



Just a quick hop across the pond, London is easy to get to and definitely worth a visit. There's something for everyone, whether you like chilling in parks, strolling through markets, high-end shopping, or clubbing until dawn – London has it all!

#### Getting there:

- **Dublin:** direct flights daily with Ryanair & Aerlingus
- **Cork:** direct flights daily with Ryanair & Aerlingus
- **Belfast:** direct flights daily with flybe, bmi, Ryanair & Easyjet
- **Shannon:** direct flights daily with Aerlingus & Ryanair
- **Knock:** direct flights daily with Aerlingus & Ryanair

#### From the airport:

- **Heathrow:** Jump on the tube (London Underground) which will bring you into the city centre.
- **Stansted:** There are various direct coach routes run by National Express. A cheaper option than the train.
- **Gatwick:** Take the regular train from the airport to London Bridge station. It's much cheaper than the Gatwick Express.

#### Places to stay:

- **Astor Hostel Kensington:**  
<http://www.astorhostels.co.uk/#/en/page/kensington>
- **Piccadilly Backpackers:**  
<http://www.piccadillyhotel.net>
- **Clink Hostel:**  
<http://www.clinkhostel.com/>

#### Things to do:

- **Tower of London & London Bridge:** Take a tour of the Tower and get inside the building that has been a prison, a castle and a palace. Don't forget to walk across the

bridge to get some great pictures. Tower Hill tube stop.

- **Natural History Museum:** Not just for dinosaur geeks, this place is well worth a visit. The Victoria & Albert Museum and The Science Museum in the same area are all worth a look too. And with free entry there's no reason not to go! South Kensington tube stop.
- **Harrods:** More for Oooohing and Aaaaahhing than actual shopping, unless you want to burn a large hole in your pocket. Even the food hall here is worth a visit to see just how expensive tea bags can be. The store has a dress code which includes no shorts, ripped jeans or flip-flops. Knightsbridge tube stop.
- **London Eye:** This huge ferris wheel gives amazing views of the city. Tickets can be booked online, which saves queuing time – something well worth doing as 10,000 people per day take off on the Eye. A flight costs £16. Embankment tube stop.
- **London Markets:** Camden Market (Saturday), Brick Lane (Saturday), Covent Garden (Weekends). There is no better way to spend a Saturday morning in London than pottering around markets looking for bargains and doing a bit of people watching.

#### Nightlife:

- **Fabric** – a London institution, often voted world's best club by DJ magazine. Farringdon tube stop.
- **George Inn** – Dating from 1677, Shakespeare used to drink here. London Bridge tube stop.

#### Top Tips:

- For a budget feed head to Kingsland Road. This place is full of delicious cheap and cheerful Vietnamese restaurants that let you bring your own beer. Stuff your face for a tenner! There are plenty of cool bars around here too if you fancy making a night of it.

