Barnet

Barnet is one the largest boroughs in London and the north western area is mainly countryside leading into Hertfordshire.

Its population is as diverse as its landscape and Barnet is home to the largest Jewish community in the UK and growing Japanese and Chinese communities.

Living
Rent per week: £70 to £125
Transport Zones: 3 to 5
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 15 to 30 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Barnet, Mill Hill, Finchley, Golders Green, Edgware, Brent Cross, Hendon, North Finchley, Colindale, Burnt Oak, Whetstone, Osidge, Totteridge

Things to do
In the 1970s, Brent Cross became home to the largest shopping mall in Europe. This title has since been surpassed a few times but it is still a shopping mecca and has many larger shops that you will not find in Central London.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Barnet
LONDONIST: Barnet Top 10

Recommendations
Tosa in East Finchley, beautiful, authentic Japanese food. Tiny little place, but very busy at the weekends.
The Phoenix Cinema in East Finchley. This classic looking cinema does all night showings on Saturday's.

Camden

The borough of Camden stretches well beyond the famous area of Camden Town. Some of the most exclusive areas to live are in the borough, including Hampstead and Primrose Hill.

The borough is made up of many towns and villages all joined together, each one with its own personality.

Living
Rent per week: £110 to £190
Transport Zones: 1 to 2
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 0 to 10 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Camden Town, Kentish Town, Bloomsbury, Kings Cross, Hampstead, Primrose Hill, Belsize Park, Covent Garden, Cricklewood, West Hampstead,

Things to do
Camden Town really comes alive on the weekends. Spend the daytime in the markets and stay out into the early hours in the many bars and live music venues.

Spend a lazy Sunday afternoon taking in the leafy, exclusive streets around Primrose Hill or Hampstead and stroll up through the
Highgate, Holborn, Kilburn, Regents Park, Steeles Village, Seven Dials parks for some of the best views over London.

Regent's Canal runs straight through the borough. Take a walk through the new Kings Cross, through Camden Market, and onto Regent’s Park.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Camden
LONDONIST: Camden Top 10
TIMEOUT: Camden, Kings Cross, Highgate, Hampstead
AIRBNB: Camden Town, Bloomsbury, Kings Cross, Somers Town

Recommendations
The Cuban - Cuban bar in the Stables with great cocktails and great live music and dancing
Icco’s - Run by Italians and filled with Italians for the best, cheapest pizza in central London
Zoo Lates - London Zoo opens late throughout summer so you can drink with the penguins and lions

Enfield
Enfield has a very long history. It's gone from a small town outside of London in the 11th Century to becoming part of Greater London itself. The borough is very green and has a large proportion of its land protected in the Green Belt.

Living
Rent per week: £70 to £125
Transport Zones: 4 to 6
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 20 to 35 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Enfield Town, Edmonton, Palmers Green, Ponders End, Winchmore Hill, Southgate, Bowes Park, Enfield Lock, Silver Street

Things to do
Pymmes Park is a lovely old park with lots of sports facilities, wildlife, and some great history too.
Capel Manor is surround by beautiful parks and gardens and hosts many different events throughout the year.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Enfield
LONDONIST: Enfield Top 10

Recommendations
The Crown and Horseshoes Pub a beautiful rural looking pub, excellent food and a lovely location.
Grovesland Park a lovely park with a big green, football pitches, a children's play and wooded area.
Haringey
Haringey is nestled right in the middle of North London, between the inner and outer boroughs. It is another borough of great contrast. The western areas are some of the richest in the UK while the eastern areas are fairly deprived. There are a lot of parks and woodland and the landscape varies from leafy and hilly to flat and open.

Living
Rent per week: £70 to £125
Transport Zones: 3
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 10 to 20 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Highgate, Muswell Hill, Crouch End, Haringey, Tottenham, Wood Green, Hornsey, Finsbury Park, Bowes Park, Archway, West Green, Northumberland Park

Things to do
Alexandra Park and Finsbury Park are the boroughs largest green spaces and both host many events. Alexandra Park’s grand Victorian hall is a stunning venue and the birthplace of television.

The borough is home to Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, currently one the most successful clubs in the English Premier League.

Bruce Castle is a Grade 1 listed 16th Century house in Tottenham.

Highgate and Muswell Hill offer some great views of London and are lovely to take in on the weekends.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Haringey
LONDONIST: Haringey Top 10

Recommendations
Arocaria is a tucked away Greek Cypriot restaurant with a lovely view of the clock tower.
Andreas Michili & Sons is a fantastic family run shop selling excellent fresh produce.

Islington
Islington is a small, central borough and the most densely populated in London. There is a huge variety in terms of wealth and it is very lively and vibrant. The area is very popular among young professionals because of its nice shops, pubs, bars, and theatres.

