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# LONDON PHOTO OPS: WHERE TO FIND THE BEST VIEWS OVER THE CAPITAL

See the best places to view  
London from on high.



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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.

A photograph of the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, taken at sunset. The sky is a mix of blue, purple, and orange. The dome is dark, and the lower part of the building is lit up from below, showing the classical architectural details like columns and arches.

# OVERVIEW

Discover the best places to take in the London cityscape

# LOCAL PERKS AND KNOWLEDGE

Seeing London from on high doesn't have to cost you a fortune. Rather than forking out £20 or more to venture up the Shard or on the London Eye, try seeking out these more budget-friendly vantage points. All around the capital, there are hills, bridges, rooftops, bars and viewing platforms offering incredible and expansive city vistas free or at a fraction of the cost. Plus, they feature the Shard — you can't see the Shard from the Shard — and they reveal an overview of the city's makeup, showing street patterns and building shapes that are often invisible from ground level.

The image shows a view of the Shard skyscraper in London, silhouetted against a bright sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. In the foreground, there are several buildings, including a large, curved structure on the left and a large, rectangular building in the center. The water of the River Thames is visible at the bottom of the frame. A red banner with the text "LOCAL SECRETS" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**LOCAL SECRETS**



# Duck & Waffle



## Eat

City of London, Bishopsgate Camomile Street (Stop N), London EC3A, UK 020 3640 7310

It's free to enter this sky-high restaurant, but you will have to fork out for food and drink. It's tasty though and breakfast is unlikely to set you back any more than entrance to the Shard. Thanks to the floor-to-ceiling glass windows, all tables in this 40th-floor dining room have great views, although those nearest the windows are best for ogling the urban landscape. Vistas extend across East London, the City and over the river to the lovely Tower Bridge.

### RATING



Good Detour

### CATEGORY

Reservations

Buzzing

Upscale

### NEED TO KNOW

Restaurant

Food

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The view and the breakfast



# The Monument, Fish Street Hill, London, United Kingdom

## RATING



Worth a Peek

## CATEGORY

Views

## NEED TO KNOW

Historical

Sight seeing



## See and Do

18 Fish Street Hill, London EC3R 6DB, United Kingdom

The Monument to the Great Fire of London costs just £4 to enter. The staircase is narrow with more than 200 steps and the platform on top is small so you might want to leave tripods and equipment behind, but the view of the City from the top is something special.

## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The historical significance



# One New Change



## See and Do

1 New Change, London EC4M 9AF, United Kingdom 020 7002 8900

This bland shopping center has a hidden secret. Up on its roof is a public terrace with unbeatable views of St. Paul's Cathedral and beyond. There is a bar and a coffee shop up there, but the terrace is free and it's not necessary to buy anything from either. There's also plenty of space and generally, very few people — the perfect setting for photographers to get snapping.

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

360 degree view with minimal crowds

### RATING



Make Your Trip

### CATEGORY

Outdoor

Views

### NEED TO KNOW

Sight seeing

# Richmond Park, Richmond Greater London

## RATING



Good Detour

## CATEGORY

Views

Walks

Nature

## NEED TO KNOW

Sight seeing



## See and Do

Richmond Park

This vast park in southwest London is miles away from the urban center, yet it offers a whole new perspective of the city. The Gherkin, the London Eye and the other towers appear compact and close together when viewed from this distance, while the view from King Henry VIII mound to St. Paul's Cathedral is protected. There is a telescope there, which allows you see the famous dome up close.

The summit of Richmond Hill offers a more bucolic scene overlooking the Thames below.

## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The rural setting combined with city views



# Parliament Hill



## See and Do

72 Parliament Hill, London NW3 2TJ, UK

This hilltop vantage point is located in London's famous Hampstead Heath park. The views are panoramic and from its summit you can see famous landmarks all the way from Canary Wharf through to the Shard and even — if you squint hard enough — the Houses of Parliament after which it is named.

