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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.

Please note:- some places restrict entry and ask for prior application either in writing or by telephone. This is indicated where known. Others may change opening days and hours with little warning – it may be worth checking by phone if they are off the beaten track.

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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British Museum

Great Russell Street, WC1B
020 7323 8000 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 09.00-3.00, Sun 09.00-18.00. Clearance 10mins before closing

admission free except for some tours - donation welcomed

among the many items on show at the Museum are Indian religious sculptures - including goddesses carved in stone and limestone relief, drum slabs and dome sculptures from Amaravati, Southern India

Oriental and India Office Collection

96 Euston Road, NW1
020 7412 7000

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

facilities: *disabled access with extra help by arrangement; library; vending machines; shop*

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

the India Office Collection includes photographs (especially in the Curzon Albums), manuscripts, miniature paintings, prints, drawings and archives relating to the history and culture of the Indian sub-continent & South East Asia. There is good coverage of 19th century newspapers and journals, and drawings by British artists in India. Official archives from the East India Company are also held

Sir Charles James Napier

Trafalgar Square, WC2

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,11,12,13,15,23,24,29,53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat Embankment Pier

another statue in the Square commemorates Sir Charles Napier (1782-1853), the British soldier who was the conqueror of Sind (now part of Pakistan). The statue by John Cannon Adams was erected in 1855

Petticoat Lane Market

Middlesex Street, E1
020 7377 8963 www.eastlondonmarkets.com

transport: Aldgate & Aldgate East u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 8,11,26,35,42,47,48,78,100,133,149,214,242,344

opening: daily 10.00-14.30 but best on Suns 09.00-14.00

this famous 200 year old market has Asian fabrics, Indian gold jewellery, clothes and leatherware

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 market with an Indian flavour including ethnic fabrics & handmade garments

No.45 Berkeley Square, W1

transport: Green Park u/g; buses 8,9,14,19,22,38

this was the home of Clive of India (1725-74) between 1761-74

Garnet, 1st Viscount Wolseley

Horse Guards Parade, SW1

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

Wolseley (1833-1913), a British Field Marshal, led the attempted rescue of General Gordon at Khartoum. The statue was erected in 1920 and is by Sir William Goscombe John

Louis, 1st Earl Mountbatten of Burma

Horse Guards Parade, SW1

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

a statue of 1983 commemorates Earl Mountbatten (1900-79), Admiral of the Fleet, statesman and grandson of Queen Victoria. During the 2nd World War he was supreme commander in SE Asia and defeated the Japanese offensive into India in 1944. In 1947 he became the last Viceroy of India prior to independence. He was assassinated by Irish terrorists while fishing off Ireland. The statue is by Fanta Belsky

Robert, 1st Baron Clive of Plassey,

King Charles Street, SW1

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

the statue, by John Tweed, of Robert Clive (Clive of India 1725-74) has reliefs showing Clive at the siege of Arcot in 1751 & receiving the grant of Bengal & Orissa at Allahabad in 1765

Chillianwallah Victory obelisk

Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, SW3

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

a granite obelisk war memorial of 1853 by Charles Robert Cockerell records those killed in the Chillianwallah Victory in January 1849, a battle in the 2nd Sikh War

Windsor Castle

Windsor, Berks, SL4
01753 831118 www.the-royal-collection.org.uk

transport: Windsor rail, Green Line coach from Victoria
facilities: *audio guide; disabled visitors should contact visitors' office; shop for books, postcards & gifts; pre-arranged tours for groups*

opening: daily Mar-Oct 09.45-17.15 (last admission 16.00); Nov-Feb 09.45-16.15 (last admission 15.00)
admission charge

the seamless Indian carpet in the Waterloo Chamber was woven for the Empress of India, Queen Victoria

St Mary the Virgin

Overton Drive, St Mary's Avenue, Wanstead, E11

transport: Wanstead rail; buses 66,101,145,308,W13, W14

amongst the monuments is one of marble in the nave to Sir Josiah Child (born 1630), merchant and governor of the East India Company; by Jan van Nost

General Sir James Outram,

Victoria Embankment Gardens beyond Horse Guards Avenue, SW1

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

this statue of 1871 by Matthew Noble shows General Outram (1803-63) wearing the Star of India. The General went with Sir Henry Havelock to the relief of Lucknow

George Nathaniel, 1st Marquis Curzon of Kedleston

Carlton Gardens, SW1

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,8,9,12,13, 14,15,19,22,23,38,53,88,139,159

