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# A LITERARY JOURNEY THROUGH BLOOMSBURY

See where some of the world's most famous writers, including Virginia Woolf and Charles Dickens, lived, loved and put pen to paper



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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



## Mandy Hegarty

Travel writer

**Traveler Since**

1987

**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](http://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

Away from the maddening crowds and bright lights of the West End, this quiet and upmarket residential enclave has an undeniably impressive literary heritage. Spend a day exploring its pretty Georgian squares and streets and see the sites associated with well-known writers.

# LOCAL PERKS AND KNOWLEDGE

Bloomsbury, a small leafy pocket of central London, has strong literary connections and the reach of its literary inhabitants has stretched far beyond its narrow borders. Most famously, there is the Bloomsbury Set, a clique of writers, artists and intellectuals, including Virginia Woolf and E.M. Forster, who lived a Bohemian lifestyle in the early years of the 20th century. Known for their freewheeling attitudes, it is frequently said of them that they "lived in squares and loved in triangles." They aren't the only literary figures that spent time in Bloomsbury though; W.B. Yeats, Charles Dickens and John Wyndham, among others, all called this neighborhood home at one point.





## LOCAL SECRETS



# W.B. Yeats' Former Home



## See and Do

University of London, University College  
London, 9A Woburn Walk, Kings Cross,  
London WC1H 0JJ, UK

Just south of Euston Station is Woburn Walk. This low-key pedestrianized street was once home to Nobel Prize-winning Irish poet W.B. Yeats. Despite an array of modern cafes, shops and restaurants, the street still retains its Victorian look and is often used for filming period TV series and films. Yeats lived at what is now number 5 from 1895 to 1919.

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The well-preserved Victorian buildings

### RATING



Make Your Trip

### CATEGORY

Interesting

Hidden

### NEED TO KNOW

Historical



# Gordon Square Garden

*RATING*



Make Your Trip

*CATEGORY*

- Quiet
- Interesting
- Beautiful

*NEED TO KNOW*

- Historical
- Sight seeing
- Park



## See and Do

University of London, University College  
London, 31 Gordon Square, London WC1H, UK

In London, blue plaques are badges of honor placed on buildings to commemorate the influential people who lived and worked in them. Gordon Square has a plethora of them. Wander around this charming square to read them. Among the most important plaques is the one at number 46. This is where Virginia Woolf lived with her siblings between 1904 and 1907 and where the famous Bloomsbury Set first congregated. Woolf wasn't the only notable resident to call number 46 home; the influential 20th century economist John Maynard Keynes also lived here from 1916 up until his death in 1946.

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The picturesque park grounds





# Tavistock Square, London, United Kingdom



## See and Do

31 Tavistock Square, London WC1H, UK

Tavistock Square has impressive literary credentials. Virginia Woolf lived here between 1924 and 1939, in a site now occupied by the Tavistock Hotel, while Charles Dickens lodged at Tavistock House from 1851 to 1860. During this period, Dickens wrote "Bleak House," "Hard Times" and "A Tale Of Two Cities." Novelist John Wyndham, author of "The Day of the Triffids" and "The Midwich Cuckoos," also lived on the square in the 1920s.

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

Its impressive literary heritage

### RATING



Good Detour

### CATEGORY

- Quiet
- Interesting

### NEED TO KNOW

- Historical
- Sight seeing



# Senate House, Malet Street, London, United Kingdom

*RATING*



Worth a Peek

*CATEGORY*

Educational

Interesting

Cool

*NEED TO KNOW*

Historical

Architecture



## See and Do

University of London, Malet Street, London WC1E, UK

This Art Deco building shot up in the 1930s as part of a University of London building plan. At the time of completion, it was the second tallest building in the city, with only St. Paul's Cathedral reaching higher. It was used as the Ministry of Information during World War II and George Orwell took inspiration from the building for his description of the Ministry of Truth in "Nineteen Eighty-Four."