Living
Rent per week: £110 to £190

Things to do
Emirates Stadium, the home of Arsenal FC, is one of London’s best stadiums. Take a
Transport Zones: 1 to 3
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 0 to 15 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Highbury, Holloway, Tufnell Park, Angel, Clerkenwell, Highgate, Islington, Finsbury Park, Archway

Tour or, even better, catch a game supporting one of England's best football clubs.

Upper Street runs right through the Angel area of Islington. Shops, restaurants, cafes and bars keep this street bustling throughout the day and into the night.

Useful Links
- ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
- SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
- TFL: Buses for Islington
- LONDONIST: Islington Top 10
- TIMEOUT: Islington

Recommendations
- Hen and Chickens Comedy Theatre: hosts London's emerging talent and some big names such as Russel Brand and Jimmy Carr.
- Brill: the place for lovers of coffee, music and bagels. This friendly and arty coffee shop is the perfect place to spend sleepy Sunday mornings.

Barking and Dagenham

Barking and Dagenham is a small, East End borough which has recently benefited from redevelopment. It is one of the most industrial parts of London and for many years the population were employed in the variety of factories and industries in the area, particularly the famous Ford Car factory. A decrease in manufacturing and a move to service sector work has increased incomes and the borough has changed with the injection of money.

Living
- Rent per week: £70 to £90
- Transport Zones: 4 to 5
- Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 25 to 35 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Barking, Dagenham, Becontree, Chadwell Heath

Rent or, even better, catch a game supporting one of England's best football clubs.

Valence House is the only remaining manor house in Barking and Dagenham and comes complete with its own moat.

Barking Park is a great outdoor space with sports fields, a lake, parkland, and a nature reserve.

Useful Links
- ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
- SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
- TFL: Buses for Barking and Dagenham
- LONDONIST: Guide

Recommendations
- The Spotted Dog: on the outside looks like an old school Victorian PUB but inside is a Davey's wine bar, brilliant for an after work drink.
- The Broadway Theatre: one of Barking and Dagenham's only entertainment venues, and has filled the void brilliantly with a varied programme of shows including comedy, plays, talks, and dance acts.
City of London

The birthplace of London, and a city in its own right, the City of London is now the financial heart of the UK. Often referred to as 'The City' or 'The Square Mile', this tiny area of London is arguably the financial capital of the world. Its skyline has become an iconic image of London and, with many new skyscrapers being built, it is an ever-changing metropolis.

Career Teachers are based here.

Living

Rent per week: £110 to £190
Transport Zones: 1
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 0 mins

There are very few residents in the City of London and those who live here earn well above the national average to be able to afford it.

Things to do

Depending on where you are in The City, the area can be very quiet at weekends as the vast majority of the population are only here during weekdays to work. Drinks with a view can be had all over the City in a number of the skyscrapers.

St. Pauls Cathedral is an iconic site in London and still holds power over all building work for miles around. Centuries-old rules still prevent any building obstructing the view of St Pauls dome from over 25 various viewpoints.

The Museum of London offers an interesting insight into the birth of London and the city's various incarnations.

Useful Links

ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for the City of London
LONDONIST: Top 10 in the City
TIMEOUT: City of London
AIRBNB: City of London

Recommendations

Sushi Samba - bar at the top of the Heron Tower
The Breakfast Club - all-American diner. Go up to the SMEG fridge, utter the words, "I'm here to see the Mayor!", and be let through to the secret bar below.
Monument - climb up 300 stairs of this tower for great views of the City

Hackney

Hackney has been transformed into one of the trendiest areas of London and one of the most popular places for young people to live, go out, and be seen.

It has a very cosmopolitan population and a rich mix of cultures.
**Living**

Rent per week: **£90 to £150**  
Transport Zones: **1 to 2**  
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: **0 to 10 mins**

Main centres within the borough: Hackney, Shoreditch, Stoke Newington, Finsbury Park, Dalston, Homerton, Clapton, Kingsland, Stamford Hill, De Beauvoir Town

**Things to do**

Wandering around some of Hackney's 'coolest' areas is a great way to spend the day. This is the 'hipster' centre of London with Dalston, Hoxton, and Shoreditch making up the main centres. They offer great bars and clubs for the weekend and the latest in new art and fashions can be found not only in galleries and shops but all over the streets too.

London Fields is a very popular park with its own brewery and an open-air, Olympic-sized swimming pool.

