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# THE BEST LONDON MARKETS TO BAG A BARGAIN



Avoid the crowds and high prices on London's famous shopping streets and visit the capital's finest markets instead



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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

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**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.worldwords.com](http://www.worldwords.com)). Some of her favorite things include good coffee, cheese, gothic literature, Christmas, markets and cinemas.

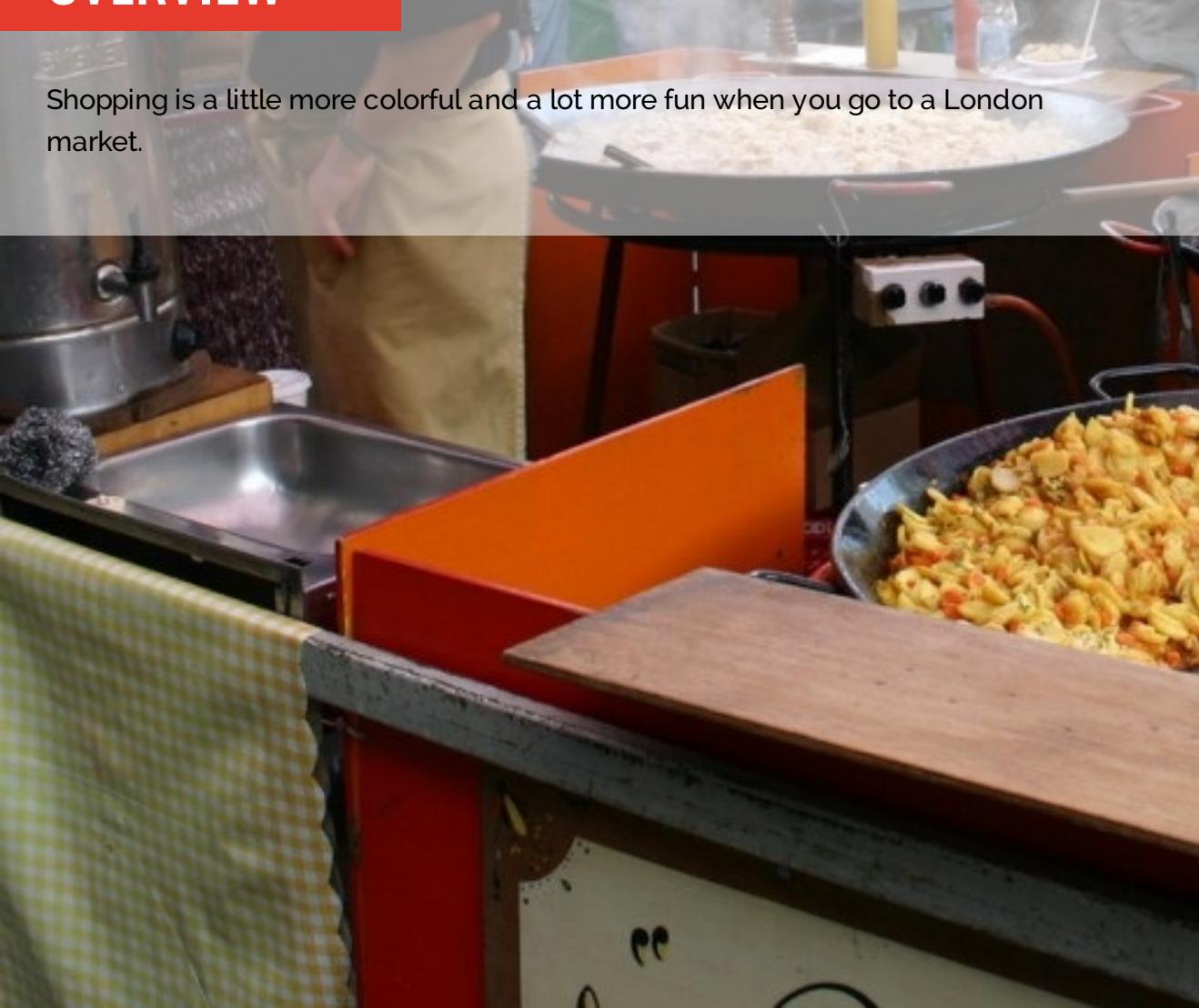
## WHAT I KNOW ABOUT TRAVEL?

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

Shopping is a little more colorful and a lot more fun when you go to a London market.



# LOCAL PERKS AND KNOWLEDGE

There are many reasons to visit London's markets.

