

ABOUT SOHO

Buzzy Soho needs no introduction; this is where London's commercial clout, its historic tales and hedonistic pursuits collide, and it means one thing - anything goes. The famously liberal-minded district is where you'll find independent boutiques, fancy restaurants, secretive members' clubs, oddball characters, legendary clubs, and pubs with more history in their front bar than entire museums. In a city known for its frenetic pace, Soho's for those who want to go full tilt.



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T: 020 7148 0237
aesop.com/uk
M to Sa 10-7 Su 12-6
- 2 Bodhi B3**
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14 Ingestre Place, London W1F 0JQ
T: 020 7734 4184
bodhiclinic.co.uk
M to F 10-8 Sa 10.30-6.30
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Baby gifts, clothes and toys
2.10 Kingly Court, London W1B 5PW
T: 020 7434 1840
carrymehome.co.uk
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- 4 F-Troupe A3**
Independent footwear brand
8 Ganton Street, London W1F 7QP
T: 020 7494 4566
f-troupe.com
M to Sa 11.30-6.30 Su 1-6
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Independent graphic & illustration label
2 Ganton Street, London W1F 7QL
T: 020 7287 2060
lazyoaf.com
M to W 10.30-7 Th 10.30-8
F to Sa 10.30-7 Su 12-6
- 6 Machine A C4**
Contemporary men's and womenswear
13 Brewer Street, London W1F 0RH
T: 020 7734 4334
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M to W 11-7 Th to Sa 11-8 Su 12-6
- 7 Revival Retro C1**
The new vintage shopping experience
30 Windmill Street, London W1T 2JL
T: 020 7636 8922
revival-retro.com
M to Sa 11-7 Su 12-5
- 8 Sharps C1**
Barber & shop
9 Windmill Street, London W1T 2JF
T: 020 7636 8688
facebook.com/SharpsBarberAndShop
M 10-7 Tu to Th 10-8 Fri 10-7 Sa 10-6
Su 11-6
- 9 Super Superficial D3**
Independent clothing label
22 Earlham Street, London WC2H 9LN
T: 020 7240 6116
supersuperficial.com
M to Sa 11-7 Su 12-5
- 10 Weekend Offender B3**
Functional clothing with a twist
19 D'Arby Street, London W1F 8ED
T: 020 7734 5753
weekendoffender.com
M to Sa 11-7
- 11 Berwick Street Market B3**
Fruit, veg & general goods market
Berwick Street, London W1F
berwickstreetlondon.co.uk
M to Sa 10am-6pm

FOOD & DRINK

- 12 Chinatown C4**
Chinese restaurants, shops & supermarkets
Gerrard Street and surrounds, Soho, London W1
chinatownlondon.org
- 13 Soho Theatre C3**
Theatre and registered charity
21 Dean Street, London W1D 3NE
T: 020 7478 0100
sohotheatre.com
M to Su 9am-12am
- 14 Amathus Drinks C3**
Specialist drinks importer, distributor and retailer
113-117 Wardour St, London W1F 0UN
T: 020 7287 5769
amathusdrinks.com
M to Sa 9.30am-9pm Su 12pm-9pm
- 15 Barrafina C3**
Authentic tapas restaurant
54 Frith Street, London W1D 4SL
barrafina.co.uk
M to Sa 12pm-3pm and 5pm-11pm
Su 1pm-3.30pm and 5.30pm-11pm
- 16 Bernhard's C1**
Cocktail bar
31 Windmill St, London W1T 2JN
T: 020 3205 0072
M to Sa 5.30pm-11pm
- 17 Blanchette B3**
Classic French bistro
9 D'Arby Street, London W1F 8DR
T: 020 7439 8100
blanchettesoho.co.uk
M to Sa 12pm-11pm Su 12pm-5pm
- 18 Bocca di Lupo C4**
Regional Italian restaurant
12 Archer Street, London W1D 7BB
T: 020 7734 2223
boccadilupo.com
M to Sa 12.15pm-3pm and 5.15pm-12am Su 12.30pm-3.15pm and 5pm-11pm
- 19 Boopshi's C1**
Schnitzel & Spritz
31 Windmill Street, London W1T 2JN
T: 020 3205 0072
boopshis.com
M to Sa 12pm-3.30pm and 5.30pm-10pm Su 12pm to 3.30pm
- 20 Dehesa A4**
Charcuterie & tapas bar
25 Ganton Street, London W1F 9BP
T: 020 7494 4170
dehesa.co.uk
M to Sa 12pm-11pm Su 12pm-10pm
- 21 Ember Yard B3**
Charcuterie bar & grill
60 Berwick Street, London W1F 8SU
T: 020 7439 8057
emberyard.co.uk
M to W 12pm-12am
Th to Sa 12pm-1am Su 12pm-10pm
- 22 Fino B1**
Contemporary Spanish restaurant
33 Charlotte Street (entrance on Rathbone Street), London W1T 1RR
T: 020 7813 8010
finorestaurant.com
M to F 12pm-2.30pm and 6pm-10.30pm Sa 6pm-10.30pm

