

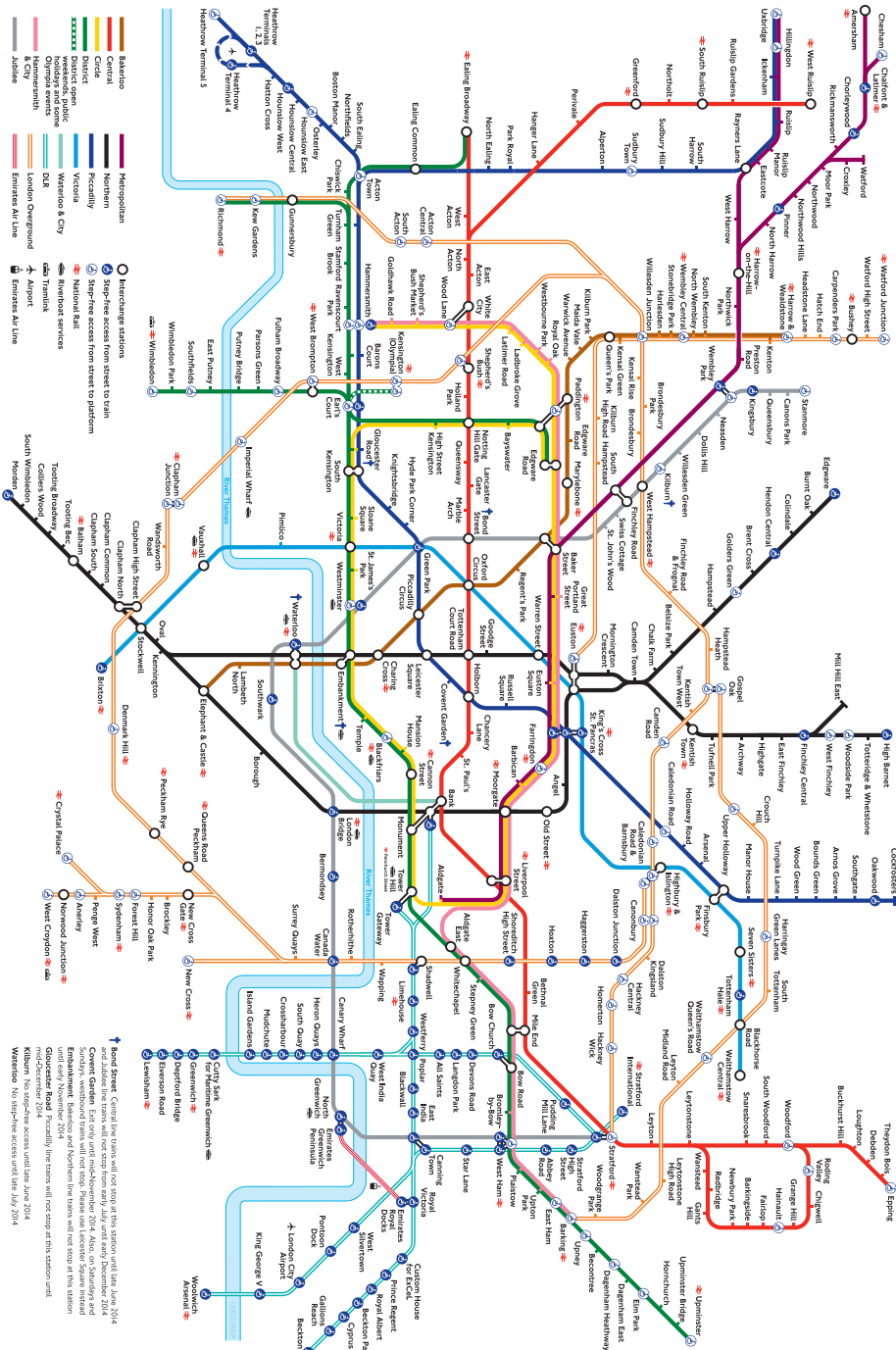
Study in London

Find out why more international students choose London than any other city in the world



The official guide to studying in London

www.studyinlondon.ac.uk



A welcome from the Mayor of London



Boris Johnson

Boris Johnson
Mayor of London

London is a great city and there is nowhere better to come and learn. You will be studying at universities ranked amongst the best in the world, with first-class teaching and research being undertaken by academics from all over the globe. London has over 45 universities and higher education colleges to choose from – one of the largest educational clusters in the world. There is a vast range of courses; around 30,000 are on offer from anthropology to design, management to zoology.

And I want more international students to choose to study in London than any other city in the world. With students from 200 countries, London truly is a world in one city. It is a place for you to establish a global network of friends and colleagues that will last throughout your lifetime.

Nowhere else can rival London as a place to study. It has the combination of academic excellence, a rich artistic and cultural heritage and it is at the centre of global business. I hope you enjoy reading this guide and finding out more about what this great city has to offer.

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Study in the world's knowledge capital

London is an exciting multicultural city. In the first half of this guide you can read about the range of academic activities offered by London's world-class universities and academic institutions. In the second half, we share some of London's highlights, from free events taking place throughout the year to world famous attractions.

Visit www.studylondon.ac.uk to search 30,000 courses taught in over 45 of the city's universities.

"Not only does London have some of the most world renowned higher education institutions, but it provides a broad range of culturally diverse experiences and entertainments. As a student in London I have open access to historically rich museums, theatres, markets and research libraries at the tip of my fingers. And as a research student, I couldn't ask for more!"



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Business, Finance & Management

London is at the centre of the global economy. It is the place to be successful in the business world.

London offers you the opportunity to undertake an internship, project or placement with some of the world's top banks or consultancies. You could be on your way to making your first million, or being in demand for your business acumen. Over 300,000 people are employed in financial services in London - more than the total population of Frankfurt in Germany, Europe's next biggest financial centre!

Experience it...

The cornerstone of the British economy, the Bank of England, can be found in a building on Threadneedle Street. It also houses a fascinating museum. Explore the history of the bank and national financing by browsing through the many books and documents collected since its inception in 1694.

www.bankofengland.co.uk

Hop aboard the Docklands Light Railway to Canary Wharf. Spot highfliers from the business world as you stroll through streets dwarfed by the towering, shiny offices of influential financial and commercial companies.

www.canarywharf.com

London's financial district, the City of London, was established by the Romans in AD 43 and was named Londinium. It has been trading ever since.

Every major bank has a presence in London with 254 overseas banks located in the city. As the international financial capital of the world, London is a renowned world-leader for trading in a broad range of financial services. These include foreign exchange, international equities, fund management, international insurance and bonds.

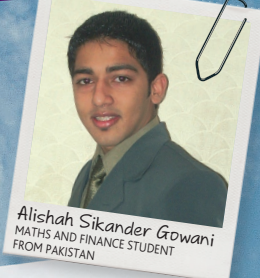
The London International Financial Euronext Futures Exchange (LIFFE) is the world centre for euro money market derivatives trading, and is the world's biggest electronic exchange.



Find your course at:
www.study london.ac.uk/business

Did you know?

