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## **What and What NOT to Wear On Your Trip to London, England**

We all love –or wish– to travel the world. Us avid and stylish travelers enjoy packing our suitcases and planning way ahead of time what we want to wear. There are many different things you need to pack to match each city you go to but in this article, I'm prepared to tell you exactly what clothes you'll need to hit the streets of London, England in the wintertime the right way.

Let's begin with the things we want to avoid: sticking out like a sore thumb and looking like a clueless and unfashionable tourist. I bet the people that have told you to "wear comfortable shoes" have the worst style you've ever seen. In London and even other European cities, that goes out of the window. You should be dressed to the nines.

Winter time is one of my favorite seasons for clothes in London. It's all about the jackets and coats. A jacket is such a functional piece because not only does it keep you warm, but they truly pull your outfit together. A nice jacket will have you serving the best looks. If you walk the streets of London during the winter time, you'll notice everyone has a nice jacket.

Sofia Osman, Student at University of Texas-Health has done some moderate travel across Europe. I asked her to touch on what she noticed with the clothing in London. "I remember before my trip to London I kept looking online for cool coats to wear," Sofia said, "I always noticed that people in movies that were taken place in London wore such cool clothes and always had fashionable jackets on."

The thing to avoid when it comes to coats are those puffy jackets you would wear in a blizzard. Think about it, there's no blizzard on your vacation and if there is, you most likely won't be outside so there's no need for that. Style really is the key because your coat is the one thing that people will see until you're inside and in the warmth.

This next part includes your tops. Keep it cool and wear a nice sweater as a top. Sweaters can either be quite dressy or casual so have fun with it. I've counted and I own about 45 sweaters. I'm not saying this amount is necessary, but you should certainly have options.

The Oxford Royale Academy wrote a piece called *8 Things to Wear in the UK in the Winter* that—not only aligns with my opinion but, includes helpful and practical information on what you should wear. “you might like vest tops under shirts with a jumper over the top, or favour cardigans that you can fold up and put in your bag if the sun starts shining,” said the Oxford Royale Academy.

When it comes to your pants, there are many options. If I’m trying to keep it casual I’ll maybe do a dark wash or black pair of jeans. Stay away from light wash jeans because that’s not very ‘Winter time’ it’s more Fall. One of my favorite things to wear is a nice skirt and tights. This is pretty dressy and is a great thing to wear all day and even to dinner at nighttime. The tights will keep your legs warm and so will that coat! I have a wild fascination with skirts and I own 40 of them because they are the centerpiece of any outfit.

Shoes. Now these are super important. Forget the comfort because ‘comfortable’ shoes are probably ugly. You can wear some nice booties that have a small heel, thigh high boots, and even some calf high boots. You don’t even have to have boots that have a heel, they can be flats. PSA riding boots are out of style and have been since 2015 so leave them at home. Better yet, throw them out.

When it comes to accessories, you can do so much. Scarves can lift an outfit to the next level and so can a good ol’ hat. If your wearing more of a casual sweater, throw on a fancy wrap scarf and up your look. I personally stay away from hats because the ‘go-to’ winter hat is a beanie and that can easily turn your outfit into something way too casuale. Instead, wear that wrap scarf and wear it so your ears are covered because nothing is worse than that cold ear feeling.

Something important to note and understand is that there is no room for bright colors. Keep it simple and neutral; cream, nude, black, grey, navy, burgundy, you know – winter colors. You always see the people wearing a neon orange coat and say “okay...are we on the ski team or...?” colors are very important because those are the things that keep your outfit in check and keep your style flowing.

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