

## A Classic Old English Haven In Central London

Acquired by Henry VIII all the way back in 1536, Hyde Park has a grand history. It was used by the King as a hunting ground before James I came to the throne and opened the park to the public in 1637. It was then lovingly landscaped in the 1730s and since then it has become one of London's most picture-perfect settings; replacing its hunting past for something much more calm and serene. It is almost as if it has been lifted right out of a romantic fairytale, with its thousands of trees, the Serpentine Lake and many sprawling green meadows.

It is the ideal way to escape the hustle and bustle of London, without having to skip the country. Its grand entrance sets the precedence for this extravagant, registered Royal Park, with fluted columns, huge archways and a set of magnificent over-sized gates. Step through the entrance and it is like stepping into another world. It is the perfect place to while away a day, strolling around and taking in the sights. But with over 350 acres of ground, you might want to give your legs a rest. There is the option of renting a boat and cruising along the lake or you can even canter around the gravel tracks on horseback, as there are old-fashioned stables situated within the grounds. Or simply settle down on a patch of grass and have a picnic. There are plenty of delicatessens nearby to assemble a feast fit for a King.

However, if you are looking for a little more excitement, Hyde Park has gently collided with modernity, offering attractions like Speakers' Corner; which allows individuals a free space for voicing their opinions. Also, between the months of April and October there is a packed schedule of open-air talks, experimental theatre, live music, guided tours, lectures and modern dance shows making it is virtually impossible to get bored.

It would seem you can do just about anything in this veritable wonderland, but of course you can't sleep there. Thankfully there are plenty of [hotels in London](#) within close enough range to let you easily enjoy everything Hyde Park and the surrounding area has to offer.

Plus, there are plenty of trendy cafes and restaurants nearby, such as Wagamama and YO! Sushi! and London's West End is just on your doorstep as well as the world-famous Harrods. So, while there are plenty more options than just a stroll in the park, it would seem as good a place to start as any.

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