- London is Europe's principal business centre and offers unrestricted access to over 500 million consumers in the EU, making it the biggest trading bloc in the world.
- Consider yourself in safe hands – London is the world's leading market for internationally traded insurance and is the home to the famous Lloyd's market.
- The London foreign exchange market is the largest in the world, with an average daily turnover of \$2,096 billion or 32% of the global market - more than New York and Tokyo combined.
- London is the world's largest fund management centre, with almost \$7 trillion of funds under management - 25% of which are from abroad.
- Tempted to try your hand playing the markets? The London Stock Exchange is the most international of all stock exchanges, with more than 470 trading companies from over 60 countries.
- 75% of Fortune 500 companies have London offices
- London is an economic engine generating 19% of the UK's total GDP.
- There are more than 20,000 overseas-owned companies in London, which is a magnet for international organisations. That means plenty of employment for bilingual graduates.
- With some of the world's top business schools, London offers an amazing range of MBA programmes – one or two years, full or part time. There are also Global-MBAs where you study in a number of cities throughout your degree.



Alishah Sikander Gowani
MATHS AND FINANCE STUDENT
FROM PAKISTAN

"London is a city of colour and contrasts, of ancient history and 21st century modernity, a melting pot of the world's cultures and nationalities and there is absolutely no better option than London. I have learnt a lot in London, like how to keep up with its fast pace of life. Wherever you go in London you will be warmly welcomed."

Arts, Design & Architecture

London is truly dynamic, drawing inspiration from the diversity and multiculturalism that is at its heart.

London has the largest community of artists anywhere in Europe. Graduates from the city dominate the worlds of fashion and art. Damien Hirst, Stella McCartney, Alexander McQueen, the Chapman brothers, Chris Ofili, Ozwald Boateng and John Galiano are just a few of the city's famous names.

If classical music interests you, many famous composers spent time here, from Handel to Haydn and from Mendelssohn to Mozart, leaving a rich classical heritage.

A panorama of stunning buildings takes your breath away and London is where you will find some of the most famous architectural institutions. There is the Royal Institute of British Architects, www.riba.org, and the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, www.rics.org, which promote professional excellence with lectures, exhibitions and events.

Experience it...

The Royal Academy of Arts holds its internationally famous Summer Exhibition every year. It started in 1769 and continues to this day displaying 1,300 works by new and established artists from around the world. Perhaps you would like to submit one of yours? www.royalacademy.org.uk

Looking for inspiration? Then pay a visit to the National Gallery – one of the world's greatest museums for Western European paintings. www.nationalgallery.org.uk

Head to the Southbank Centre and marvel at one of the largest arts complexes in Europe. It encompasses the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room, Hayward Gallery, National Film Theatre and the Poetry Library. www.sbc.org.uk

The Barbican, Europe's largest multi-arts and conference venue, includes the Barbican Theatre and the Pit. With a year-round programme of art, music, film and theatre, you are always assured a great evening of entertainment. www.barbican.org.uk

For students of classical music, the Royal Festival Hall is an experience in itself. It hosts internationally



London Fashion Week

renowned orchestras, including the London Philharmonic, who perform the highest quality music ranging from the 10th century to the present day. www.rfh.org.uk

You'll find more than mummies at the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology. There are 80,000 objects including the world's oldest piece of cloth, dating from 2800 BC. www.petrie.ucl.ac.uk

The Building Centre is a vibrant venue and meeting place for people within the architecture and construction industries. It is home to New London Architecture and their regularly changing exhibitions. Check out the scale model of London and choose your favourite building. www.buildingcentre.co.uk



Music students at the Abbey Road Studios

Take a trip back in time at the Geffrye Museum. This much-loved London museum contains collections of furniture, textiles, paintings and decorative arts displayed in a series of period rooms from 1600 to the present day. Be amazed at the skills of craftsmen of old. www.geffrye-museum.org.uk

Shakespeare's Globe, rebuilt after 400 years, is a unique international resource dedicated to the exploration of Shakespeare's work through historically-authentic performances and exhibitions. Guided tours bring this fascinating space to life. www.shakespeares-globe.org

Find your course at:
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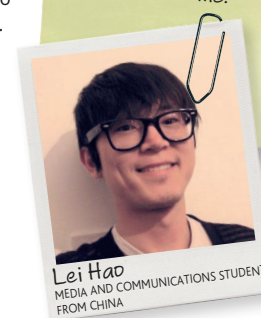
Tate Modern and Tate Britain represent London evolution at its best. These museums hold the finest national collection of art and sculpture. Their ever-changing exhibitions of famous artists continue to inspire the crowds. www.tate.org.uk

The waterside location of Kings Place makes it a perfect setting to listen to London's top orchestras. The London Sinfonietta and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment are both based here. www.kingsplace.co.uk

Did you know?

- London has 300 museums, over 250 art galleries, over 200 theatres, 6 full time symphony orchestras, and over 600 cinema screens, including the UK's largest at the BFI IMAX.
- The creative industries employ over 450,000 people and generate around £21 billion in output – great for a job when you finish your studies.
- London and the UK's advertising agencies win more international awards for creativity than the next nine European countries combined. A country brimming with talent.
- London is home to the world's top specialist collections, such as the Victoria and Albert Museum – the world's greatest museum of art and design. www.vam.ac.uk
- The Annual Proms is one of the world's greatest classical music festivals and consists of 70 concerts in the Royal Albert Hall. www.royalalberthall.com
- London has 200 arts events taking place every day. Unbelievable!

"London is a city where different cultures and thoughts meet. Living in this city, I never feel bored. Every day I can find something new. Music, art, the pub and people from all around the world, all of these make London such a unique experience for me."



Lei Hao
MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS STUDENT
FROM CHINA

Science, IT & Engineering

There is plenty of scientific proof that London is the place to study.

London has a history of scientific exploration and applied engineering. The city is Europe's IT and telecommunications capital. It is also home to the world's leading learned societies, professional bodies and institutes.

Many of these hold seminars, events, courses and conferences that are open to students. So there is plenty of scope for aspiring scientists and engineers to expand on their studies.

Experience it...

The Faraday Museum, housed at the Royal Institution, has recreated the lab where Michael Faraday discovered the laws of electromagnetics. Historic apparatus are also on display. www.rigb.org

Take in a lecture or exhibition at the Royal Society. It is the UK's national academy of science and it plays a crucial role as the champion of top quality science and technology. www.royalsoc.ac.uk

See over two million items relating to seafaring, navigation, astronomy and time measurement at the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich. www.nmm.ac.uk

Established in 1818, the Institution of Civil Engineers has over 80,000 members in 150 countries. It has the most in-depth civil engineering and construction library in the world. www.ice.org.uk

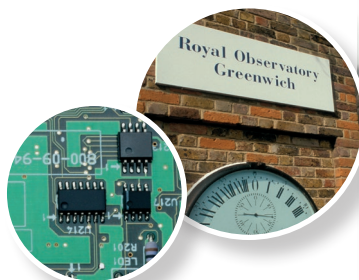
The Royal Academy of Engineering promotes excellence in engineering, supporting education and research through a range of publications, lectures and conferences that are open to students. www.raeng.org.uk

The Biochemical Society runs a lively programme of scientific meetings and conferences open to students studying biochemistry and life sciences. www.biochemistry.org

The Institute of Engineering and Technology has 150,000 members in 127 countries. If you're interested in electrical, electronic and manufacturing science or engineering, attend one of their seminars and you may find yourself sitting alongside a highly qualified member of the profession. www.theiet.org

For a wide range of technologies and industries in fields as diverse as lubrication, satellite launching, surgical implants and power stations, visit the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. It was founded 150 years ago by George Stephenson, known as the Father of the Railways and famed for his locomotive, the Rocket. www.imeche.org.uk

Seeking clarification of scientific formulae? Visit the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Its annual events – the Festival of Science and National Science Week – aim to help make science and its applications more accessible to all. www.the-ba.net



"I fell in love with London as it is a lively, dynamic and interesting city to study and live in."

