



Seeing the Capital Differently

Astrology

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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

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 190,290,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

the ceiling paintings by William Kent are an allegory to the arts and include musical instruments, portraits of the gods and zodiac signs.

Hampton Court Palace

East Molesey, Surrey, KT8
020 8781 9500 www.hrp.org.uk

transport: Hampton Court rail; buses 111,216,267,411, 416,726,R68; Green Line coach 718 from Victoria; boat Hampton Court

facilities: *audio guides in 6 languages; disabled access (wheelchairs available); disabled wcs; parking; Tiltyard Tearoom or Privy Kitchen Coffee Shop, ice cream kiosks; 4 themed shops (Base Court, Garden, Tudor Kitchen, Barrack Block); costumed guides and family trails; free group tours (choose from daily programme)*

opening: daily mid Mar-Oct Mon 10.15-18.00, Tue-Sun 09.30-18.00 (last admission 17.15); Nov-mid Mar Mon 10.15-16.30, Tue-Sun 09.30-16.30 (last admission 15.45) admission charge

the Clock Court with mock Tudor gateway by William Kent is decorated with coats of arms, gargoyles and the Astronomical Clock of King Henry VIII dated 1540. This clock was made by Nicholas Ourslan for the King so that high water at London Bridge could be calculated, a useful piece of information when most travel was by royal barge along the River Thames. It has an 8ft dial and shows the hour, month, date, signs of the zodiac, the year and the phase of the moon. Predating Galileo it was made in a time when it was believed that the sun revolved round the earth

Equinox/Astrology Shop

78 Neal Street, WC2
020 7497 1001

transport: Leicester Square & Covent Garden u/g; buses 1,14,19,24,29,38,176

opening: Mon-Sat 09.00-15.00, Sun 11.00-19.00

among the items to be found in this specialist shop are personal astrology charts. When opened over 10 years ago this was the first shop in the world to stock material relating to astrology and related subjects

Lancaster House

Stable Yard Road, Green Park, SW1

transport: Green Park & Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2, 8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

opening: usually by invitation only as this lovely house is used by the government and diplomatic service for conferences and entertaining heads of state, politicians and other celebrities. If you do have the chance to see inside you will find very beautiful, richly decorated historic rooms - make the most of the opportunity!

among the lovely ceilings in this 1820s house that in the South-West Drawing Room depicts the solar system with the signs of the zodiac

St Katharine Cree

86 Leadenhall Street, EC3
020 7283 5733

transport: Aldgate & Bank u/g, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 8,26,35,47,48,149,242,344

opening: church Mon-Fri 10.30-16.00

the 1706 sundial carved on the south wall is a vertical rectangular with gilded embellishments. It has Babylonian/Italian hours, zodiac signs and the motto Non Sine Lumine (Nothing without Light)

Waltham Abbey Church

Greenyard, Waltham Abbey, Essex, EN9
01992 767897 (Parish Office)

transport: Waltham Cross rail; bus 505

opening: daily 10.00-16.00 winter, 10.00-18.00 summer

this unusual ceiling painting is on canvas and depicts the four elements, the twelve zodiac signs with activities that are appropriate to each of the signs (ploughing, weaving etc) and allegorical robed figures representing the months

Time Spiral

Meridian Square, Stratford, E15

transport: Stratford u/g, DLR & Rail; buses 25,69,86,104, 108,158,238,241,257,262,308,473,D8,S2

designed by Malcolm Robertson in 1996 this is a three-faced spiral of stainless steel with clock faces on all three sides at top. It is set in a circle marked with compass points and signs of the zodiac which emphasise the themes of time, travel and transport

A great deal of care has been taken in collecting the information in this leaflet but *CityThemes* cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of that information. It can cover only a few of the many interesting sites to be found in London and therefore must not be considered a definitive guide.

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