**Useful Links**

ZOOPLA: [Houses to rent](#)  
SPAREROOM: [Rooms to rent](#)  
TFL: [Buses for Hackney](#)  
LONDONIST: [Hackney Top 10](#)  
TIMEOUT: [Hackney, Dalston, Shoreditch, Stoke Newington](#)  
AIRBNB: [Shoreditch, Haggerston](#)

**Recommendations**

**White Hart** in Stoke Newington - live sports and great beer garden  
**Rooftop Film Club** - original venue of summer outdoor film screenings with blankets, deckchairs, beer, and burgers.  
**Hackney Street Art** - Wall art is popular in Hackney and displays modern life in unique ways.

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**Living**

Rent per week: **£70 to £110**  
Transport Zones: **6**  
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: **35 to 40 mins**

Main centres within the borough: Collier Row, Elm Park, Harold Hill, Hornchurch, Rainham, Romford, Upminster

**Things to do**

The borough's main town of Romford is a big retail and entertainment hotspot and has the largest concentration of bars and clubs outside of the West End.

Romford Market has been running since 1247. It started selling sheep and now offers a huge range of stalls on the weekends.

**Useful Links**

ZOOPLA: [Houses to rent](#)  
SPAREROOM: [Rooms to rent](#)  
TFL: [Buses for Havering](#)

**Recommendations**

**River Ingrebourne** is great for those who love the outdoors, providing wonderful walks and views. Really beautiful in the Winter and Spring.

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**Havering**

Havering is the easternmost borough in London and stretches out into its bordering county of Essex.

Large swaths of the borough are protected countryside and it has the lowest unemployment and crime rates in Greater London.
Newham

All eyes turned to Newham in 2012 as this eastern Borough is now home to the London 2012 Olympic Park.

Newham is a cultural melting pot and has large populations from around the world. It is arguably England's most diverse district!

Living
Rent per week: £70 to £110
Transport Zones: 3
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 15 to 20 mins

Main centres within the borough:
East Ham, Forest Gate, Stratford, Upton Park, Newham, Plaistow

Things to do
Spend the day exploring the London 2012 Olympic Park.

Stratford is a main transport hub for the Olympic Park and a fast connection to central London. It is also home to Westfield, the largest shopping centre in central London and home to a number of cinemas.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Newham Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
LONDONIST: Newham Top 10

Recommendations
Velodrome and Aquatics Centre - the first venues from London 2012 open to the public.
Stratford's Westfield is the biggest shopping centre in Europe.
Epping Forest is brilliant for those who love a countryside walk.

Redbridge

Redbridge is a very green borough and has lots of protected nature areas, including part of the beautiful Epping Forest. It is also very family-orientated and there are great facilities on offer for all ages, including sports, arts, and shopping.

Living
Rent per week: £70 to £110
Transport Zones: 4 to 5
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 20 to 35 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Seven Kings, Barkingside, Chadwell Heath, South Woodford, Wanstead, Woodford, Woodford Green

Things to do
Epping Forest is an ancient forest popular for mountain biking and horse riding. There are many activities on offer and lots of hiking trails.

Valentine’s mansion is an award-winning house that attracts thousands of visitors every year and hosts art shows.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent

Recommendations
Faces - one of the most famous nightclubs in the area and in "The Inbetweeners!"
Fairlop Waters is an excellent place to learn to
Tower Hamlets

Tower Hamlets is a really varied borough. It is home to London's second financial centre in Canary Wharf, on the Isle of Dogs. Although this influx of wealth has regenerated the southern area of the borough, parts of Tower Hamlets remain underprivileged. It is a really lively area, with many parks and some of London's best markets.

Living
Rent per week: £110 to £150
Transport Zones: 1 to 2
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 0 to 10 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Bethnal Green, Brick Lane, Canary Wharf, Shadwell, Spitalfields, Stepney Green, Wapping, Whitechapel, Mile End, Millwall, Bow

Things to do
Lots of great markets! Spitalfields, Billingsgate, Brick Lane, Petticoat Lane...

Brick Lane is home to highest concentration of curry houses in London. Walk up the street and encounter each restaurant enticing you in with their latest deal.

Victoria Park is one of the largest parks near Central London and is popular for summer festivals and events.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Tower Hamlets
LONDONIST: Tower Hamlets Top 10
AIRBNB: Isle of Dogs, Bethnal Green, Stepney, Whitechapel/Brick Lane

Recommendations
The Lauriston - excellent pub in Victoria Park
The Rare Cow - yummy burger restaurant
Mudchute - one of London's best urban farms
The Prospect of Whitby - Is London's oldest riverside pub, dating back to 1520, boasting wonderful views of the River Thames and a quiet, almost out of London feel.

Waltham Forest

Waltham Forest has its own north-south divide. The southern part of the borough is urban and built up whereas the northern areas are much more residential and open.

Living
Rent per week: £70 to £125

Things to do
The longest street market in the UK takes place
Transport Zones: 3 to 5
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 15 to 25 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Walthamstow, Leyton, Chingford, Leytonstone,
Highams Park, Woodford Green
every weekend in Walthamstow and has market stalls selling everything from home ware to clothes for over a mile.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Waltham Forest
LONDONIST: Waltham Forest Top 10

Recommendations
The William Morris Gallery - Lots of cool stuff to look at from the 1800's.
Walthamstow Market - the mix of a Souk and typical East End market.
Trattoria La Ruga - Great Italian restaurant in Walthamstow Village.

Hammersmith and Fulham

Hammersmith and Fulham is a small, central borough with a rich history and huge cross-section of society. It has the highest proportion of single adults and a higher than average proportion of young adults.

The stretch of the Thames running along the southern border of the borough is very popular for rowing and sailing and is a great pub spot.

Living
Rent per week: £125 to £150
Transport Zones: 1 to 2
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 0 to 10 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Brook Green, Fulham, Hammersmith, Shepherd's Bush, West Kensington, Imperial Wharf

Hammersmith Apollo is a famous venue for music but particularly comedy and the country's best comedians all want to perform here.

The Premiership has two football clubs in the borough, Fulham and Chelsea. Go see a game of our nation's, and Europe's, favourite sport.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Hammersmith and Fulham
LONDONIST: Hammersmith Top 10
TIMEOUT: Hammersmith
AIRBNB: Hammersmith, Earl's Court, Fulham, Shepherd's Bush

Things to do
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Recommendations
The Dove - beautiful, old, riverside pub on the Thames
Westfield Shopping Centre - All of the best high street fashion, along with a great choice of restaurants and a huge cinema.
The Thames - The River, beautiful walks and great views.
Bishop's Park - Great place for a picnic in the sunny weather.
Fulham's Palace - Wonderful architecture.
Kensington and Chelsea

Kensington and Chelsea have a reputation of being some of the poshest and richest areas of London. It is home to the world-famous Harrods department store and some of the most exclusive shopping in the capital while the nightclubs and bars are often frequented by royalty and the upper echelons of British society. But, as is often the case in London, the richest are living alongside the poorest and a few areas of the borough are some of the most deprived in the UK.

Living
Rent per week: £110 to £190
Transport Zones: 1 to 2
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 0 to 10 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Chelsea, Earl's Court, Holland Park, Kensington, Notting Hill, South Kensington, North Kensington, West Kensington

Things to do
The King's Road, a long stretch of exclusive shops, cafes, and bars, runs through the southern part of the borough.

Portobello Road is home to a wonderful antiques market, beautiful boutique shops and cafes and was made famous by the film Notting Hill.

Exhibition Road is home to some of the country's best museums: the Natural History Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the Science Museum. All very different, all world-leading and all free!

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Kensington and Chelsea
LONDONIST: Kensington Top 10
TIMEOUT: Notting Hill
AIRBNB: Chelsea, Kensington, Notting Hill

Recommendations
Ffiona's - some of the best breakfast in London
Holland Park - A truly stunning park tucked away in Central London
The Royal Court Theatre - Sloane square, great theatre full of life.

Kingston upon Thames

This is a very pretty borough, situated right on the south side of the River Thames. The centre of the borough is the market town of Kingston.

Kingston is home to the biggest population of South Koreans in Europe. If Korean culture and cuisine is your thing, you can most certainly find the best here!

Living
Rent per week: £70 to £90
Transport Zones: 4 to 6

Things to do
Kingston is very popular for shopping and many people flock here on weekends to avoid shopping in
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: **20 to 30 mins**

Main centres within the borough: Kingston, Tolworth, New Malden, Surbiton

central London. There are also a number of attractions in the borough, such as Chessington World of Adventures theme park, Richmond Park, Hampton Court Palace, and Kingston Town Market.

Kingston is home to the Coronation Stone, an ancient rock where many of England’s kings used to be crowned. It is how the town came to be named.

Useful Links
- ZOOPLA: [Houses to rent](#)
- SPAREROOM: [Rooms to rent](#)
- TFL: [Buses for Kingston upon Thames](#)

Recommendations
- **Richmond Park** - Check out the deer!
- **Chessington World of Adventures** - If you love rollercoasters or just fancy a fun day out this is for you!

Richmond upon Thames

Merton is a very suburban borough with huge areas of open space making it one of London's greenest areas. The east is much more built up compared to the western areas around Wimbledon, which is fairly wealthy. The borough has a fairly village feel which has remained after the borough became a lot more built up during the 20th Century.

Living
- Rent per week: **£70 to £125**
- Transport Zones: **3 to 4**
- Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: **15 to 20 mins**

Main centres within the borough: Colliers Wood, Merton, Wimbledon, Raynes Park, Wimbledon Village, Mitcham, Morden, New Malden

Things to do
- The most famous tennis club in the world: the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club a.k.a. WIMBLEDON! Get your champagne and your strawberries and cream and head on down to the ultimate Grand Slam tennis competition at the end of June.

Merton Abbey Mills is a quaint little village converted from Liberty's old silk mills. It hosts restaurants, crafts, market stalls, theatre, and classes for the public.

Useful Links
- ZOOPLA: [Houses to rent](#)
- SPAREROOM: [Rooms to rent](#)
- TFL: [Buses for Merton](#)
- TIMEOUT: [Wimbledon](#)
- AIRBNB: [Wimbledon](#)

Recommendations
- **Wimbeldon Stadium** - Great for watching a bit of tennis.
- **Wat Buddhapadipa** - The first Buddhist temple, great for seeing something different.
- **Morden Hall Park** - Footbridges and rivers, couldn’t be more romantic!

Merton

Richmond upon Thames
Richmond upon Thames is the only borough to be both north and south of the river. It is a comparatively expensive area compared to other Outer London boroughs but it enjoys a very high quality of life.

The borough is very green, being home to some of London’s largest parks, including Richmond Park, Bushy Park, Kew Gardens, and Hampton Court Palace.

Living
Rent per week: £70 to £110
Transport Zones: 3 to 6
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 15 to 40 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Barnes, Sheen, Richmond, Richmond Park, Whitton, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham

Things to do
Twickenham is the home of English Rugby Union, with Twickenham Stadium being the national team’s home ground.

Hampton Court Palace is a royal palace built in the 16th Century and now open to visitors. Apart from the palace itself, attractions include a maze, real tennis courts, and a winter ice skating rink.

Richmond Park is beautiful, vast expanse of wild, open land, which is also home to a huge number of deer. You can see the deer up close and take in afternoon tea at one of the few cafes / historical houses situated within the park.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Richmond
TIMEOUT: Richmond

Recommendations
Richmond Theatre - Fantastic Victorian theatre.
Kew Palace - Classic British Royal Palace placed in beautiful gardens.
The Glass House - British Cuisine

Sutton
Sutton is an Outer London borough very much part of the commuter belt. Unlike its neighbours, Kingston and Croydon, there is no big town as the heart of borough. It is very much made up of lots of villages which have, over many years of London expansion, merged together. However, the borough still retains this village feel and most of the larger populations centres still refer to themselves as villages.

Living
Rent per week: £70 to £125
Transport Zones: 4 to 5
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 35 to 50 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Cheam, North Cheam, Sutton, Wallington

Things to do
Little Holland House is an amazing house, built and designed from scratch by artist Frank Dickinson because he was unable to afford to buy his dream home.

Nonsuch Mansion is a grand, Grade 1 listed building set in beautiful grounds near the border with Surrey.
**Wandsworth**

Wandsworth spreads out south west from the river Thames. The area is fairly wealthy and peaceful too. The Battersea area is undergoing huge regeneration of its Power Station, a truly iconic landmark on the bank of the Thames.

There's also Clapham Junction, which is the UK's biggest interchange rail station and great for getting into and out of London.

**Living**
- Rent per week: £70 to £150
- Transport Zones: 2 to 3
- Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 5 to 15 mins

**Things to do**
- Two great parks: Battersea Park and Clapham Common are great parks for long summer days and the latter has its own festival.
- The Boat Race, a 7km, centuries-old rowing race between Oxford and Cambridge Universities, starts in Putney. Huge crowds and televisions crews pack the riverside for one of the UK's biggest sporting events.

**Recommendations**
- **Tram and Social** – a bar in Tooting converted from an old tram shed with great live bands
- **Antelope** – good food
- **Tooting Bec Lido** – the biggest outdoor pool in the country (100x33 yards) and an iconic site for films
- **The Church** – spend your Sunday afternoon in Clapham enjoying one of London's best 'nights' out

**Bexley**

Bexley is an Outer London borough on the south side of the River Thames. It has a lot of open green space and borders the "Garden of England", the county of Kent. It has higher than average employment and is the only borough with below average crime levels. It is situated in the Thames Gateway, an area designated for urban regeneration.

**Living**
- Rent per week: £70 to £90
- Transport Zones: 4 to 6
- Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 30 to 40 mins

**Things to do**
- Danson Park is the setting for most of Bexley's outdoor events. It has a large lake for water sports, including a local rowing club. The park
Bromley

Bromley is the largest of the London boroughs and arguably the greenest. It is more heavily populated in the northern areas but it still one of the least populated areas of London. You can find a real village feel too many areas in the borough and it shares much of its border with the "Garden of England", the county of Kent.

Living
- Rent per week: £70 to £90
- Transport Zones: 4 to 6
- Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 15 to 30 mins

Main centres within the borough:
- Sydenham, Bromley, Elmers End, New Beckenham, Penge, Petts Wood, West Wickham, Keston, Orpington

Things to do
Crystal Palace is a huge park with many famous uses. It is home to the National Sports Centre which hosts international athletics competitions and has facilities open to the public. The park itself includes a giant maze, life-size dinosaur replicas and, finally, an outdoor concert platform which hosts many famous musicians.

Recommendations
- The Red House - A beautiful historic site.
- Danson Park - To break up the urban jungle, a park full of greenery.

Croydon

Croydon
Croydon is the southernmost borough in London and extends out into Surrey and Kent. It has its sights set on becoming London's third economic centre after The City and Canary Wharf so there is a lot of regeneration and new business development in Croydon town itself.

Croydon has lots to offer: from the major business hub of Croydon town to the surrounding areas providing more of a country feel. It's also got a thriving arts and culture scene and the famous BRIT school, which produced Amy Winehouse and Adele.

Living
Rent per week: £70 to £90
Transport Zones: 3 to 6
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 15 to 30 mins

Main centres within the borough:
East Croydon, Norwood, West Croydon, Waddon, Croydon, Addiscombe, Selhurst, St. Norwood, Coulsdon, Purley, Thornton Heath

Things to do
Croydon Clock tower contains a museum, cafe, bar, and the public library. A beautiful design at the heart of the town.

The Whit gift shopping centre is one of the largest in London and attracts shoppers from all over the southern boroughs.

Surrey Street Market is the oldest running market in the country, dating back to 1276.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Croydon

Recommendations
The Adington Golf Club - "Four"
Ashcroft Theatre - A variety of acts including ballet, plays, operas and pantomimes.

Greenwich

Greenwich is a borough with great history. It was a favourite summer home of the Tudors (Henry VIII, Mary and Elizabeth were born here) and became the heart of England's naval industry. It has a very rural feeling with plenty of parks, and markets throughout the year. Perfect for being close to the city without the crowds of Zones 1 and 2.

Living
Rent per week: £70 to £125
Transport Zones: 2 to 4
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 10 to 30 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Greenwich, Eltham, Deptford, Blackheath, Thamesmead, Lee, Charlton, Plumstead, Woolwich

Things to do
The National Maritime Museum and the Royal Observatory give you a tour of Britain's naval history and give you the opportunity to stand in both the western and eastern hemispheres at Longitude Zero and the site of Greenwich Mean Time.

Greenwich Market is a lovely indoor market selling beautiful clothes and art.
The Thames Barrier spans the river and stops the city from flooding. A marvel in engineering and you can take a tour.

**Useful Links**
- ZOOPLA: [Houses to rent](#)
- SPAREROOM: [Rooms to rent](#)
- TFL: [Buses for Greenwich](#)
- LONDONIST: [Greenwich Top 10](#)
- TIMEOUT: [Greenwich](#)
- AIRBNB: [Greenwich](#)

**Recommendations**
- **Black Vanilla** for great gelato
- **Eltham Palace**
- **Zero Degrees** a microbrewery in Blackheath
- **Green Chain Walk**
- **Gipsy Moth** a pub right by the Cutty Sark

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**Lambeth**

Lambeth is a long, thin borough, stretching all the way from the Thames down to Streatham. There is huge variety in this borough and it is home to some of the most iconic sites in London and some nice leafy residential areas. The areas Brixton and Clapham have become very popular with young professionals due to the good food and nightlife and for being close to the centre.

**Living**

Rent per week: **£70 to £150**

Transport Zones: **1 to 3**

Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: **0 to 15 mins**

Main centres within the borough:
- Brixton, Clapham, Kennington, Lambeth, Stockwell, Streatham Hill, Vauxhall, Waterloo, Norwood, Lower Marsh

**Things to do**

The London Eye and South Bank offer some of the most famous and exciting activities in the city. Galleries and music venues line the river along with restaurants and bars. Picturesque during the day and night.

Brixton Village and Market is home to some of London's best food. You can eat your way around the world with the vast array of cuisines on offer inside this popular market hall.

**Recommendations**
- **Franco Manca** - hugely popular Pizza eatery in Brixton Village
- **Brockwell Park Fireworks** - One of the best free November 5th firework displays in London

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**Lewisham**
Lewisham is a very ethnically diverse borough and is one of the most affordable places to live in London. There is a good cross section of ages and cultures in the borough but it is becoming more popular for young professionals due to its affordability and because of the good transport links to Central London, the City and Canary Wharf.

**Living**
- Rent per week: **£70 to £125**
- Transport Zones: **2 to 4**
- Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: **5 to 20 mins**

Main centres within the borough:
- Sydenham, Lewisham, Catford, Deptford, New Cross, Blackheath, Lee, Forest Hill

**Things to do**
Horniman Natural History Museum is a nice alternative to the more famous museum in Knightsbridge. It has an aquarium and a huge, dazzling collection of musical instruments from all ages and from all over the world.

Blackheath Park hosts one of London's biggest and best free firework displays every year on actual Guy Fawkes night, November 5th.

**Useful Links**
- ZOOPLA: [Houses to rent](#)
- SPAREROOM: [Rooms to rent](#)
- TFL: [Buses for Lewisham](#)
- LONDONIST: [Lewisham Top 10 Recommendations](#)

**Recommendations**
- **New Cross House** - has an Italian style villa in the back garden
- **Frank's Bar** - a bar on top of a multi-storey car park with amazing views over London
- **Meze Mangal's** - Best Turkish food in London

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Southwark has huge diversity and is becoming very popular among young professionals due to its lower cost of living and proximity to the city. The northern areas of the city are fairly urban while the southern areas around Dulwich are very leafy and residential. The top area, on the bank of the Thames, has lots of architectural significance ranging from the birth of theatre at the Globe, to City Hall, and the Shard.

**Living**
- Rent per week: **£90 to £150**
- Transport Zones: **1 to 3**
- Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: **0 to 20 mins**

Main centres within the borough:
- Bermondsey, Camberwell, Southwark, Peckham, Dulwich, Norwood, Walworth, Sydenham, Rotherhithe, Surrey Quays

**Things to do**
Shakespeare's Globe Theatre stages his plays from April to October and you can stand in the peasant's area for just £5.

The Shard has the highest viewpoint over London and opened just last year.

The Tate Modern is one of the UK's most popular art galleries and houses some of modern art's most iconic pieces in a wonderful building on the bank of the Thames opposite St Paul's Cathedral.
Borough Market is the capital's best and most popular food market and takes place from Wednesday to Saturday.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Southwark
LONDONIST: Southwark Top 10
TIMEOUT: Borough, Bermondsey, South Bank, Peckham, London Bridge
AIRBNB: Bermondsey, South Bank, Southwark, Walworth

Recommendations
Tate Modern - For lovers of Modern art this is the place to go!
Globe Theatre - O Romeo, O Romeo! Wherefore art thou Romeo? Great Shakesperian plays!
The George Inn - Excellent Pub leased under the National Trust
Borough Market - Lovely food, great atmosphere.

Brent
Brent is a heavily populated borough nestled in North West London. It one of the most ethnically diverse areas of the country and the majority of the population are from Black and Ethnic Minority (BME) backgrounds. There are also large Irish and Portuguese/Brazilian populations too.

Living
Rent per week: £90 to £150
Transport Zones: 2 to 4
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 5 to 25 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Alperton, Cricklewood, Harlesden, Kilburn, Neasden,
Willesden, Brent Park, East Finchley, Kenton,
Colindale, Burnt Oak, Kingsbury, Wembley, Willesden Green

Things to do
Wembley Stadium is the home of English football and is the borough's most famous attraction. The nearby arena is also a major music venue so the area is used to pulling in big crowds for big events.

The Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (a.k.a. Neasden Temple) is a huge Hindu temple made in India and constructed once in the UK.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Brent
LONDONIST: Brent Top 10

Recommendations
Peaches - nice bar and restaurant with a good atmosphere.
Park Royal - Big complex with restaurants, bowling, etc.
Travellers - Good, busy and lively pub.

City of Westminster
The City of Westminster is the political heart of the UK and often the first stop for most tourists visiting the city. It is home to Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, The Houses of Parliament, and many more iconic London sites.

If there is any part of London that never sleeps, it is the City of Westminster. The tourist centre of London, there is a never-ending supply of sites and culture to entertain you.

Living
- Rent per week: **£125 to £190**
- Transport Zones: 1
- Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: **0 mins**

Main centres within the borough:
- Bayswater, Belgravia, Chinatown, Covent Garden, Fitzrovia, Holborn, Knightsbridge, Maida Vale, Marylebone, Mayfair, Paddington, Pimlico, Soho, St John's Wood, St. James's, The West End, Trafalgar Square, Victoria, Westminster, Charing Cross, Regent's Park, Pimlico, Little Venice

Things to do
- Oxford Street is the most famous shopping street in London and is home to flagship stores of all the major UK brands and some international ones too.
- The West End rivals New York's Broadway for the best theatre in the world.
- Soho is the centre of London nightlife with a huge array of bars and clubs. It's also the gay centre of London and home to the huge Gay Pride taking place each summer.

