17th – 20th AUGUST

LONDON WEEKEND

Excursion Guide
Welcome to London!

London has so much to experience, to visit, to see and to explore! To make things a little easier for you, we have put together this guide to give you a better idea of what you can do during your 4 days in our Country’s Capital City!

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Remember in case of emergencies please contact one of the Plymouth University Excursion Leaders (Nikki and Oli) or a Plymouth University Student Ambassador (Jenny, Kasha and Erandi).
Travelling around London!

London has one of the largest public transport networks in the world! You can travel on the underground (the tube), over ground (trains) and bus networks across the whole of the city.

**London Underground**

There are 11 colour-coded underground lines across the city. Services run 05:00 – Midnight, Monday to Saturday and 07:30 – 23:30 on Sundays. There is also a night service on some lines Friday and Saturday evenings.

**Buses**

There are some busses that run for 24 hours across the city but you will need to check the route before you leave.

You can not pay for tickets with money on buses in zone 1. You will need to buy a travel card to use these services.

**Cycle Hire**

There are over 10,000 bikes to hire from 700 stations in London. Price is £2 for 24 hours. You will need a credit or debit card to use the bikes.

**Tip:**

Always stand on the right when using the escalators. The tube can get very hot and busy.

**Tip:**

Visit the London Transport Museum in Covent Garden to find out more about London’s transport history.
Travel tickets in London!

**Travelcard**

We suggest the best way to get around London is by buying a Travelcard. The Travelcard allows you to travel as often as you like on buses, tubes and trains across London. **Anytime Day Travelcard cost from £12 per day.** These can be used the whole day and for any journey.

**Zones**

London is split into zones. Most of the things to do are in Zones 1 to 4 which the ‘Anytime Day Travelcard’ covers. However, if you would like to visit something outside of these zones you will need to buy a different card.

**Oyster Card**

Oyster cards are a quick and cheap way to see the city. However you will need to buy the card before you leave Plymouth. We think a Travelcard would be a better option for you as the Oyster Card will need to be posted to you.

If you would like to buy an Oyster Card please visit the [Transport for London](https://tfl.gov.uk) website.

**Tip:**

You can get cheaper rates on sightseeing River Tours if you have a Travelcard. This is a great and different way to see London.
Staying Safe in London!

London is a very safe place but like any big city, it is worth taking sensible steps to keep you, your friends and your belongings safe.

Safe Travel in London

⇒ Plan your route before you leave
⇒ Only use Black Hackney Cabs or Registered Minicabs
⇒ Try to avoid walking alone at night. Stick to well-lit main roads
⇒ Beware of wearing earphones – they lower your awareness
⇒ Only use dedicated road crossings and remember that cars drive on the left.

Staying Safe in Bars & Restaurants

⇒ Make sure you keep your property out of sight and under a table
⇒ Don’t accept drinks from strangers

General Safety

⇒ Don’t leave your bag unattended anywhere in London.
⇒ Keep in touch with your friends – let them know where you are.
⇒ Keep your PIN number hidden when using a cash machine.
There is so much to do and see in London it’s hard to know where to start. To help you, we have put together the following pages which include things to do for free and things to do that have a cost. Please note that the prices below are online prices, so for the best deal book your tickets before you go.

### The Top Ten Free London Attractions are:

| 1 | British Museum |
| 2 | National Gallery |
| 3 | Tate Modern |
| 4 | Natural History Museum |
| 5 | Southbank Centre |
| 6 | Somerset House |
| 7 | Science Museum |
| 8 | Victoria and Albert Museum |
| 9 | Royal Museums Greenwich |
| 10 | National Portrait Gallery |

### The Top Ten Paid London Attractions are:

| 1 | Buckingham Palace Tour |
| 2 | Hop on Hop off Bus Tour |
| 3 | Warner Bros Studio Tour – Harry Potter (very limited tickets available) |
| 4 | Kensington Palace |
| 5 | London Eye |
| 6 | Tower of London |
| 7 | SEA Life London |
| 8 | ZSL London Zoo |
| 9 | Madame Tussauds |
| 10 | View from the Shard |
Free things to do in London!

Here are our top picks of free things to do in London. Ctrl + Click on the images for more information:

- National History Museum
- Tate Modern
- Harrods
- Science Museum
- British Museum
- V & A Museum
- Hamleys
- The National Gallery
More things to do in London!

Still got time on your hands? Check out these fantastic places to visit for a small cost. For more information click on the image. A full breakdown of prices are on the next page.
Price of things to do in London!

Below are the opening times and costs of each attraction listed on the previous page. Please do check each website as some prices are cheaper online. Some of these attractions ask that you book tickets before you arrive.

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University College London

When you are in London, you will be staying in the halls of residence at University College London or UCL for short.

The campus at UCL is very different to Plymouth University and is spread over a large area. You will need to plan your time well to make sure you get to each place with enough time.

UCL and London

Below is where UCL is in London. We are very well located in central London. The nearest tube stations are Euston Square, Goodge Street and Warren Street.

Tip:
Keep the address of your accommodation in a safe place just in case you need it!
BUT don’t tell or show any strangers!
London has so much to offer the keen shopper. From designer brands to bargain boutiques, it has it all.

Above is a map of the best **Oxford Street Shopping** and opposite is the best of **Knightsbridge Shopping** – Enjoy!

**Tip:**

Try to not carry too much money on you when you are shopping! Keep your purses and wallets well out of sight.

**Tip:**

Remember there are loads of places to shop in London! Check out Covent Garden, Camden Market and the Markets to name just a few!
Enjoy your time in London!