I am studying to be a civil engineer so London was a priority because there are a number of big construction projects planned here.

The Institution of Civil Engineers – the world's original and biggest society – is situated in London too, providing me with a tremendous amount of literature and resources."



Kuat Abeshev
CIVIL ENGINEERING STUDENT
FROM KAZAKHSTAN

Did you know?

- A must for anyone on a quest for scientific knowledge, the Science Museum library has 600,000 items of international importance in its collections of books, periodicals and microfilms. www.sciencemuseum.org.uk
- The Thames Tunnel, one of the world's greatest feats of engineering, was the first tunnel ever built under a major waterway. Constructed between 1825 and 1843 by Sir Marc Brunel and his son Isambard Kingdom Brunel, it's still in use today as part of the London Underground network. www.brunelenginehouse.org.uk
- Sodium, the electric generator and the atomic structure of crystals are just a few of the scientific breakthroughs that have been made at London's Royal Institution. Fourteen of its resident scientists have been Nobel Prize winners and it has borne witness to the discovery of 10 of the chemical elements. Definitely a place for inspiration. www.rigb.org
- London talent is behind many of the most famous computer game icons – Lara Croft is one such example. London has the largest computer software market in Europe and there are many courses within London's universities to develop your skills and market your talent.



The Queen at the
Royal Institution

Students in lab

Find your course at:
www.study london.ac.uk/science

Humanities, Law & Media

Judge London by its range of libraries, academies, societies and law courts.

From the mighty Houses of Parliament to the esteemed judges at the Old Bailey, London has been at the centre of politics and the legal system throughout its history. More recently, the city has been at the forefront of the media revolution. The city now has one of the world's largest concentrations of media outlets making it a major hub for journalists. And students have the opportunity to undertake placements and projects with the best organisations in the business.

Experience it...

Catch up on some reading at the London Library. It contains over a million books in all European languages, covering a subject range across the humanities. www.londonlibrary.co.uk

The British Academy, established by Royal Charter in 1902, is the national academy for the humanities and the social sciences. It holds a number of lectures each year, as well as conferences, symposia and other events, all of which are open to students. www.britac.ac.uk

Enjoy the Royal Geographical Society's renowned annual programme of 150 lectures and conferences. Founded in 1830, it is one of the largest geographical societies in the world, supporting research, education and training. www.rgs.org

For a real eye-opener to the past, pay a visit to the Women's Library. Here you will find an extensive collection of published material on women's history. The archive includes over 60,000 books and pamphlets, including first editions and rare items, as well as popular magazines and academic journals. www.thewomenslibrary.ac.uk

Join a debate at the Royal Institute of Philosophy which hosts a series of seminars and conferences bringing philosophers of international standing to London. www.royalinstitutephilosophy.org

The Royal Historical Society awards prizes that recognise outstanding historical scholarship and also promotes discussion of history through a programme of public lectures and conferences. www.royalhistoricalsociety.org

Find your course at:
www.study london.ac.uk/humanities



Scales of justice on the Old Bailey



London TV Studio

Did you know?

- If you want to become a lawyer, London is the city for you. One third of all the UK's practising solicitors are employed by companies in London. Also working in London are 60% of the UK's large solicitors' firms and barristers.
- As international trade and finance has concentrated in London over the years, a specialised industry of commercial lawyers has grown to an unrivalled size and scope.
- London is home to the Law Society, the Inns of Court and the General Council of the Bar.
- There are 150 courts in London including magistrates' courts, county courts, the High Courts, and the Court of Appeals. You will also find the judicial division of the House of Lords – the UK's highest judicial authority.
- The Foreign Press Association is one of the oldest clubs in the world. Its members include journalists from over 1,000 news agencies from 70 countries.
- London has one of the largest clusters of advertising agencies in the world – attracting talent and business from around the globe.
- London is home to the UK's parliament, which is housed in the Palace of Westminster, sections of which date back to 1065. Experience this hub of power yourself with a free tour.



Medicine, Healthcare & Veterinary Science

If you are interested in medicine, there is a healthy range of options.

Doctor, nurse, dentist, vet – if you aspire to join one of these worthy professions you can't go wrong studying in London. Half of all British doctors undertake at least part of their training here, so you will certainly be in good company.

The city has a long history and a unique status as a medical centre. And it is a focal point for teaching and research in medicine, healthcare and related disciplines. The concentration of world-famous hospitals (many with links to London's universities), specialist medical services, medical corporations, and renowned consultant physicians and surgeons has ensured that British medical education is exceptional.

Aspiring vets can investigate the Institute of Zoology (and a few prime species of the animal kingdom as well) at the ZSL London Zoo, www.zsl.org. Or learn more about botany and conservation at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, one of London's four World Heritage Sites, www.rbgekew.org.uk.

Experience it...

There are over 68 million items covering palaeontology, entomology, botany, mineralogy and anthropology at the Natural History Museum. Don't miss the Darwin Centre, devoted to the museum's zoological resources. www.nhm.ac.uk

The Royal Veterinary College was founded in 1791 as the first of its kind in the English-speaking world. Today its Museum of Veterinary History contains thousands of books and artefacts relating to the development of veterinary education and science. www.rvc.ac.uk

There is something for everyone at London's Museums of Health and Medicine – from rare plants, heart surgery and helicopter emergency services to pharmacies and false teeth! www.medicalmuseums.org

Intrigued by psychoanalysis? The Freud Museum, once home to the eminent psychologist, now contains his enormous collection of antiques and books. www.freud.org.uk

The King's Fund is a resource for anyone working in health and social care whether in policy, management or delivery. It houses a large public library dedicated to improving health and is free for students to use. www.kingsfund.org.uk

The Lady with the Lamp is commemorated in the award-winning Florence Nightingale Museum. View records of her heroic work in the Crimea and her creation of the first modern nurse training school. www.florence-nightingale.co.uk

As a scholar you will want to find out more about the Royal Society of Medicine. It offers a broad range of educational opportunities for doctors, dentists, veterinarians and students in these fields. Plus, it holds the largest postgraduate biomedical library in Europe. www.rsm.ac.uk

The pioneering surgeon, John Hunter, established the Hunterian Museum in 1783 to share his extensive knowledge of anatomy and surgery. Today you can visit it at the Royal College of Surgeons. www.rcseng.ac.uk/museums

The Wellcome Collection is the world's finest museum of medical science with 1,300 exhibits ranging from ancient amputation saws to Aztec sacrificial knives. It also contains the Wellcome Library, home to one of the world's greatest collections of books and manuscripts detailing the history of medicine. www.wellcomecollection.org

Founded in 1673, the Chelsea Physic Garden is a centre of education, beauty and relaxation. Today it continues to research the properties, origins and conservation of over 5,000 plant species focusing on natural medicine. www.chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk

From a mummified hand to the fastest-selling drug in the world, the Museum of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society covers all aspects of pharmaceutical history. www.rpsgb.org

Find your course at:
www.study london.ac.uk/medicine



Rashmi Lakshminarayana
PUBLIC HEALTH IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES STUDENT FROM INDIA

"London is a hub of interaction for people from all parts of the world which means that I am able to achieve a balance between studying and having loads of fun. My days are filled with constant intellectual and cultural stimulation."

Did you know?

