

The 5 best places for STREET FOOD

1 MALTBY STREET MARKET

Ropewalk
41 Maltby St
SE1 3PA
Southbank ④
maltby.st

At this lively and atmospheric weekend market vendors have set up their stalls in units beneath railway arches and in the narrow alleyway known as the Ropewalk. Here you will find some of the best producers in town including Hansen and Lydersen, Little Bird Gin, St John's Bakery and Band of Bandits.

2 SOUTHBANK CENTRE MARKET

AT: SOUTHBANK CENTRE
Belvedere Road
SE1 8XX
Southbank ④
southbankcentre.co.uk

This street food market is open every Friday to Sunday. It's a great location to eat if you are visiting any of the cultural centres in the South Bank area. The vendors here represent the best in street food cuisine from Britain and around the world. There are often free events and concerts in the Festival Hall in the afternoons.

3 BRIXTON VILLAGE

AT: GRANVILLE ARCADE
Coldharbour Lane
SW9 8PR
South ⑤
wearebrixtonvillage.co.uk

The compact units of Brixton's lively covered market are home to a wealth of street food inspired restaurants. As well as the pizza and burger spots, try MamaLan (Chinese), Okan (Japanese), Kaosarn (Thai), Chishuru (West African), Santafereno (Colombian) or The Joint for BBQ meats.

4 NETIL MARKET

13-23 Westgate St
E8 3RL
Hackney ⑨
+44 (0)20 3095 9718
[eatworkart.com/
netil-market](http://eatworkart.com/netil-market)

In the week this is a platform for small creative businesses to sell their clothes, jewellery, ceramics and design products. Saturday is market day, and this is when street food stalls join in, including Bao Bar for Taiwanese steamed buns and Lemlem kitchen for modern African and Eritrean.

5 MERCATO METROPOLITANO

42 Newington Causeway
SE1 6DR
Southbank ④
+44 (0)20 7403 0930
[mercato
metropolitano.com](http://mercato.metropolitano.com)

Housed in a vast former paper factory this covered market is home to an exciting array of street food and artisanal produce stalls, bars and cafes, with a focus on Italian culinary culture. MM is also home to the Backyard Cinema, a community garden and events such as terrarium and gnocchi workshops and vintage fairs.



The 5 best pubs for a RIVERSIDE DRINK

136 THE DOVE

19 Upper Mall

W6 9TA

West ⑦

+44 (0)20 8748 9474

dovehammersmith.co.uk

This early 18th-century pub, cosy and low-ceilinged, is right on the Thames and accessed from a narrow path past Hammersmith Bridge. Close to the front door is a tiny room with seating for only a couple of people – this is claimed to be the smallest bar room in the world. There are excellent river views from the back of the pub.

137 TAMESIS DOCK

Albert Embankment

SE1 7TP

Southbank ④

+44 (0)20 7582 1066

tdock.co.uk

This brightly painted converted Dutch barge is a floating pub, moored on the Albert Embankment between Vauxhall and Lambeth Bridges. It enjoys wonderful river views across the Thames to the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, best seen from the open-air top deck.

138 THE PROSPECT OF WHITBY

57 Wapping Wall

E1W 3SH

East ③

+44 (0)20 7481 1095

Dating from 1520 the Prospect claims to be London's oldest riverside pub. It has excellent views of the Thames and was a former haunt of smugglers, thieves and pirates as well as 'hanging' Judge Jeffries, who sentenced many to die at nearby Execution Dock. A noose hangs from a scaffold in the river to commemorate this history. Charles Dickens and Samuel Pepys are known to have drunk here.

139 FOUNDERS ARMS

52 Hopton St

Bankside

SE1 9JH

Southbank ④

+44 (0)20 7928 1899

foundersarms.co.uk

Right on the Thames Path and next to Tate Modern this contemporary pub has a great position by the river, with impressive views from the large garden terrace and full-length pub windows across to St Paul's Cathedral and the City. Young's ales and gastro-pub dishes are served.

140 THE ANGEL

101 Bermondsey

Wall East

SE16 4NB

Southbank ④

+44 (0)20 7394 3214

This Victorian pub in Rotherhithe has an outside balcony and views from both floors across the Thames to the skyscrapers of the City and upstream to Tower Bridge. Behind the pub are the ruined remains of King Edward III's Manor House, built around 1530. Walk along the Thames Path from Tower Bridge to get here: the views are excellent all the way.

5 of the best INDEPENDENT BOOKSHOPS

201 LONDON REVIEW BOOKSHOP

14 Bury Place

WC1A 2JL

Bloomsbury ②

+44 (0)20 7269 9030

[londonreview](http://londonreviewbookshop.co.uk)

bookshop.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

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



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The 5 most UNUSUAL MUSEUMS

- 321 **MUSEUM OF BRANDS, PACKAGING AND ADVERTISING**
111-117 Lancaster Road
W11 1QT
West ⑦
+44 (0)20 7243 9611
museumofbrands.com
- A huge collection of domestic and everyday products and packaging of food and household items, posters, toys, games and printed media. Chronologically organised, from the Victorian period to the present day, this nostalgic and engrossing treasure trove details the history of consumer culture.
- 322 **WELLCOME COLLECTION**
183 Euston Road
NW1 2BE
Bloomsbury ②
+44 (0)20 7611 2222
wellcomecollection.org
- Billing itself as a museum for the ‘incurably curious’ the Wellcome displays a highly unusual mixture of medical artefacts and original artworks that explore the connections between medicine, life and art. Based on the huge and varied collections of Sir Henry Wellcome, the permanent displays are fascinating and occasionally macabre. The innovative and exciting special exhibitions have included shows on the subjects of death, the brain, sex and dirt.