Marquis Curzon (1859-1925) was a British statesman who became Viceroy of India (1898) where he introduced social & political reforms, established the North West Frontier Province and partitioned Bengal. His home was No.1 Carlton Terrace. The statue is by Sir Bertram Mackennal

Frederick Sleigh, 1st Earl Roberts of Kandahar, Pretoria and Waterford

Horse Guards Parade, SW1

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

this statue of 1924 commemorates the 1st Earl Roberts (1832-1914). A British field marshal he became commander-in-chief in India (1885-93). By Henry Bates this is a smaller version of a statue in Calcutta

Camden Market

Inverness St, Buck St, High St, Camden Lock, Chalk Farm Road, NW1

020 7284 2084 www.camdenlock.net/markets.html

transport: Camden Town & Chalk Farm u/g; buses 24,27, 29,31,88,134,168,214,253,274,C2

opening: Market Hall daily; Camden Market Thurs-Sun; Camden Lock Wed-Sun; 10.00-18.00

Indian jewellery can be found in this market

St Matthias Old Church

113 Poplar High Street, Poplar, E14

020 7987 0459

transport: Poplar DLR; buses 15,272,D3,D6

opening: by prior appointment

this chapel was built for the East India Company in 1654 and is the oldest building in Docklands; by John Outtram

Glassy Junction pub

97 South Road, Southall, Middlesex

transport Southall rail; buses 105,120,195,E5,H32

in an area nicknamed 'Little India' and dominated by Asian shops and restaurants, a local cinema showing 'bollywood' films and many of the population dressed in turbans or sari, this Asian pub has a larger than life model of an Asian in traditional dress on the outside. It also is the first, if not the only pub, to accept payment in rupees. Worth visiting if you enjoy Asian music as a live band plays very evening Thursday to Saturday

Saddlers Company

Gutter Lane, EC2V 6BR

020 7726 8661 www.saddlersco.co.uk

transport: St Paul's u/g; buses 8,25,56,100,172,242

opening: by prior application to the Company

among the regalia of this City of London livery company is a painted ballot box of 1619 inlaid with the coat of arms of the East India Company

Horniman Museum and Gardens

100 London Road, SE23

020 8699 1872

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

John Frederick Horniman, a tea magnate, enjoyed collecting ethnographic material. He built the museum in 1901 as a 'gift to the people of London' after holding a number of successful private viewings. The collection includes 32,000 items from Asia especially carving (masks and puppets), stone sculpture (including archways and doors), ritual objects, costumes and musical instruments, all depicting the culture of India, China, Japan, Sri Lanka & Burma

Holy Trinity, Marylebone

Albany Street, Regent's Park, NW1

020 7387 5282

transport: Regent's Park & Great Portland Street u/g; buses 18,27,30,88,C2

opening: daily 09.00-18.00

there is a war memorial in this church to officers who died on Indian sub-continent

Royal Artillery Barracks

Grand Depot Road, Woolwich, SE18

020 8781 3710

transport: Woolwich Arsenal rail; buses 122,161,291,386,

on the Parade Ground you can find the Bhurtapore Gun. Captured in India during the Siege of Bhurtapore in 1826 it dates back to 1677. Weighing 17¾ tons it stands on a dolphin-like shaped gun carriage decorated with elephants and lions

Southall, Middlesex

transport: Southall rail; buses 95,105,120,195,207,E5, H32

this area of London is known as 'Little India'. The welcome at the railway station is in English and Punjabi as are the timetables; the local cinema shows 'bollywood' films; authentic North Indian food is sold in the shops and restaurants; you will see men wearing Sikh turbans and women in sari

Skinnners Company

8 Dowgate Hill, EC4

020 7236 5629

transport: Mansion House u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 11,15,26,76,344

opening: admission by prior arrangement

among the fine furniture of this City of London Livery Company is a mahogany table which was a gift from the East India Company in 1700

Science Museum

Exhibition Road, SW7

020 7942 4455 www.sciencemuseum.org.uk

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

facilities: disabled access (helpline 020 7942 4446) & disabled wcs; library; refreshments; shop

opening: daily 10.00-18.00
admission free

5000 objects on display in the Science and Art of Medicine gallery help to illustrate the history of medicine in Western Europe, North America, Ancient Egypt, India and the Far East, from ancient times to the latest developments

Victoria and Albert Museum

Cromwell Road, SW7
020 7942 2000/0870 442 0808 24hr information
www.vam.ac.uk

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,49,70,74, 345,C1

facilities: disabled access and wcs; library; café and restaurant; shop; tours

opening: daily 10.00-17.45, Wed 10.00-22.00
admission free

one of the curatorial departments of the museum covers Indian and South-East Asia. Among the many treasures in the Nehru Gallery of Indian Art are examples of Indian arms and armour, buddha sculpture, jewellery, textiles (especially chintz and muslim), furniture, metalworking and paintings. Have a look at Tippoo's Tiger (a life size automaton in wood of a tiger mauling an officer of the East India Co); basalt sculptures and copper artefacts from India and Nepal; a golden chair belonging to Ranjit Singh, the last Sikh emperor; a brooch & sword of the Sultan of Mysore (killed by the British 1799); and a white nephrite-jade wine cup in the shape of a shell made for Mogul emperor Shah Jahan; and this is only a handful of the treasures held

Sir Henry Havelock

Trafalgar Square, WC2

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,11,12, 13,15,23,24,29,53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat Embankment Pier

this statue of 1861 commemorates Sir Henry Havelock (1795-1857), the British soldier who led the relief of Cawnpore and Lucknow (1857). It was sculptured, from a photograph taken at the Indian mutiny, by William Behnes

Old Boys of Westminster School

Broad Sanctuary, SW1

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

the column was erected in memory of the Old Boys of Westminster School who died in the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny

Chor Bizarre

16 Abermarle Street, W1
020 7629 9802

transport: Green Park & Piccadilly u/g; buses 8,9,14,19, 22,38

opening: Mon-Sat noon-15.00, 18.00-23.30, Sun 06.00-22.30

things Indian - from food to antiques to bric-a-brac

Sir Colin Campbell, 1st Baron Clyde

Waterloo Place, SW1

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,11,12, 13,15,23,24,29,53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat Embankment Pier

a statue to British Field Marshal Baron Clyde (1792-1863) who, during the Indian Mutiny, commanded the forces in India, fought at the Chillianwallah battle during the 2nd Sikh War, and effected the final relief of Lucknow. Statue by Baron Carlo Marochetti, 1867, shows him with a wreath on his head holding a sword and olive branch. Beside him is a figure sitting on a lion

John Laird Mair, 1st Baron Lawrence

Waterloo Place, SW1

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,11,12, 13,15,23,24,29,53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat Embankment Pier

by Sir Joseph Edgar Boehm this statue commemorates Baron Mair (1811-79), one time ruler of the Punjab during the Seepoe Mutiny of 1857 and Viceroy of India 1864-69. I shows him in military dress complete with sword

Robert Cornelius, 1st Baron Napier of Magdala

Queen's Gate, SW7

transport: Gloucester Road & South Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,49,52,70,74

field-marshal Baron Napier (1810-90) served in the campaigns in India and later became commander-in-chief in India and a member of the India Council (1870). The statue, showing him on horseback, is by Sir Joseph Edgar Boehm

Jawaharial 'Pandit' Nehru

India Place (formerly Montreal Place), between Strand and Aldwych, WC2

transport: Temple, Embankment & Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13, 15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341; boat Savoy & Embankment Piers

a bust on a column of the Indian statesman and prime minister (1889-1964)

Sir John Soane's Museum

13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2A

020 7405 2107

www.soane.org

transport: Holborn u/g; buses 1,8,25,38,59,68,91,98, 168,171,188,242

facilities: library; sales desk; tours (Sats 14.30, small charge)

opening: Tue-Sat 10.00-17.00. 1st Tues of every month 18.00-21.00 when parts lit by candle
admission free except for tours

among the variety of objects in this interesting museum are mid 18th century Indian ivory tables and chairs

Sir Henry Edward Bartle Frere

Victoria Embankment Gardens beyond Horse Guards Avenue, SW1

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

an 1888 statue of Sir Henry Frere (1815-84), statesman in India and High Commissioner in South Africa; by Sir Thomas Brock

Mohandas Karamchand (Mahatma) Gandhi

centre of Tavistock Square, WC1

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

this memorial statue to Gandhi (1869-1948), politician, moral teacher, reformer and negotiator of Indian Home

Rule, has him sitting cross-legged. In the centre of a pleasant London square it is by Fredda Brilliant, 1968

Parsee Fountain

zoo end of Broad Walk, Regent's Park, NW1

transport: Regent's Park, Baker Street & Chalk Farm u/g; buses 18,27,30,274,C2

a 16ft fountain of granite and marble with a marble head of Queen Victoria. Made in 1869 it was the gift of the Parsee of Bombay, Sir Cowasjee Jehangir, as 'a token of gratitude to the people of England for the protection enjoyed by him and his fellow countrymen under British rule in India'

