

# Shopping in London

London is one of the coolest cities in Europe. It offers one of the best shopping experiences in the world. London is more expensive than other major cities and other places in Britain, but lots of stores have sales at different times of the year.

Here are some of London's main shopping areas:



In **Knightsbridge** you can find several department stores, like Harrods. Harrods is the best-known department store in the world. There is almost everything here. Don't miss the food hall with its incredible display of fresh fruits and vegetables.

## FOOD IN BRITAIN

The traditional British breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausages, fried bread, mushrooms, beans and a cup of tea or coffee. Nowadays not many Britons eat this type of breakfast. A typical breakfast on a weekday in the UK is normally a bowl of cereal, a slice of toast, orange juice, and tea or coffee.

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## INDIA

Rajasthan is the perfect 'India for beginners' with its colours, views and monuments. There are also exciting markets to visit, with beautiful clothes and jewellery. I'm going to spend a month there in January. That's when they say the weather is really good.



## THE HISTORY OF THE LONDON POLICE



Today there are policemen everywhere, but in 1700 London had no policemen at all. A few old men used to protect the city streets at night and they were not paid very much.

## SPORTS

The British really enjoy watching **football**. The best-known football teams are Manchester United, Liverpool (*the Reds*) and two of the London teams: Chelsea (*the Blues*) and Arsenal (*the Gunners*). The most important match in the football season is the English FA (Football Association) Cup Final at Wembley Stadium in London. The UK does not compete as a nation in any major football competition. Instead, England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland can compete individually.

## IRISH MUSIC

One of the first things that comes to peoples' minds when asked about Irish culture is music. The musical culture in Ireland is great, whether you are looking for traditional or modern. There are many traditional music pubs where musicians gather in the evenings. Irish people often enjoy an evening of folk music. The most famous Irish rock group may be U2. The band formed in 1978 while its members were still studying. Bono is the vocalist, The Edge plays the guitar and the piano, Larry Mullen plays the drums, and Adam Clayton plays the bass.

## British and American newspapers

British newspapers can be divided into two categories: the 'quality papers', such as *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Guardian* and *The Independent*, and 'tabloid' or 'popular papers', such as *The Daily Mail*, *The Daily Mirror*, *The Sun*, *The Daily Express* and *The Daily Star*. The quality newspapers usually deal with the most important national and world news items. They also cover sports and cultural events, financial and travel news, book and film reviews.

## BRITAIN

### THE TIMES

Dirty bomber's plot to hit stations and hotels

### theguardian

These men think they're about to change the world

## CANADA

It's the Rockies for me in November! There are mountains and beautiful lakes everywhere. I'd like to visit the Inuits in the north of Canada too, but unfortunately I'm not going to get there ... there isn't enough time.



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Covent Garden Market offers top quality shopping. British arts and crafts, street entertainment, several restaurants and cafés in a historic setting. Here you can visit Penhaligon's, a charming shop that sells classic English perfumes.



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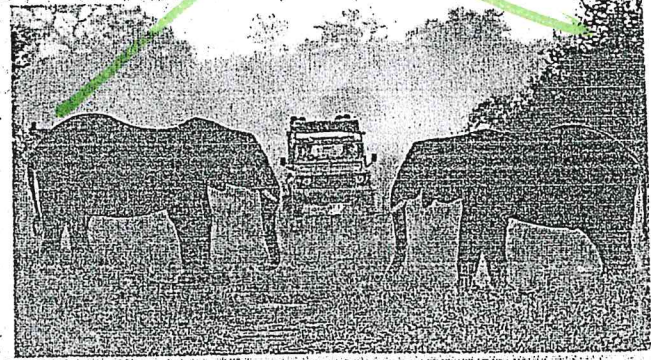
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SOUTH AFRICA

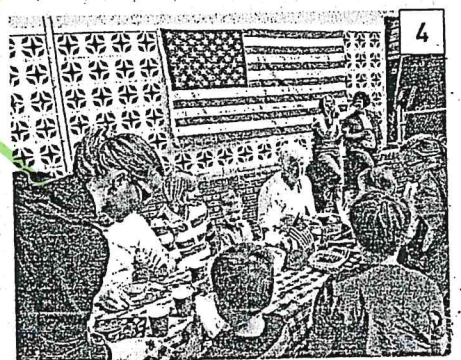
South Africa offers luxury safaris and the chance to see lots of exotic animals. It also has a wonderful coastline so, after the safari, I'm going to find a beach and swim. I like the sun so I'm going to go in February.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Its origin: On 4th July 1776 representatives of the Thirteen Colonies signed the Declaration of Independence from British rule. This document denounced tyranny and proclaimed the right of the people to remove unjust forms of government. It was one of the first major declarations of universal rights: it said all men were born equal and had the right to 'Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.'

Today's celebration: Across the USA people celebrate the Fourth of July holiday with barbecues, picnics, parades and fireworks.



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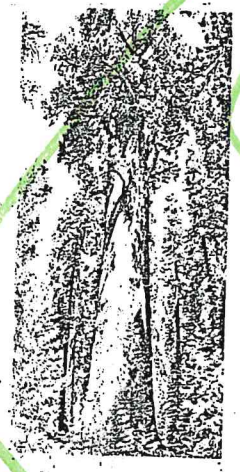
A HELICOPTER TOUR IN CHINA

Lesley went on a school trip to China when her class were studying Chinese. 'On the last day of our tour, the coach picked us up at the hotel in the morning and took us to see one of the wonders of the world. What did we see? The Great Wall, of course. I took this picture as we were leaving for a helicopter ride over the Wall. It was amazing!'



