









Belgravia Area Guide

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 <p>WHO LIVES THERE: FAMILIES / PROFESSIONALS / RETIRED / AFFLUENT</p>	 <p>POPULAR ROADS: EATON SQUARE / CHESTER SQUARE / WILTON CRESCENT</p>	 <p>AREA GOOD FOR: LOCATION / VILLAGE FEEL / LIFESTYLE / TRANSPORT</p>

Overview:

- London's Belgravia is known to be one of the most exclusive districts in the world. Developed in a large part by Thomas Cubbitt from the 1820's under the leadership of the Marquis of Westminster, much of the area is still owned by the family today. Modern Belgravia still houses the Royals, rich and famous but is also known for its bijou village and café culture.
- Along Elizabeth, Motcomb and Ebury Streets you can find boutique shops, patisseries, cafes, restaurants and a buzz of activity which has been heavily encouraged and developed by the Grosvenor Estate who are keen to retain a community environment.

Did You Know:

- Belgravia was home to the famous Lady Astor, the first woman in Britain to hold a seat in parliament and become an MP
- The Philip Treacy Fashion house, hat maker to the royals, can be found on Elizabeth Street
- James Bond (aka Sean Connery) was once a famous resident on the exclusive Eaton Square which coincidentally is right around the corner from his maker, the writer Ian Fleming's house on Ebury Street
- Frankenstein's creator, Mary Shelley might have got some inspiration on the streets of Belgravia while living on Chester Square
- Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands famously fled from her Dutch Kingdom to escape Nazi invasion and sought sanctuary in the corner of the pretty Chester Square
- Another famous resident on the popular Chester Square was our first and unforgettable female prime minister Margaret Thatcher
- One of the world's greatest musicians Mozart lived right in the heart of Belgravia on Ebury Street where he is said to have composed his first symphony
- Wilton Crescent in the North of Belgravia was home to Louis Mountbatten, Uncle to Prince Philip and the 1st Earl Mountbatten of Burma

Going out:

Where to Eat:

- Petrus – Gordon Ramsey's Michelin starred modern French restaurant with a chefs table and seriously impressive wine list, you can't go wrong!
- The Fine Cheese Company – need we say more. Cheese, wine, chutneys and brunch, wine and champagne, it sells itself
- Peggy Porschen – delicate and delicious English cakes in abundance, almost too pretty to eat, but not quite. And if you fancy learning how to cook like Peggy you have the opportunity to study at the Peggy Porschen cookery school just around the corner
- Salloos – aromatic and spicy Pakistani restaurant which has been established in Belgravia since 1976
- Dominique Ansel Bakery – the famous New York chef has brought his Cronut creation to London, visit his new home on Elizabeth Street to see what our modern day Willy Wonka can create
- Poulot au Pot – a candlelit French restaurant on Pimlico Green, great for a romantic dinner or perhaps a secret proposal
- Amaya – delicious tapas style Indian food in a stylish venue
- Grace Café – head chef Marcin Ksiazka and the Grace nutrition experts design food with you in mind serving delicious and nutritious food to make you look and feel a million dollars

Culture:

- Grosvenor Film Festival

Shopping:

The redevelopment of Elizabeth Street, Motcomb Street and Orange Square has created an appealing village atmosphere with a wide selection of excellent restaurants and independent boutiques. Belgravia is also a stones throw away from some of London's most luxurious shopping at Harrods, Harvey Nichols and Sloane Street.

Transport Links:

- **Underground (London only):** District, Circle and Victoria tube lines.
- **Overground:** Victoria Station connects overland services to Gatwick airport via the Gatwick Express, the South East of England and the South coast.
- **Bus routes:** Bus routes 2, 11, 16, 24, 36, 38, 44, 52, 73, 82, 148, 170, 185, 211, 507, C1, C2, C10 serve the local area. Night bus routes are N2, N11, N16, N38, N44, N52, N73, N136.
- **Car:** The main access points to Belgravia by car are from Sloane Square and Hyde Park Corner, with the King's Road leading through Belgravia to Buckingham Palace. Chelsea Bridge provides the closest crossing of the River Thames and Buckingham Palace Road is at Belgravia's southern edge. To the north is the A4, one of the main routes leading out of London to the M3 and M4.
- **Education:** Schools that are located in Belgravia are St Peter's Primary School, Eaton House, Francis Holland School, Hill House and Garden House School.

Architecture and Property:

Belgravia is most famous for its traditional white stucco fronted town houses that form grand crescents and squares built by Thomas Cubitt, appointed personally by the Grosvenor family estate. Along with this traditional architecture, Belgravia also provides other property options such as modern penthouse apartments and mews houses that can often come with parking. Desirable addresses in Belgravia include Eaton Square, Chester Square and Wilton Crescent, amongst many others.

Who Lives There:

An eclectic mix from both the UK and abroad. Belgravia is especially popular with families due to the garden squares and village neighbourhood. Many residents love Belgravia's close proximity to the West End whilst being able to retreat to relative peace and quiet of the area.

Where to Drink:

- The Berkeley – one of London's most renowned luxury 5 star hotels serving some of the best cocktails in London
- The Nags Head – one of the only places where mobile phones are prohibited, a very quaint pub in the heart of Belgravia, this one definitely takes you back in time
- Wilton Arm – a great local, its certainly doesn't come with bells and whistles but does serve a good pint with a decent wine list and good pub grub
- The Grenadier - once an officer's mess, is famously haunted by an disreputable army officer who cheated while playing a game of cards who was subsequently punished by being beaten to death
- The Star Tavern – another nice little drinking hole, one to add to your list
- Thomas Cubbitt, The Orange and The Alfred Tennyson – 3 different venues across Belgravia and one owner. These three definitely fall in the Gastro pub category with fine wines, good cocktails and delicious food.
- The Antelope – located on Eaton Terrace this pub I feel is made for the locals, a great pub with a friendly atmosphere
- The Lanesborough – another famous 5 star hotel sitting opposite Hyde Park, the perfect venue for cocktails and afternoon tea
- Tom Tom's Coffee House & Mess Hall – Too early for alcohol? If you need a coffee in Belgravia this couldn't come more highly recommended, always a hive of activity with locals and situated just on the corner of Ebury Street and Elizabeth Street you're at the perfect position to watch the world go by. Fancy a burger, go to the Coffee house sibling for an American style burger, salads and great brunch!

Sports & Leisure:

Belgravia offers residents plenty of green spaces with Hyde Park and the garden squares for outdoor activities such as jogging and cycling. Many residents are able to enjoy the use of Belgrave Square garden, a hidden gem comprising 4.5 acres and featuring large Plane trees, attractive wisteria covered pergolas, rose bushes, a tennis court and play area for children. Hyde Park hosts a range of outdoor events in the warmer months. Residents also have the Knightsbridge Golf School nearby.