

My Chelsea

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For nearly seven years now, I've been travelling to school in Chelsea and every time it seems to take my breath away. However, It's not only on the weekdays that I am in Chelsea; I go to St. Luke's Church every Sunday and spend much time admiring famous galleries and museums such as the Saatchi gallery and the Army Museum or obsessing over the Duke of York Square farmer's market (which is so often full of rich luxurious smells that fill the air). If you have never been to Chelsea, let me tell you how wonderful I think it is.

Journeying over Albert Bridge, the first thing that I can see is the hub of commuters scurrying on the Embankment. Beyond that, I can see the beautiful traditional houses standing in a line, which calms the busy atmosphere. What also makes Chelsea so special to me is its ability to make someone feel as if they are in some historical village, not in central London. The houses are almost like a maze, as they are all similar but different in their own unique way. Chelsea seems to be a mixture of elegant traditional houses and modern and chic towers and flats.

Located in the heart of this wonderful place, is the famous Kings' Road that is the home to many of my favourite shops and restaurants. One of my favourites is the restaurant, "Made in Italy", where they make the most delectable pizza (which is by far the best I have ever had). At "Jigsaw", you can always be sure of finding just the most stylish clothing ever. Not only this, but the King's Road is historical too. Did you know that it was originally built in 1694 for King Charles II in order to link St James's Palace to Fulham and to Kew. This road was private until 1830 and only the King and his court were permitted to use it. Later on, in the 1960's, King's Road took an entirely different twist and became home to all of the most famous fashion designers, such as Mary Quant and Vivienne Westwood. So, that is how and when the heart of Chelsea began being a place of high glamour and trendiness and, to this day, it retains its reputation.

However, this is not the only place in Chelsea that holds much history; the famous author, Charles Dickens, married in St Luke's Church and King Henry VIII attended Chelsea Old Church. Many famous people lived in Chelsea, such as Captain Scott (explorer), Enid Blyton (author) and even Sir Thomas More. Pretty blue plaques have been put in place on their houses and it is fun to spend an afternoon walking around trying to spot them.

So, this is why I think Chelsea is so special - it's a unique atmosphere and holds much history. My Chelsea might be different than yours, but it's all good and well worth a visit!