

Top 5 London comedy venues you should visit

Comedy goes a long way in helping to dissipate the workweek slog. Whether you're after some grilling political satire, interactive improvisation or tongue in cheek social commentary, London is home to a plethora of great comedy nights at a postcode near you. If you're a stranger to the comedy scene or merely curious about what's on offer, take a look at these five top comedy venues to visit in London.

1. The Comedy Store



Oxendon St, London SW1Y 4EE

A household name in comedy, The Comedy Store is possibly one of the UK's most popular and well-known comedy venues. A far cry from the (albeit endearing) dingy pub basement venues – a rite of passage for comedians first starting out, The Comedy Store boasts 4 rooms of differing sizes and personalities. From the cocktail bar style basement room, to the 80 person capacity theatre – the venue excels in delivering something for everyone with its multifarious character. Welcoming over 3500 visitors through their doors every week, The Comedy Store delivers a consistent and regular rotation of acts from all over the world. With ample room in the bar area that spills out into the heart of Soho, you're not far from you're

next boozer too. Tickets range between 10 – 25 quid, check out what's on by taking a look at their website [here](#).

2. Angel Comedy Club



2 Camden Passage, London N1 8DY

Angel Comedy now boasts two venues – Camden Passage and The Bill Murray, both a 5-minute walk apart. The Camden Head (pictured above) is famously free every night, whilst The Bill Murray offers a more eclectic line-up. Ideally located right by Angel tube, both venues offer a regular rotation of both established and upcoming acts in the comedy circuit in a dynamic setting. For those cursed with poor GPS, do not fear. With wall murals depicting caricatures of some of the biggest and most iconic names throughout the history comedy, from Robin Williams to Mr Bean, The Bill Murray is hard to miss. Check out their listings by visiting their website [here](#).

3. Up the Creek



302 Creek Road Greenwich, SE10 9SW

Granted, you may walk past Up the Creek and mistake it for a bizarre dress up shop, which in itself surely captures your curiosity, however behind the glaring neon signage is a well-established comedy venue that has been welcoming visitors through its doors since 2011. The abundance of theatre memorabilia cascading its way down the exterior of the building mark the venue as reminiscent of an eccentric theatre calling out to and enticing passers-by. What lies behind the impressive façade sure lives up to this impression with its regular and diverse programme. You can expect anything from improv to The Blackout – which consists of 15 comedians with just 5 minutes on the clock to compete for your approval. With the comedians fate placed in the hands of the audience – you’re provided with blackout cards to rate their performance. A highly interactive, fun and immersive experience – it’s definitely worth a trip. To keep up to date with their listings, check out their website [here](#).

4. Suspiciously Cheap Comedy - Backyard Bar



231 Cambridge Heath Rd, London E2 0EL

Nestled behind Cambridge Street, around the corner from Bethnal Green station you'll find a real gem of a venue – Backyard Bar. Part of what makes a comedy night so welcoming and appealing is the combined feeling of inclusivity and lack of pretentiousness that you may find elsewhere on a night out in London. A taste for comedy transcends specific demographics, postcodes and salary brackets – resulting in diverse crowds of all ages in a casual and relaxed setting. Backyard Bar brilliantly champions this casualness with its laid-back atmosphere and agreeable drink prices. The popular bi-monthly night *Suspiciously Cheap* delivers on the promise of its name – that being ridiculously cheap tickets that will only cost you a mere five quid (3 quid for those of you lucky enough to possess a student card). The chilled atmosphere makes it a popular spot to hang out, grab a drink and play a spot of table tennis. They also serve a mean stone baked pizza till 11pm. To check out their latest event listings, head to their website [here](#).

5. Top secret comedy club



170 Drury Ln, London WC2B 5PD

Whilst 'cheap' and 'good quality' doesn't usually go hand in hand, Holborn's Top Secret Comedy Club defiantly proves that this isn't the case. Expect no nonsense, no thrills cheap (and occasionally free) good quality comedy, 7 days a week in the heart of Holborn. Expect varied line-ups with the occasional big name unannounced such as Jack Whitehall, who has previously made a surprise, last minute guest appearances. You never know what's in store for an evening at The Top Secret Comedy Club. Word of warning - don't expect a great deal of space and be sure to turn up early. This well known spot attracts large crowds during the weeknights, (particularly on a Wednesday), with queues spilling out onto the streets. Book ahead and get yourself a good spot to avoid clambering over people in the dark and losing your print in the process. Head to their website [here](#) to book in advance.