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Chandeliers

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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

a Regency glass and gilt bronze chandelier is in the Throne Room. Another magnificent chandelier can be seen in the Guard Room

Skidders Company

8 Dowgate Hill, EC4
020 7236 5629

transport: Mansion House u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 11,15,26,76,344

admission by prior arrangement

the 17th century Hall has a 1780 chandelier that was a gift from Russia

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. Among its treasures is a gilt-bronze chandelier by the sculptor, Jean Jacques Caffieri (1725-1792) known for his marble portrait busts and metalwork designs

Trafalgar Tavern

Park Row, Greenwich, SE10
020 8858 2437

transport: Greenwich DLR & rail, Cutty Sark DLR; buses 177,180,188,199,286,386; boat Greenwich Pier

opening: Mon-Sat 11.30-23.00, Sun noon-22.30

the Nelson Room of this well-known riverside pub has no less than eight chandeliers

Ritz Hotel

150 Piccadilly, W1
020 7493 8181

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

facilities: *afternoon tea in the Palm Court (15.00-18.00) - booking is absolutely essential*

the décor of this top-class hotel is complemented by elegant chandeliers

London Central Mosque & Islamic Cultural Centre

146 Park Road, Regent's Park, NW8
020 7724 3363

transport: Baker Street u/g, Marylebone rail; buses 13,82,113,274

opening: daily 09.00-21.30

a vast carpet and magnificent chandelier are the only adornments in the central hall

St Martin-within-Ludgate

Ludgate Hill, EC4
020 7248 6054

transport: St Pauls u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 11,15,26,45,63,76,100,172

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-15.00

the brass chandelier at one time hung in the Cathedral on the island of St Vincent in the West Indies

St Lawrence Jewry

Gresham Street, EC2
020 7600 9478

transport: Bank & St Pauls u/g; buses 8,56,76,100,133,172,242

opening: Mon-Fri 07.30-14.00

eight chandeliers designed by Cecil Brown help to provide light in this church

Somerset House

Strand & Embankment, WC2
020 7845 4600 www.somerset-house.org.uk

transport: Temple, Embankment & Covent Garden 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

facilities: *audio guide plus special one for children & families; disabled access & wheelchair hire (please book in advance); Summer Café & bar & Admiralty Restaurant; shop for gifts, silverware & jewellery; tours on Thur & Sat 14.30 (booking 020 7420 9410)*

opening: daily to Courtyard, Seamen's Waiting Hall & River Terrace 07.30-23.00 (19.00 in winter); collections 10.00-18.00

free admission to Courtyard, Seamen's Waiting Hall & River Terrace; charge for exhibitions

those in the Admiralty Restaurant are in the shape of sailing galleons

St Nicholas Cole Abbey (Cole Abbey Presbyterian)

114 Queen Victoria Street, EC4
020 7248 5213

transport: Mansion House u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 11,15,26,45,63,76,100,172

opening: Tue-Thur noon-14.00

this church has an original 18th century brass chandelier

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 Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe

St Andrew's Hill, Queen Victoria Street, EC4
020 7248 7546

transport: Mansion House u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail;
buses 11,15,26,45,63,76,100,172

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00

this church has an early 18th century chandelier, made of latten (a compound of zinc, lead & tin) with 12 lights in two tiers

St James's Garlickhythe

Upper Thames Street, EC4
020 7236 1719

transport: Mansion House u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail;
buses 11,15,26,76,344

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00

this church chandelier was a gift in 1967 from the Glass-Sellers' Company. It is based on the 18th century model in the Wren Chapel of Emmanuel College, Cambridge

Hamilton Hall pub

Liverpool Street, EC2
020 7247 3579

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

facilities: meals and snacks (11.00-22.00)

opening: Mon-Sat 11.00-23.00

formerly the Grand Ballroom of the Great Eastern Hotel chandeliers hang from the 40ft high ceiling. