



Seeing the Capital Differently

The Blitz

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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.

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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Enjoy Your Explorations

The Blitz describes the period during the 2nd World War between 1940-41 when London and other major British cities were heavily bombed and severely damaged by German air raids. The sites in this Theme help to recall what life in the city was like during that time. Many of the historic City churches were damaged and some still remain in ruins - remaining walls and towers serving as a memorial to those who were killed

London Fire Brigade Museum

94A Southwark Bridge Road, SE1
020 7587 2894 www.london-fire.gov.uk
transport: Borough & Southwark u/g, Elephant & Castle & London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 344,381
facilities: souvenirs & giftshop with exclusive London Fire Brigade items
opening: Mon-Fri for pre-booked tours 10.30 & 14.00
admission charge
the collection includes a section illustrating the fire-fighting challenges faced by firemen during the Blitz

Salter's Hall

Fore Street, EC2Y
transport: Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 56,76,100,133
close by Salter's Hall is a plaque marking the place where the first bomb fell on the City at the beginning of the Blitz

Imperial War Museum

Lambeth Road, SE1
020 7416 5320 www.iwm.org.uk
transport: Lambeth North & Elephant & Castle u/g; buses 1,12,45,53,59,63,68,100,159,168,171,172,176,188,344, C10
facilities: disabled access; licensed café; book shop
opening: daily 10.00-18.00
admission free
one of the 'living' experiences of the museum is the recreation of the scene during a London air raid

Museum of London

150 London Wall, EC2Y
020 7600 0807 www.museumoflondon.org.uk
transport: Barbican, St Paul's & Moorgate u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,56,100, 172,242
facilities: audio tapes and braille sheets; disabled access via ramps; disabled wcs; library; restaurant and snacks; shop
opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.50, Sun noon-17.50 (last admission 17.30)
admission free
a vivid account of the Blitz includes an Anderson shelter and gas masks together with photographs and paintings

Britain at War Museum

64-66 Tooley Street, SE1
020 7403 3171 www.britainatwar.co.uk
transport: London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 21,35,40,43, 47,48,133,149,343,381
opening: daily April-Sept 10.00-17.30, Oct-Mar 10.00-16.30
admission charge
presents the sights, sounds and smells of the London Blitz with an underground air raid shelter, underground cinema BBC radio studio and Rainbow Corner, a club with jukebox to entertain the GIs

St James's

197 Piccadilly, W1
020 7734 4511 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)
the churchyard was laid out after the 2nd World War as a Garden of Remembrance to commemorate the courage of Londoners during the Blitz

St Dunstan & All Saints

Stepney High Street, Stepney, E1
020 7791 3545
transport: Stepney Green & Whitechapel u/g; buses 25, 309
opening: for services Mon-Fri 08.00, 17.30; Wed.19.30; Thur 11.00; Sat 09.00, 18.00; Sun 08.00, 10.00, 18.00, 18.30. Other times by appointment only
included among the interesting stained glass is a mural of the Blitz by Hugh Easton

Blitz (Firefighters Memorial)

Old Change Court, Distaff Lane, EC4
transport: Mansion House u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 11,15,26,76,100,172
a memorial of 1991 by John W Mills to the 1002 firefighters who died fighting fires in London during the Blitz. It shows three firefighters - two holding a hose and one directing operations

Pumphouse Educational Museum

Lavender Road, Rotherhithe, SE16
020 7231 2976
www.nafso.org.uk/directory/pumphouse.html
transport: Rotherhithe u/g; buses 225,381
facilities: small library; drinks
opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-15.30
admission free
there is an interesting display showing life in Rotherhithe

St Mary-Le-Bow

Cheapside, EC2
020 7248 5139
transport: Bank & St Paul's u/g; buses 8,11,26,76,100, 172,242
facilities: Bell Tower open Mon-Fri by appointment; The Place Below vegetarian restaurant (daily 07.30-14.30, 020 7329 0789)
opening: Mon-Thur 06.30-18.00, Fri 06.30-16.00
one of the stained glass windows on the north side of the church shows St Paul with his Epistles, surrounded by bombed City of London churches

Bethnal Green Underground Station, E 2

transport: Bethnal Green u/g; buses 8,309,D6
a memorial of 1993 commemorates the 73 people killed during a stampede to seek shelter in the underground station during an air raid

Museum in Docklands

No.1 Warehouse, West India Quay, Hertsmere Road, Isle of Dogs, E14
020 7001 9800 www.museumindocklands.org.uk

transport: Canary Wharf u/g & DLR, West India Quay
DLR; buses 277,D3,D7,D8
facilities: disabled access; bar & restaurant, café; shop
(Mon-Sat 10.00-18.00, Sun noon-18.00)

opening: daily 10.00-18.00

admission charge allows as many visits for one year as wish

part of the Museum of London this museum opened in 2003. On 5 floors with 12 galleries it looks at 2000 years of life in the docklands that were once the hub of London trade. It traces the history from 43AD to the present time. The Docklands at War Gallery uses touchscreens to provide reminiscences of the Blitz and a video shows the preparations for the 2nd World War that were made by the docks

St Paul's Cathedral

St Paul's Churchyard, EC4

020 7263 4128

www.stpauls.co.uk

transport: St Pauls & Mansion House u/g, Blackfriars & Cannon Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,11,15,26,56,76,172,100,172,242; boat Blackfriars Millennium Pier

facilities: café in crypt (09.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 10.30-17.00 Sun); shop in crypt (09.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 10.30-17.00 Sun)

opening: Mon-Sat 08.30-16.00 (restricted during services); Crypt 10.00-16.15 Mon-Fri, 11.00-16.15 Sat
admission charge includes entry to galleries

in the churchyard there is a Night Watch memorial stone commemorating those people who acted as cathedral guardians during the Blitz and spent long nights watching for bombs, extinguishing fires and generally safeguarding the Cathedral

Young Vic Theatre

The Cut, Waterloo Road, SE1

020 7633 0133 (admin), 7928 6363 (box office)

www.youngvic.org/

transport: Southwark u/g, Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 45, 63,100

opening: CLOSED July 2004 for rebuilding - due to reopen 2006

a memorial in this theatre's auditorium commemorates the 54 people killed whilst sheltering in the cellars during the Blitz (1941)

Londoners Killed in the Blitz Memorial

St Paul's Churchyard, EC4

transport: St Pauls & Mansion House u/g, Blackfriars & Cannon Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,11,15,26,56,76,172,100,172,242; boat Blackfriars Millennium Pier

placed in the churchyard in 1999 a low circular stone by Richard Kindersley remembers the 30,000 Londoners who died in air raids during the 2nd World War. The inscription round the side reads 'remember before God the people of London 1939-45' while the centre has 'In war, resolution: in defeat, defiance: in victory, magnanimity: in peace, goodwill'

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