



*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## Africa

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By printing this leaflet you have decided to discover, or rediscover, the sights and delights of **London** in a different way. We hope that you enjoy your explorations of our fascinating and historical capital city.

This leaflet has been designed to allow you to explore as the mood takes you. Both well-known and lesser-known attractions are included and they are randomly listed so that you plan your own itinerary and visit as many or as few as you wish.

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A very brief description of the reason for the choice of site is given but because of space it is not possible to include much detail. Again a telephone call to the site may help you to decide on whether a visit is worthwhile. Remember there may be other items that interest you at the same site.

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### **Enjoy Your Explorations**

## University College, Institute of Archaeology

31-34 Gordon Square, WC1  
020 7679 4789

transport: Goodge Street, Euston Square & Russell Square u/g, Euston u/g & rail; buses 18,24,29,30,73,134,149,168,176,253,A2

opening: by appointment with Collections Manager only + displays in foyer Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00  
admission free

*the Institute was opened 1937 for the purposes of teaching & research. It has several important collections including Archaeobotanical (seeds,wood,pollen,cereal), Classical (bronze & iron age, pots,marble sculptures), Geo-archaeology (rocks,sediment,soils), Zooarchaeology (molluscs,bones) and Prehistoric. The last has material from Britain, Europe, Western Asia, Africa, SouthEast Asia, Australia, and America with special emphasis on Palaeolithic, Neolithic, Bronze and Iron Ages*

## Royal Artillery South African War Memorial

The Mall, SW1

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail;buses 3,6,9,12,13,15,23,26,53,88,91,139,159

*this war memorial commemorates the 1000 artillerymen who fell in South Africa between 1899 and 1900. It depicts Peace restraining a horse, while bronze panels show a garrison, mountain artillery and the names of the fallen*

## Sharpeville Shootings Memorial

Brixton Road, Brixton, SW9

transport: Brixton u/g & rail; buses 2,35,37,109,118,196,250,322,345,355,P4,P5

*an 1987 memorial to the shooting of South Africans by police in Sharpeville in 1960. Sixty-seven people were killed and two hundred wounded*

## The Globe pub

43-47 Marylebone Road, NW1

transport: Regents Park u/g; buses 18,27,30,205,453

opening: all permitted hours

*this pub has three signs with globe maps of the Americas & The Falklands, Europe & Africa, and Asia & Australasia*

## British Library

96 Euston Road, NW1

020 7412 7332 [www.bl.uk](http://www.bl.uk)

transport: King's Cross/St Pancras & Euston u/g & rail; buses 10,20,73,91

*facilities: Acousta guides; disabled access & wcs; refreshments; shop; tours (Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun 15.00; Sat 10.30 & 15.00)*

opening: daily Mon,Wed-Fri 09.30-18.00, Tues 09.30-20.00, Sat 09.30-17.00, Sun 11.00-17.00

admission free to Exhibition Galleries, reader's pass required for reading rooms. Charge for tours

*this National Library has a collection of 8 million philatelic items with 80,000 on display. One of the main collections is the Mosely which specialises in stamps from British Africa until 1935*

## Royal Marines Memorial

opposite Cook's statue, The Mall, SW1

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail;buses 3,6,9,12,13,15,23,26,53,88,91,139,159

*those who died in the Boer and China Wars 1899 to 1900 are commemorated in this 1903 war memorial. When it was refurbished in 2000 it became a memorial to all*

*conflicts. The relief illustrates battles in the various campaigns*

## St James's, Piccadilly

197 Piccadilly, W1

020 7734 4511

[www.st-james-piccadilly.org](http://www.st-james-piccadilly.org)

transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3,6,9,12,13,14,15,19,22,23,38,53,88,139,159

*facilities: Aroma café (Mon-Sat 08.00-.19.00, Sun 10.00-19.00)*

opening: daily. Market Tue 10.00-18.00 (antiques), Wed-Sat 10.00-18.00 (crafts only)

*a craft market with stalls selling ethnic goods from Africa, Russia and Tibet is held daily in this churchyard*

## Eltham Palace

Court Yard, Court Road, Eltham, SE9

020 8294 2548

transport: Mottingham & Eltham rail ½ mile; buses 124,126,132,160,161,162,233,286,314,321,B16