2 Sequoia National Park

(California) has impressive groves of giant sequoia trees. While a naturalist and ex-lieutenant of the famous General Sherman of the Civil War was visiting this place in 1879, he decided to honour his general by naming a giant sequoia after him. The 'General Sherman' sequoia is the main attraction of the park.



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3 Yellowstone National Park (Wyoming) got its name from the brightly coloured volcanic rock of the Yellowstone River. American explorers were travelling down this river in 1870 when they entered the Upper Geyser Basin. The first geyser they saw was 'Old Faithful': it erupted regularly, every

20-30 minutes. This geyser is still today one of the main attractions of the park, together with several other geysers, hot springs, pools of boiling water and mud. During a visit to Yellowstone you can see wildlife such as deer, buffalo and even bears.

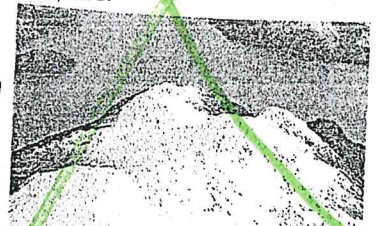
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King's Road was a centre for the counterculture during the hippie and punk eras of the 1960s and 1970s. It has a certain bohemian quality and is full of the most interesting stores, cafés and designer shops.



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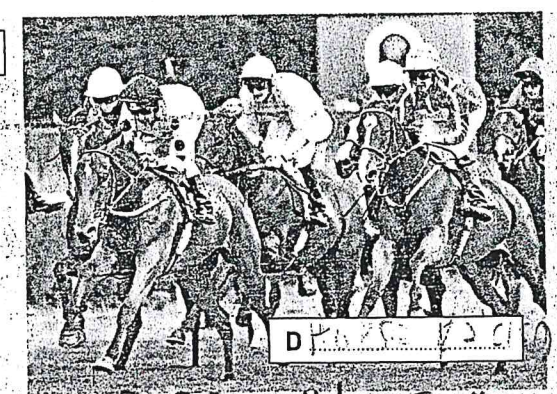
4 Glacier Bay National Park (Alaska) includes glaciers, snow-capped mountains, oceans, deep fjords, icebergs, rivers and lakes. Here you can see several plants and a variety of marine and terrestrial wildlife.



8 FOOD IN BRITAIN Some people have their main meal in the middle of the day and some have it in the evening. Today a lot of families rarely eat together but instead have junk food in front of the television. The British diet, in a lot of families, consists mainly of salty or sweet snack foods: chips, crisps, chocolate bars, pre-prepared meals and microwave pizzas.

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SPORTS IN THE UK Horse racing, 'the sport of kings', is a very popular sport. People can place bets on the races at legal betting shops. The best known horse races are at Ascot. The royal family love watching these horse races.



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1 FOOD IN BRITAIN Great Britain has both traditional foods and a varied, multicultural cuisine with customs and tastes from different parts of the world. Tea, for example, comes from the East. Aromatic herbs and spices like curry, cinnamon, saffron, pepper and ginger come from the East, too. The British love international cuisines and a lot of supermarkets sell foods from Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

IRELAND

In March I'm going to take part in the St Patrick's Day festivities but I know it can be cold. I'm going to buy a beautiful Irish sweater to take back home. Dublin is a great city and there's fantastic countryside too, so Ireland should be fun.

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### 2 FOOD IN BRITAIN

Today a lot of people say that chicken curry is the top British food, and a lot of Britons prefer it to traditional British foods like the sandwich, fish and chips, and roast dinners served with potatoes and some other vegetables.

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Bond Street is the place for the richest, most stylish and most influential people. It is home to some of Britain's most exclusive shops, like Burberry, a brand founded in 1856 and famous all over the world.



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### Education in Britain

Education in Britain is free and compulsory from the age of 5 to 16. There are four stages of education: nursery (age: 3-5), primary (age: 5-11), secondary (age: 11-16), and the sixth form (age: 16-18). English, maths and science are compulsory in all state schools throughout Britain up to the age of 16. For their secondary school, most students attend 'comprehensive schools', which are state schools open to all.

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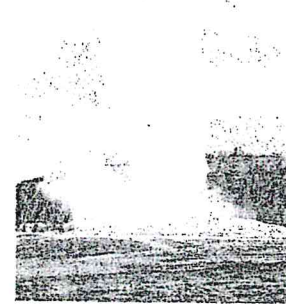
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#### 1 Grand Canyon National Park

(Arizona) was formed by the Colorado River in six million years of geological activity. The rocks in the canyon look like mountains, but they go down instead of up. In fact, at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century while a group of Native Americans were settling north of the Colorado River, they decided to call this place 'Mountain Lying Down'. The canyon includes different physical and biological environments: there are hundreds of birds as well as different kinds of mammals and reptiles.



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5 Niagara Falls on the US-Canada border is a group of waterfalls. It was a French traveller who first indicated the position of these falls on the maps in 1612 while he was exploring the area. The Niagara River drops here; the falls are very wide and the amount of water is enormous, making it very noisy near the falls. That's why the Iroquois tribe who lived here called the falls 'Niagara' meaning 'thunder of waters'.

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