100 Unique Things to do in London

Top Tips for what to do during your stay in London from The Cavendish Hotel London. The Cavendish Hotel offers 4 star hotel accommodation in Piccadilly, Central London. View special offers online and book today.

01. See where the Gunpowder Plot was first contrived at Eastbury Manor House in Barking
02. Walk around the area where one of the most important battles in the War of the Roses took place - the Battle of Barnet
03. Have afternoon tea in William Morris's historic Red House in Bexleyheath, an internationally significant home of the Arts & Crafts movement
04. Visit Neasden Temple in North West London, the first and largest traditional Hindu Mandir outside India
05. Visit the Churchill War rooms at the Imperial War Museum and discover the original Cabinet War Rooms.
06. Stroll the gardens of Down House in Bromley, home to Charles Darwin and where he wrote 'On the Origin of Species'
07. Visit the resting place of Karl Marx at Highgate Cemetery
08. Explore ZSL London Zoo, Regent’s Park, and the World's oldest scientific Zoo
09. Sleep alongside the Egyptian mummies at the British Museum
10. Recreate the famous Beatles album cover on Abbey Road
11. Marvel at Shakespeare's First Folio, the Magna Carta and Handel's Messiah at the British Library

12. Drink at Europe's longest champagne bar at St Pancras International

13. See where The Royal Ballet rehearse at a backstage tour of the Royal Opera House

14. Visit St Paul's, once the largest cathedral in England, with the largest crypt in Europe

15. Take a tour of Wembley Stadium, England's national football stadium

16. Watch the Ceremony of the Keys, the world's longest running ceremony of its kind, at the Tower of London

17. See Tower Bridge open one of 1,000 times per year

18. Be wowed by the largest cut and polished white diamond in the world - Cullinan I (First Star of Africa) at the Tower of London

19. Speak at the same place as George Orwell on 'Speakers Corner' in Hyde Park

20. Watch a performance at the famous Brit School in Croydon – whose alumni include Amy Winehouse, Adele and Kate Nash

21. Watch bold pigeons go where no over pigeons have gone before; The Tube. Watch them get on and off at Hammersmith Tube Station.

22. Take a tour of the famous Banksy graffiti artist whose works have enraged local councils across the world.

23. Enjoy an afternoon tea experience at the world renowned Ritz Hotel London.

24. Experience a show at The O2, the World's most successful entertainment venue

25. Stand where time begins, on the Greenwich Meridian Line

26. See the Rosetta Stone at the British Museum

27. Visit the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, home to the 2012 Olympics and Paralympic events.
28. See a show at Hackney Empire, where Charlie Chaplin, Stan Laurel and WC Fields trod the boards
29. Enjoy a horse drawn carriage ride through London’s beautiful royal parks.
30. Visit the Kurdish Museum and Library in Ravenscourt Park, the first museum for Kurdish Heritage in the World
31. Watch a film at Himalaya Palace in Southall, a ‘Chinese’ art deco cinema under a red pagoda roof
32. Browse through Westfield London – Europe’s biggest inner-city shopping complex
33. Visit Alexandra Palace, where the world's first public broadcasts of high-definition television were made by the BBC
34. Visit the Fan Museum Greenwich - the first and only museum in the world devoted entirely to all aspects of the ancient art of the fan
35. Enjoy a candle lit concert by Vivaldi Four Seasons at St Martin in the Fields
36. Drink at Dickens' and Thackeray's pub, the historical Trafalgar Tavern in Greenwich
37. See the world's oldest insect at the Natural History Museum
38. Seek out ‘The Diver’ in Rainham - the only sculpture to stand in the River Thames
39. Take a swim in the serpentine in Hyde Park - one of London’s iconic royal parks
40. Marvel at the world's largest collection of steam pumping engines at the Kew Bridge Steam Museum
42. Gaze upon the largest collection of dresses once belonging to Princess Diana at her former home, Kensington Palace
43. Join the party at Notting Hill Carnival, Europe's largest street carnival
44. Peruse the largest weekly antiques market in the world on Portobello Road
45. See Pete Townsend's smashed guitar at the V&A's new Theatre and Performance Galleries
46. Find out where Hugh Grant met his Julia Roberts in the movie Notting Hill
47. Watch Peter Pan come alive in his spiritual home, Kensington Gardens
48. Explore the UK's largest geographical collections at the Royal Geographical Society in Kensington
49. Stay in the room at the Cadogan Hotel on Sloane Street where Oscar Wilde was arrested
50. View the largest outdoor fruiting olive tree in Britain at the Chelsea Physic Garden
51. Embark from the same point in Royal Kingston that Victorian novelist Jerome K. Jerome started his novel ‘Three Men in a Boat’
52. Ride the world’s highest cantilevered observation wheel, the London Eye
53. Shop in the original, World-famous Harrods
54. See some of the world's oldest musical instruments at the Horniman Museum in Forest Hill
55. Enjoy strawberries and cream at Wimbledon Centre Court
56. Attend the ATP World Tour Tennis Finals at The O2
57. Visit the Buddhapadipa in Wimbledon – the first Thai Buddhist temple in the UK
58. Take a trip into London’s dark history with the Jack the Ripper Tour.
59. See the Thames barrier at Woolwich Reach - the world's second largest movable flood barrier
60. Enjoy a free art tour at the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square
61. See the original Superman costume at The Movieum of London in County Hall
62. Stroll through the home of the world’s largest wild plant seed bank, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

