



Seeing the Capital Differently

Candlesticks & Candelabra

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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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*a candlestick is a holder in which a candle is placed
a candelabrum is a branched and ornamental
candlestick*

Buckingham Palace

Buckingham Palace Road, SW1A
020 7930 4832 www.royalresidences.com

transport: Victoria, Green Park & St James's u/g; buses
2,8,9,10,11,14,16,19,22,24,36,38,52,73,74,82,137,185,
211,239,507,C1,C10

facilities: *disabled access but prior application needed for
wheelchairs; shop*

opening: daily Aug-Sept 09.30-16.15
admission charge

*the French gilt bronze candelabra in the State Dining
Room were made in 1783 for the Palace of Versailles,
France. Two more of gilt-bronze can be found in the White
Drawing Room*

Tower of London

Tower Hill, EC3
020 7709 0765 www.hrp.org.uk

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch
Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium &
St Katharines Piers

opening: Mar-Oct Mon-Sat 09.00-17.00, Sun 10.00-
17.00; Nov-Feb Tue-Sat 09.00-16.00, Sun-Mon 10.00-
16.00

admission charge

*a crown-shaped candelabra depicting the twelve gates of
Jerusalem is in the Wakefield Tower Throne Room*

St Mary Woolnoth

Lombard Street, EC3
020 7626 9701

transport: Bank & Monument u/g, Cannon Street u/g &
rail; buses 8,11,26,40,133,242

opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-16.30

a modern brass 16-light candelabrum of 1993

St Margaret's Lothbury

Lothbury, EC2
020 7606 8330

transport: Bank, St Pauls & Moorgate u/g; buses 8,56,
76,100,133,242

opening: Mon-Fri 09.15-17.15

two candelabra of brass made in the 18th century

Holy Trinity

Sloane Street, SW1
020 7730 7270

transport: Sloane Square & Knightsbridge u/g; buses 11,
19,22,137,319,C1

opening: only during services Mon-Fri 09.30 & 17.30, Sat
10.30 & 16.30, Sun 08.45 & 11.00

*this church has an Italian crucifix candelabrum and
candlesticks carved from marble*

St Mary Magdalene

193 Bermondsey Street, Bermondsey, SE1
020 7407 5273

transport: London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 1,42,47,78,
188,381

opening: by appointment except for Sun service 10.30
two Dutch-style candelabra of 1698 and 1703

All Saint's, Tooting Graveney

Franciscan Road, Tooting Graveney, SW17

transport: Tooting Bec & Tooting Broadway u/g, Tooting
rail; buses 44,57,77,127,133,264,270,280,355,G1

*10ft (3m) in height, these two wooden candlesticks came
from Florence, Italy*

Dennis Severs House

18 Folgate Street, E1
020 7247 4013

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

opening: first & third Sun of each month 14.00-17.00,
Mon following these Suns noon-14.00; Mon evenings
(pre-book) Apr-Sept 20.00-23.00, Oct-Mar 18.00-21.00
admission charge - pre-booking necessary for Monday
evenings (please telephone the number above)

*this house has been decorated and furnished as a replica
of the 18th century home of the Jervises, a Huguenot
family of silkweavers. It aims to evoke the life of its
Georgian residents and the atmosphere is added to by
candle-lighting, log fires and a Georgian butler who wears
18th century livery. Visitors are encouraged to remain
silent and to smell, see and listen to the life of the house
and its one-time occupants'*

H & W Deutsch

111 Kensington Church Street, W8
020 7727 5984

transport: High Street Kensington & Notting Hill Gate
u/g; buses 27,28,52,70,328

an antique shop stocking candlesticks and candelabra

Victoria and Albert Museum

Cromwell Road, SW7
020 7942 2000/0870 442 0808 24hr information
www.vam.ac.uk

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,49,70,74,
345,C1

facilities: *disabled access and wcs; library; café and
restaurant; shop; tours*

opening: daily 10.00-17.45, Wed 10.00-22.00
admission free

*amongst the religious treasures in the Medieval Treasury
Section is the 12th century Gloucester Candlestick.
Norman, of gilt-bronze, it has tiny animals and figures
wrapped round the stem and is inscribed "The devotion of
Abbott Peter and his gentle flock gave me to the Church
of St Peter at Gloucester"*

