

Seeing the Capital Differently

Stuffed Birds

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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

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 museum has a comprehensive natural history collection covering Britain and the World and is a valuable source of material for research on evolutionary relationships. Included in the varied collection are 1000 specimens of stuffed and mounted birds

Florence Nightingale Museum

St Thomas' Hospital, 2 Lambeth Palace Road, SE1 020 7620 0374 www.florence-nightingale.co.uk

transport: Westminster & Lambeth North u/g, Waterloo

u/g & rail; buses 12,53,77,159,211

facilities: disabled access & wcs; library; refreshments in

hospital; gift & bookshop; tours

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-17.00, Sat-Sun 11.30-16.30 (last

admission 1 hour before closing)

admission charge

amongst the interesting collection in this museum is Athena, a stuffed Little Owl that was a pet of Florence Nightingale. It has been rescued as a fledgling in Athens and then travelled everywhere in her pocket

Les Trois Garcons

1 Club Row, E1

020 7613 1924 www.lestroisgarcons.com

transport: Shoreditch u/g; buses 8,26,35,47,48,55,67,

78,149,242,243

opening: Mon-Thur 19.00-22.00, Fri-Sat 19.00-22.30 the restaurant décor includes stuffed birds, antelopes, a ram, a bear, a shark, a swordfish and a dolphin

Grant Museum of Zoology & Comparative Anatomy

Darwin Building, University College London, Gower Street, WC1E

020 7387 7050 x 2647

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: restaurant in main college; tours

opening: Wed, Fri 13.00-17.00; other times by

appointment with Curator 020 7679 7096

admission free

here you can see a single rare skeleton of a dodo, a flightless bird living in Mauritius that became extinct in the 1690s

Natural History Museum

Cromwell Road, SW7

020 7942 5000 www.nhm.ac.uk

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,14,45,49,

52,74,C1

facilities: disabled access via Earth Galleries entrance; disabled wcs; library; Waterhouse Café (10.00-17.00), Life Galleries Restaurant (10.00-17.00), Globe Fast Food (11.00-16.00), Snack Bar & Picnic Area (11.00-16.30); bookshop & gift shops; British Geological Survey Information Office; tours by arrangement

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.50, Sun 11.00-17.50; Wildlife Garden May-Sept noon-17.00 with guided tours at noon & 15.00 (020 7942 5011) admission free

the Wildlife Garden in the gardens is a living exhibition of flowers, dragonflies and birds. Inside the Museum the collection of birds dates from 1881 and looks at their variety, behaviour, anatomy and nesting habits

City Pride pub

1 Westferry Road, Isle of Dogs, E14 020 7987 3516

transport: Canary Wharf u/g, South Quay DLR; buses

D3,D7,D8

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-23.00, Sat 11.00-15.00, 19.00-

23.00

this pub displays a collection, in cases, of small stuffed mammals and birds

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 a fascinating display of Egyptian artefacts includes the preserved remains of humans, birds and animals in ornate gilded and painted coffins

Army and Navy Club

Pall Mall, SW1

transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3,6,9,12,13,14, 15,19,22,23,38,53,88,139,159

this London club has among its treasures of battle paintings, portraits of military men and medals some unusual memorabilia including a stuffed, mounted penguin - a survivor of Captain R F Scott's Antarctic expedition in 1900-4

Westminster Abbey Museum

Broad Sanctuary, SW1P 020 7222 5152

www.westminster-abbey.org/tour/museum.

transport: Westminster & St James's Park u/g, Victoria & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,109,

159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

facilities: disabled access; library; sales desk with main Abbey bookshop nearby

opening: daily 10.30-16.00

admission charge

a stuffed parrot dated 1702 is believed to be oldest stuffed bird in Britain if not in Europe

Walter Rothschild Zoological Museum (Natural History Museum)

Akeman Street, Tring, Herts, HP23

020 7942 6171 www.nhm.ac.uk/museum/tring

transport: Tring rail + 2 miles

facilities: disabled access to ground floor; parking; café &

2 picnic areas; gift shop

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00, Sun 14.00-17.00

admission free

this museum not only has one of the finest ornithological libraries in the world but the Victorian Gallery is a treasure trove of stuffed birds and over 2 million specimens of bird skin, skeletons, eggs and nests

Get Stuffed

105 Essex Road, N1 020 7226 1364

transport: Angel u/g; buses 4,19,30,38,43,56,73,153,

2/4,341

an unusual shop specialising in taxidermy of animals and

birds

Ye Grapes pub

16 Shepherd Market, W1 020 7499 1563

transport: Green Park u/g; buses 8,9,14,19,22,38 facilities: meals and snacks lunchtime & evening

opening: all permitted hours

mounted game birds 'decorate' this gun-room themed pub. There are also guns, crossed skulls and matching

flintlocks

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