*facilities: audio tour in French or German and for hearing impaired; disabled access to ground floor; tearoom; giftshop; tours pre-booked for groups (020 8294 2548)*

opening: Wed-Fri, Sun Apr-Sept 10.00-18.00, Oct 10.00-17.00, Nov-Mar 10.00-16.00

admission charge

*this 1930s French style house was built for the Courtauld Family by the architects John Seely and Paul Paget. Among the interesting art deco furnishings is a leather patchwork map showing London's first airport at Croydon. The cardinal points are represented as an Eskimo, a Chinaman, an African warrior and a Red Indian chief*

## Marianne North Gallery

Victoria Gate, Kew Gardens, Richmond, Surrey,

transport: Kew Gardens u/g & rail, Kew Bridge rail; buses 65,237,267,391,419; boat Kew Pier

*Marianne North made many journeys abroad to paint plants in their natural habitats. The gallery displays 832 of these oil paintings including plants from Brazil, Japan, Sarawak, Java, Sri Lanka, India, Australia, New Zealand,South Africa, the Seychelles and Chile*

## Africa Centre

38 King Street, WC2

020 7836 1976

[www.africacentre.org.uk](http://www.africacentre.org.uk)

transport: Covent Garden & Leicester Square u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 6,9,11,13,15,23,24,29,77A,91,176

opening: 09.30-17.30

*this centre is devoted to providing education on all African subjects often through informal talks. There are shops & bars and well-known names in African music can often be heard at the Limpopo Club (Fri 23.00-03.00). See also individual entries under Africa Bar and Africa Book Centre*

## South Africa House

Trafalgar Square, WC2

020 7451 7299

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,13,15,23,24,29,53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat Embankment Pier

*built 1985 African animals are carved on the keystones and a golden springbok by Charles Wheeler (1934) stands on the entrance*

## British Museum

Great Russell Street, WC1B  
020 7323 8000 [www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk](http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk)

transport: Russell Square & Tottenham Court Road u/g;  
buses 10,24,29,73,134

facilities: *audio guides for certain displays including the Parthenon Sculptures (6 languages); disabled access & wcs; licensed restaurant (self-service) and snacks (daily Mon-Sat 10.00-16.30, Sun noon-17.30); shop selling books, postcards, posters and replicas; eyeOpener gallery tours of 50mins +Spotlight talks of 20mins*

opening: daily Sat-Wed 10.00-17.30, Thur-Fri 10.00-20.30; Great Court Mon-Wed 09.00-21.00, Thur-Sat 09.00-23.00, Sun 09.00-18.00. Clearance 10mins before closing

admission free except for some tours - donation welcomed  
*ethnographic and cultural material, formerly at the Museum of Mankind, from Africa, Japan, Oceania, South and Central America.*

*the African collection includes coffins, masks and costumes, textiles, pottery & wall paintings (including one dated 1400BC from a tomb in Thebes), and is now displayed in 3 African galleries in the Queen Elizabeth II Great Court where a glass roof provides the largest covered square in Europe*

## Horniman Museum and Gardens

100 London Road, SE23  
020 8699 1872 [www.horniman.demon.co.uk](http://www.horniman.demon.co.uk)

transport: Forest Hill & West Dulwich rail; buses 63,122, 176,185,312,P4,P13

facilities: *disabled access & wcs; library (Tue-Sun 14.00-17.30); snacks; shop*

opening: museum daily 10.30-17.30; gardens Mon-Sat 07.15-dusk, Sun 08.00-dusk  
admission free

*22,000 objects cover the entire continent of Africa and show aspects of different lifestyles from hunter-gathering & farming to town & city life. There are African masks, mummies, puppets, Benu and Nigerian art, contemporary pottery, life-size cement sculpture and musical instruments including lutes, harps, whistles, Ethiopian religious music and Nigerian drums*

*the personal library of F J Horniman covers the history, entomology and botany of Africa and has been added to over the years to reflect the subject areas of natural history, musical instruments & ethnography. It has 20,000 monographs, 100 current journals and 150 non-current journals*

## Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts

Parliament Square, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,6,9,13,15,23,24,29, 53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat Embankment Pier

*statue of the South African field marshal, statesman and prime minister (1870-1950) who was instrumental in the founding of the League of Nations; by Sir Jacob Epstein 1956*

## Westminster Abbey

Deans' Yard, Parliament Square, SW1  
020 7222 5152 [www.westminster-abbey.org](http://www.westminster-abbey.org)

transport: Westminster & St James's Park u/g, Victoria & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,109,159, 211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

facilities: *audio guide & leaflets in 7 languages; guided tours (Apr-Oct Mon-Fri 10.00,10.30,11.00,14.00,15.00, Sat 10.00,11.00,12.30; Nov-Mar Mon-Fri 10.00,11.00,14.00,15.00, Sat 10.00,11.00,12.30)*

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-16.45 (last admission 15.45); Sat 09.00-14.45 (last admission 13.45); closed Sun except for worship; Cloister daily 08.00-18.00; Chapter House daily 10.00-17.30 Apr-Oct, 10.00-16.00 Nov-Mar  
admission charge

*stained glass in the RAF Chapel shows the flags of New Zealand, Canada, Australia, South Africa, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Belgium and the USA*

## John Hanning Speke

North end of Long Water, Kensington Gardens, W2

transport: Lancaster Gate u/g; buses 12,94

*obelisk erected 1866 as a memorial to the explorer (1827-1864) who discovered Lake Tanganyika (1858) and Lake Victoria*

## Physical Energy

West bank of Long Water, Kensington Gardens, W2

transport: Lancaster Gate u/g; buses 12,94

*a 12ft high bronze equestrian statue, by George Frederick Watts, representing Cecil Rhodes (1853-1902), colonial statesman, prime minister of Cape Colony, South Africa (1890-6) and founder of De Beers Consolidated Mines Co.(1888). The naked male on the rearing horse symbolises energy and is a replica of part of a memorial to Rhodes at Groote Schuur, near Cape Town, South Africa*

## Sir Henry Edward Bartle Frere

Victoria Embankment Gardens between Horse Guards Avenue and Embankment Underground Station, SW1

transport: Embankment u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159; boat Embankment Pier

*statue by Sir Thomas Brock, erected in 1888 to Sir Henry Frere (1815-1884) who was a statesman in India and High Commissioner in South Africa*

## Nelson Mandela

Riverside walk, Hungerford Bridge to Royal Festival Hall, SE1

transport: Waterloo u/g & rail, Embankment u/g; buses 76,77,211,341,381; boat Festival Pier

*statue by Ian Walters to the African nationalist leader born 1918*

## Elms Lester's Tribal Art Gallery

Flitcroft Street, WC2

020 7836 6747

transport: Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 1,14,19,24, 29,38,176

opening: usually daily 11.00-18.00 but advisable to check  
*sells African goods including tribal art, masks and Ghanaian gold weights used for weighing gold*

## Africa Book Centre

Africa Centre, 38 King Street, WC2

020 7240 6649

transport: Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 6,9,11,13,15,23,77A,91,176

opening: Tue-Sat 10.30-18.30

*bookshop selling fiction, non-fiction & African languages*

## Arthur Probsthain Oriental & African Bookshop

41 Great Russell Street, WC2

020 7636 1096

transport: Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 7,10,24,29, 73,134

opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-17.30, Sat 11.00-16.00

*covers all aspects of Asian, African and Middle East studies*

### **Grant Museum of Zoology & Comparative Anatomy**

Darwin Building, University College London, Gower Street, WC1E  
020 7387 7050 x 2647

transport: Goodge Street, Euston Square & Russell Square u/g, Euston u/g & rail; buses 10,18,24,29,30,59,68,73, 91,134,168

*facilities: restaurant in main college; tours*

opening: Wed, Fri 13.00-17.00; other times by appointment with Curator 020 7679 7096  
admission free

*the museum has the skeleton of a quagga, a type of zebra which lived in South Africa but became extinct in the 1870s because of the desirability of its skin for handbag manufacture*

