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# **UK Real Estate - Areas Of London To Rent A Property**

The United Kingdom is one of the most culturally diverse countries in the world. Therefore it is not difficult to understand that its capital city, London, has a particularly special feel due to the congregation of a mass of people that come from different walks of life. Renting a property in London is a risky business if you do not spend enough time researching the location you want to live in, but if you find a place that is right for you, you will never want to leave.

It can be a daunting prospect, trying to find a good location in such a huge city and your budget is usually the main limiting factor to finding the rental property of your dreams. For the moment though, we will leave money aside and concentrate on where, in London, is hot, right now.

To make it easier, we will split the capital into the four corners of a compass, and detail the best locations to look for in each. Each area has its own feel, and its own micro-culture. Depending on your needs and desires, some may suit you, some may not. As a point to note, Londoners are known for their loyalty to their particular areas, so asking advice will probably get you a biased view.

The most expensive places to live in the whole of the U.K are said to be Kensington and Chelsea in London's west end. Catering for the super rich, these areas offer a huge variety of amenities and attractions which have made it famous across the globe for its theatres and nightlife. Mayfair and Park Lane also deserve a mention due to the extremely high cost of living in those areas.

With its large number of art galleries and modern constructions, the east end of London has recently become a fashionable place to live for rock stars and arty types. Some areas that have become particularly trendy are Bethnal Green, Shoreditch and Hoxton. A large majority of the 2012 Olympic Games will be held in the Old Park which is situated in Stratford, meaning that this area is constantly gaining in popularity with prospective tenants.

Both north and south London boast a much deeper blend of cultures and therefore atmospheres compared to east and west London. Greenwich in the south boasts an historical feel, with many parks and old markets, whereas Hampstead Heath in the north is a more undulating, rural area offering great views of the city and the famous Alexandra Palace.

Some great places to look out for in your search for rental properties in London are Woolwich and Richmond in south London, Islington in the north and Maida Vale. All are quite affluent areas with rising property prices, and for good reason.

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