

My favourite things



My name is Eva Horetzeder and I am originally from Austria. I've spent more than half of my life as an expat living in Paris, Madrid, Switzerland, and for two years now, in the UK. I have worked in international business, translation and the global mobility industry. I currently live in south-west London with my husband and our three children.

Your best advice to someone just arriving in the UK?

Learn how to talk about the weather, read Kate Fox's *Watching the English*, take your time to explore and you will feel like a Londoner much quicker than you think.

The best place to meet people? Definitely FOCUS events and your children's school's courtyards and playgrounds.

Your preferred pub, bar and/or restaurant?

Trinity Restaurant, Clapham. They offer exquisite modern British food and a stunning wine list.

Your favourite place for a UK weekend away?

Bath, a beautiful historical city to enjoy culture, good food, lovely local shops and discover authentic England in the nearby countryside.

The ultimate boutique or clothing store?

Jigsaw and Anthropologie.

The highlight of your UK adventure so far?

Concert of a unique Spanish artist at the Royal Albert Hall.

Your favourite flower shop?

Flower stand outside Balham tube station.

Your most watched British TV show?

Fawlty Towers. My husband made me discover this classic from the 70's, a hilarious representation of British humor.

Your favourite expression you have adopted since being here?

"Fair enough" and "not my cup of tea."

Your preferred mode of transport?

Cycling and a double-decker bus.

Your first memory of arriving in the UK?

Sitting during rush hour in a black cab at Knightsbridge passing by Harrods and observing the busy London life.

The best breakfast/brunch/afternoon tea spot?

The National Portrait Gallery with amazing views over the roofs around Trafalgar Square.

The ultimate gourmet food or wine shop?

Whole Foods and Borough market.

The funkiest high street shops?

On Kings Road.

Your favourite location for a "date night"?

Cocktail bar at Brasserie Zédel.

What is London's best kept secret?

That is a secret.

Your favourite museum or gallery?

The Tate Modern, enjoying great art and a nice meal in the restaurant with lovely views over St. Paul's Cathedral.

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

Hampton Court, with a visit to the castle, the amazing gardens and a walk along the Thames.

The best children's shop?

Hamley's, a great collection of toys and shows.

The best place to take the kids on a rainy day?

The family programme at the National Gallery and Wonderlab at the Science Museum.

Your favourite park?

Hyde Park.

Your favourite neighbourhood or area to explore?

Greenwich. There is lots to explore: the Royal Observatory, the National Maritime Museum, great views over the City, a beautiful park, a historic market, the Cutty Sark and a boat trip on Thames back home.

Your favourite food to eat in the UK?

Great authentic food from around the world, such as the delicious slow cooked lamb from our local Nepalese restaurant Gurkha.

Your favourite place to walk?

Little Venice or Primrose Hill with great views over the city.

Your favourite place to have a fun, cultural night out?

Royal Albert Hall and comedy shows at the local pub.

Best thing about London in the spring?

The flowering trees, plants in parks and private gardens.

Your favourite way to spend a Sunday afternoon?

Picnic and games with family and friends in our local common.

I felt settled when...?

I stopped opening my umbrella just for a few drops, looked on the correct side before crossing the street and started to queue as patiently as any other Londoner.