### **Stem's**

293 Euston Road, NW1  
020 7387 5550

transport: Euston u/g & rail; buses 10,18,27,30,73,88, 91

*shop specialising in African and Latin music*

### **Africa Bar, Calabash**

The Africa Centre, 38 King Street, WC2  
020 7836 1976

transport: Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 6,9,11,13,15,23,77A,91,176

opening: Mon-Thur 17.30-23.00, Fri-Sat 17.30-03.00

*African music & posters of Kenya & Zimbabwe tourist delights*

### **St Margaret's**

Parliament Square, Westminster, SW1  
020 7222 6382

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

opening: Mon-Sat 09.30-17.30, Sun 13.00-17.30  
admission free

*heraldic stained glass in the South Aisle includes the royal coat of arms and arms of Australia, New Zealand, Canada & South Africa*

### **Jubilee (Silver Jubilee Fountain)**

New Palace Yard, Westminster, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

*made of black painted galvanised steel strips and rotating on an axis, it is decorated with animals - unicorn (Europe), lion (Africa), tiger (Asia), kangaroo (Australia), penguin (Antarctica). It was constructed by Walenty Pytel, 1977*

### **South African and Afghanistan Wars Memorial**

Repository Road, Woolwich, SE18

transport: Woolwich Arsenal rail; buses 51,53,96,99,244, 291

*this 1882 granite cairn by Count Gleichen stands 18ft high with bronze trophies of Zulu shields, assegais and Afghan arms. It commemorates those who lost their lives in the wars of 1877 to 1881*

### **Foreign and Commonwealth Office**

King Charles Street, SW1A

020 7270 1500

[www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk)

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium & Embankment Piers

opening: special open days. Telephone above number to find out

*the pillars in the Library have lion masks. A marble 1730 chimneypiece and overmantle in the India Office Council Chamber depicts Britannia receiving riches of the East Indies. Behind Britannia are 2 females symbolising Asia (with camel) and Africa (with lion). The piece is by John Michael Rysback*

### **MoMo Familial**

25 Heddon Street, Regent Street, W1

020 7434 4040

transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3,6,9,12,14,13, 15,19,22,23,38,53,88,94,139,159

*African food, Arabic music and Moorish décor*

### **Crown Jewels**

Tower of London, Tower Hill, EC3N

020 7680 9004

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium & St Katharines Piers

*facilities: limited disabled access; sales desk & gift shop*

opening: Mar-Oct Mon-Sat 09.00-17.00, Sun 10.00-17.00; Nov-Feb Tue-Sat 09.00-16.00, Sun-Mon 10.00-16.00

admission charge

*a magnificent display of the Crown Jewels of the British monarchy including St Edward's Crown (worn only at Coronations) and the Imperial State Crown made for Queen Victoria and worn on state occasions. It has 3,733 precious jewels including a diamond that is the second largest of the Stars of Africa taken from the Cullinan diamond. The largest Star of Africa is in the cross of the Sceptre and is the biggest diamond in the world (530 carats). Another Cullinan diamond can be seen in the Queen's Gallery (see separate entry)*

### **East Street Market , SE17**

transport: Elephant & Castle u/g & rail; buses 12,35,40, 45,68,171,176,468,P5

opening: Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 08.00-17.00; Thur, Sun 09.00-17.00

*this market sells everything but especially African food*

### **Shepherd's Bush Market, W12**

transport: Shepherd's Bush & Goldhawk Road u/g; buses 49,94,95,207,220,237,260,283,295

opening: Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 08.30-18.00, Sun 08.30-15.00

*a vibrant local market selling produce with an Indian flavour, African-Caribbean vegetables and ethnic fabrics & handmade garments*

### **National Army Museum**

Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, SW3

020 7730 0717

[www.national-army-museum.ac.uk](http://www.national-army-museum.ac.uk)

transport: Sloane Square u/g; buses 11,211,137,239; boat Cadogan Pier

*facilities: wheelchair access to all galleries; snacks and light lunches; museum shop with souvenirs, gifts & books*

opening: daily 10.00-17.30

admission free

*scenes of life during 2<sup>nd</sup> World War in the jungles of Burma and the deserts of Africa*

