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Why fake it when you can have real fir? Here are the best places in London to buy a proper Christmas tree

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Fake Christmas trees have certainly come a long way since the flocked aluminium creations of the 1960s but theres nothing quite like the real deal to fill your home with that pine scent a candle simply cant replicate. Besides which, heaving a dusty tree down from the attic doesnt warm the cockles anywhere near as much a hot-chocolate-totin trip to the local Christmas market.

Know your Christmas trees

Read up on the Nordic Spruce, Nordmann fir, Scots pine et al to decide whether you want to prioritise price over, say, needle retention. The only drawback to a real tree, after all, is that spiky carpet of needles come January.

Get to grips with dimensions

Do not buy a tree until you know how high your ceiling is. Choosing the right tree will (obviously) depend on what your home can accommodate. Bear in mind that it will likely expand threefold once that netting has been snipped off. You can always chop away unnecessary branches (although remember children under 12 should not handle chainsaws unsupervised).

When Christmas is over...

If you've not arranged a tree pick-up, your local council should offer a tree recycling service. See www.recycleforlondon.com for details.

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Alexandra Palace Garden Centre

This charming garden centre in the grounds of Ally Pally gets a festive transformation come Christmas. They have a dedicated Christmas shop where you can pick up everything from freshly cut and pot-grown fir trees to Christmas decorations and lights.

Find out more here.

London christmas tree rental

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London Christmas Tree Rental

Over 7 million trees go into landfill every year, and London Christmas Tree Rental wants to change this. They provide real trees on a temporary basis - just put down a 20 refundable deposit on top of your Christmas tree fee, and you'll have a bushy new friend delivered to your doorstep to keep for the festive period. You can even request to have the same tree every year - just don't forget to water it!

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Battersea Flower Station
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Nordman Firs, Fraser Firs, Norway Spruce and pot-grown evergreens; you'll find them all at this cosy, independent garden centre. Knowledgeable staff will give you tips on how to avoid being left with a leafless stick come Christmas day, and help you buy tree stands and decorations.

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Brockley Market
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It's slap-bang in the middle of a car park, but don't let that put you off this friendly local market. As well as stalls with lush groceries, locally made treats and top-notch street food, there are plenty of quality Christmas decorations come December. As usual, the evergreens come from Hole Park Estate in Kent which has been growing spruces for 60 years. Order a tree for collection or buy it on the spot along with festive flora and garlands.

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Leadenhall Market
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Venue says Dating back to the fourteenth Century, Leadenhall Market is a unique, boutique shopping and dining destination in the heart of the City.

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Camden Garden Centre
Camden Town

This award-winning garden centre, which employs disadvantaged Londoners, is filled with fine firs as Christmas approaches. It stocks trees up to five metres tall, including traditional Norway spruce and needle-holding Nordmann and noble firs. Knowledgeable staff will help trim your tree to fit your stand. The centre also sells wreaths, holly and mistletoe to kit your house out in leafy festive splendour.



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The Chelsea Gardener
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This picturesque garden centre goes all out for Christmas. Pick up your perfect tree with advice from the charming staff and choose from a huge collection of unique festive decorations and ornaments. Theyve also got a whole bunch of gifts on offer to fill the space under your fir once its up.

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The Christmas Forest

Trees of all varieties including noble and Fraser firs as well as non-drop Nordmann are packed into branches of The Christmas Forest. There are ten forests dotted around the city (including Stoke Newington, Ealing and Dulwich) where you can gobble down mince pies as you browse. Its an eco-friendly enterprise too: for every tree sold, another is planted in the drylands of Africa.

Find out more here.

Clickmas Trees

Husband and wife duo, John and Lulu, have been providing the people of south east London with Nordmann Firs since 2009. Each of their pitches are at places close to their hearts; the forecourt of Crofton Park Library is turned into a mini evergreen forest to help keep the community library open and accessible. And theyve also set up shop at Lulus childhood church, St Marks Kennington.

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Clifton Nurseries
Little Venice

This stately nursery has been a horticulturalists paradise since 1851 and in that time theyve learned how to do Christmas very well. In between their topiarised box trees and hot houses theyve got a dedicated Christmas shop filled with sparkling decorations. Plus, you can pick up lush Nordmann firs in sizes ranging from 2.5ft to over 10ft tall.

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Columbia Road Flower Market
Bethnal Green

Bushy firs are joining the hordes of browsers at what must be Londons most visually appealing market. The stalls are flogging a range of evergreens and festive flora, each with its own deals and prices. Head down there on a Wednesday in the run-up to Christmas, when the independent shops lining the street stay open till 9pm and carol singers serenade shoppers.

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In order to offer the freshest of firs, online-only company Creekside Christmas collect their pines (both traditional Norway Spruces and non-drop Nordman Firs) from a farm every morning before delivery. With an extensive delivery area across the capital, which includes central and postcodes N, NW, E, SE, SW, W, SM and CR, the Creekside team declare themselves as the "cheapest supplier of Christmas trees to your door in London", so if you're not up for lugging your tree across town, it's definitely worth checking out Creekside's pines this December.