63. Picnic in the world's greenest city - almost a third of London is green space - more than any other city its size in the world

64. Visit the home of English Rugby at Twickenham

65. Go bird spotting at Europe's largest wetland creation project, the WWT London Wetland Centre in Barnes

66. Get measured up by Sinatra's tailors on the World-famous Saville Row

67. See the world's biggest collection of lawn tennis memorabilia dating from 1555 at the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum

68. Get your sea legs on HMS Belfast – Europe’s largest surviving armoured warship

69. Climb to the top of Westminster Cathedral with an ascend into the bell tower.

70. Get stylish in the UK's home of fashion - over 85% of UK fashion designers are based in London

71. Visit Tate Modern, the most popular modern art gallery in the world

72. Take in a Shakespearian play at the Globe, in the area where he lived and worked

73. Drink in the George Inn on Borough High Street - London's only surviving galleried coaching inn, mentioned in Dickens’ Little Dorrit

74. Take in 150 years of London’s history with a guided tour of London’s underground network, starting with the Farringdon – the first Underground station.

75. Be part of the audience at the world's oldest surviving music hall, Walton’s Music Hall in Tower Hill

76. See the largest collection of childhood objects in the UK at the V&A’s Museum of Childhood
77. Climb an icon – a 90 minute experience climbing the world’s most popular entertainment venue; The O2 Arena.

78. Home to the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games

79. Travel on the world's oldest subterranean travel system in the world - the London Underground

80. Shop in the UK's leading retail city - over 40,000 shops and 80 individual markets

81. Take a browse through Walthamstow Market, Europe's longest daily street market

82. Swim in England's largest open air pool at Tooting Bec

83. Cheer the Oxford and Cambridge rowing teams as they battle it out in the historic Boat Race

84. See the world’s largest collection of portraits for free at the National Portrait Gallery, the oldest portrait gallery in the World

85. Shop at Fortnum & Masons, the Queen’s grocer

86. Get in touch with Nature at Mudchute City Farm on the Isle of Dogs.

87. Hear the chimes of the world-famous Big Ben at the Houses of Parliament

88. Ride a horse around Rotten Row in Hyde Park, the first artificially lit street in Britain

89. Get back to nature at Mudchute Farm on the Isle of Dogs, the largest urban farm in the UK

90. Eat at the world's first Hard Rock Café near Hyde Park Corner

91. See the Grade II listed original wooden red telephone box, in the Royal Academy of Arts courtyard

92. Watch the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships at The O2

93. Stare in wonder at Van Gogh's Sunflowers for free at the National Gallery

94. Go behind the scenes at Lords, the home of cricket
95. Explore the largest collection of British art in the World at Tate Britain

96. Pay your respects to a host of literary greats in one place: from Dickens to Chaucer to Kipling to Tennyson at Poets Corner, Westminster Abbey

97. Visit Europe’s only dedicated Jewish Museum of UK and international art, Ben Uri Gallery

98. Take in the views on the London Skyline whilst sipping a refreshing beverage in one of the capital’s many rooftop bars.

99. Enter the largest open contemporary art exhibition in the world - the Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts

100. See the original Mamma Mia! In its 10th year in the West End