

How Expensive is London???

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Hey guys! How expensive is London? Listen to my story and you can be the judge of that. I don't spend a lot of time in London these days and, for the last few years, I haven't been there that much. When I go back, only some things change: there's just like some small changes. Otherwise, it's very easy for me to go there; I know it very well; it's easy to be in London, because that's where I grew up. Just one or two things usually surprise me.

And my story's about one of the things that surprised me last time I went home.

So, I went with my mum to a local café place, and we were just getting some lunch there—nothing special, just a local café: independent place, so not a chain kind of Starbucks place. It was one of those sort of organic-y, kind of home-made-y kind of things. Again, nothing special; you see loads of places like that around London. In fact, they're kind of standard in a way.

So we went into this café thing, and my mum said, "What do you want?" And I was just like, "Well, I'll just get a sandwich." And then I see the menu, and I see

how much the sandwich costs: five pounds! Five-pound sandwich, and not with any... I'm vegetarian, so I'm not eating any like fancy meat or anything like...

Vegetarian sandwich: five pounds. No chips, no salad. And I was like, "Five pounds for a sandwich?" And then my mum's justifying it, and she's used to it, because she's always living in London. She was like, "Yeah, but you know it's probably on organic bread, and it's probably got some salad in the sandwich."

And I was like, "I just think that's a bit much for a sandwich!" If it's something they've actually cooked, then I can see how it could cost five pounds. You know, they're making special effort cooking something. But the five-pound sandwich was quite hard for me to get my head around.

Anyway, I did order the five-pound sandwich. It was OK. It was nothing special; it definitely wasn't the best sandwich I've ever had in my life. It was fresh—well, so it should be. But, you know, it did leave me feeling, "Well, that was a bit expensive!" at the end of the meal. And not in a, "Oh, I just had something, something special that I'll always re—" Well, I did always remember it, but in the way that "That's expensive!"

So for me, London these days is represented by that five-pound sandwich.

Because it's not just the sandwich that's expensive. Whenever you want to go

somewhere on public transport, you've already spent five pounds to go somewhere and come back, basically. And, obviously if you live in London, that's gonna cost you loads of money as well. I don't live in London, so I'm not paying those kind of crazy rent prices. And obviously, if you are living in London and you're watching this video, you're very used to it; or if you go to London a lot, you're used to it.

But I'm not used to it anymore. I've been living in places in the world that are much, much cheaper, and you can actually eat at affordable prices, you know. And at the end of the meal, you say, "Well, that was a nice sandwich," or equivalent, and also you feel happy in your pocket, and not that you just spent a fortune on something pretty average.

So I hope that answers the question for you: "How expensive is London?" Give me a thumbs-up and a comment if you like this video. Thank you and see you later. Bye.

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