STAY & EXPLORE

- 23 Flat White B3**
Antipodean-style independent cafe
17 Berwick Street, London W1F 0PT
T: 020 7734 0370
flatwhitesoho.co.uk
M to F 8am-7pm Sa to Su 9am-6pm
- 24 HIX Soho B4**
Great British food and cocktails
66-70 Brewer Street, London W1F 9UP
T: 020 7292 3518
hixsoho.co.uk
M to Sa 12pm-11.30pm
Su 12pm-10.30pm
- 25 HIX Restaurant, Champagne and Caviar Bar**
Selfridges, 400 Oxford Street, London W1A 1AB
T: 020 7499 5400
hixatselfridges.co.uk/
M to F 11am-9pm Sa 9.30am-9pm
Su 11.30am-6pm
- 26 Honest Burgers C3**
Great British burger restaurant
4a Meard Street, London W1F 0EF
T: 020 3609 9524
honestburgers.co.uk
M to W 12pm-11pm
Th to Sa 11.45am-11pm Su 12pm-10pm
- 27 The House of Ho C4**
Modern Vietnamese cuisine
55-59 Old Compton Street, London W1D 6HW
T: 020 7287 0770
houseofho.co.uk
M to Su 12pm-10.30pm
- 28 In Parma by FOOD ROOTS B1**
Authentic regional Italian eatery
10 Charlotte Place, London W1T 1SH
T: 020 8127 4277
in-parma.com
M to F 11am-3pm and 6pm-11.30pm
Sa 1pm-4pm and 6pm-11.30pm
- 29 Mark's Bar B4**
Underground cocktail bar
66-70 Brewer Street, London W1F 9UP
T: 020 7292 3518
marksbar.co.uk
M to Sa 12pm-1am Su 12pm-12am
- 30 Milkbar C3**
Flat White's younger sister cafe
3 Bateman Street, London W1D 4AG
T: 020 7287 4796
milkbarsoho.co.uk
M to W 8am-6pm Th to Sa 8am-10pm
Su 8am-6pm
- 31 Newman Street Tavern B1**
Elegant seasonal British food
48 Newman Street, London W1T 1QQ
T: 020 3667 1445
newmanstreettavern.co.uk
M to F 7am-11pm Sa 12.30pm-11pm
Su 10.30am-4pm
- 32 Nordic Bakery B4**
Scandinavian style cafe and bakery
14a Golden Square, London W1F 9JG
T: 020 3230 1077
nordicbakery.com
M to F 7.30am-8pm Sa 9am-7pm
Su 10am-7pm
- 33 Quo Vadis C3**
Restaurant, bar & private rooms
33 Charlotte Street, London W1D 3LL
T: 020 7437 9585
quovadissoho.co.uk
M to F 8am-11pm Sa 12pm-11pm

