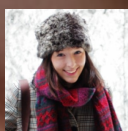




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LONDON'S TOP COFFEE SHOPS

Where to get your caffeine fix in
the British capital



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ABOUT US

THE BUGGL TEAM.

We are a small team banded together to solve the major problems that exist around travel planning. We've lived in your shoes for years, trying to seek authentic and matched trip advice to no avail. Buggl was built as your vehicle to ride in every time you need inspiration about a place to go.

OUR MISSION.

Our goal is to give people a better opportunity to experience delightful life moments when they travel. This only happens when people begin to trust in one another and not on reviews or ratings of places online anymore. Bringing the life back to travel means pulling local people out of the shadows of those review sites and onto a place where they share their expertise on what they love to do in their location. It's only possible to travel well by harnessing the relationship between travelers and locals.

Our aim is give everyone an equal chance to have beautiful trips.

OUR STORY.

This isn't a company. If you unraveled our DNA it would read like a passport stamped with ink from all over the world. We've each had unique and memorable experiences traveling down the street or around the world that have changed us as individuals and humans. If you've traveled like us, you know it's possible to grow as a person when you travel right. If you haven't traveled like us, this platform will give you the ability to do so. It's time to TRUST in other people again to help navigate you through the world.



ABOUT ME



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Travel writer

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Age

26

Interests and Activities

Travel writing, Film, Food, Drink

WHO AM I?

Mandy Hegarty is a 20-something freelance writer who covers all things travel, food and film. Born and bred in Dublin, she has spent the last few years living and working in New York and London, where she is now based. She started south of the Thames before moving up to the East End, and works as a sub-editor for expert travel writing service World Words (www.world-words.com). Some of her favorite things include good coffee, cheese, gothic literature, Christmas, markets and cinemas.

WHAT I KNOW ABOUT TRAVEL?

Travel has always been a strong passion of mine. I've lived in Ireland, the UK, the US and Canada, and have traveled extensively around Europe and Latin America.



OVERVIEW

As Britons go crazy for coffee, there are more and more opportunities to get your hands on a quality brew in London.

LOCAL PERKS AND KNOWLEDGE

Once you've gotten a taste for good coffee, it's hard to go back to the bland chain-store brews. Luckily, London is full of places to get a decent caffeine fix. In recent years, the British capital has seen a proliferation of quality coffee shops — shops that care about their beans and how they're treated. In turn, the British public has heartily embraced café culture. So go on, get your hands on a delicious hot drink!



LOCAL SECRETS

Monmouth



Drink

1 Park Street, London SE1 9AB, UK 020 7232 3010

Monmouth has got quite the reputation among London's coffee connoisseurs and deservedly so. Having been on the go for more than 35 years, they've built up a die-hard following. Because of this, queues are frequently out the door. The beans are freshly roasted at their Covent Garden roastery and the expert baristas produce an exquisite cup: strong with a nice thick layer of crema. If you're in central London, try visiting the Covent Garden branch, which is often marginally less busy than this wildly popular Borough Market outpost.

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The consistency - every cup is a good one!

RATING



Make Your Trip

CATEGORY

Packed

Noisy

NEED TO KNOW

Coffee/tea

A photograph of the interior of Exmouth Coffee Company. The view is from the entrance looking into a bright, modern cafe. There are wooden tables, hanging pendant lights, and people working behind the counter. The overall atmosphere is warm and inviting.

Exmouth Coffee Company

RATING



Make Your Trip

CATEGORY

Trendy

Relaxed & Casual

Packed

NEED TO KNOW

Coffee/tea



Drink

83 Whitechapel High Street, Whitechapel,
London E1 7QX, UK 020 7377 1010

This coffee house only opened in 2012, but it has already built up a cult following. There's no name on the outside, but that doesn't deter the locals from coming and there is a constant flow of coffee-lovers going in and out of its door. The beans from their proprietary house blend are freshly roasted, the coffee strong and there's a large choice of baked goods, flatbreads and salads all made fresh in the on-site kitchen.

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

Friendly baristas and fresh food

Climpson and Sons Cafe



Drink

67 Broadway Market, London E8 4PH, UK 020 7812 9829

Climpson & Sons supply many of the capital's best cafés with beans for their brews. Here at their bright little flagship store, their own team of caffeine aficionados make superb coffee. Got any coffee questions? The knowledgeable baristas will be happy to help. Perhaps not on weekends though, when the people come thick and fast and the shop is almost always mobbed.

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The bright airy space and the coffee

RATING



Good Detour

CATEGORY

Trendy

Relaxed & Casual

Packed

NEED TO KNOW

Coffee/tea



Allpress Espresso Coffee Roasters

RATING



Make Your Trip

CATEGORY

- Trendy
- Relaxed & Casual
- Packed

NEED TO KNOW

Coffee/tea



Drink

68 Redchurch Street, London E2 7DP, UK 020 7749 1780

This Kiwi import serves espresso and single estate filter brews with an ever-changing line-up of beans. There's often a choice and the baristas, who always know their stuff, will be able to give you a run down on the characteristics of the different beans. The espresso-based brews are short, but bold, with a strong coffee hit.

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The single origin filter brews



TAP Coffee



Drink

191 Wardour Street, Soho, London W1F 8ZE,
UK 020 7580 2163

This mini-chain has three outposts in central London and its success can be attributed to a simple formula: get the finest ingredients and look after them well. This is true of the beans, which are sourced, roasted and handled to the highest standard, ensuring you get a quality cup of joe.

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

Good honest coffee and food

RATING



Good Detour

CATEGORY

Relaxed & Casual

NEED TO KNOW

Coffee/tea

Federation Coffee

RATING



Good Detour

CATEGORY

Relaxed & Casual

Packed

NEED TO KNOW

Coffee/tea



Drink

1 Coldharbour Lane, Granville Arcade, Brixton,
London SW9 8PR, UK

Set in the corner of Brixton Market, this hip café serves up a mean flat white. With the bustling Brixton Market surroundings, it's a great spot for people watching. Be warned though, it's a very small and very popular, so it can get very cramped.

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

A great spot for people-watching

BEFORE YOU GO

I. WHAT TO TAKE

You and any fellow coffee-lovers.

II. GETTING AROUND

These coffee shops can all be easily reached by the Tube or by bus.

III. MONEY AND TIPPING

Many coffee shops will take card, but for smaller purchases (generally under £5), you might have to use cash, so it's best to bring some along.

IV. SAFETY AND SECURITY

All these locations are generally very safe.

V. USEFUL PHONE NUMBER, WEBSITES AND LOCAL APPS

<http://www.monmouthcoffee.co.uk/>

<http://www.exmouthcoffee.co.uk/>

<http://www.climpsonandsons.com/>

<http://uk.allpressespresso.com/>

<http://www.tapcoffee.co.uk/>

<http://federationcoffee.com/>

VI. Local Notes

Please check individual websites for opening hours.



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