



Revellers enjoying a night out.

of drinks with a blissful £6, while of course London breaks my heart and won't be any less than £7.65.

For some people who work five days a week and are perhaps valuable members of society, arguing about paying an extra £1.65 may seem petty and frivolous. But for the people like me, the little guy, who stays in their pyjamas all day eating rice crispies, this could mean I don't have to skip lunch the next day. The higher the prices of London the more creatives and students are going to feel pushed out. Why live somewhere you can't afford simple pleasures and aren't cared about? London needs us. London needs lazy, messy students with crazy ideas to mix things up, but if everything becomes more and more expensive we will have no choice but to relocate to a city with cheaper pints and cheaper rent prices. While the capital can feel like the centre of the universe it doesn't have to be, people make the place.

## So how do pint prices compare?



# The Price of Student Life

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**A**s a London student I have got used to a lot of things. Eyewateringly high rent prices and walking everywhere to save £1.50 on the bus. I can even handle a well known supermarket (rhyming with sesco) charging two different prices for the same items in shops less than a third of a mile away. But if there's something I will never understand are pubs charging different prices for a pint. Just because I choose to follow my dreams and be a small

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girl in the big city doesn't mean I should be victimised and forced to pay extortionate rates in my local. If there is one thing that Brits can do well, its drink. We are a country who love cheap, fast booze. As students we pride ourselves on getting absolutely slaughtered and more than nine million of us consume more than our daily limits. Now of course I would never condone such a thing, of course I've never been so drunk I fell into some bins

and swore at a bouncer for (probably rightfully) not letting me into a club. Binge drinking is a serious problem and many professionals feel that booze is already too cheap and raising the prices would stop many alcohol related deaths. While I feel like this is a fair statement, if people want to drink themselves into a stupor they will do it know matter whether it costs 50p more. What I'm trying to argue is that why should it be easier for someone to fall over blindingly drunk in Manchester than it is in Surrey. Leeds seems to come in with the cheapest round

So why do pint prices change everywhere you go? I suppose you could argue that everything is a different price in other parts of the country. Or perhaps because landlords are paying more for the pubs they're situated in. Or even because its just so accepted that we pay more in the South and we should all just get on with our lives. All I know is, I'm transferring to Leeds.

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