

My favourite things



My name is Prachee Jha and I am originally from India. For the last 10 years I have lived in Hong Kong, Beijing, Singapore and arrived in London in April 2017.

Your best advice to someone just arriving in the UK?

Take advantage of the location, travel as much as you can in Europe, but travel within the UK too, amazing spots and gorgeous locations are waiting to be explored.

The best place to meet people?

FOCUS - its seminars and events. Good place to connect and also try meet up groups according to your interests. London offers a variety of opportunities, have a look at events at Olympia too.

Your preferred pub, bar and/or restaurant?

Gymkhana, Mayfair.

Your favourite place for a UK weekend away?

Cotswolds (Bibury, Stow-on-the-Wold).

The highlight of your UK adventure so far?

Hiking Skiddaw in the Lake District.

The best ice-cream/ coffee shop?

Amorino, Soho. I love the gelato shops at South Kensington station like Venchi.

Your most watched British TV show?

The Crown, Black Mirror.

Your favourite expression you have adopted since being here?

"Not too bad, eh!!!"

Your preferred mode of transport?

Walking to most places, or else the buses for shorter distances. I don't mind the Tube in winter, but really avoid it in summer.

Your first memory of arriving in the UK?

Tired after a 13hr flight, the barren trees a stark contrast from the tropical Singapore but oh so lovely cooling temperatures.

The best breakfast/brunch/ afternoon tea spot?

Fenchurch Terrace sky garden, gorgeous views.

The ultimate gourmet food or wine shop?

Whole Foods and Borough Market apart from the local farmer's markets.

Your favourite location for a "date night"?

Sushi Samba.

What is London's best kept secret?

Chelsea Physic Garden, one of the oldest gardens of alpine trees, and Little Venice.

The best spot to people watch?

Hyde Park in any season.

Your favourite place to shop for the home?

Peter Jones, Sloane Square, Cotswold Company, Loaf.

Your favourite museum or gallery?

Science Museum.

The best place to take out-of-town guests?

Walk around Covent Garden and markets (Camden, Spitalfields, Borough Market).

The best children's shop?

Hamleys.

Your favourite park?

Richmond Park in any weather is gorgeous. I particularly love autumn.

Your favourite neighbourhood or area to explore?

Chelsea and Shoreditch.

Your favourite place to walk?

Along the Thames, Holland Park and Battersea Power Station.

Best thing about London in the spring?

Sitting in the garden with a jug of Pimm's, flower shows and the general upbeat mood and smiles of everyone on the street.

Your favourite way to spend a Sunday afternoon?

Sit and read a book in the park, or a stroll along the river.

Favourite places to explore?

Borough Market. We love exploring various food trucks in and around Camden Market. Exploring flower market is a treat throughout the year starting from tulip season, spring until autumn.