Gavin Douglas Fine Antiques

75 Portobello Road, W11
020 7221 1121

transport: Ladbroke Grove & Notting Hill Gate u/g; buses
23,27,28,31,52,328

opening: Mon-Sat 10.30-16.30

*amongst this dealer's collection you may find antique
French and English clocks, candelabra and candlesticks*

All Souls Langham Place

Langham Place, Regent Street, W1
020 7580 3522

transport: Oxford Circus u/g; buses 3,6,7,8,10,12,13,15,
23,25,53,55,73,88,94,98,113,137,139,159, 176,189,C2

opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-18.00, Sun 09.00-20.30

the steeple of this church has been described as resembling a candle-snuffer. It has a ring of Corinthian columns with a sharp spire ending in a bronze cone

St Andrew's Holborn

St Andrew Street, Holborn, EC4
020 7353 3544

transport: Chancery Lane u/g, Farringdon u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,17,25,45,46,63,242, 341

opening: Mon-Fri 08.00-17.30, Wed 08.00-14.00,18.00-21.00

the marble candelabrum originally came from St Mary's Abbey in West Malling, Kent

St Michael Paternoster Royal

College Hill, EC4
020 7248 5202

transport: Mansion House u/g, Cannon Street rail; buses 8,11,26,76,100,172,242

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00

one of the candelabra is marked 'Birmingham 1644'

Bevis Marks Synagogue (Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue)

between Bury St & Heneage Lane, Bevis Marks, EC3
020 7626 1274

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

opening: Mon-Wed, Sun 11.30-13.00; closed Thurs & Fri admission charge

Britain's oldest surviving synagogue dating from 1702 is lit by candles in seven brass candelabra. The six candlesticks on the Ark and the four on the Reading Desk are also of brass. The seven candelabra represent the seven days of the week, the ten candlesticks are the Ten Commandments and the twelve columns supporting the gallery are the Twelve Tribes of Israel

St Magnus the Martyr

Lower Thames Street, EC3
020 7626 4481

transport: Monument u/g; buses 15,35,40,43,47,48,133, 149

opening: Tue-Fri 10.00-16.00, Sun 10.00-14.00

the ironwork candle brackets are of note

Candle Shop

30 The Market, Covent Garden, WC2
020 7379 4220

transport: Covent Garden, Temple, & Embankment u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13,15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341; boat Savoy & Embankment Piers

this specialty shop sells novelty candles

All Hallows, North Twickenham

Chertsey Road, Twickenham, Middlesex

transport: Twickenham rail; bus 281

the 17th century reredos shows the symbols of sacrifice (the lamb and the pelican) and the seven candlesticks representing the seven churches of Asia

Houses of Parliament

Old Palace Yard, Abingdon Street, Westminster, SW1
020 7219 4272 (Commons), 020 7219 3107 (Lords)
www.explore.parliament.uk

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Pier

facilities: Aug/Sept tours to be booked 5 days in advance (020 7344 9966)

opening: debates in House of Commons Mon-Wed 14.30-22.00, Thur 11.30-19.30, Fri 09.30-15.00; debates in House of Lords Mon-Wed from 14.30, Thurs from 15.00, Fri from 11.00

the Speaker's House is not usually open to the public but is used for official entertaining. If you are lucky enough to see inside there is an attractive double staircase with brass railings topped with heraldic beasts and Gothic candelabra. One candelabra that can be seen during a tour is in the House of Lords -it is made of brass and is free-standing

Stephen Kalms Antiques

Vault 31/2 London Silver Vaults, 53/65 Chancery Lane, WC2

020 7430 1254

transport: Chancery Lane u/g; buses 8,17,25,45,46,242, 341

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-17.30, Sat 09.00-13.00

this antique shops has candlesticks, candelabra, coins and medals

Goldsmiths Company

Foster Lane, EC2V

020 7606 7010

www.thegoldsmiths.co.uk

transport: St Paul's & Mansion House u/g, City Thameslink, Farringdon rail; buses 8,56,100,172,242

opening: for special exhibitions. These are advertised on the website or details can be obtained from the Company
the elegant Drawing Room of this City of London Livery Company has four candelabra made of ormolu placed on the pier tables and mantelpiece