- The Royal College of Surgeons runs educational and practical workshops for surgeons and other medical professionals at all stages of their careers. www.rcseng.ac.uk
- Years ago the cure for an ingrowing toenail was amputation! The Old Operating Theatre carried out such operations and can be visited today. You'll find it in the roof space of an English baroque church beside St Thomas' Hospital. www.thegarret.org.uk
- The British Dental Association Museum collections include a digital library of over 4,000 dental images for professional and public use. www.bda.org
- St Bartholomew's, or Barts, is one of the oldest hospitals in the world and dates back to 1123. www.bartsandthelondon.org.uk
- London has five medical schools – more than any other city in the UK and there are 110 health and medical libraries in London.



Teaching and Learning

How about passing on your expertise as a teacher?

Not only can you be taught in London, you can also learn how to teach. London's universities and colleges will train you to share your learning with a wide range of pupils and students – from pre-school education through to adult education.



School kids on the South Bank

Experience it...

Get familiar with children's education at Bethnal Green's Museum of Childhood. This branch of the Victoria and Albert Museum displays a vast collection of objects from all over the world, some dating back to the 16th century.

www.vam.ac.uk/moc

Experience Victorian education first-hand at the Ragged School Museum in London's East End. See how Victorians taught children from poor backgrounds. Visit the recreated period classroom and take in one of the changing exhibitions. They reveal the stories behind the history, industry and life in this part of London. www.raggedschoolmuseum.org.uk

Learning English

English is one of the most commonly spoken languages in the world. Where better to study it than in London, one of the most exciting cities in the world?

Whether for work, study or pleasure, the best possible way to learn the language is to spend some time in the city. Here you will find a choice of school for every need and every budget. You are guaranteed to have a great time too.

Search for a course in Floodlight, www.floodlight.co.uk

Evening classes

In addition to degree courses, London also offers a vast range of evening, vocational and general interest courses that you can join.

Perhaps you've always wanted to learn tap dancing. Or maybe you'd like to take a course that explores the history of London's diverse neighbourhoods.

Further education colleges and adult education centres are spread throughout London.

For more information search www.londoncolleges.com

Semester study and summer schools

London is one of the most popular destinations for international students, especially students from the USA who gain credits that count towards their final degree. Using London as your base, Study Abroad programmes offer great opportunities for students seeking a high quality academic experience in an English-speaking system. And depending on which university you choose you will be able to study abroad for a summer, trimester, semester or year. www.studylondon.ac.uk/studyabroad

Did you know?

- You will be in good company studying in London, nearly 400,000 students are studying at more than 45 universities in the city.
- Keen to expand their horizons, more than 500,000 students attend London's 55 further education colleges each year.
- London has 1,657 primary schools, 672 state schools, 410 private schools and 168 special schools. Regardless of the type of educational establishment, wherever you choose to teach, your contribution to education will be invaluable.
- More than one million children of almost every creed, colour and race are educated in the city. As a teacher you can reach out to them all.
- London has over 350 public libraries, meeting the needs of nursery school children right through to learned professors.

"London is a centre for learning and has the best reputation in the world. It's also one of the world's most remarkable and exciting cities."

It has something to offer every type of student and is the best place for a foreign student to study English."

Shiyao Wang
EDUCATION MANAGEMENT
STUDENT FROM CHINA

Find your course at:
www.studylondon.ac.uk/education

Attractions

London has enough to see and do to last a lifetime.

One of Europe's cultural capitals, London never stands still. If you're looking for fine art, music, and entertainment, this is the city for you. And with over 200 attractions plus 90 museums and galleries that are completely free to enter, there's no better place to soak up some culture.

The British Museum

One of the great museums of the world, with an extraordinary display of historical artefacts. Examine the famous Rosetta Stone, and take a walk in the Great Court of the British Museum. It's the largest covered public square in Europe.
www.britishmuseum.org

The National Gallery

With more than 2,000 Western European paintings, this is one of the largest galleries in the world. One of its greatest masterpieces is Da Vinci's *Virgin and Child with St Anne*.
www.nationalgallery.org.uk

The Natural History Museum

Travel back in time and experience the awesome dinosaurs. And while you're there you can see some of nature's other marvels. Highlights include a life sized model of the blue whale, an earthquake simulator and an Ecology Gallery with a replica rainforest.
www.nhm.ac.uk

Tate Britain

Tate Britain houses some of the most important British art from 1500 to the present day. It includes work by artists such as Constable and Turner and each year hosts the much talked about Turner Prize.
www.tate.org.uk

Tate Modern

The home of international modern and contemporary art. Explore the Turbine Hall, a space for some of the largest art installations in the world. And view the work of Rothko, Lichtenstein, Matisse, Hirst and Picasso.
www.tate.org.uk

London Eye

This spectacular observation wheel offers breathtaking views of over 55 of London's most famous landmarks - all in just 30 minutes.
www.londoneye.com

Science Museum

See, touch and experience the major scientific advances of the last 300 years at the largest museum of its kind in the world. Get interactive in the Launchpad Gallery, visit the IMAX cinema and virtual reality simulator.
www.sciencemuseum.org.uk

Victoria and Albert Museum

Step into this magnificent Victorian building and lose yourself in one of the world's greatest applied arts collections spanning over 3,000 years in art, fashion and design.
www.vam.ac.uk

Madame Tussauds

This renowned waxwork collection remains one of London's most popular attractions. From Shakespeare to the Dalai Lama, Her Majesty the Queen to Justin Timberlake; here you'll come face-to-face with some of the world's most famous figures.
www.madametussauds.com/london

Tower of London

Marvel at the breathtaking Crown Jewels and stand on the site where three queens were beheaded.
www.hrp.org.uk/toweroflondon

National Maritime Museum

One of the greatest maritime museums of the world containing displays from every continent. Whilst you're there, make sure you also explore the Royal Observatory and the other fantastic attractions of Greenwich, a World Heritage Site.
www.nmm.ac.uk

The British Library

Visit the British Library, one of the world's largest and greatest libraries, with books in every conceivable language. The existing content of 150 million items is added to continuously, growing at the rate of approximately three million new items each year.
www.bl.uk

For more information go to:
www.visitlondon.com

BFI IMAX Cinema



Top tips...

- Relax in one of London's 143 registered parks and gardens. Open space accounts for 30% of the city area.
- Sing along to a concert at the impressive O₂ Arena.
- Re-enact the gruesome events in British history at the London Dungeon.
- Watch a football match at Stamford Bridge or the Emirates Stadium, home of Chelsea and Arsenal football clubs.
- Be captivated by the skill and poise of dancers at Sadler's Wells.

*Did you know?
London boasts four World Heritage Sites. They are Kew Gardens, Maritime Greenwich, the Tower of London and the Palace of Westminster.*

Wallet friendly

- Chill out in one of the world's grandest public places, Trafalgar Square, which is also host to regular special events including concerts.
- Take a trip to Buckingham Palace, the official residence of the Queen. Pack yourself a picnic and sit in St James's Park. And don't miss the changing the guard, which takes place at 11:30am on certain days of the year.

World in one city

Meet people from all over the planet in a truly cosmopolitan metropolis.

About seven and a half million people live in London, so it's no surprise that over 300 languages are spoken here. Our city also plays host to over 90,000 international students so you won't be on your own. Where else in the world can you order breakfast in Farsi, book a taxi in Urdu, ask for afternoon coffee in Arabic and spend the evening chatting with your friends in Mandarin?

As you'd expect with all this diversity, London is also a capital for multicultural events and festivals. Some of the biggest celebrations can be found here and the city has no shortage of places of worship.