FLAT WHITE B3

- 34 Randall & Aubin C4**
Seafood & classic French cuisine
14-16 Brewer Street, London W1F 0SQ
T: 020 7478 0503
randallandaubin.com
M to Su 12pm-12am
- 35 Rosa's Thai Cafe C4**
The home of modern Thai food
48 Dean Street, London W1D 5BF
T: 020 7494 1638
rosasonlondon.com/soho
M to Th 12pm-10.30pm
F to Sa 12pm-11pm Su 1pm-10pm
- 36 Salt Yard B1**
Charcuterie bar & restaurant
54 Goode Street, London W1T 4NA
T: 020 7637 0657
saltyard.co.uk
M to Sa 12pm-11pm Su 1pm-10pm
- 37 Shoryu Ramen A4**
Japanese Hakata Tonkotsu Ramen Bar
G3-5 Kingly Court, Carnaby Street, London W1B 5PJ
shoryuramen.com
M to Sa 11.30am-11pm Su 12pm-10pm
Also at 3 Denman Street, London c4 W1D 7HA
M to Sa 11.15am-12am
Su 11.15pm-10.30pm
- 38 Tuscanic C4**
A true Tuscan gastronomic experience
72 Old Compton Street, London W1D 4UN
tuscanic.com
M to Th 12pm-11pm F-Sa 12pm-12am
Su 1pm-10pm
- 39 Vagabond B1**
DIY wine bar and shop
25 Charlotte Street, London W1T 1RW
T: 020 3302 4044
vagabondwines.co.uk
M to Th 11am-11pm F to Sa 11am-12am
Su 11am-10.30pm
- 40 Vinoteca B4**
Wine bar, restaurant and shop
53-55 Beak Street, London W1F 9SH
T: 020 3544 7411
vinoteca.co.uk
M to Su 12pm-11pm
- 41 Whyte & Brown A4**
Free-range chicken and craft beer
Kingly Court, Carnaby Street, London W1B 5PW
T: 020 3747 9820
whyteandbrown.com
M to Sa 10am-11pm Su 10am-6pm
- 42 Wright Brothers A4**
Seafood & oyster restaurant
13 Kingly Street and G7/G8 Kingly Court, London W1B 5PW
T: 020 7434 3611
thewrightbrothers.co.uk
M to Sa 12pm-10.45pm Su 12pm-8pm

TOP FIVE SOHO HIT LIST

- 1 CATCH A SHOW** Fans of musicals will find Soho a spiritual homecoming of sorts, seeing as it's the heart of London's theatre district. Catch long-running musicals at the large theatres, or off-beat fringe performances at more intimate venues.
- 2 GO ON A MUSICAL JOURNEY** Soho's always been a favourite with musos - from legendary record stores selling rare vinyls, and the expertise of Denmark Street's guitar shops, to recording studios for the pros, and karaoke joints for the amateurs.
- 3 TAKE A LITERARY TOUR** With illustrious former residents including Oscar Wilde and George Orwell, Soho oozes literary history from every booze-soaked pore. Pay homage to the greats with an afternoon's tour around their favourite haunts.
- 4 POP IN FOR A PINT** A visit to Soho isn't truly complete without a crawl around its many bars and pubs. Grab a pint of beer, and while you're at it, dig up legendary stories of debauched goings-on, straight from the horse's mouth.
- 5 SEE THE SQUARES** Take a breather in Soho's rare green spaces. At opposite ends of the area, Golden Square is a well-tended contemplative hangout, whilst Soho Square is the scruffier spot, where the cool kids gather before deciding their next move.

HANDY HINTS FOR TRAVELLERS

- ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT?** Navigate Soho's tightly packed streets in a rickshaw
- WANT MORE?** Head to Fitzrovia or Seven Dials for more restaurants, bars, and even celebrity spotting
- FANCY A SHOW?** Visit the Society of London Theatre's booth in Leicester Square for discounted tickets

BUS ROUTES	
3 bus (Crystal Palace to Oxford Circus)	38 bus (Clapton to Victoria)
6 bus (Willesden Garage to Aldwych)	55 bus (Leyton Green to Oxford Circus)
7 bus (East Acton to Russell Square)	73 bus (Stoke Newington to Victoria)
8 bus (Bow to Tottenham Court Road)	88 bus (Clapham Common to Camden Town)
10 bus (East Acton to Russell Square)	94 bus (Acton Green to Piccadilly Circus)
12 bus (Dulwich to Oxford Circus)	98 bus (Willesden to Holborn)
13 bus (Golders Green to Aldwych)	134 bus (North Finchley to Tottenham Court Road)
14 bus (Putney Heath to University College Hospital)	139 bus (West Hampstead to Waterloo)
19 bus (Battersea Bridge to Finsbury Park)	159 bus (Streatham to Marble Arch)
22 bus (Putney Common to Piccadilly Circus)	176 bus (Penge to Tottenham Court Road)
23 bus (Westbourne Park to Liverpool Street)	242 bus (Homerton Hospital to Tottenham Court Road)
24 bus (Hampstead Heath to Pimlico)	390 bus (Archway to Notting Hill Gate)
25 bus (Ilford to Oxford Circus)	453 bus (Deptford to Marylebone)
29 bus (Wood Green to Trafalgar Square)	

TUBE ROUTES	
Oxford Circus station for the Central, Victoria and Bakerloo lines	
Piccadilly Circus station for the Piccadilly and Bakerloo lines	
Tottenham Court Road station for the Northern and Central lines	
Leicester Square station for the Northern and Piccadilly lines	
Goode Street station for the Northern line	

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