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The 5 best places for A CUP OF TEA

121 YAUATCHA

15-17 Broadwick St
W1F 0DL
Soho ①
+44 (0)20 7494 8888
[www.yauatcha.com/
soho/tea-at-yauatcha](http://www.yauatcha.com/soho/tea-at-yauatcha)

Yauatcha is well known for its dim sum and wonderful loose leaf teas, of which there are more than 40 sourced from China and India. Afternoon tea is served with Chinese savoury delicacies. You can also take your tea with an exquisite range of patisserie, macarons and *petits gateaux*.

122 CAKE HOLE CAFE

AT: VINTAGE HEAVEN
82A Columbia Road
E2 7QB
East ③
+44 (0)78 3325 5012
[vintageheaven.co.uk/
cake-hole](http://vintageheaven.co.uk/cake-hole)

Cake Hole is a cheery cafe nestled at the back of a Columbia Road vintage shop that specialises in kitchen and tableware. Once past the array of retro crockery, glass and teacups, choose from a range of breakfast teas, black teas, herbal teas and 'oddi-teas' to accompany the plentiful home-baked cakes on offer.

123 SKETCH

9 Conduit St
W1S 2XG
Mayfair ⑧
+44 (0)20 7659 4500
www.sketch.london

Sketch is a high-concept restaurant and tearoom that undoubtedly has some of the best decor in London. Take their afternoon tea in The Gallery, a sumptuous low-lit pink room with unsettling humorous artworks by David Shrigley. There's excellent service and a fun atmosphere.

124 POSTCARD TEAS

9 Dering St
W1S 1AG
Mayfair ⑧
+44 (0)20 7629 3654
[www.postcard
teas.com/site](http://www.postcardteas.com/site)

One of the best places to buy tea in town. All 60 varieties, beautifully packaged, are fairly traded from small single estate farms. Real expertise has gone into creating and importing the selection available. They also sell postcards, filled with loose tea, which you can send anywhere in the world.

125 FORTNUM & MASON

181 Piccadilly
W1A 1ER
Mayfair ⑧
+44 (0)20 7734 8040
[www.fortnumand
mason.com](http://www.fortnumandmason.com)

This landmark establishment on Piccadilly takes its tea very seriously and has done so for more than 300 years. A huge range of high-quality teas are available, immaculately packaged in their signature *eau de nil bleu* and gold livery. For the quintessential English tearoom experience the Diamond Jubilee Tea Salon is the place to come.



123 SKETCH

5 of the best INDEPENDENT BOOKSHOPS

201 LONDON REVIEW BOOKSHOP

14 Bury Place
WC1A 2JL
Bloomsbury ②
+44 (0)20 7269 9030
[www.londonreview
bookshop.co.uk](http://www.londonreviewbookshop.co.uk)

This bookshop was set up in 2003 by London Review of Books, the esteemed literary journal. The stock is carefully selected and very strong on literature, biography, politics, history, essays and poetry in particular. They organise several talks and events each month. Through a gap in the wall, between the books, you can access the Cake Shop, which is one of the best cafes in the city, a real literary salon.

202 JOHN SANDOE BOOKS

10 Blacklands Terrace
SW3 2SR
South West ⑥
+44 (0)20 7589 9473
www.johnsandoe.com

Located in recently refurbished and expanded (but still small) premises in an 18th-century terrace, this delightful bookshop is bibliophile's dream. 28,000 titles are crammed in over the three narrow floors, with an emphasis on literature, history, biography, poetry, art and children's. The staff are incredibly knowledgeable and will go the extra mile to find the book you're after.



55 PLACES TO ENJOY CULTURE



BRIXTON RITZY

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5 places to understand LONDON'S HISTORY

306 LONDON WALL

LONDON WALL
(ROAD) - WEST
EC2Y 5HN
City ④

The London Wall was built by the Romans between AD 190 and 225. Outside the Museum of London there are some visible remains of the wall that once encircled the old City.

307 PUDDING LANE

EC3R 8AB
City ④

This small and unremarkable-looking street was where the devastating Great Fire of London of 1666 started inside Thomas Farriner's bakery. It quickly spread, raging for two days and gutting most of medieval London including St Paul's Cathedral. Today a plaque marks the spot where the bakery stood. The street is said to be named after the offal (pudding) that fell off butcher's carts into the lane.