China Young Ambassadors
at London Mela

Celebrations include:

Chinese New Year (January/February)

Chinese New Year is the biggest festival of the year in Chinese communities and is sometimes known as the Spring Festival. The celebrations in Trafalgar Square and Chinatown see the city come alive with arts, entertainment, decorations and displays.

St Patrick's Day Celebrations (17 March)

Enjoyed by Londoners as much as it is by their Irish brothers and sisters. This festive and fun day celebrates St. Patrick, the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. The weekend before St. Patrick's Day there's a festival in London with events across the city featuring music, song and dance.

London Mela (June)

Mela is the Sanskrit word 'to meet' and celebrations usually take place during the summer months from June through to August. The London Mela is one of Europe's leading outdoor South Asian events held in Gunnersbury Park. It features chart-topping entertainers, community stalls, cultural exhibitions and opportunities to sample South Asian food.

Cyprus Wine Festival (June)

This takes place every year at Alexandra Palace. Wine, food, music and most of all a warm Cypriot welcome and a joyous atmosphere awaits you.

Rise Festival (July)

The Rise Festival is London's annual major open-air free music and dance event. It celebrates the capital's diversity in a day-long festival.

The Notting Hill Carnival (August)

Europe's largest street festival of music, dance, drama, food and street trading. It comes to town in August and over one million people attend to experience one of the most diversely cultured, fun and colourful events of the calendar year.

Black History Month (October)

Black History Month is a month-long celebration of the contribution made by black men and women to British heritage. It is a unique opportunity to learn about, discuss and honour the role that they have played in shaping London's history.

Latin American Film Festival (November)

This festival showcases Latin American film culture ranging from magical realism and historical epics to heartfelt romances and drama. The programme includes screenings of short films and videos, poetry readings, drumming and dancing sessions.

Places of worship include:

Shri Swaminarayan Temple

Visit the largest Hindu temple outside India. You can enjoy hours of peace and discovery in this masterpiece of exotic design that rises above London's skyline.

Wat Buddhapadipa Temple

This was the first Buddhist temple in London and its grounds cover a monastic area of approximately four acres. You'll find the Uposatha Hall situated on an ornamental lake, as well as a small grove, flower garden and an orchard.

St Paul's Cathedral

Here you'll find the capital's largest church dome, and one of the most famous buildings in London. It's held the funerals of Lord Nelson, the Duke of Wellington and Winston Churchill. And miraculously it avoided being bombed during World War Two.

For more information go to:
www.visitlondon.com

Top tips...

- Try Trehantiri Music Shop, the UK's largest Arabic music stockist. It also stocks over 5,000 Greek music titles and has even been used by the singers themselves to obtain rare recordings.
- The largest Asian shopping centre in London is in Southall. Take a trip there for saris and samosas.
- Jewish art can be found at the Ben Uri Gallery, Europe's only dedicated Jewish Museum of Art.
- Read up on Irish literature at Four Provinces Bookshop. They stock an extensive range of Irish history, politics, literature, language and culture titles.
- Dine out Kurdish, Greek or Turkish style in Green Lanes in north London. Fine flavours can be found in many restaurants here.

Did you know?

Famous international figures who lived or studied in London include Frederic Chopin, Joseph Conrad, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Sigmund Freud, Karl Marx, Oscar Wilde, Haile Selassie, Mahatma Gandhi and John F. Kennedy.

The London Central Mosque

This is visited by up to 50,000 Muslims during the festival of Eid. Its striking Golden Dome and minaret dominate the area's skyline.

Shri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara

This newly built Sikh temple is the largest outside India. It's a stunning landmark with its gilded dome, stained glass, marble and granite finish.



Notting Hill Carnival

Shopping

Whatever your budget, there is no shortage of shopping in London.

When it comes to shopping, London has it all. With over 40,000 shops and over 80 markets, the variety is amazing. Stop off at the famous department stores such as Harrods. Or hunt out catwalk copies at very low prices in some of England's best high street stores. For a cheaper alternative, London offers some of the best vintage fashions in the world. If you don't fancy the big department stores, you can pick up eclectic and unique vintage items from many fashion markets and areas, such as Carnaby Street.

If you're in the mood for shopping, try:

Oxford Street

Along this two-mile stretch you'll find hundreds of independent shops and famous chains catering for all styles and tastes. You'll also find several large department stores, most famously Selfridges, John Lewis and House of Fraser.

Harrods

With over 330 departments to choose from you could get lost in this world famous department store. No wonder so many customers employ personal shoppers! The food halls are a real highlight.

Waterstone's

With branches all over London, the Piccadilly flagship store is Europe's biggest bookshop. There are six floors of fiction and non-fiction, a cafe and even a bar where you can unwind after some serious browsing.

King's Road and Duke of York Square

Perfect for browsing, filled with individual boutiques and stylish cafes.

The Cinema Store

The Cinema Store carries a selection of classic and contemporary film merchandise, including magazines, original posters, books, soundtracks and DVDs.

Selfridges

The funkiest of London's one-stop shops, the cosmetics hall is the largest in Europe.

Westfield London

A brand new shopping destination housing all the top fashion names under one roof.

Carnaby Street

This legendary pedestrianised street has been at the heart of the London fashion scene since the 1960s. For the hippest shops, look no further. Try Kingly Court for a treasure trove of unique boutiques.

Seven Dials

The alternative shopping destination for hip boutiques and specialist shops. Every bit as unique as nearby Covent Garden, Seven Dials is renowned for shoe shops and independent fashion outlets.

For more information go to:
www.visitlondon.com

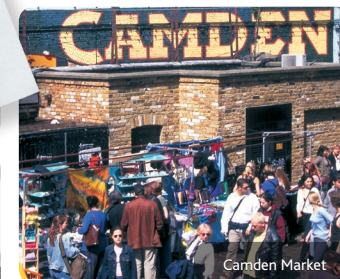


Oxford Street

Did you know?

Covent Garden is really a spelling mistake! The area used to be the market garden for what is now Westminster Abbey monastery and convent.

Harrods



Camden Market

Wallet friendly

- Several exciting markets (including the original Camden Lock Market) make Camden one of London's top tourist attractions. There you will find vintage clothing, leather jackets, band T-shirts and everything else including furniture, antiques and great food.
- Portobello Road, London's most famous street market, is good for bargains in trendy handmade clothes and antiques.
- To see young fashion designers tout their wares, be sure to visit Spitalfields Market on Sunday. It is open every week in a huge indoor space in the heart of the city.
- Every Sunday in London's Greenwich 'village' you'll find unusual clothes, crafts and antiques in the boutique markets.
- Go shopping in the January and summer sales or during London Fashion Weekend and pick up a catwalk bargain.
- Offering a real mix of stores and stalls, there can be few places better to shop for a gift than Covent Garden.

Top tips...

• Young British designers

There is a new generation of designers springing up in the city. London Fashion Week takes place twice a year. In February it is the autumn/winter collection, and in September, the spring/summer collection. The creations of British fashion houses regularly make headline news. It is followed by a huge sale of clothes and cosmetics at the London Fashion Weekend.

• Alternative Fashion Week

This week takes place in March at Spitalfields Market. Free to the public, this is where you can spot the new talent which London has to offer.



Eating out

From chic to cheap, living in London is a gastronomic adventure.

