



Seeing the Capital Differently

Ampitheatres

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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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Enjoy Your Explorations

Chiswick House

Burlington Lane, Hogarth Road, W4
020 8995 0508 www.english-heritage.org.uk

transport: Turnham Green u/g ¾ mile, Chiswick rail ½ mile; buses 190, 272, E3
facilities: audio tour in French & German, hearing loop for video; disabled access with two steps at entrance & a chairlift to upper floors; snacks; giftshop; group tours during winter months

opening: house Apr-Sept 10.00-18.00, Oct 10.00-17.00 (Sats 10.00-noon only); gardens: daily dawn-dusk admission charge to house; gardens free

designed by the architect and landscape gardener, William Kent (1648-1748), the gardens are in the Italianate style with three patte d'oir (radiating avenues) terminating in ornamental buildings. Included among the statuary and columns is a grass amphitheatre by the side of the lake. An obelisk stands in its centre in a small pool and behind can be seen a temple

Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park

Inner Circle, NW1
020 7935 5756 (admin), 020 7486 1933 (box office)

transport: Baker Street & Regent's Park u/g; buses 13, 18, 27, 30, 74, 82, 113, 189, 274, C2

this open air amphitheatre, seating 1200, was founded in 1972/5 by Sydney Carrol for performing Shakespearean plays. A very lovely venue for a fine summer's evening

Royal Arsenal

Woolwich, SE18

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

opened in 2000 the Arsenal includes a grassed amphitheatre, riverside promenade, cycle path and good views of the River Thames

Kenwood House

Hampstead Lane, NW3
020 8348 1286 www.english-heritage.org.uk

transport: Archway or Golders Green u/g then bus 210, Hampstead Heath rail (1 mile)

facilities: audio guides (French, German, Italian, English); disabled access & wcs; wheelchair hire available; cotton gloves supplied for visually impaired visitors to touch cornices, fire surrounds etc; parking; Brew House Café; gift & bookshop; special tours by arrangement, Taster tours every Wed. 14.30 (check in advance)

opening: daily Apr-Sept 10.00-17.30, Oct 10.00-17.00, Nov-Mar 10.00-16.00
admission free

the gardens, designed by Robert Adam (1728-92), have a grass amphitheatre, statuary and a lake. Summer concerts are held by the lake

Claremont Landscape Garden

Portsmouth Road, Esher, Surrey, KT10
01372 467806

transport: Esher, Hersham & Claygate rail (2 miles)
facilities: disabled access, braille guide; parking; tearoom (Tue-Sun April-Oct, Wed-Sun Nov-Dec, Sat-Sun Jan-Mar 11.00-17.00 or sunset); shop (hours as tearoom); guided tours for booked groups (minimum 15), unbooked tours 1st & 3rd Sat, 2nd Wed, last Sun of the month (14.00, book at kiosk)

opening: Apr-Oct Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00, Sat-Sun 10.00-19.00; Nov-Mar Tue-Sun 10.00-17.00 or sunset
admission charge

the three acre turf amphitheatre that overlooks the lake is one of the few surviving examples in Europe. It is used for open air events during July

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

discovered in the Guildhall Yard in 1988 London's only Roman amphitheatre was opened to the public in 2002

Exchange Square, EC2

transport: Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 8, 11, 26, 35, 42, 47, 48, 78, 100, 133, 141, 149, 153, 214, 242, 271, 344

a covered amphitheatre used occasionally for concerts

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