Apsley House: The Wellington Museum

Hyde Park Corner, W1V

020 7499 5676

www.vam.ac.uk/vastatic/microsites/apsley

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

facilities: disabled access & wcs; sales desk; guided tours on application

opening: Tue-Sun 11.00-17.00

admission charge

a candelabrum of solid silver

Hampton Court Palace

East Molesey, Surrey, KT8

020 8781 9500

www.hrp.org.uk

transport: Richmond u/g, Hampton Court rail; buses 111, 216,411,416,461,513,727,R68; 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 sconces (bracket candlesticks) in the King's Withdrawing Room and Great Chamber depict the story of Solomon. These are copies; the originals being in Buckingham Palace

Westminster Abbey

Deans' Yard, Parliament Square, SW1
020 7222 5152 www.westminster-abbey.org
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: audio guide & leaflets in 7 languages; guided tours (Apr-Oct Mon-Fri 10.00, 10.30, 11.00, 14.00, 15.00, Sat 10.00, 11.00, 12.30; Nov-Mar Mon-Fri 10.00, 11.00, 14.00, 15.00, Sat 10.00, 11.00, 12.30)
opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-16.45 (last admission 15.45); Sat 09.00-14.45 (last admission 13.45); closed Sun except for worship; Cloister daily 08.00-18.00; Chapter House daily 10.00-17.30 Apr-Oct, 10.00-16.00 Nov-Mar admission charge
the 17th century candlesticks on the High Altar were bequested to the Abbey by a serving maid

Southwark Cathedral

Montague Close, Borough High Street, SE1
020 7367 6700 www.dswark.org.uk
transport: Southwark u/g, London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 21,35,40,43,47,48,133,149,343,344,381; boat Bankside Pier
facilities: disabled access
opening: daily 08.00-18.00 but advisable to check before visiting
admission charge for special exhibitions
a candelabrum of 1680 is suspended between the piers that support the tower

Tallow Chandlers' Company

4 Dowgate Hill, EC1
020 7248 4726
transport: Mansion House & Bank u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 11,15,17,25,26,76; boat Blackfriars Millennium Pier
opening: usually only on special open days but it is always worth making enquiries on the telephone number above if you are interested in knowing more about the craft and seeing the Tudor-style Court Room
this City of London Livery Company has been the craft guild for candlemaking from tallow since 1300

Brompton Oratory (Oratory of St Philip Neri)

Brompton Road, SW7
020 7808 0900
transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,74,414,C1
opening: daily 07.00-20.00
built between 1880 and 1884 this was the first new Catholic church in London after the Reformation. It has the third widest nave in Britain after Westminster Abbey & York Minster and is of High Baroque (Italian Mannerist) style with an interior decorated with gold, Siena marble & Venetian mosaics. Decorations are ornate and include seven-branched candlesticks of marble standing 5 ft (1.5m) high on marble plinths in the Sanctuary. The Oratory is well-known for its music and solemn masses sung in Latin

Wallace Collection

Hertford House, Manchester Square, W1M
020 7563 9500 www.the-wallace-collection.org.uk
transport: Bond Street u/g; buses 2,13,30,74,82,113, 139,189,274
facilities: disabled access; library; shop; tours

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00, Sun noon-17.00
admission free
this collection is considered one of the best in the world for French 18th century paintings, porcelain and furniture. The Front and Back State Rooms have lovely candelabra

Apothecaries Company of London

Blackfriars Lane, EC4
020 7236 1189 www.apothecaries.org.uk
transport: Blackfriars u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 11,15,26,45,63,76,100,172
facilities: steps to entrance, otherwise wheelchair access throughout; gift and publications shop; tours by prior arrangement
opening: courtyard Mon-Fri; Hall by appointment
small admission charge for tours of the Hall
this City of London Livery Company's hall has ormolu candelabra dated 1763

Langfords

The Plaza, 535 King's Road, SW10
020 7351 4881 www.langfords.co.uk
transport: Fulham Broadway & Sloane Square u/g; buses 11,19,22,49,211,319,328,345
opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-17.30, Sat by appointment
here you will find antique candelabra, barometers, maps, scientific and marine instruments

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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