

My favourite things



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I'm an interest rates trader – I claim to be the oldest one in the market! I moved to London from New Zealand in 2005 for work with my wife and three children for a two to three-year stint. Sixteen years later, we are still here. We are very much still Kiwis, even our son who came to London as a three-year old. Until the coronavirus madness, we went home every year and our family and many NZ friends would visit us here every year, too.

Your best advice to someone just arriving in the UK?

Get a bike – it's the best way to travel.

The best place to meet people?

Lord's Cricket Ground. There are plenty of breaks during a five-day test.

Your preferred pub, bar and/or restaurant?

The Washington in Belsize Park or Mere in Charlotte Street

The ultimate boutique or clothing store?

Paul Smith

The highlight of your UK adventure so far?

2012 Olympics, especially Super Saturday where I was present at the stadium, and the 2015 Rugby World Cup.

Your preferred West End show?

One Man, Two Guvnors

The best shop?

The Monocle Café on Chiltern Street

Your favourite flower shop?

Freddie's Flowers – an online service

Your most watched British TV show?

The *Andrew Marr Show* and *A League of Their Own* (another James Corden show)

Your favourite expression you have adopted since being here?

"Oh, right!"

Your first memory of arriving in the UK?

The green spaces – Hampstead Heath, Primrose Hill, Regent's Park, Kensington Gardens, Richmond Park

The best breakfast/brunch/ afternoon tea spot?

Berners Tavern, Granger & Co, and Petersham Nurseries

The ultimate gourmet food or wine shop?

Jeroboam's

The funkiest high street shops?

Bermondsey Street

The best place to workout?

GTC Studio Swiss Cottage with Gav the Champ

Your favourite location for a date night?

Everyman Cinema in Hampstead and Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons in Oxfordshire

What is London's best kept secret?

Soughdough bread at Flor in Borough Market and Anima e Cuore in Kentish Town

The best men's barber?

Mill Lane Barbers

Your favourite museum or gallery?

The Churchill Museum

Your favourite food to eat in the UK?

Scallops bought at Borough Market and then cooked by me

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

Archer Street Bar in Soho

Favourite place to go for some quiet?

Cycling up Coldharbour Lane in Surrey

Your favourite way to spend a Sunday afternoon?

Watching Arsenal at the Emirates Stadium

I felt settled when...

We stopped continually trying to decide when to return to live in New Zealand and we bought a house in London and stopped renting.