Food is the new rock 'n' roll, and celebrity chefs in ultra chic restaurants are popping up all over London. But if you don't want to spend a week's allowance on one meal, you may be surprised at what's on offer for less than £10. Dining can be as casual as you like. Ethnic food in London offers great value to those on a budget. So you can eat your way around the world in just one city. If you would prefer something traditionally English, why not have a sandwich for lunch? Londoners have made them into an art form.



Afternoon tea at Harrods



Covent Garden

The Oxo Tower



Did you know?
There are over 50 Indian restaurants in Brick Lane, making it the easiest place to get a curry in London. The first Indian curries sold in London were served in West End coffee houses during the 1770s.



Wallet friendly

- Pre-theatre eating is a great way to dine out without blowing your budget. Choose a top restaurant in a perfect location, such as Spaghetti House near Charing Cross, Skylon at the Southbank Centre or Quaglino's in St James's.
- Try one of London's many pubs for great food at affordable prices. Try the Trafalgar Tavern in Greenwich for delicious home cooked food, or relaxed gastropub The Butchers Hook on the Fulham Road.
- For great value freshly prepared food in a dramatic setting – head to Café in the Crypt at St Martin in the Fields church – just a step away from Trafalgar Square.
- Head to some of London's weekend farmers' markets where producers sell their own produce and the atmosphere is vibrant. Farmers' markets are located in Ealing, Blackheath, Marylebone, Notting Hill and Islington. Check out all markets online at www.lfm.org.uk



International cuisine:

- For a filling Chinese banquet visit the Chinatown district in Soho.
- Brick Lane boasts plenty of South-Asian food. You'll get a great meal at outrageously affordable prices. Or visit Southall to taste a range of brilliant Indian cuisine. Try a traditional tandoori, a good value thali or sample some of the best samosas in London. And for affordable and authentic Indian street food go to Masala Zone – they have branches across London.
- Go Caribbean in Brixton, Camden and Kentish Town. There you'll find authentic Caribbean food at reasonable prices.
- For classic all-American food try the Hard Rock Café. London is home to the original Hard Rock. Famous for its juicy burgers and ribs, you will also be able to see some fantastic Rock 'n' Roll memorabilia.
- For Portuguese flame-grilled chicken head for Nando's; try their spicy flame grilled chicken bursting with flavour, corn on the cob and refreshing sangria. Nando's can be found all over London.
- Delicious shawarmas and meze dishes can be found in cafes around Edgware Road and Olympia. You can sample grilled succulent lamb or chicken on traditional Middle-Eastern flat bread, along with many delicious vegetarian options like humous and stuffed vine leaves.

For more information go to:
www.visitlondon.com



Top tips...

The sandwich is the favourite lunchtime meal for most Londoners. Here are some of the many popular delis and cafés:

- Konditor & Cook, Borough
Sample these sandwich experts and pâtisseries in Borough Market.
- De Gustibus, Marylebone
In this trendy setting you'll find fillings that take sandwich culture to a whole new level.
- Raison D'Être, South Kensington
After you've worked up an appetite exploring the city, stop here for brimming baguettes and heavenly coffee.
- Pret a Manger – all over London
Wherever you are, you're sure to be near a café in this popular chain. Indulge in delicious, fresh take-away sandwiches, baguettes and fruit salads.

Sport and the outdoors

Spending time in a big city doesn't mean sacrificing fresh air.

In London there are plenty of green and open spaces to enjoy. Kick back and relax in one of London's many parks or take a cruise on the Thames and see the city in a new light. Whether you prefer watching or taking part, there's also a wealth of sport on offer.

The outdoors:

Parklife

London boasts an abundance of green space and with eight Royal Parks, you're really spoilt for choice. With everything from boating lakes, golf courses, outdoor theatres and historic buildings to stripy deckchairs – there's something for every outdoor enthusiast! Feed the ducks on the lake then listen to music in the bandstand in St James's Park on sunny, summer weekends. The area around the Serpentine in Hyde Park is a lovely place to get away from it all, as are the benches at the top of Greenwich Park where you can soak up the fantastic views. www.royalparks.org.uk

On the waterfront

The river Thames is the city's artery and its banks are perfect for a gentle stroll or brisk jog. If you'd prefer something a little more leisurely a cruise on the river is an ideal way to take in London's most famous and inspirational sights.

Greenwich Park



Sport:

2012 Games

London hosted the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. The site of the games is now home to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The area offers a range of world-class sports facilities, beautiful parklands and waterways, and spectacular views from the ArcelorMittal Orbit.

Football

London boasts 13 professional football teams, more than any other city in the world. So it's not surprising that the capital's most popular sport is football. The season runs from August to May with top games almost every week. There are a number of London teams that play in the Premiership, including Arsenal, Chelsea, and Tottenham. Tickets can be hard to obtain but keep an eye on the websites. Or for a similar atmosphere why not try one of the lower league fixtures? Try Millwall, Fulham or Watford.

Cricket

For cricket matches, head to the famous grounds of the Oval in Kennington, or the home of English cricket, Lord's in St John's Wood.

Rugby

During autumn and spring, international matches take place at Twickenham in South West London. You can search for rugby tickets on the website www.rfu.com. You can watch a Harlequins game at Stoop Memorial Ground, also in Twickenham.



The London 2012 Olympic Stadium

Athletics

The Virgin Money London Marathon takes place every April and is the world's largest marathon. Major athletics meetings also take place at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre during the summer months.

Did you know?
The FA Cup first took place in 1871 and eight London football clubs were among the 15 who participated in it. Today the competition is open to every club in the league and beyond. The first FA cup final was hosted in the oval cricket ground.

Rowing

Boat races take place on the river Thames during spring and summer. The most famous is the annual race between Oxford and Cambridge university teams. It starts at Putney Bridge and finishes at Mortlake.

For more information go to:
www.visitlondon.com

Top tips...

- If you prefer participating in sport to watching it, there's plenty to choose from no matter how short your stay. To find a team to play with check gym notice boards or contact Sport England.
- Embark on a cycling tour with the London Bicycle Tour Company www.londonbicycle.com or Fat Tire Bike tours www.FatTireBikeToursLondon.com
- In winter head to one of the outdoor ice-rinks that spring up all over London, including Somerset House, Kew Gardens and Hyde Park.
- If you feel the need for speed, try Revolution Karting at Mile End Park, or try the F1 City Racing Circuit at the Royal Docks.
- Make a splash at the Docklands Sailing & Watersports Centre.
- If climbing is your thing, select from numerous indoor climbing venues including the Westway Climbing Wall. With over 2,000sq metres of walls, it's the largest indoor climbing centre in the UK.

Wallet friendly

- London's student unions offer a full range of sports and are a great way to keep fit and meet new friends. Choose from football and fencing to taekwondo and tennis.



Lord's Cricket ground



Wimbledon Championships

Entertainment

Enjoy high culture, club culture and everything in between.

With an amazing variety of entertainment and artistic choice, London is alive with productions in every possible type of venue, for every taste. In fact, with so much going on you may wish you didn't need so much sleep!

Music

London is home to four of the world's largest orchestras and two opera companies. London has a thriving jazz scene and offers a wide range of rock and pop venues from Brixton Academy to Wembley Arena and the spectacular O₂.

Dance

London has five major dance companies and a host of smaller ones. Watch the Royal Ballet perform at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden.



Royal Albert Hall

Theatre

The National Theatre stages a spectacular range of classics, musicals and new plays. And for the greatest of English language writers take a trip to Shakespeare's Globe. There are also many smaller independent theatres around the city.