Not only do they give you a real flavor of the city, but they also offer value for money. Without huge overheads and sky-high rents, the vendors can afford to sell their goods at more modest and affordable prices. Plus, haggling is allowed. Then there's the sheer variety of stalls. Shopping malls and high streets are usually dominated by commercial chain stores. Markets on the other hand, generally have independent traders, which bring an element of surprise — you never know what you might discover! With everything from ethnic street food and handicrafts to antiques and bric-a-brac, London's markets provide the chance to find unusual, one-of-a-kind items.

PEANUT  
BUTTER  
AWESOME

## LOCAL SECRETS

HUMMINGBIRD  
CAKE  
(PEACHES, PINEAPPLE,  
BANANA)  
£2

GIANT  
CHOCOLATE  
RING  
DOUGHNUT £1.50

CHOCOLATE  
OREO  
£2

WHITE  
CHOCOLATE  
£2



# Brick Lane Market



## See and Do

100 Brick Lane, London E1 6RL, UK

RATING



Good Detour

CATEGORY

Interesting

Market

NEED TO KNOW

Shopping

Market

### WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The incredible variety of goods on offer



# Petticoat Lane Market

## RATING



Worth a Peek

## CATEGORY

City Interesting

## NEED TO KNOW

Shopping Market



## See and Do

84 Middlesex Street, Poplar, London E1, UK  
020 7364 1717

This rough and ready East End market has been on the go since the 1750s. Merchants and traders crowd the narrow street every Sunday and sell all sorts of cut-price wares. It's not the prettiest market in the world nor is the stock of the finest quality, but there are bargains to be had, especially when it comes to leather goods. Behind the stalls, you'll find Asian fabric shops selling bright and elaborate patterned fabrics.

## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The sense of history



# Columbia Road Flower Market



## See and Do

94 Ravenscroft Street, London E2 7QA, UK

This famous East End flower market is a visual treat. Every Sunday, vendors arrive with flowers, plants and shrubs turn the road into a riot of color. There are exotic bulbs, homegrown potted plants and more tulips, roses, lilies and petunias than you can shake a stick at. The hawkers are vocal hollering out prices and offers to the passing crowds. If you're plant adverse, there are still plenty of art galleries, independent shops and cafes on the street to keep you entertained.

RATING



Make Your Trip

CATEGORY

Beautiful Famous

NEED TO KNOW

Market

## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The gregarious vendors



# Portobello Road Market

## RATING



Good Detour

## CATEGORY

Market Cool

## NEED TO KNOW

Shopping Market



## See and Do

4 Portobello Road, London W11, UK 020 7727 7684

This market — a London institution — is all about vintage, antique and retro items, although it also boasts a tasty selection of street food. It's a favorite among tourists, but that doesn't mean there aren't bargains to be had. You just have to look hard. Saturdays are generally very crowded, while Fridays are typically less busy.

## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The colorful houses on Portobello Road



# Maltby Street Market - Ropewalk



**Eat**

Ropewalk, London SE1 3NY, UK

This market takes place among the railway arches of Bermondsey and it's the place to go on a Saturday to avoid plodding crowds of camera-toting tourists. Here, it is all about food. There are tons of quality food stalls and pop-up restaurants to choose from. The custard doughnuts from St. Johns Bakery and Hiver Honey Beer are among the tastiest things to sample here.

*RATING*



Make Your Trip

*CATEGORY*

Noisy

*NEED TO KNOW*

Street

## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The fantastic food

BROADWAY MKT. E.8.

# Broadway Market

## RATING



Make Your Trip

## CATEGORY

Market   Outdoor

Cool

## NEED TO KNOW

Shopping   Eating

Market



## See and Do

36 Broadway Market, London E8, UK 07872 463409

Stretching down a Haggerston high street, this little market is a local favorite. There are limited clothing, artisan jewelry and art stalls, but the bulk of the space is given over to food. It attracts a fashionable and hip crowd who come to browse the curbside vendors. Expect an array of gourmet goods including cheeses, breads, condiments, sweets and olives, as well as ready-to-eat snacks including burgers and wraps. There's often live music playing to bolster the buzzy vibe.

## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT IT HERE

The atmosphere

# **BEFORE YOU GO**

## **I. WHAT TO TAKE**

Cash. Most vendors will only take cash and ATMs near markets often have extremely long lines.

## **II. GETTING AROUND**

All these markets can be easily reached by the Tube or by bus.

## **III. MONEY AND TIPPING**

Bring cash as most market vendors will not accept cards.

## **IV. SAFETY AND SECURITY**

All these areas are generally very safe, but like any other large city, London is not immune to pickpockets. If you have large amounts of cash on you, exercise caution and common sense.

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

Check local council websites for further information on these markets.

## **VI. Local Notes**

Haggling is commonplace, so feel free to try and get a cheaper price.



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