treat the love of your life to a special dinner at one of London's top [romantic restaurants](#).

56. [Propose](#) in style in one of the most romantic places in London like the [Coca-Cola London Eye](#), a [river cruise boat](#), or [Little Venice](#)'s beautiful canals.

### Cheap Things To Do in London

57. Take a [tour](#) and see a play in the fascinating setting of the [Shakespeare's Globe Theatre](#). Standing tickets can be bought for just £5.
58. Go sightseeing on an iconic [London red bus](#) and enjoy the views from the upper deck. A single bus fare costs only £1.50.
59. Grab some tasty street food at the coolest [London food trucks](#), or try a beigel or a pie from these popular [cheap lunch spots](#).
60. Catch some opera at the [Royal Opera House](#) in Covent Garden and look out for standing tickets from just £5.
61. Take a tour of the fascinating [Highgate Cemetery](#) for just £4, and see Karl Marx's colossal burial.

### Things To Do in London at Night

62. See a smashing West End [musical](#) in London.
63. Go to a [late museum or gallery opening](#) and enjoy special talks, DJs, food and drinks.
64. Treat yourself to a glass of fizz at a London [champagne bar](#).
65. Dance the night away at one of the top [clubs](#) in London.
66. Go up to London's [Sky Garden](#) in Fenchurch Street for free, and enjoy spectacular views of the skyline at night. Entry to the Sky Garden is limited, so make sure you reserve online in advance.
67. Indulge in an expertly-made cocktail at one of London's [luxury cocktail bars](#).
68. Take a candlelit tour of [Sir John Soane's Museum](#) (every first Tuesday of the Month) and admire the eclectic residence of the 19-century eminent architect.
69. Head to one of [London's quirkiest bars](#) and expect nothing but the unexpected.

### Things To Do in London on a Sunday

70. Tuck in to a traditional [Sunday roast](#) in a traditional London venue.
71. Browse for flowers at [Columbia Road Flower Market](#).
72. Enjoy some mouthwatering street food at [Brick Lane Market](#) or [Greenwich Market](#).
73. Discover lesser-known [London Sunday markets](#).
74. Pack a blanket and some good food, and have a picnic in [Hyde Park](#).
75. Cheer on your favourite team at a [sports bar or pub](#).
76. Take part in a debate at [Speaker's Corner](#).
77. Use the capital as a hub to explore other exciting locations in the UK on a [day trip from London](#).

### Best Events in London

78. Take part in the biggest [Chinese New Year](#) celebrations outside of Asia throughout Chinatown, Trafalgar Square and the West End.
79. Celebrate all things Irish with [St Patrick's Day](#) special events in London in March.
80. Remember, remember the fifth of November... Celebrate [Bonfire Night](#) in London and watch one of the spectacular fireworks displays in the city.
81. Watch [Trooping the Colour](#) military parade in honour of the Queen's birthday in June.
82. Enjoy the colours and sounds of the Caribbean at [Notting Hill Carnival](#) in August.
83. Cheer on tennis greats as [Wimbledon Lawn Tennis tournament](#) comes to South West London.
84. Enjoy the best of what's on in London at [Christmas](#): enjoy the magical atmosphere, admire the stunning decorations

and visit Santa's grotto.

85. Find the perfect spot from where to enjoy the spectacular [New Year's Eve Fireworks](#) in London.
86. Catch one of London's legendary [music festivals](#), dance to your favourite band's tunes and make new friends.
87. Embrace London's diversity at [Pride in London](#) festival.

### **Food and Drink in London**

88. A trip to London is not complete without an [afternoon tea](#), the British experience par excellence. Whether you go for the classic or the [unusual](#), you won't be disappointed.
89. Treat yourself to an unforgettable meal at a London [Michelin-starred restaurant](#) from some of the world's top chefs.
90. Eat at one of [London's quirkiest restaurants](#) – have you ever tried to eat in the dark?
91. Try an authentic curry from one of the many restaurants and food stalls in [Brick Lane](#).
92. Have a crispy battered [fish and chips](#) – a London's classic.
93. Enjoy some comfort food and a pint of beer at a [traditional London pub](#).
94. Savour dim sum and regional Chinese cuisine in London's [Chinatown restaurants](#).
95. Tuck in to a pie, mash and liquor at one of these [London pie shops](#).

### **Shopping in London**

96. Find everything from antiques to designer clothes at [London's top 12 markets](#), or just enjoy wandering around and taking pictures.
97. Do some upscale shopping in a luxurious [London department store](#), from Harrods, Liberty and Selfridges to John Lewis and Debenhams.
98. Find all the things you need in one place at [Westfield Stratford City](#), Europe's largest urban shopping centre.
99. Browse festive gifts while sipping a hot chocolate at London's fascinating [Christmas markets](#).
100. Buy gourmet ingredients, quality groceries and sweet treats at one of the best [food markets](#) in London.
101. Make the most of the city's vibrant retro clothing scene and look out for the best [vintage shops](#) in London.

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