

Come To Chislehurst Caves!

My Travel Blog

Where is it?

Chislehurst Caves is in Chislehurst near the railway station in Grove Park is only 5 minutes away or you could drive or if you want you can take the bus from Bromley on the 269 or 162. From Grove Park on train it is only 2 stops. It is open from Wednesday to Sunday. There is a 45 minute guided tour. If you want to drive no problem there are loads of parking there. You must go in with a guided tour – you DON'T want to go in by yourself or you might never get out. There is a cafe there as well, if you want something to eat and also a bar if you want lunch also at the cafe there is home-made food. There is also a gift shop if you want to buy a gift there.

The GALAXY Of History

Did you know that the caves are a labyrinth of man – made tunnels just below the homes and woodlands above? The cave is formed of mazes covering over 6 hectares and are up to 30 meters below the homes. The cave was dug for chalk, limestone and brick, inhabited by the Druids, Saxons and the Romans dated

back 4,000 years ago. A long time ago, there was a cinema, their favourite show was (Sweeney Todd) also there was a restaurant but it got cancelled because the pies meat was a bit off. More recently, the caves were used to store gun-powder in 1914-18. Everybody was living in the cave as world war 2 was starting there was a church for ceremonies like christenings, prayers and weddings. In the 1950's,60's and 70's, the caves were used as a venue for dances and concerts. You can still see the stage where the bands had performed, complete with replica drum kits. Did you know the first baby to be born in a cave was a little girl named Cavena who changed her name to Rose instead?

Come In- If You DARE!

As you entered the mouth of the labyrinth, since I went inside, I was shivering. The air turned cooler, my eyes glimpsed the one piece of light shining through. The rocks echo off the dense walls. Hesitated in the dim light lurking to find my way, as water dripped like a running pipe. The guide showed us a gong and banged it 3 times BANG! BANG! BANG! Although I was scared, I was excited. My heart jumped out of my chest as he banged it even louder each time. As I trembled blindly it was darkness for ETERNITY! As I walked in the cave,

the dim light swallowed me whole. I felt like I was going to get lost, my stomach twisting and turning as I stumbled over the gravel. Freaky carvings caught my eyes as I was really scared so I screamed. I felt really nervous at first but, when I got used to it I never wanted to go.

What did I learn from this trip?

Apart from the history about the caves, I learnt that you have to be brave to venture down there. It is full of imagination like carvings and that ghosts are REAL!

Would I recommend this trip and why?

Yes – 10,000% – I would recommend this for children 7 and up, also people who are learning about world war 2, because they tell you all the info you need to know.