[Find out more here](#)

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Growing Concerns
Victoria Park

This social enterprise garden centre is staffed by a team of horticulturalists who are intent on improving the environment for those living in the East End. In the run-up to Christmas theyll be selling sweet-smelling Nordman firs along with quirky decorations and bunches of holly and mistletoe. You might even catch a glimpse of the garden centre cat, Loren.

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John Lewis Xmas 2016
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John Lewis Oxford Street
Oxford Street

Cosily ensconced in John Lewiss pine-scented log cabin, its easy to forget that youre mere moments from the throngs of Oxford Street. Discover two British-grown tree varieties mixed in with John Lewiss faux designs. Will you go for Oxfordshires Rocky Mountain Fir? Or perhaps the (rather exotic sounding) Korean Fir, sourced from the (albeit less exotic) Scottish Borders.



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Kings Christmas Trees

Buying one of Kings Scottish Nordmann Firs will do more than just add sparkle to your living room. Set up in association with the Jericho Road Project, a homeless charity based in Catford, each tree bought will help rough sleepers and vulnerable people by providing hot meals at the projects meetings. Pick up your evergreen from one of their store locations in Catford, Beckenham, Deptford and Dulwich, or order for local delivery.

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Neal's Nurseries
Wandsworth

This wonderful nursery on the fringes of Wandsworth Common is one of the largest in the capital. In preparation for Christmas, theyve filled the centre with trees of all different sizes and types, festive wreaths and garlands, twinkling lights and glittering decorations.

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North 1 Garden Centre

Since the 1990s this centre has grown from a small backyard independent to a boutique-style gardener's essential, winning a string of awards in the process. In the run up to the big day it opens a 'Christmas Emporium' where you can pick up trees, plants bursting with red berries, festive florals and charming decorations.

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One Fine Tree

This cosy pitch on Wandsworth Bridge Road sells first grade, non-drop Nordmann Firs ranging from 2ft to 10ft tall. They offer a local delivery and installation service, but its worth making the journey to their Fulham HQ. Festooned with twinkling lights and dotted with friendly staff, it makes for a magical shopping experience.

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Fulham

This large garden centre on leafy Bishops Avenue is a sparkling one-stop festive shop kitted out with crafty decorations and ornaments, gifts and trees galore. Theres even artificial foliage for those whose track record with house plants isnt great. Anyone with greener fingers should nab one of the lush, hand-picked, fir-real evergreens.

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Patch Plants Christmas Trees

Patch Plants

The online garden centre filling Londons homes and offices with lush houseplants of all shapes and sizes is upping its game for Christmas. Pick between Nora (a Nordman fir), Fraser (a Fraser fir) or Priscilla (a mini potted tree) for free home delivery.

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Christmas at Petersham Nurseries

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Petersham Nurseries

Richmond

A truly joyous experience at any time of year, Petersham Nurseries is possibly most spectacular at Christmas. Visit the original Richmond branch to peruse British-grown trees in an assortment of shapes and sizes, alongside exquisite wreaths and imaginative decorations. No trip would be complete without dropping into the teahouse for a homemade mince pie and a hot toddy.

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Rassells of Kensington

West Kensington

This beautiful labyrinth of a nursery has sat quietly off Earls Court Road since the 19th Century. Every winter they stock a marvelously fragrant selection of top-notch Christmas trees, which are available to order, or can be bought on the day. Their florist can also rustle up some gorgeous festive wreaths and garlands.

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Pines and Needles

Brothers Josh and Sam Lyle founded Pines and Needles as teenagers in 1995, flogging trees from a horse box on their Scottish family farm. Theyre now based in 26 locations in London (including Brick Lane, Brockwell Park, Victoria Park, Regents Park and Hampstead Heath) where kilte



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d salesman will help you pick up various firs in sizes up to 9ft.

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Shoots and Leaves

The folks at this landscaping company trawl around the countrys Christmas tree farms to pick out the perfect evergreens to sell. You can buy their fine firs, plus wreaths, lights, holly and bundles of spruce, at six collection points across west London. If you head over on a weekend you may also find carol singers, brass bands, mulled wine and mince pies.

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Sunshine Garden Centre

This neat and colourful nursery is going all out for Christmas. Pick up lights, gifts, festive food, cards and decorations as well as a bushy sustainable tree. Dont miss a look at their in-store Christmas displays and a visit to the Santas grotto.

Find out more here.

For more festive goods...

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Christmas markets and fairs in London

Looking for gift inspiration? Look no further than London's Christmas markets. Among a raft of events you'll find foodie gifts, hand-crafted pressies and usually a bit of glhwein to help you get into that merry spirit.

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