Musicals

Go to Theatreland in the heart of London's West End. Over a dozen West End musicals are playing at any one time, often starring the biggest Hollywood names. They include such favourites as the Lion King, Chicago, Billy Elliot, Phantom of the Opera and The Sound of Music.



Street performer

Pubs

Sample the astonishing range of beers in a traditional English pub and relax with your friends.

Comedy

There's more live comedy in London than in any other city in the world. For a great laugh, head to the Comedy Store or Jongleurs.

Film

Movie buffs can enjoy a blockbuster in a plush independent cinema, or a 3D experience at BFI IMAX. Many film premieres are held in Leicester Square, where top Hollywood celebrities rub shoulders with fans to promote their new films. And with a cinema in almost every corner of London, you can always get closer to your favourite star.

Going Out in London

The O₂

A world of entertainment under one roof! The O₂ is home to indigO₂ a state of the art live music club, an 11 screen multiplex cinema, London's newest super club, Matter - and most breathtaking of all - The O₂ arena, a 20,000 seat venue hosting the most sought after names in rock, pop and classical music, as well as must-see sporting events and theatrical productions.

Jazz Café

Boasts some of the best jazz gigs in London. There are late-night live sessions worth a look too in this intimate, classy venue. A must visit.

Roundhouse

A venue like no other, this former engine shed has a strong performance programme of arts events including music and circus.

Sadler's Wells

The premier London venue for touring ballet, dance and opera, celebrating styles from tap to tango.

Royal Albert Hall

One of London's most famous music venues, which hosts everything from pop concerts to lavish banquets.

English National Ballet

Expect dramatic recitals from this classical ballet company founded in the 1950s.

Royal Opera House

This stunning 18th Century building began as a playhouse and now hosts opera and ballet. Guided tours are also available.

Southbank Centre

Encompasses the Queen Elizabeth Hall, the Purcell Room and the Royal Festival Hall - performance venues showcasing work by world-class dancers, musicians and orchestras.

For more information go to:
www.visitlondon.com

Ronnie Scott's



Did you know?

The London Film Festival is held in various locations in Soho and the West End. It has been running for more than 45 years.

National Theatre

Three separate theatres stage classic plays and avant-garde new work. Backstage tours are also available.

Ronnie Scott's

Set in the heart of Soho, Ronnie Scott's is one of the oldest and most famous jazz clubs in the world.

Wallet friendly

- Tkts in Leicester Square is the official half-price booth for great deals on theatre and musicals for performances that day.
- Most cinemas and music venues in London offer student discounts with a student ID card.



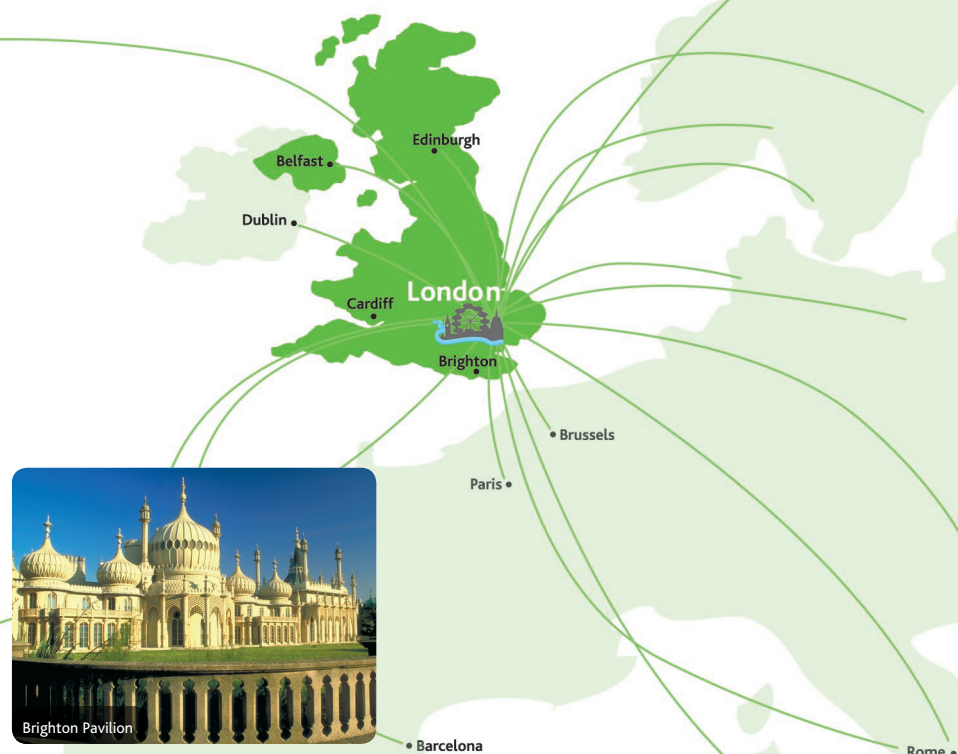
London, a gateway to the world

It's the perfect base for exploring the rest of Britain and Europe.

There's so much to do in London that you'll certainly never be bored. But if you're staying here for a while, a trip out of the city will make a refreshing change.

The beauty of London is that it's a gateway to other great cities in the UK and also Europe. (If you are not an EU passport holder, make sure you check your visa and passport requirements in advance of travel.)

Britain's other capital cities Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast have heaps to offer both short and long-term visitors. And the nearby countries of Europe, with their rich and diverse cultures, have something for everyone. The good news is that many of these places are only three hours away from London.



Destinations

United Kingdom

Brighton

One of Britain's most famous seaside resorts is just a short train ride from London. Be sure to visit the amusement pier, the opulent Royal Pavilion and some of the many fantastic bars, shops and clubs.

Edinburgh

Scotland's magnificent capital city has a majestic castle and a stunning medieval Old Town. It's easy to explore on foot, the people are friendly and there is plenty to do.

Cardiff

The capital of Wales is a modern city with an ancient heart. The medieval castle rises in the midst of the hustle and bustle of urban streets.

Belfast

Offers all the buzz and vibrancy of a capital city whilst being a gateway to the rural retreat of Northern Ireland.

Europe

Dublin – Ireland

Ireland's most vibrant city, Dublin is modern and cosmopolitan, boasting trendy bars and shops while still maintaining its Irish appeal.

Paris – France

Chic and elegant, Paris is a journey of discovery. Stretching out along the River Seine, each area has a character of its own. Visit the brilliant museums, explore the world famous galleries and enjoy a meal or two.

Barcelona – Spain

Famous for the architecture of Gaudí, Barcelona is a vibrant city of surprises. With a coastline of beaches and bars there are also plenty of interesting museums and attractive shops.

Brussels – Belgium

Brussels is easily accessible by train from London. Be amazed by the magnificent architecture around the city and particularly the Grand Place. Then sample the delicious local beers and indulge in exquisite Belgian chocolates.

Rome – Italy

Rome is a city of great beauty and when you visit you'll walk through 2,000 years of history. While you're there try some authentic Italian food, pizzas will never taste so good.

Did you know?

London is the best connected international city in the world. Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted handle over 7,000 international flights a week which is the equivalent of nearly 43 flights an hour!

