

Top 10 Camden

From live music venues to the best shopping - here's 10 tips for exploring Camden Town.

Whether you're a rocker, cool kid, metalhead, hippy, vintage queen or muso, you'll find something to delight you in this fun part of North London. Enjoy!

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If you love Camden chances are you love shopping! Take the Tube to Camden Town, then head north along Camden High Street past stores selling Doc Martins, goth and punk clothing, body piercings, tattoos and more. Allow yourself a few hours to explore the extensive Camden markets. Top tip: Don't miss the futuristic styles of Cyberdog.

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Camden is one of the top places in London for **vintage gear**. In Stables Market you'll find stores and stalls selling new and second hand clothes, shoes, accessories, homewares, posters, furniture and music on vinyl. There's also lots of new, retro-style stuff, plus vintage-style hairdressers and beauticians (try Dappa Boutique on Chalk Farm Road).

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There are loads of great pubs in Camden. Chill at the Hawley Arms or The Lock Tavern; rock with the rockabillies at The Elephant's Head; kick on until way past your bedtime at The Good Mixer; **hobnob** with goths, emos and metalheads at The Devonshire Arms; or drink a toast in the Spread Eagle just off Parkway.

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From Pink Floyd and The Doors, to Madness, Blur and Amy Winehouse, Camden was and is one of the most happening places for live music in London. Catch world-famous acts or the Next Big Thing at The Roundhouse, Dingwalls and The Dublin Castle. Try Underworld for metal and The Jazz Cafe for jazz, blues and retro.

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As well as Camden's wide selection of pubs, and live music venues, there's plenty of fantastic bars and clubs. Barfly is great for a late night boogie, Proud Camden's **quirky** setting attracts a hipster vibe, Koko hosts everything from bands to burlesque, plus there's plenty of boutique taverns and cocktail bars. Try The Foundry, Fifty Five and The Black Heart.

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A visit to this area is not complete without spending some time along Regent's Canal, which runs through the heart of Camden and the markets. From the **picturesque** Camden Lock you can take a boat tour to Little Venice (and back, naturally).

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You'll get the world on a plate in Camden. Find **fab** cheap eats at Camden Lock Market, get your BBQ meat fix at Q Grill or Shaka Zulu, kick it up a notch at the Gordon Ramsay's York & Albany, or experience a crazy cornucopia of pan-Asian delights at Gilgamesh. Top tip: Be a Brit, eat fish and chips at Poppies.

8. _____

Camden is ideal for people-watching – from the colourful characters on the street and behind the stalls to **celeb spotting** in nearby Primrose Hill. Whether you're waiting to meet a friend or just need a bit of down-time, park yourself near the Lock, grab a coffee and watch the world go by.

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After seeing Camden's weird and wonderful human inhabitants, you can visit the cool creatures at nearby ZSL London Zoo. Here you'll find exhibits including Tiger Territory, Gorilla Kingdom and Penguin Beach as well as a fantastic kids' area with water play and a petting zoo.

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Cecil Sharp House is the home of English folk music, holding an astonishing archive of **sheet music**, recordings and manuscripts documenting the history of traditional English folk dance and song. The **venue** hosts regular talks, workshops and family-friendly events such as Ceilidhs, Morris Dancing and more.

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Ex. 1

Match the headings with the numbers 1-10:

Nightlife	Shopping	Folk music	Pubs	People
Animals	Live music	Eating		Vintage
The Canal				

Ex.2

Explain the highlighted words.

Ex. 3

Which of the places mentioned in the text would you like to explore? Why? Find more information about it.

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