

Notting Hill & West London

NOTTING HILL | WESTBOURNE GROVE | HIGH STREET KENSINGTON | EARL'S COURT | WEST BROMPTON | MAIDA VALE | SHEPHERD'S BUSH | HAMMERSMITH | PADDINGTON | BAYSWATER

Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Spending a Saturday afternoon browsing the stalls of **Portobello Road Market** (p267).
- 2 Easing into early evening with a drink in the relaxing garden of the **Windsor Castle** (p272) pub.
- 3 Taking a **boat trip** (p266) between Little Venice and Camden along Regent's Canal.
- 4 Blowing the budget with a night out at the sensational **Kensington Roof Gardens** (p272).
- 5 Cosying up on a leather sofa for two with a glass of champagne at the **Electric Cinema** (p273).



For more detail of this area see Map p462 and p464 →

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

To make the best of your time at Portobello Road Market, do a one-way circuit between Notting Hill Gate and Ladbroke Rd tube stations. The flow tends to go from Notting Hill to Ladbroke Grove, but either way works fine. Follow our Notting Hill Walk (p268) for a suggested route.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Potli (p269)
- ➔ Ledbury (p269)
- ➔ Kerbisher & Malt (p270)
- ➔ Taquería (p267)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Troubadour (p272)
- ➔ Windsor Castle (p272)
- ➔ Portobello Star (p271)
- ➔ Dove (p273)

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Best Guided Tours

- ➔ Regent's Canal (p276) by boat
- ➔ Brompton Cemetery (p266)
- ➔ Linley Sambourne House (p265) in period costume

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Explore: Notting Hill & West London

Most people come to West London for three reasons: Portobello Road Market, outstanding dining or because they're kipping in one of the area's choice accommodation options.

West London is sight-light, but you should allow half a day for Portobello Road Market and another half day to walk along the Grand Union Canal towards Little Venice, maybe with a pint at one of the waterside pubs en route.

Some excellent restaurant and entertainment options will save those staying in the area from legging it into the West End (although it's close enough to do so if you want). For eating, Notting Hill has a great concentration of good names, but cast your net further and land fantastic pickings in Hammersmith, Shepherd's Bush and Earl's Court.

For nightlife, Notting Hill and Shepherd's Bush are the most vibrant, while Kensington is home to one of the capital's most unique rooftop clubs. Other areas will be pretty quiet once the pubs have rung the 11pm bell.

Local Life

➔ **Fruit and vegetable markets** Although also popular with tourists, Portobello Road Market (p267) is where many Notting Hill residents shop for their daily fruit and veg. Another good fruit and veg market is Shepherd's Bush Market (p270).

➔ **Waterside strolling** Little Venice (p266) is very popular at the weekend when families go for a walk along the canal's towpaths.

➔ **Affordable pampering** The Porchester Spa (p276) is run by Westminster Council and is cheaper than typical commercial spas.

Getting There & Away

➔ **Underground** The west–east Central Line stops at Queensway (Bayswater), Notting Hill Gate and Shepherd's Bush. For Paddington, Westbourne Grove, and the western end of Shepherd's Bush, there's the painfully slow Hammersmith & City Line. Earl's Court and Hammersmith are on the zippy Piccadilly Line.

➔ **Barclays Bikes** Useful to get from one neighbourhood to another with docking stations across West London.