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7 of the best London neighbourhoods for pretty winter walks

Whether you're a tourist or a local, London's neighbourhoods have so much to offer as the season changes and the frost creeps in, layering the grey streets with a blanket of festive cheer



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Around every corner in the city, a beautiful building, cobbled road or pub packed full of history meets you on your stroll and nothing is more magnificent than London's streets during wintertime.

In a place so big, there really is something for everyone, whether you are interested in classic architecture, lean more on the natural side of life or like your neighbourhoods with a bit of grit and edge.

For each of London's boroughs, an aesthetic has been assigned, especially during the winter months, and as the year draws to a close, what better way to say goodbye than to explore all it has to offer?

Grab your phone and snap your way through the city's most magical areas this winter with **HELLO!**'s guide on the best neighbourhoods for a dose of Christmas cheer.

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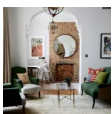
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Wander up to take in the sweeping views from Parliament Hill

Hampstead - North London

Hampstead is one of the best neighbourhoods to visit in winter thanks to its cosy, village-like atmosphere and timeless charm that is only enhanced by the frosty, colder months.

As the quaint streets quieten and the Georgian terraces glow in the darker evenings, Hampstead's boutiques, bookshops, and independent cafes offer the perfect hideaway for warming up with a hot drink.

Winter walks on Hampstead Heath are a real must-do. Watch brave swimmers take a dip in the freezing ponds and wander up to take in the sweeping views from Parliament Hill.

The woodlands themselves are like something out of a storybook as they glisten with frost and winter sunshine.

Peppered with traditional pubs such as The Holly Bush, this is the perfect neighbourhood to explore if you are in the market for roaring fires, elegant historic lanes and a winter escape from the chaos of Christmas shoppers in the centre of the city.

Tube: Northern line

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Notting Hill delivers a picturesque winter experience right in the heart of West London

Notting Hill - West London

The usually busy streets around Portobello Road feel slightly calmer at this time of year, making it easier to browse antique shops, independent boutiques, and snug coffee shops without the summer crowds and tourists. Pop into the The Pelican o The Walmer Castle for a cosy fire-lit experience.

Winter amplifies the area's natural romantic charm that was coined by the Julia Roberts film. The colourful facades stand out against grey skies, and the glow from busy restaurants gives the area an extra sparkle.

Whether you're exploring hidden corners, enjoying sweet treats from a local bakery or just drinking in the atmosphere, Notting Hill delivers a picturesque winter experience right in the heart of West London.

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Its maritime heritage gives it an air of mystery

Greenwich - South-East London

Famous for setting the Mean Time, the adorable Greenwich and its village-like feel is really worth a trip on the DLR this winter.

Its maritime heritage gives it an air of mystery and the crisp air along the Thames and quieter streets make it the ideal location for a weekend stroll.

The area's iconic landmarks, including the Cutty Sark, the National Maritime Museum, and the Royal Observatory, feel even more majestic against the low winter sun, and the surrounding cobbled streets and market alleys are perfect for exploring without the usual summertime crowds.

Riverside walks offer sweeping views of the city skyline, while cosy pubs and cafes provide ideal spots to warm up with a hearty meal or steaming glass of mulled wine.

Tube: DLR or Jubilee Line

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