

# LONDON PHOTO GUIDE

**65 Best Locations**

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‘Why, Sir, you find no man, at all intellectual, who is willing to leave London. No, Sir, when a man is tired of London, he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford.’

— Samuel Johnson

# Intro





My name is Katya and I love London.

London is a very photogenic city which makes it attractive to photographers of all levels. I'm excited to share with you my favorite places in London for beautiful and interesting photos... but first let me tell you my story.

I was 6 when I was introduced to a camera for the first time. My grandfather was an amateur photographer and from time to time he would ask me to sit still and pose for him.

I didn't like it at all, which is why I always have a wry smile in my childhood photos. For me it was more intriguing to be on the other side of the camera. I wanted to be the one creating photographs, not just to be in them.

In the school I was one of the few who had a camera with me all the time and left with an enormous collection of photos from school events..

When in University I got my first digital camera and it was a life changer. I carried it with me all the time and I became the unofficial photojournalist of university life for my social group.

My love of photography grew even stronger when I began travelling. It was also at this time that I discovered street photography and decided to specialise in this genre.

And then I moved to London - a enormous metropolis, full of beautiful architecture and rich street life. In this city I never grow tired of taking photos of even the most touristic places such as Parliament or Trafalgar Square. Every time I go there I come back with a new and completely different photo.

In June 2015 I started sharing my photography experiences on my blog '[OK But First Coffee](#)' and after a number of requests, I decided to put together a guide for others who also love London.

You will find many places worth taking a photo of wherever you go in London. With this guide I wanted to share my favorite places in the city to take photos.

This guide contains 65 places across 7 categories and I encourage you to use the online map I created specially here - <http://bit.ly/sample-map>. This map enables you to check all the locations within the guide for any area you find yourself in.

If you only have 3 days and want to see as much as possible, I recommend to you the following itinerary:

**Day 1.** Start in Notting hill and move south to Chelsea through Kensington and Knightsbridge. That's where you find the most famous colourful houses and doors in London. This is also the area full of white buildings with columns we all remember from the movies.

**Day 2.** Start in Waterloo and explore Southbank, then cross the river and explore Covent Garden, Soho and Marylebone. If you are not tired, travel further north through Regent's Park to Primrose Hill for a great view over London. You can finish the day in funky Camden Town to see a completely different part of the city.

**Day 3.** You will need one day to explore East London. I like starting with breakfast in Borough Market and then to head to Tate Modern and take a few shots of the Millennium Bridge and St. Paul's Cathedral.

Go through the City of London and you will find yourself in East London. Walk the streets of trendy Shoreditch and go to Brick Lane for the best street food London has to offer. If it's Sunday then make sure you don't miss the opportunity to visit Columbia Road Flower Market.

If you are on Instagram, please get involved and tag your photos with *#london\_photo\_guide* hashtag. I would love to see how you capture London in the places covered here.

I hope this guide will be also an inspiration for you to explore this city and find even more hidden gems.

Be creative and open to all the opportunities London offers.

See you on the streets of London!

Katya Jackson



**London from Above**

15. Primrose Hill



14. Parliament Hill



5. Urban Outfitters



8. Madison Bar



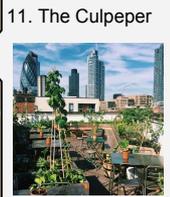
4. Duck & Waffle



9. Bar Aqua



7. Monument



11. The Cupleper



6. Trafalgar Square



12. Southbank Centre



1. Sky Garden

13. Lillywhites shop



10. Tate Modern



2. The Shard



3. London Eye



# London from Above

1. Sky Garden\* - 20 Fenchurch St, EC3M 8AF
2. The Shard - 32 London Bridge St, SE1 9SG
3. London Eye - Waterloo tube station, SE1 7PB
4. Duck and Waffle - Heron Tower, EC2N 4AY
5. Urban outfitters, 200 Oxford Street, W1D 1NU
6. Sky Bar at the Trafalgar Hotel - 2 Spring Gardens, Trafalgar Square, SW1A 2TS
7. Monument to the Great Fire of London - Fish St Hill, EC3R 8AH
8. Madison bar - St Paul's, 1 New Change, EC4M 9AD

9. Bar Aqua - 5th Floor, 240 Regent St, W1B 3BR
10. Tate Modern - Bankside, SE1 9TG
11. The Culpeper - 40 Commercial Street, E1 6LP
12. Southbank Centre - Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX
13. Lillywhites shop - 24-36 Regent Street, SW1Y 4QF

Off the map:

14. Parliament Hill - Hampstead Heath Overground Station
15. Primrose Hill - Camden Town Tube

\*To access Sky Garden please book a free ticket online