



Seeing the Capital Differently

Aquaria

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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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Enjoy Your Explorations

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

the Living Waters Aquarium has a display of 100 species of fish, invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians and plants and serves as an exhibition about threatened species and their conservation. The Horniman Museum was founded in 1901 in order to inspire people to respect the natural world

Kew Gardens/Royal Botanic Gardens and Museums

Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW9
020 8332 5655/recorded information 020 8940 1171
www.rbgekew.org.uk
transport: Kew Gardens u/g & rail, Kew Bridge rail; buses
65,237,267,391,419; boat Kew Pier
facilities: disabled access; Orangery, White Peaks,
Pavilion & Victoria Gate restaurants & snacks (10.00-one
hour before closing); shops; tours from Victoria Gate
Visitors' Centre (daily 11.00, 14.00 no charge)
opening: March-Aug Mon-Fri 09.30-18.30, Sat-Sun
09.30-19.30; Sept-Oct daily 09.30-18.00; Oct-Feb daily
09.30-16.15; Feb-Mar daily 09.30-17.30 (last admission
and closure of glasshouses is 30 mins before closing time)
admission charge

a collection of fish, coral and algae are on display in the basement of the Palm House. Plants from tropical mangrove swamps and European tidal rock pools show the diversity of plant life below the waves

London Zoological Gardens Collection

Outer Circle, Regent's Park, NW1
020 7722 3333
www.londonzoo.co.uk/www.zsl.org/www.weboflife.co.uk
transport: Regent's Park, Baker Street & Chalk Farm u/g;
buses 18,27,30,274,C2; waterbus Camden Lock, Little
Venice & The Zoo (020 7482 2550)
facilities: large print guide; disabled access & wcs;
parking and pay & display; 4 restaurants and cafes
opening: daily Mar-Sept 10.00-17.30 (last admission
16.30); Oct-Feb 10.00-16.00 (last admission 15.00)
admission charge
this 36 acre zoo dedicated to the conservation of and education about rare breeds has a three-halled aquarium with a variety of fish, piranhas and sharks

London Aquarium

Westminster Bridge Road, SE1
020 7967 8000 www.londonaquarium.co.uk
transport: Westminster u/g, Waterloo u/g & rail; buses
12,53,76,77,159,211,341,381; boat Waterloo Millennium
Pier
facilities: disabled access and hearing loop
opening: daily 10.00-17.00
admission charge
the collection has 300,000 specimens of fish and invertebrates on three floors. It includes a Touchpool for touching rays and handling hermit crabs and starfish. Two tanks are devoted to species from the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans

O2Centre

Finchley Road, NW3
07000 020002 www.o2centre.co.uk
transport: Finchley Road u/g; buses 13,82,113,268,N13
facilities: disabled access & wcs; 8 restaurants & bars;
many, many shops
five aquaria with tropical fish provide the largest free-viewing aquarium in the United Kingdom

Syon House and Park

Brentford, Middlesex, TW8
020 8560 0883/London Aquatic Experience 020 8847
4730 www.syonpark.co.uk
transport: Kew Bridge, Brentford & Syon Lane rail; buses
235,237,267
facilities: parking
opening: house: Wed, Thur, Sun Mar-Oct 11.00-17.00;
gardens: daily 10.00-17.30 or dusk; London Aquatic
Experience: daily summer 10.00-17.30, winter 10.00-
16.30
admission charge for house & gardens
there is a trout fishery in the park and the London Aquatic Experience has a display of tropical fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds and small mammals

Aquatic Design Centre

107-111 Great Portland Street, W1
020 7580 6764
transport: Great Portland Street u/g; buses 7,8,10,25,55,
73,88,98,113,137,176,189
opening: Mon-Thur 10.00-20.00, Fri 10.00-19.00, Sat
10.00-18.00, Sun 11.00-17.00
here you can learn everything about the design and maintenance of aquaria and buy your tropical fish

Rainforest Café

20 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1
020 7434 3111 www.therainforestcafe.co.uk
transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3,6,9,12,13,14,
15,19,22,23,38,53,88,94,139,159
facilities: shop selling themed goods
opening: Mon-Fri noon-22.00, Sat 11.30-19.45; school
holidays & Sun 11.30-22.00
a themed restaurant with the sights and sounds of a tropical rainforest - rain showers, thunder storms, waterfalls, wildlife sounds. There are tanks of tropical fish and animatronics (chattering gorillas, elephants, a life-size crocodile, fluttering butterflies). Very appealing to children

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