308 ST JOHN'S GATE

St John's Lane
EC1M 4BU
Clerkenwell ②

This impressive brick and stone gate was built in 1504 as the entrance to the Priory of the Knights of St John, one of few remnants of London's monastic past. In the early 18th century painter William Hogarth lived here. Today it houses the Museum of the Order of St John.

309 ELECTRIC AVENUE

SW9 8JP
South ⑤

This street in Brixton was built in the 1880s and was among the first in Britain to be lit by electricity. Today it's partly the location of the Brixton food market. In 1983 it was the subject for an electro-reggae hit by Eddy Grant.

310 BREWER STREET CAR PARK

Brewer St
W1F 0LA
Soho ①
www.brewerstreetcarpark.com

This wonderful art deco car park, built in 1929 and still in use today, is one of the earliest examples of a ramped multi-storey car park. During the 1950s and 60s it was apparently a location for shady payoffs to the police from the local red-light industry. More recently the car park has hosted the London Fashion Week, and has been used for art installations.



310 BREWER STREET CAR PARK

ADVENTUROUS PLACES

to visit with children

391 KEW GARDENS TREETOP WALKWAY

47 Kew Green
TW9 3AB
South West ⑥
+44 (0)20 8332 5655
www.kew.org

The treetop walkway gives a spectacular bird's-eye view out over the beautiful arboretum at Kew. At 18 metres high, with 118 steps up and a 200-metre circular route amongst the tree canopy, it's a real adventure. Kew also has the world's biggest Victorian greenhouse with its own walkway, an aquarium, a bee garden and a botanical play area called Climbers and Creepers.

392 NATIONAL CENTRE FOR CIRCUS ARTS

Coronet St
N1 6HD
East ③
+44 (0)20 7613 4141
www.nationalcircus.org.uk

This professional training centre for circus performers is an amazing place for children to come to learn circus skills. They offer a Youth Circus Experience Day for 8-16 year olds where trapeze, diabolo, tight wire and juggling skills are taught. Longer term courses teach flying trapeze and acrobatics, and there's also a Family Circus course for younger accompanied children.

393 HOLLAND PARK ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

100 Holland Park
Avenue
W11 4UA
West ⑦

This adventure playground is in one of London's best green spaces. The facilities are extensive and include a zip wire, giant seesaw, rope swings, a climbing wall, rope walks, climbing frames and an aerial walkway. There's a separate fenced-in area for younger children. The park also has woodland areas, peacocks and a cafe.

394 MUDLARKING ON THE THAMES

Southbank ④

A 'mudlark' is an 18th-century term for someone who scavenges in the river mud. On the South Bank between the National and Globe Theatres are a few places where the river shore can be accessed at low tide. Anything could turn up on each tide such as ceramics, jewellery and old coins. Digging is not allowed without a licence and any significant finds should be reported to the Museum of London.

395 BAYSIXTY6 SKATE PARK

Bay 66 – Acklam Road
W10 5QZ
West ⑦
+44 (0)20 8960 6713
www.baysixty6.com

This large indoor skate park under the Westway in Notting Hill is a fantastic place for either experienced or beginner skaters. The facilities are superb with many ramps, rails, pipes and ledges to negotiate. Day passes and beginner lessons are offered, and the equipment is available to hire or buy.

5 UNUSUAL PLACES to sleep

421 STOW-AWAY

137 Lower Marsh
SE1 7AE
Southbank ④
+44 (0)20 7792 2222
www.stow-away.co.uk

Centrally located near Waterloo Station, Stow-Away is an aparthotel constructed from stacks of 26 repurposed shipping containers. The simple but stylishly designed rooms offer good value and include a kitchenette and en-suite bathroom. The ground floor is home to a wine bar and pop-up restaurant.

422 40 WINKS

109 Mile End Road
East ③
+44 (0)20 7790 0259
www.40winks.org

Renowned interior designer David Carter invites you to enjoy 40 Winks at his own residence, a 'micro-boutique' hotel with only two rooms. Entering his historic 1717 house near Stepney Green is to encounter a magical atmosphere, each room having its own distinctive, unique character.