For more information go to:
www.visitlondon.com

Getting there



By Air

STA Travel specialises in discounted flights for students and independent travellers. Many of the tickets are flexible, so you can change your dates, or even your route as you travel. They have over 65 branches in the UK and over 450 worldwide. Budget airlines with no frills services are cheap. Book well ahead for the cheapest deals. Start with www.ryanair.com and www.easyjet.com

By Rail

London has nine mainline railway stations, linking all corners of the UK. The Channel Tunnel makes a great link to the Continent. Catch the Eurostar from the stunning and newly refurbished St Pancras International station. www.eurostar.com

If you want to see more than one place, a railpass is a good way to travel around. www.raileurope.com

By Coach

For great value travel, Victoria Coach Station offers connections to all the major towns and cities of the UK and Europe. www.nationalexpress.com

By Sea

Catch a ferry from England's south coast to mainland Europe. Ports include Dover, Newhaven, Portsmouth and Poole. www ferries.co.uk

What's on?

From open air ice skating in winter to the summer season's picnic events, London buzzes with energy all year round. Don't miss these annual key events.



JANUARY

New Year's Day Parade
London Art Fair

FEBRUARY

Chinese New Year Celebrations
London Fashion Week

MARCH

St Patrick's Day Parade and Festival
The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race

APRIL

London Marathon
The London Book Fair

MAY

Chelsea Flower Show
FA Cup Final

JUNE

London Mela
Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships

APRIL

London Marathon



AUGUST

Notting Hill Carnival



NOVEMBER

Lord Mayor's Show



JULY

Rise Music Festival
The Proms Classical Music Festival

AUGUST

Notting Hill Carnival
London Triathlon

SEPTEMBER

London Design Festival
Mayor's Thames Festival

OCTOBER

Frieze Art Fair
The BFI London Film Festival

NOVEMBER

Lord Mayor's Show
Bonfire Night and Fireworks Displays

DECEMBER

Christmas Tree in Trafalgar Square
New Year's Eve Fireworks



For more information go to:
www.visitlondon.com

Planning your stay

With a bit of preparation, you will feel at home the moment you arrive.

Making the decision to study in a new city can be daunting. The good news is that London is full of international groups, so you'll never feel far from home. Here is some practical advice on how to get started and set yourself up in London.

Before leaving...

Go to www.visitlondon.com to download the London Official City Guide. This will show you city and transport maps and major attractions.

Read the Study London blog at blog.study london.ac.uk for university news, application advice and arrival tips, and to find out what events are taking place in the city.

Like Study London on Facebook at www.facebook.com/studylondon.

International groups

International Students House (ISH) provides accommodation and acts as a club for international students. It helps international students experience life in the UK and brings together people of different nationalities and backgrounds. ISH also organises subsidised trips throughout the UK, as well as sporting activities, theme nights, debates, and topical lectures. You can try dance and art classes, plus language classes and career workshops. You can even catch blockbuster movies in their free weekly cinema. Club membership is open to all international students at a reasonable cost. www.ish.org.uk

Visa issues & immigration

It is important that you research the visa requirements necessary for study in the UK. You can find information about the Tier 4 (General) student visa requirements at www.study london.ac.uk/application-advice. The UK

Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA; www.ukcisa.org.uk) and the British Council (www.educationuk.org) also provide advice for international students.

Accommodation

There are several accommodation options available to newcomers to London. One of the best is to try halls of residence. This means staying in university accommodation and is usually available through university accommodation offices.

Health & safety

If you are on a course lasting six months or more you can get treatment from the National Health Service (NHS) from the beginning of your stay. You will not have to pay for hospital treatment, but you may have to pay for some dental treatment and a standard charge for medicines prescribed by a doctor. First, you will need to register. Go to www.nhs.uk and get a list of local NHS registered doctors.

Banking

Ask for advice from the bank in your home country. Many have agreements with banks in the UK and they can help you set up an account before you leave home. To open a bank account you may need to complete a bank application form and provide your passport, a letter from your university and proof of your address.

Working in London

While studying, you can work part-time (up to 20 hours a week) during term-time and full-time throughout the vacation. London offers a diverse choice of employment. The web is a great source of part-time work and be sure to check university notice boards and free newspapers such as the Evening Standard and Metro.

Getting around London

London is divided into 6 zones and the prices will change depending on the zones you travel through. Zone 1 is central London and zone 6 will take you to the edges of the city. As a student, you can save almost one third on the cost of getting around London. With a student photocard you can buy Travelcards (weekly or longer), bus passes and DLR season tickets, all at a fantastic 30% discount. For more information check out www.tfl.gov.uk



*Did you know?
There are students from
200 countries studying
in London.*

Young Persons Railcard

If you are a student or between the ages of 16-25 you can save a third on most rail fares throughout Britain with a Young Persons Railcard. For a small cost the card lasts a whole year and can be purchased from major railway stations. www.16-25railcard.co.uk

ISIC card

ISIC (International Student Identity Card) is an internationally recognised form of student identity that provides you with access to 1,000s of discounts in hundreds of countries worldwide. In London an ISIC card can get you discounts on everything from the Eurostar to retail outlets. www.isiccard.com

Stay in touch

Mobile telephones are very much part of everyday life in London. If you are buying a phone, there are mobile phone shops throughout London. Pre-pay SIM cards are available from £5 and can be bought from any mobile phone outlet. They allow you to top-up your credit without signing a lengthy phone contract. For cheap calls home, buy an international phone card available across London.

Next steps...

First decide which course you wish to study, and which university you wish to study at, by searching the course database at www.study london.ac.uk. Once you have chosen a course, the university will be happy to answer your questions. Alternatively you can visit London to attend an open day and talk to tutors direct.

For more information go to:
www.study london.ac.uk



Wallet friendly

If you are thinking of coming to stay in London for a short time, go to www.visitlondon.com for accommodation at affordable prices.



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Don't just take our word for it, here is what students in London think of this great city.



"Living and studying in London enabled me to gain much more than a qualification. It helped me broaden my experience of life and not only acquire knowledge and practical skills but also widen my horizons by living in the joys of a city rich in history and culture."

Prashant Bhardwaj

TOURISM MANAGEMENT STUDENT FROM INDIA

"I love studying in London because London is the most international city in the world. You can enjoy many kinds of food from all over the world and you can even study international cooking. From London it's easy to travel and explore the rest of the UK and Europe or, like me, you can cycle around the city and visit all the museums."

Susumu Hara

MULTIMEDIA COMPUTING STUDENT FROM JAPAN



"London is the best place to study in because of its richness of experience – both academic and non academic. I try to maximize each day by making time to visit London's many museums and galleries, listen to concerts or get some fresh air and exercise in the parks."

Jaqueline Papo

PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTH PROMOTION STUDENT FROM SWITZERLAND

"London is an astonishing experience. I would recommend London as a city to study in as it is a city that offers the best prospects for a youngster and the best place to be to work for a global firm."

Antonis Ntatzopoulos

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT STUDENT FROM GREECE



"The education standards in London are definitely high and as a foreign student you get the opportunity to see the possibilities that you can achieve if you work hard and stay focused. London definitely offers everything a student can want and if you ever get lonely, there is always a part of London that has a large number of people from your country – so London can always offer a home away from home."

Cleopatra Mukula

HEALTHCARE LAW & ETHICS STUDENT FROM KENYA

"London is such a beautiful, multicultural, buzzing and exciting city. I love meeting people from different countries and in London you find people from all over the world. London has a lot of historical sites and cultural attractions such as free museums and galleries, theatres, pubs, concerts and I especially enjoy going on walking tours."

Fadzai Chikwava

MEDICAL STATISTICS STUDENT FROM ZIMBABWE



Where to study...

You can choose from 30,000 courses at over 40 universities. There are so many inspiring places to study in London, all that's left is for you to choose one.

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