Useful Links
- ZOOPLA: [Houses to rent](#)
- SPAREROOM: [Rooms to rent](#)
- TFL: [Buses for Westminster](#)
- LONDONIST: [Westminster Top 10](#)
- TIMEOUT: [Soho, Mayfair, Oxford Street, Little Venice](#)
- AIRBNB: [Belgravia, Covent Garden, Fitzrovia, Knightsbridge, Maida Vale, Marylebone, Mayfair, Paddington, Pimlico, Soho, St. James's, End, Westminster](#)

Recommendations
- **Guided tour** of the Houses of Parliament - not many people know about this!
- **Floating Boater** - restaurant aboard a houseboat in beautiful Little Venice.
- **London's Secret Tea Room** - old-fashioned tea room.
- **Regents Park** is the mini version of Hyde Park, although it's not as mini as it boasts London zoo, a lake and acres of greenery for running or just a gentle stroll.

Ealing
- Ealing is one of the prettiest and wealthiest of the outer western boroughs. It is quite varied and is home to large populations from Ireland and Poland and the largest Sikh population outside India.
- It is very well connected to central London and to Heathrow airport, making it a big commuter area.
Living
Rent per week: £90 to £150
Transport Zones: 2 to 4
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 10 to 25 mins
Main centres within the borough:
Acton, Ealing, Hanwell, Southall, Greenford

Things to do
Walpole Park hosts the UK’s largest free jazz festival each summer. Usually a peaceful park, it is taken over with music, arts and comedy for July and August.
The Grand Union Canal runs right through the borough and offers a pleasant walk through the different parts of the borough.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Ealing
LONDONIST: Ealing Top 10

Recommendations
Monty’s - great Nepalese food in a friendly environment.
Quester’s Theatre - one of the best amateur theatres in Europe.
The Walpole - excellent cafe-style restaurant and a local legend!

Harrow
Harrow is well-placed between its densely populated inner neighbours and the countryside in Hertfordshire to the north. Some areas are very wealthy and on average it enjoys a very good standard of living. It mainly has a village feel but it is well connected to central London by both rail and underground.

Living
Rent per week: £70 to £110
Transport Zones: 4 to 6
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 25 to 30 mins
Main centres within the borough:
Stanmore, Edgware, Burnt Oak, Wealdstone, Kenton, Harrow, Pinner

Things to do
Gutteridge Wood is a beautiful piece of natural beauty which takes you away from London into the countryside of England. This is a wonderful place for walking with friends and family in the Summer months.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Harrow

Recommendations
Incanto previously Harrow on the Hill’s post office, this excellent South Italian restaurant offers a lovely atmosphere and great food.
The Hare a quintessential English looking pub serving contemporary European food. A lovely rural looking location.

Hillingdon
Hillingdon is London's most westerly borough and is the least densely populated. It is home to Heathrow airport but also more green space that any other borough, a large amount of which is considered protected land.

Living
Rent per week: £70 to £110
Transport Zones: 5 to 6
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 30 to 40 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Heathrow, Hayes, Eastcote, Ruislip, Northwood, Uxbridge, West Drayton, Yiewsley

Things to do
If golf is your sport then there are lots of courses on offer in the wide variety of green space.
Hillingdon is also very close to Heathrow Airport, so it is brilliant for those weekend breaks, or a bit of travelling. This is a very active Borough and a lot is centred on walking, cycling and sports. Excellent for those who like to keep fit!

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent
SPAREROOM: Rooms to rent
TFL: Buses for Hillingdon

Recommendations
High Grove Pool - a wonderful outside pool with lots of activities for everyone.

Hounslow
Hounslow is a green and leafy borough covering a nice area from upmarket Chiswick in the east to Heathrow airport in the west. It also has one of the nicest sections of the Thames running along its southern border.

Living
Rent per week: £70 to £125
Transport Zones: 2 to 5
Tube/Rail time to Zone 1: 10 to 35 mins

Main centres within the borough:
Chiswick, Hounslow, Feltham, Isleworth

Things to do
Fuller's Brewery, one of the largest in the UK and makers of the famous London Pride real ale, have regular brewery tours open to the public.
The Hounslow section of the Thames river is one of the prettiest in London and popular with water sports such as rowing and sailing. Pubs and restaurants and a riverside walk make it a lovely place to spend a sunny afternoon.

Useful Links
ZOOPLA: Houses to rent

Recommendations
London Mela - the UK's biggest Mela in...
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