Guildhall

Aldermanbury, EC2
020 7606 3030

transport: Bank & Mansion House u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 8,56,76,100,133,242

opening: daily May-Sept 10.00-17.00; Mon-Sat Oct-Apr 10.00-17.00 (advisable to check opening as often closed for events)

admission free

the gateway is a quasi-Indian porch of the 18th century

Whitechapel Market

Whitechapel Road, E1
020 7377 8963 www.eastlondonmarkets.com

transport: Whitechapel u/g; buses 25,106,253,D3

opening: Mon-Sat 08.00-18.00

although a general street market there is an emphasis on ethnic produce, clothing, textiles and Indian jewellery. It is vibrant and colourful

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

King Charles Street, SW1A
020 7270 1500 www.fco.gov.uk

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

opening: special open days. Ring number above to check

the entrance to the India Office has a statue of a Gurkha soldier.

in the interior the marble chimneypiece and overmantle (1730) in the India Office Council Chambers depicts Britannia receiving the riches of the East Indies. Behind are 2 females symbolising Asia (with camel) and Africa (with lion). On the right is the River God (the Thames) and in the background ships are going to sea; by John Michael Rysback

throughout the Office there are portrait busts by Matthew Digby Wyatt portraying great figures in Anglo-Indian history and names of Indian provinces and cities

in the Main Quadrangle female figures represent diplomatic relations between countries in the 1860s; different races of India and continents of the world; further female figures with emblem shields depict the major cities of the United Kingdom.

Ridley Road Market

Ridley Road, Dalston, E8
020 8356 3702

transport: Highbury & Islington u/g, Dalston Kingsland rail; buses 30,38,56,67,76,149,236,242,243

opening: Mon-Wed 09.00-15.00, Thur 09.00-noon, Fri-Sat 09.00-17.00, Sun 10.00-15.00

if you want a good assortment of Asian, African or Caribbean foods, then this is a market to visit

ShreeSwaminarayan Temple

105/119 Brentfield Road, Neasden, NW10
020 8965 2651

transport: Neasden u/g, Stonebridge Park u/g & rail; buses 112,206

opening: daily 09.00-18.30
admission free

this pinnaled Hindu temple was built in 1995. No steel was used in the construction but 3000 tons of Bulgarian limestone faced with 2000 tons of Carrara marble carved in India, English oak structural beams and Burmese teak decorations

Art-Asia

Unit 14 Brocklebank Industrial Estate, Brocklebank Road, Charlton, SE7
020 8858 4855 www.art-asia.co.uk

transport: Charlton rail; buses 161,472,486

opening: Wed-Sun 10.00-17.00

a company that specialises in Indian hand-crafted furniture

Gurkha Memorial

Horse Guards Avenue, SW1

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

this 7ft high bronze by Philip Jackson is of a Gurkha soldier in 1st World War uniform. It was erected in 1997. On it are listed the regiments of Ghurkha rifles whose men gave their lives, together with a list of campaigns from India in 1816 to Bosnia in 1996. It is inscribed 'bravest of the brave, most generous of the generous, never had country more faithful friends than you'

Red Fort Restaurant

77 Dean Street, W1
020 7437 2115

transport: Leicester Square & Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 14,19, 24,29,38,176

opening: Mon-Fri noon-14.15, 17.45-23.15 Sat 17.45-23.15

this Indian restaurant is decorated with brass artefacts and figurines

Arya Daka Arch

51 Globe Road, E2

transport: Bethnal Green & Stepney Green u/g; buses 8,309,339,D6

this wrought iron arch has a lotus flower opening that reveals two deer lying either side of a vase. Above is an eight spoked wheel inset with coloured stones and a trident within a decorative circle fringed with flames. This is the crest of Nalanda with other Buddhist symbols Nalanda was a great monastic university of India in the time of Buddha and as the crest has been used by other monastic institutions it is an appropriate symbol for a teaching institution

Chutney Mary

535 King's Road, SW10
020 7351 3113

transport: Fulham Broadway u/g; buses 11,19,22,49,319,328,345

opening: Mon-Fri 18.30-23.30, Sat 12.30-14.30, 18.30-23.30, Sun 12.30-14.30, 18.30-22.30

another restaurant decorated with examples of Indian craftsmanship including Indian prints