



*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## **Carpets**

### **Welcome to *CityThemes***

By printing this leaflet you have decided to discover, or rediscover, the sights and delights of **London** in a different way. We hope that you enjoy your explorations of our fascinating and historical capital city.

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.

Themes are constantly being updated and new titles added so please keep looking at our website or get in touch with us by e-mail or letter. We welcome your comments especially if you feel that some site should be included or details are incorrect/inaccurate. Contact details are

website: [www.citytheme.co.uk](http://www.citytheme.co.uk)  
e-mail: [info@citythemes.co.uk](mailto:info@citythemes.co.uk)  
address: CityThemes PO Box 42530, London E1W 3WL

### **Enjoy Your Explorations**

## **Bruce Castle Museum**

Lordship Lane, N17  
020 8808 8772 [www.brucecastlemuseum.org.uk](http://www.brucecastlemuseum.org.uk)

transport: Seven Sisters u/g, Bruce Grove rail; buses 123, 243

*facilities: disabled access to ground floor only; disabled wcs; parking; refreshments; sales desk; tours*

opening: Wed-Sun 13.00-17.00  
admission free

*an interesting range of Victorian domestic equipment includes washing mangles and carpet beaters*

## **David Aaron Antiques and Rare Carpets**

22 Berkeley Square, W1  
020 7491 8588

transport: Green Park & Bond Street u/g; buses 8,9,14, 19,22,38

opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-18.00, Sat by appointment

*here you will find antique and rare textiles and carpets especially from the Islamic world*

## **Victoria and Albert Museum**

Cromwell Road, SW7  
020 7942 2000/0870 442 0808 24hr information  
[www.vam.ac.uk](http://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

*the Gallery of Islamic Art has a selection of carpets :- a handknotted Ardabil Carpet 65ft wide (20m), made in 1539 with central medallion and 16 oval pendants (twin is in Los Angeles) ; a Chelsea Carpet measuring 35ft by 17.5ft (10.7m by 5.4m); examples from the Middle East including two 16<sup>th</sup> century Persian medallion design; a 16<sup>th</sup> century Turkish table carpet; a Persian Garden example and Central Asian tribal designs. An extensive range is held in the Textile Study Room but these can only be viewed by appointment*

## **Goldsmiths Company**

Foster Lane, EC2V  
020 7606 7010 [www.thegoldsmiths.co.uk](http://www.thegoldsmiths.co.uk)

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

opening: by prior application except for special exhibitions

*the pink carpet of 1902 in the Drawing Room has this City of London Livery Company's coat of arms in the centre*

## **Hampton Court Palace**

East Molesey, Surrey, KT8  
020 8781 9500 [www.hrp.org.uk](http://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

*a rare 16<sup>th</sup> century carpet from Tabriz in north-west Persia (now Iran) can be found in the Queen's Private Oratory*

*while a 17<sup>th</sup> century Isfahan carpet covers the floor of the Queen's Private Drawing Room*

## **Windsor Castle**

Windsor, Berks, SL4  
01753 831118 [www.the-royal-collection.org.uk](http://www.the-royal-collection.org.uk)

transport: Windsor rail, Green Line coach from Victoria  
*facilities: audio guide; disabled visitors should contact visitors' office; shop for books, postcards & gifts; pre-arranged tours for groups*

opening: daily Mar-Oct 09.45-17.15 (last admission 16.00); Nov-Feb 09.45-16.15 (last admission 15.00)  
admission charge

*one of the lovely carpets in this royal castle and home is a seamless Indian one woven for Queen Victoria*

## **Samiramis Ltd**

Grays Mews, 1-7 Davies Mews, W1Y  
020 7629 1161

transport: Bond Street & Marble Arch u/g; buses 2,6,7,8, 10,12,13,15,23,30,73,74,82,94,98,113,137,139,159,189, 274

*this shop sells antique arms and armour as well as rugs and carpets*

## **Chelsea Antique Rug Gallery**

Shop V15 Antiquarius Antiques Centre, 131-141 Kings Road, SW3  
020 7351 6611

transport: Sloane Square u/g; buses 11,19,22,49,211, 319

*antique rugs and carpets are on display here*

## **Osterley Park House**

Jersey Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, TW7  
01494 755566 (infoline) [www.osterleypark.org.uk](http://www.osterleypark.org.uk)

transport: Osterley u/g ½ mile; Syon Lane rail 1½ miles; buses H28, H91

*facilities: parking; refreshments; shop; tours by arrangement*

opening: house 1 April-end Oct Wed-Sun 13.00-16.00; park daily 09.00-19.30 or dusk  
admission charge to house; park free

*this lovely house is one of the best places to see the work of the architect and designer Robert Adam. His designs can be seen everywhere - on ceilings, walls, doorcases & doors, handles, mirrors, furniture and especially the carpets in the Drawing Room*

## **William Morris Gallery**

Lloyd Park, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17  
020 8527 3782 [www.lbwf.gov.uk/wmg](http://www.lbwf.gov.uk/wmg)

transport: Walthamstow Central u/g & rail; buses 123, 212,275

*facilities: disabled access to ground floor only; library; refreshments; sales desk; tours by arrangement*

opening: Tue-Sat and the first Sun in the month 10.00-3.00,14.00-17.00  
admission free

*William Morris (1834-96) was renowned for his decorative art designs and his work included stained glass, tiles, furniture, wallpapers, fabrics, embroidery and carpets. Examples of his work and that of the firm of Morris and Co (1861-1940) are on display in this gallery*

### **Watts and Co**

7 Tufton Street, SW1  
020 7222 7169

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

*a shop specialising in church furnishings. Here you will  
find handmade silver, embroidery, carpets, wallpaper,  
fabrics, metal work etc*

### **Gallery Yacou**

127 Fulham Road, SW3  
020 7584 2929

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,49,70,211,  
345,360,414

*this gallery stock antique rugs, carpets and textiles*

### **Syon House and Park**

Brentford, Middlesex, TW8  
020 8560 0883                      www.syonpark.co.uk

transport: Brentford & Syon Lane rail; buses 235,237,  
267,H28

*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

*a carpet of 1769 was woven at the English Moorfields  
factory*

### **Eltham Palace**

Court Yard, Court Road, Eltham, SE9  
020 8294 2548

transport: Mottingham & Eltham rail ½ mile; buses 124,  
126,132,160,161,162,233,286,314,321,B16

*facilities: audio tour in French or German and for hearing  
impaired; disabled access to ground floor; tearoom;  
giftshop; tours pre-booked for groups (020 8294 2548)*

opening: Wed-Fri, Sun Apr-Sept 10.00-18.00, Oct 10.00-  
17.00, Nov-Mar 10.00-16.00

admission charge

*this 1930s French style house was built for the Courtauld  
Family by the architects John Seely and Paul Paget.  
Among the fascinating examples of art deco style  
furnishing is a circular carpet in the Entrance Hall (the  
Marion Dorn Rug). This specially-commissioned replica of  
the original (now stored in the archives of the Victoria and  
Albert Museum) allows the visitor to appreciate the room's  
original design*

### **Trinity House**

Trinity Square, Tower Hill, EC3

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

*here you will find the second largest single-loom carpet in  
British Isles. Made in Ireland it is decorated with the Arms  
of Trinity House in beiges, pinks, browns and greens*

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.

© CityThemes 2006