### **Oriental and India Office Collection**

British Library, 96 Euston Road, NW1  
020 7412 7000

transport: Kings Cross/St Pancras u/g & rail; buses 10, 30,73,91

*facilities: disabled access (extra help by arrangement); library; vending machines for refreshments; shop*

opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-17.45, Sat 09.30-12.45  
admission free

*half million books and 40000 manuscripts covering Asia and northern Africa and representing 360 languages*

### **Royal College of Music Donaldson Museum**

Prince Consort Road, SW7  
020 7591 4346

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,52,70  
*facilities: library; snacks; tours*

opening: Wednesday termtime except Jan, 14.00-16.30  
admission charge

*collection of over 80 Asian and African musical instruments*

### **Victoria Memorial Gardens**

front of Buckingham Palace, The Mall, SW1

transport: Victoria u/g & rail, St James's Park & Green Park u/g; buses 2,8,9,14,19,22,26,36,38,52,73,82

*3 ornamental gateways presented by Canada, West and South Africa and Australia. The one to the East onto Constitution Hill has a leopard & eagle (West Africa) and an ostrich & monkey (South Africa)*

### **Natural History Museum**

Cromwell Road, SW7  
020 7942 5000 [www.nhm.ac.uk](http://www.nhm.ac.uk)

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,14,45,49, 52,74,C1

*facilities: disabled access via Earth Galleries entrance; disabled wcs; library; Waterhouse Café (10.00-17.00), Life Galleries Restaurant (10.00-17.00), Globe Fast Food (11.00-16.00), Snack Bar & Picnic Area (11.00-16.30); bookshop & gift shops; British Geological Survey Information Office; tours by arrangement*

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.50, Sun 11.00-17.50;  
Wildlife Garden May-Sept noon-17.00 with guided tours at noon & 15.00 (020 7942 5011)  
admission free

*the Life Galleries display modern mammals and their fossil ancestors. The Rowland Ward Pavilion has three dioramas of different African environments showing the animals that populate them*

### **Royal Army Ordnance Corps Memorial**

Artillery Place, Woolwich, SE18

transport: Woolwich Arsenal rail; buses 51,53,96,99, 244,291

*this memorial of 1905 is to those who died in the South African War. The bronze pedestal fountain has a bronze figure in RAOC uniform. It was designed by C M Jordan*

### **Ridley Road Market**

Ridley Road, Dalston, E8  
020 8356 3702

transport: Dalston Kingsland rail; buses 30,56,67,76, 149,236,243

opening: Mon-Sat 09.00-18.00

*African, Asian and Caribbean foods*

### **Queen's Gallery**

Buckingham Palace Road, SW1A  
020 7839 1377 [www.royalresidences.com](http://www.royalresidences.com)

transport: St James's Park & Green Park u/g, Victoria u/g & rail; buses 2,8,9,10,11,14,16,19,22,24,36,38,52,73,74, 82,137,185,211,239,C1,C10

*facilities: no access for wheelchairs; sales desk; group tours in evenings by arrangement*

opening: daily 10.00-17.30 (last admission 17.00) entry by timed ticket  
admission charge

*the Cullinan brooch is among the royal treasures on display. The jewel is part of the Cullinan diamond which was presented by South Africa to King Edward VII as a present for his daughter-in-law Queen Mary. Other parts of the Cullinan diamond can be seen in the Crown Jewels at the Tower of London (see separate entry)*

### **Joshua Hill's Famous Sausages**

126 George Lane, South Woodford, E18  
020 8989 3083

transport: South Woodford u/g; buses 179,123,W12, W13,W14

opening: Mon-Sat 08.30-18.00

*over 50 varieties of sausages including South African. All are made on the premises*

### **Brunei Gallery**

Russell Square, WC1

transport: Russell Square & Goodge Street u/g, Euston u/g & rail; buses 7,59,68,91,168,188

*facilities: café; shop*

opening: Mon-Fri 10.30-17.00  
admission free

*this gallery for temporary exhibitions of fine, decorative and applied arts is dedicated to work from Asia and Africa especially that of an historical and contemporary nature. The Gallery aims to present and promote the cultures of the various regions*

A great deal of care has been taken in collecting the information in this leaflet but *CityThemes* cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of that information. It can cover only a few of the many interesting sites to be found in London and therefore must not be considered a definitive guide.

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