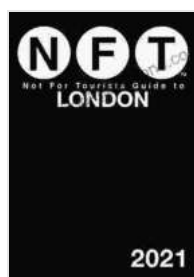


# The 2024 Not-for-Tourists Guide to London: Uncover the City's Hidden Gems and Secret Spots

London is a city that is constantly evolving, and with its rich history and vibrant culture, there is always something new to discover. But beyond the iconic landmarks and popular tourist attractions, there is a hidden side to London that is waiting to be explored.



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This guide will take you off the beaten path and introduce you to some of London's best-kept secrets. From secret speakeasies to underground markets and hidden gardens, we'll show you the side of London that most tourists never see.

## Secret Speakeasies

London is home to a thriving speakeasy scene, with hidden bars tucked away in basements, behind unmarked doors, and even in phone boxes.

These speakeasies offer a unique and intimate drinking experience, with many of them serving up creative cocktails and live music.

Here are a few of our favorite secret speakeasies in London:

- **The Blind Pig:** This speakeasy is hidden behind an unmarked door in Soho. Once inside, you'll find a cozy bar with a vintage vibe, serving up classic cocktails and live jazz music.
- **The Vault:** This speakeasy is located in a former bank vault in Waterloo. The bar has a dark and intimate atmosphere, with a focus on craft cocktails.
- **The Mayor of Scaredy Cat Town:** This speakeasy is hidden behind a phone box in Shoreditch. Once inside, you'll find a quirky bar with a focus on rum cocktails.

## Underground Markets

London is home to a number of underground markets, where you can find everything from vintage clothing to handmade crafts. These markets are often hidden away in basements or tunnels, and they offer a unique and alternative shopping experience.

Here are a few of our favorite underground markets in London:

- **Camden Market:** This is one of the most popular underground markets in London, and it's known for its eclectic mix of stalls selling everything from vintage clothing to handmade jewelry.
- **Brick Lane Market:** This market is located in the heart of London's East End, and it's known for its street food stalls and vintage clothing

shops.

- **Leake Street Graffiti Tunnel:** This tunnel is located under Waterloo station, and it's home to a constantly changing display of graffiti art. There are also a number of stalls selling street food and drinks.

## Hidden Gardens

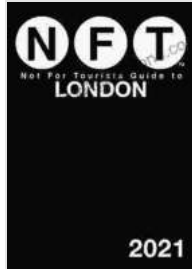
London is home to a number of hidden gardens, which offer a peaceful oasis away from the hustle and bustle of the city. These gardens are often tucked away behind walls or in courtyards, and they're a great place to relax and escape the crowds.

Here are a few of our favorite hidden gardens in London:

- **Kyoto Garden:** This Japanese garden is located in Holland Park, and it's a great place to relax and enjoy the peace and tranquility. The garden features a traditional tea house, a pond with koi carp, and a number of beautiful trees and flowers.
- **Barbican Conservatory:** This conservatory is located on the roof of the Barbican Centre, and it's home to a variety of tropical plants and flowers. The conservatory is a great place to escape the cold weather and enjoy the greenery.
- **Postman's Park:** This small park is located in the City of London, and it's home to a memorial to the postmen who died in the First World War. The park is a peaceful oasis in the heart of the city, and it's a great place to sit and reflect.

This is just a small sampling of the many hidden gems and secret spots that London has to offer. With its rich history and vibrant culture, there is

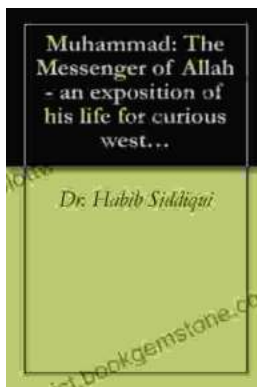
always something new to discover in this amazing city. So get off the beaten path and explore the hidden side of London. You won't be disappointed.



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