

LONDON

London is a love-hate thing... it's gritty and grimy and the transport system is just as bad as you've heard. On the other hand it feels like a proper world city at the centre of everything; one issue of Time Out (out every Thursday) offers you a lifetime's worth of entertainment; the parks are second to none – and you get to spend the weekend in Paris. Most of our clients are based in the City, the oldest part of London and its business heart; though there is a trend out to Canary Wharf, the business park on the Thames, and a city of lawyers and bankers. The rest of London awaits you in the weekend – a regular shopping frenzy, the wholesome relaxation of Hyde Park, and the fabulous treasure troves of some of the world's great museums. The biggest risk of the city is that you will be overwhelmed by your choices – and do nothing as a result.

While it may be a slog moving around, many neighbourhoods are so full of entertainment you will rarely need to leave – London can feel like a very cosy community once you've got yourself established.

Where will I live?

We say “think East”! This is purely practical – the west is full of lovely glamorous suburbs, but a W postcode can add significantly to your travelling time to the City. Londoners are weirdly tribal about the north-south divide – once you've chosen which side of the Thames you'll live on you'll never cross the water. If you have friends there you want to see regularly, move close-ish – London transport is the death of many friendships for people who are Just Too Far Away.

How much will it cost for essentials?

A latte £1.50-£2.00

A glass of wine £4-5

A movie £10-15

A 2 bedroom apartment £350/wk

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