



Come to the caves

My travel blog



Where is it?

Chislehurst Caves are located in Chislehurst. The best way to get there is by train but there are lots of parking spaces.

There is a lovely pub called Beckley Arms it's so easy to grab some lunch after your visit. The opening days are:

Wednesday and Tuesday

it costs £6 for adults and £4 for children. Also there is an amazing gift shop that sells stationary, gems and magnets and there is a cafe in the building that serves home –made meals and teas The opening times are from 10:00 am to 4:00pm . There are only toured visits your visit will be 45 Minute's long.

Miles of mystery

Years and years of history. Chislehurst caves are over 6 hectors and 30 meters below the ground. In the 1900 they opened the caves to the Victorians and told them all about the smuggling, gun-powder and murdering. In the 1920s and 30s the caves were used as a mushroom farm. It became a town in the cave. Amazingly it became the largest air-rade

shelter in London; it was protecting over 1500 people per night during the Blitz.

If you want to visit , make sure not to wear your best clothes as it gets pretty chalky ! . In the 1950s,60s and 70s it was used as a place where bands would could come and play concerts . The caves were set out like a bed sit. There was a hospital a church and a cinema where they always watched Sweeny Todd, but that put every one off their pies that were served. Did you know a girl got christened in the caves and also got called Cavina but she did not like it so she changed it to Rose and she still visits the caves but she now lives in the countryside.

Enter-if you dare !

As I entered the cave darkness engulfed my shadow as the chilling blackness surrounded me . The only thing I could hear was the sound of my classmates echoing footsteps. When entering the cave, my heart was beating so fast. I was so scared. The sound of my classmates giggles echoing around the caves .

The walls were getting narrower and narrower, preparing to swallow me whole. The sound of the water dripping was like footsteps emerging through the tunnels. As I shook in fear I clutched my step mums hand as we ventured around the dark damp narrow tunnel.

As we travelled deeper into the caves the guide wanted to show us where the echoes came from, so he banged a big gong. My eyes adapted to the dim lighting. Uncontrollably the lanterns flickered, the lanterns filled the caves path with an amber glow. I was so frightened the darkness was never ending (like the tour)

I was so relieved when the tour was over but half of me wanted to stay because there was so much to learn about Chislehurst caves.

What did I learn?

I have learnt so much about the caves it is such an experience you learn about:

The Blitz

The carvings

And a girl was born there WOW! And so much more...

Would I recommended this trip and why?

Yeah absolutely the reason is it's a once in a life time experience, you have complete darkness which makes you feel scared , exited and vulnerable . This trip will not be suitable for children under 8 years old.

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