

London is one of the most exciting and vibrant cities in the world – living here will be an adventure of a life-time!

It's also the most linguistically diverse city with over 250 languages spoken, and all the more interesting for the huge mix of cultures and different teaching experiences on offer. Whatever you're keen on in your spare time from socialising with new people, exploring Europe using the city as your launch-pad to engaging in any activity imaginable – London is the place to be. GSL excels in local knowledge and some of our consultants have first-hand experience of moving to the UK from abroad so are well-placed to offer advice around the clock to help you through the transition period.

Finding the right neighbourhood

London is a collection of neighbourhoods and villages stitched together by buses, trains, trams, and of course, the ultimate Underground! Within it you'll find fantastic restaurants, bars and characteristic pubs, bustling markets, gardens & parks (where you can spot a deer or two), museums, live music and sports venues.

If you ask a Londoner where you should live, you may well be subjected to a long debate about why their area is best and no doubt they will defend it to the hilt! To avoid this, the below guide will help you decide what is right for you:

North London

Here you will find stately homes, canal walks, restaurants and antique markets. North London has great transport links and an easy commute in and out of the city, which can be very appealing to our young professionals.

Areas to consider living in:

- Camden
- Finsbury Park
- Hoxton
- Highbury & Islington
- Highgate
- Kentish Town
- Stoke Newington

East London

Well-known now for its bohemian vibe, East London has been growing in popularity with our overseas teachers. As the epicentre of all things creative, the area has built a name for itself among a scene of young creative professionals who are looking for more from the capital. With its mix of boutique stores, artisan cafés and pop-up venues, alongside a cultural palate of restaurants and independent marketplaces – East London has an eclectic feel that outpaces many other boroughs.

Areas to consider living in:

- Bethnal Green
- Bow
- Hackney
- Canary Wharf
- Dalston
- Wapping

South London

Aptly nicknamed 'little Australia', it is a favourite for Aussies, Kiwis and Canadians. With the markets in Brixton, Peckham's Nightlife, Dinosaurs in Crystal Palace, fantastic selection of parks and boutiques –there is literally something for everyone!

Areas to consider living in:

- Battersea
- Balham
- Brixton
- Clapham
- Crystal Palace
- East Dulwich
- Forest Hill
- Greenwich
- Peckham
- Putney
- Richmond
- Stockwell

West & Central London

Home to famous parks, markets, iconic museums, palaces, high-end shops, celebrities and sophisticated residents sporting chic attire. The only down-side is this part of London can be pretty expensive but certainly well worth visiting to sight-see and indulge in people-watching!

Areas to consider living in:

- Ealing
- Fulham
- Hammersmith
- Shepherd's Bush

Making the most of your experience

We have gathered together some helpful links to make your time here more pleasurable:

[Timeout London](#)

[Free activities in London!](#)

[London listings from the Guardian](#)

[Online version of London newspaper the Evening Standard](#)

[London theatre listings](#)

[Music and event listings](#)

[Transport for London](#)