

CHEAP BITES & PINTS

Find a "Spoons" pub for what's usually the cheapest beer around, served up alongside budget British pub favourites served lightning fast. Your mileage may vary depending on location, but some are found in beautiful grandiose buildings that don't belie their prices!

https://www.jdwetherspoon.com/pubs/

For a more traditional British drinking experience there's the pubs owned by **Samuel Smith Brewery**, serving their own brand beers at unbeatable prices in a welcoming environment they describe as "a haven from the digital world".

https://www.samsmithschallenge.co.uk/

If you go to any chain supermarket in London (and when you include the smaller versions they're quite abundant) you can pick up a "meal deal" of a sandwich/salad, snack and drink for around £3-5.

There's also British institution **Gregg's** serving up affordable baked snacks, most famously the sausage roll.

https://www.greggs.com/shop-finder

BUDGET ACTIVITIES

We'll be doing a more comprehensive roundup of arts and culture options soon, but it's worth noting that many of Britain's great museums and galleries are free to enter, or to access at least some of the exhibitions. But we'll note a few alternative ideas here too.

There are lots of beautiful public gardens in London but **Sky Garden** at the top of 20 Fenchurch St, colloquially known as "the Walkie Talkie", is billed the highest. Best of all, it's free to enter (just book online). There are also drinking and dining options, but you'll need to relax your budget.

https://skygarden.london/

Everyone knows about the red buses and the London Underground, but you can also opt for a ride on some of the city's more niche public transport options. The **IFS Cloud Cable Car** runs across the Thames between Greenwich Peninsula and

Royal Victoria Docks.

https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/london-cable-car/

Or if you want to be closer to the water you can take the **Uber Thames Clipper**, which makes a number of stops along both sides of the river.

https://www.thamesclippers.com/

You can also combine public transport with staying fit by using the city's "Santander Cycles" (look online for the app) at £1.65 per half hour or £3 per day.

Sit down in a private booth at the **BFI Southbank Mediatheque** and you can watch over 70,000 films from the national archive, seeking out rare productions, Victorian-era footage or even recent TV. https://www.bfi.org.uk/bfi-national-archive





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