- 323 **VIKTOR WYND MUSEUM OF CURIOSITIES**
11 Mare St
E8 4RP
Hackney ⑨
+44 (0)20 7998 3617
thelasttuesday.society.org/museum

Beneath The Last Tuesday Society’s cocktail bar and literary salon lies Viktor Wynd’s collection of curiosities, fine art and natural history: a fascinating, bizarre and often grotesque assortment of objects that evoke the pre-enlightenment origins of museums. Butterflies, two-headed kittens and lambs, taxidermy, tribal art and occultist pieces are all on display, and much more besides.

- 324 **KIRKALDY TESTING MUSEUM**
99 Southwark St
SE1 0JF
Southbank ④
+44 (0)20 7998 3617
testingworks.org.uk

This very unusual museum houses the 47 foot long, 116 tonne Kirkaldy Testing Machine, able to exert a million pounds of pressure and to determine the tensile strength of any object. The museum is housed in 19th-century engineer David Kirkaldy’s original testing works. Only open on the first Sunday of the month.

- 325 **OLD OPERATING THEATRE MUSEUM AND HERB GARRET**
9-A St Thomas St
SE1 9RY
Southbank ④
+44 (0)20 7188 2679
oldoperatingtheatre.com

This unique museum houses the oldest surviving operating theatre in Britain, dating from 1822 – the age before anaesthetics and antiseptics. A collection of artefacts relating to the horror of medicine before the advance of science is on display. The site was also an herb apothecary where natural remedies, including opium, were grown for the hospital.

The 5 best NEIGHBOURHOODS to visit

371 **STOKE NEWINGTON**

Hackney ④

'Stokey', as it is known to locals, has retained its London 'village' feel. Centred round the historic Church Street area there are plenty of independent and distinctive shops and restaurants. The area has a strong community character and there are plenty of green spaces to explore too.

372 **GREENWICH**

Greenwich has many famous historical attractions to offer, but there are plenty of other reasons to visit this lively community, including the excellent markets, the independent shops and restaurants, the Meantime Brewery, the O2 concert venue and the beautiful park.

373 **SHOREDITCH**

East ③

Shoreditch earned its reputation for creative cool in the mid-to-late 1990s. It's still the centre for much of East London's entrepreneurial and cultural activity with many fashionable independent shops, bars, clubs, coffee shops, restaurants and start-up businesses.

374 **RICHMOND**

An attractive historic town on the river Thames, 8 miles west of central London. There are riverside pubs and restaurants, a good range of high-street and independent shops, theatres, an indie cinema, boat trips and a wonderful urban Green. From Richmond Hill is a superb view along the river to Eel Pie Island, and beyond that lies marvellous Richmond Park.

375 **BRIXTON AND HERNE HILL**

South ⑤

Multicultural Brixton has a wealth of exciting attractions, chief among these being the must-visit Brixton Village and the excellent markets, music venues and cinema. Nearby Herne Hill has attractive Brockwell Park with its Lido and cafe, and interesting indie shops and a farmers' market near the station.



5

AFFORDABLE PLACES

to sleep

416 YHA ST PAUL'S

36 Carter Lane
EC4V 5AB
City ④
+44 (0)845 371 9012
yha.org.uk/hostel/london-st-pauls

Youth Hostels are not only for youths – anyone can stay in this historic building, a former school for the choirboys at St Paul's Cathedral. Full of interesting period features and with an elaborate exterior, this is a great place to stay in such a central location. Facilities are comfortable but basic, with beds from £16, private rooms from £30 and family rooms from £35.

417 THE CORNER HOTEL

42 Adler St
E1 1EE
East ③
+44 (0)20 3021 1440
thecornerlondoncity.co.uk

Situated on the corner of the Altab Ali Park in the East End's Whitechapel, The Corner Hotel is a great value stay for such a stylish and modern hotel in a vibrant and lively location, close to Shoreditch, Brick Lane and the excellent Whitechapel Gallery. The cool design aesthetic is bright, colourful and eclectic and there's a bar and restaurant. The hotel has strong sustainable and green credentials as well as a charitable mission.

418 CITIZENM LONDON

20 Lavington St
SE1 0NZ
Southbank ④
+44 (0)20 3519 1680
citizenm.com

The London outpost of this small international chain of stylish budget hotels is in a great location between Tate Modern and Borough Market. The rooms are small but comfortable and well designed. The ground floor is open-plan and has a colourful and quirky modern interior with Vitra furniture, a bar, canteen, library and relaxed seating area.

419 CLINK 78

78 King's Cross Road
WC1X 9QG
Clerkenwell ②
+44 (0)20 7183 9400
clinkhostels.com/london/clink78

Housed in a former magistrates' court building, this hostel near King's Cross offers stylish and affordable accommodation for backpackers and budget travellers. There's a late night bar in the basement, a film lounge and many other facilities. The original heavy-doored prison cells that give Clink 78 its name are available to sleep in, as well as the dorms and private rooms.

420 THE HOOTANANNY

95 Effra Road
SW2 1DF
South ⑥
+44 (0)20 7737 7273
hootanannyhostel.co.uk

Above The Hootananny pub in Brixton is a great value hostel. The lively 'dub pub' is an award-winning live music venue specialising in reggae, dub, international funk and soul styles, hip-hop and also comedy acts. The hostel facilities are basic, but in a good location, comfortable and very reasonably priced.



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