

## Where to Live

### London Suburbs

#### **Acton (zones 2-3)**

This West London neighbourhood has an abundance of affordable accommodation and excellent transport links into the centre of London. The area itself isn't much to look at, but there are plenty of pubs (the Redback Tavern is a favourite with local Aussies), clubs and restaurants to keep you amused.

#### **Battersea (zone 2)**

Situated in South West London (zone 2), Battersea is renowned for being upmarket and middle class. Nevertheless, reasonably priced property can be found, and its proximity to the King's Road and Battersea Park make it a popular choice amongst working travellers.

#### **Brixton (zone 2)**

Brixton evokes two schools of thought. You'll either think it's an up and coming area with a cosmopolitan atmosphere and plenty of funky bars and clubs (The Fridge, Mass and the Academy being amongst the most popular), or, it's one of the most deprived areas of London with a crime problem. Whatever your opinion, this South London neighbourhood offers reasonably priced accommodation, excellent transport links into central London (by tube and overland train), and it's fair to say, the current influx of Australians, New Zealanders and South Africans seem quite at home here.

#### **Camden (zone 2)**

Located in North London, Camden is one of the trendiest London neighbourhoods (that you can afford) to live in. Famous for its markets and its artistic and alternative vibe, this neighbourhood, which is close to Regent's Park and Kings Cross, offers affordable accommodation, excellent transport links into central London and more than enough bars, restaurants and shops to keep you entertained. But, beware of the tourist invasion on the weekend!

#### **Chelsea (zone 1)**

Home to the prosperous and the cosmopolitan, Chelsea has one of London's most prestigious postcodes. Hence, accommodation is extremely expensive and unless you're earning a very good salary, you'll have difficulty finding somewhere you can afford in this neighbourhood.

#### **Clapham (zone 2)**

Clapham is very popular amongst working travellers and boasts numerous trendy bars, cafes and restaurants and even some greenery (Clapham Common is on your doorstep). Transport links into central London are excellent.

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### **Ealing (zone 3)**

This West London neighbourhood attracts large numbers of working travellers. The area itself isn't much to look at, but in its defence it does offer affordable accommodation, pubs, clubs and restaurants galore. It also has excellent transport links into central London – so, to be fair, what Ealing lacks in beauty it makes up for in services and amenities.

### **Earls Court (zone 2)**

Earls Court is probably where you'll spend your first night in the UK. The area is a hostel haven and is commonly referred to as 'Kangaroo Alley'. Thus, as you would expect, pubs, restaurants, travel agents and Internet cafes line the main street. Transport links into central London are excellent.

### **Fulham (zone 2)**

Fulham is on a par with Chelsea, but it's slightly cheaper. Pubs and restaurants are plentiful and to sum the place up, it's trendy, safe and a desired address!

### **Hammersmith (zone 2)**

Hammersmith, in West London, is a popular choice with working travellers. Accommodation is affordable and there are plenty of pubs, clubs and restaurants to keep you entertained. Central London is very accessible.

### **Putney (zones 2-3)**

Putney, in South West London, is a favourite amongst working travellers since it offers the delights of Fulham at half the price. Located close to the River Thames, it offers a range of pubs, restaurants and shopping facilities and Twickenham is merely a few stops away on an overland train.

### **Shepherd's Bush (zone 2)**

Shepherd's Bush, although not particularly attractive, has an abundance of cheap accommodation. Transport links into the city are good and there are plenty of pubs (notably, the ever-popular Walkabout Inn) and restaurants to keep you happy.

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