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The views of London from a distance

### RATING



Worth a Peek

### CATEGORY

Famous

Walks

Views

### NEED TO KNOW

Park

Sight seeing

# Royal Observatory Greenwich

## RATING



Good Detour

## CATEGORY

Walks

Views

Outdoor

## NEED TO KNOW

Sight seeing

Historical

Park



## See and Do

The Avenue, London SE10 8XJ, UK 020 8691 8637

Famous as the location of the prime meridian, most people come to the Royal Observatory to straddle east and west, but it also has fantastic views. Trek up the hill in Greenwich Park and look down upon the winding waters of the Thames and the bundle of tightly packed Canary Wharf skyscrapers standing proudly behind it.

## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

It's especially pretty in autumn



# Tate Modern Restaurant



**Eat**

Millennium Bridge, London SE1 9JE, UK 020 7887 8888

Located on the sixth floor of one of the U.K.'s premier art institutions, this restaurant has breathtaking views of St. Paul's Cathedral and the City. You will have to pay for drink or food for the privilege of sitting here, but if you can time your visit to coincide with sunset, you'll get to see the sun go down and St. Paul's light up.

## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The riverside location

## RATING



Good Detour

## CATEGORY

Buzzing

Atmosphere

## NEED TO KNOW

Restaurant

Bar



# Millennium Bridge

## RATING



Good Detour

## CATEGORY

Walks City

Views

## NEED TO KNOW

Sight seeing



## See and Do

Millennium Bridge, London SE1 9JE, UK

This bridge, famous for its role in "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," offers unimpeded views of landmarks both north and south of the Thames. It's pedestrian-only, so you can take as long as you want framing the perfect shot, without having to worry about oncoming traffic. It's best after dark, when you can see the iconic illuminated Tower Bridge shining like a beacon further down the Thames.

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The views downriver

# ITINERARY

## DAY 1

### Chasing the Capital's Epic Skyline

Spend a day chasing the best views in London. Begin in the City with breakfast at Duck & Waffle, then whip out your camera at the top of the Monument to the Great Fire of London. Next, try the nearby One New Change, where a mall roof terrace delivers one of the finest views in the city. For the afternoon, there is a selection of parks from which to take your pick: Richmond Park in the southwest, Hampstead Heath to the north or Greenwich Park in the southeast. After trekking up their hills, head back to the center of London to restaurant in Tate Modern and for one last hurrah on the Millennium Bridge.

# MORNING

## Duck & Waffle

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**Eat**

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Bishopsgate  
Camomile Street  
(Stop N), London  
EC3A, UK

020 3640 7310

## The Monument, Fish Street Hill, London, United Kingdom

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**See and Do**

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London EC3R 6DB,  
United Kingdom



### See and Do

1 New Change,  
London EC4M 9AF,  
United Kingdom

020 7002 8900



# AFTERNOON

## Richmond Park, Richmond Greater London

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### See and Do

Richmond Park

## Parliament Hill

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### See and Do

72 Parliament Hill,  
London NW3 2TJ,  
UK

# AFTERNOON

## Royal Observatory Greenwich

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### See and Do

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London SE10 8XJ,  
UK

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# EVENING

## Tate Modern Restaurant

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**Eat**

Millennium Bridge,  
London SE1 9JE,  
UK

020 7887 8888

## Millennium Bridge

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**See and Do**

Millennium Bridge,  
London SE1 9JE,  
UK

# BEFORE YOU GO

## **I. WHAT TO TAKE**

Comfortable walking shoes and rain gear, especially for the park destinations.

## **II. GETTING AROUND**

All of these destinations can be reached by Tube and bus, but the park vantage points will require some walking.

## **III. MONEY AND TIPPING**

Bring along some cash for food, drinks and entrance fees (where applicable).

## **IV. SAFETY AND SECURITY**

All these locations are generally very safe.

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

If you plan on eating at Duck & Waffle or at the Tate Modern, it's advisable to book in advance. See websites below:

<http://duckandwaffle.com/>

<http://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-modern/eat-drink-and-shop/level-6-restaurant>

## **VI. Local Notes**

Be prepared for all kinds of weather. If it's raining, you may want to take along wellies (rain boots), as the parks can get quite muddy.



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