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The striking Art Deco architecture

# Gower Street



## See and Do

University of London, University College  
London, 23-25 Gower Street, Kings Cross,  
London WC1E 6BT, UK 020 7679 2000

Gower Street is the main north-south thoroughfare in west Bloomsbury and it was once lined with identical brown-bricked Georgian terraces, some of which still remain. At the Biological Sciences Building, now part of University College London, is the site of the former home of Charles Darwin, the author of the groundbreaking evolutionary text "On the Origin of the Species." Charles Dickens also lived on this street for a short period. His home was also located on the grounds of what is now the University College London.

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The old Georgian housing stock

### RATING



Good Detour

### CATEGORY

Interesting

Educational

### NEED TO KNOW

Historical

Sight seeing





# Grenville Street

*RATING*



Good Detour

*CATEGORY*

Interesting

Educational

*NEED TO KNOW*

Sight seeing

Historical



## See and Do

12 Grenville Street, London WC1N 1LZ, UK

"Peter Pan" author J.M. Barrie lived on this street at number 8. Some commentators suspect his Grenville Street lodgings may well have been the setting of the Darlings' house in "Peter Pan." Great Ormond Street hospital, located on nearby Guilford Street, is also associated with J.M. Barrie, as the author gifted the rights of "Peter Pan" to the organization in 1929. Since then, the children's hospital has received royalties for every "Peter Pan" ticket, book and product sold.

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The Peter Pan statue at the hospital



# Lamb



## Drink

84 Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1N 3LR, UK

Housed in a Grade II-listed building, this traditional pub has been serving ale for close to three centuries. It was the watering hole of choice for the Bloomsbury Set and for other local writers including Charles Dickens, Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath.

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The well-preserved Victorian interior

### RATING



Good Detour

### CATEGORY

Old School

Relaxed & Casual

### NEED TO KNOW

Bar



# The Charles Dickens Museum

## RATING



Make Your Trip

## CATEGORY

Educational

Interesting

Quiet

## NEED TO KNOW

Museum

Historical



## See and Do

192 Riverside Close, London E5 9SU, UK

Housed in Dickens' former home, this small but fascinating museum displays memorabilia, photos, rare books and other artifacts all related to the great English novelist. Browse the displays, then sit down for a coffee and cake in the pretty cafe, located at the rear of the building.

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The delightful cafe





# ITINERARY

## DAY 1

### A Literary Journey Through Bloomsbury

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# MORNING

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Woburn Walk,  
Kings Cross,  
London WC1H 0JJ,  
UK

## Gordon Square Garden

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### See and Do

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London, University  
College London, 31  
Gordon Square,  
London WC1H, UK

# MORNING

## Tavistock Square, London, United Kingdom

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### See and Do

31 Tavistock  
Square, London  
WC1H, UK



## Senate House, Malet Street, London, United Kingdom

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### See and Do

University of  
London, Malet  
Street, London  
WC1E, UK





# MORNING

## Gower Street

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UK

020 7679 2000

## Grenville Street

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### See and Do

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London WC1N 1LZ,  
UK

# AFTERNOON

Lamb



Drink

84 Lamb's Conduit  
Street, London  
WC1N 3LR, UK



The Charles Dickens Museum



See and Do

192 Riverside  
Close, London E5  
9SU, UK



# BEFORE YOU GO

## I. WHAT TO TAKE

Just you. If the weather is nice, you might want to take a picnic to enjoy in one of Bloomsbury's pleasant park squares.

## II. GETTING AROUND

Get the Tube to Euston Square and begin the walk from there. All locations in the itinerary are within easy walking distance of each other and suitable for even the least intrepid travelers.

## III. MONEY AND TIPPING

Most of the locations in the itinerary can only be viewed from the outside and are, as such, free of cost. However, there is an entrance fee for the Charles Dickens Museum and you'll also need money to purchase a drink in Lamb, so carrying some cash is advisable.



#### **IV. SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Bloomsbury is an upmarket, mostly residential neighborhood. It is generally very safe.

#### **V. USEFUL PHONE NUMBER, WEBSITES AND LOCAL APPS**

Charles Dickens Museum:

Website: <http://www.dickensmuseum.com/>

Telephone: +44(0)20 7405 2127

#### **VI. Local Notes**

The Charles Dickens Museum is open Monday to Sunday. Last admission is at 4pm. Please double check the website for any changes prior to your visit.



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