



Seeing the Capital Differently

Antiquities

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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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definition: antiquities are objects or buildings from the distant past (before the Middle Ages 1000 AD) especially of classical and other civilisations

Freud Museum

20 Maresfield Gardens, NW3
020 7435 2002 www.freud.org.uk

transport: Finchley Road & Swiss Cottage u/g, Finchley Road & Frognal rail; buses 13,46,82,113,187,268,C11

facilities: wheelchair access to ground floor; refreshments; tours

opening: Wed-Sun midday-17.00
admission charge

the home between 1938 and 1939 of the famous psychotherapist Sigmund Freud (1895-1982) is now an interesting museum where you can see a collection of antiquities, papers, furniture, the library and the laboratory where Sigmund Freud made discoveries about human psyche. An avid collector of antiquities there are items from Egypt, Rome, Greece and the Orient, all maintained and bequeathed by his daughter, Anna Freud

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 09.00-23.00, Sun 09.00-18.00. Clearance 10mins before closing

admission free except for some tours - donation welcomed

as you might expect this national museum has an excellent collection of Egyptian, Roman, Assyrian, Far Eastern, Asian and Islamic antiquities. Those from Rome and Greece date from the dawn of the Bronze Age (3200 BC) to the establishment of Christianity as the official religion of the Holy Roman Empire (AD 313). Treasures range from marble figurines, bronze pottery, jewellery, coins and narrative scene Greek vases to Roman sculpture, silverware, mosaics, glass and tombs. The most well-known (and controversial) items are the Parthenon (Elgin) Marbles celebrating the Greek victory over Persia (5th century BC).

among the Islamic antiquities are Syrian brass and Iznik ceramics, scimitars & sabres, hookahs, coins and religious artefacts; among those from Egypt statues and artefacts of daily life and farming; from Assyria statues and relief carvings; from Turkey bronzes and musical instruments. The list is endless so allow plenty of time to explore

Harrow School Old Speech Room Gallery

Church Hill, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex, HA1
020 8869 1205

transport: Harrow-on-the-Hill & South Harrow u/g & rail; buses 258,H17

facilities: sales desk

opening: term time except Wed. Mon-Fri, Sun 14.30-16.00, Tue & Thurs 16.30-18.00

admission free

part of the famous public school, this gallery includes a display of items from Egypt, Rome and Greece

Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology

University College London, Gower Street, WC1E
020 7387 2884 www.petrie.ucl.ac.uk

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: library by arrangement; restaurant in main college; sales desk; tours by arrangement

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-noon, 13.15-17.00 Closed 4 weeks in summer
admission free

here can be found many of the Egyptian antiquities including pottery, brought together by the archaeologist and Egyptologist Sir Flinders Petrie (1853-1942)

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 thirty-eight Graeco-Egyptian antiquities including the sarcophagus of Seti, Roman bronzes and Greek vases

Andrew Martin International Ltd

200 Walton Street, SW3
020 7225 5100

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,74,360,414, C1

this shop stocks furniture, textiles, antiquities and other artefacts from all over the world especially unusual and exotic places

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