423 GIR LION LODGE

AT: ZSL LONDON ZOO
Outer Circle
NW1 4RY
North ⑩
+44 (0)344 225 1826
www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/gir-lion-lodge

Ever fancied a sleepover at the zoo? Well now it's possible to stay within roaring distance of the asiatic lions (and other animals) at London Zoo in one of nine colourful Gujarati-style wooden lodges. The unique experience includes torchlight and early morning tours complete with animal interactions.

424 GOOD HOTEL

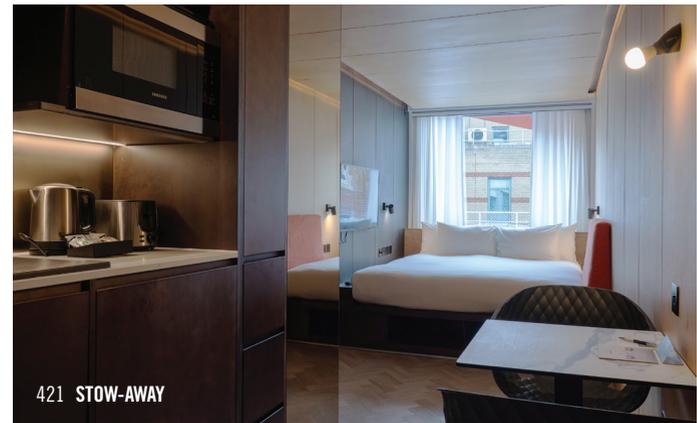
Royal Victoria Dock
Western Gateway
E16 1FA
East
+44 (0)20 3637 7401
www.goodhotel-london.com

This large floating hotel in the Docklands was a Dutch detention centre before it crossed the channel. On the trip over it gained smart industrial interiors, cosy cabin-like rooms, a roof terrace garden with a bar, and a relaxed communal vibe. Reasonably priced, the Good Hotel works with the local community to train the unemployed.

425 THE GEORGIAN HOUSE

AT: HAMPTON COURT
PALACE
KT8 9AU
Molesey
www.landmark-trust.org.uk/search-and-book/properties/georgian-house-7805

Remarkably, the Landmark Trust rents out an apartment within the grounds of the Hampton Court Palace residence of King Henry VIII, in an imposing and elegant 1719 brick house that was once the Prince of Wales's kitchen. Guests are free to walk the extensive and magnificent gardens and courtyards, and will glimpse Palace life beyond the public's gaze.



421 STOW-AWAY

5 fun WEEKEND ESCAPES

446 WHITSTABLE

www.seewhitstable.com

Only 1.15 hours from London on the train, Whitstable is a historic town on the north Kent coast, famous for its oysters and seafood. There are many good restaurants but try the quaint 150 year-old Wheelers Oyster Bar or The Sportsman, a must-visit gastropub for foodies. The town also has a castle, harbour, beach, art galleries and many quirky independent shops.

447 LEWES

[www.visitsussex.org/
page/lewes](http://www.visitsussex.org/page/lewes)

Lewes is an attractive historic town in the South Downs National Park in Sussex, an hour from London by train. Attractions include a castle, a ruined priory, the Harvey's brewery and plenty of independent shops on the 'twittens' – ancient, steep, cobbled lanes.

448 MARGATE

For years Margate had a reputation as a down-on-its-luck seaside resort, but in 2011 the prestigious Turner Contemporary gallery opened and in 2015 the derelict 1920s Dreamland pleasure resort was reopened, with its many retro amusements including Britain's oldest rollercoaster. Just an hour and a half away by train, it offers quirky shopping, an awe-inspiring shell grotto and real traditional seaside appeal.

449 BATH

www.visitbath.co.uk

A historic spa town in the West Country county of Somerset, Bath is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As well as the 2000-year-old Roman spa there's the modern Thermae Bath Spa. Factor in the famous Georgian architecture and attractions like the Fashion Museum and it's an hour and a half trip worth taking.

450 SUFFOLK COAST

The quiet and remote Suffolk coast has a subtle but real attraction, and is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The historic coastal towns of Orford, Aldeburgh and Southwold are well known for their fine pubs, restaurants, beaches, beautiful surrounding countryside and unique atmosphere.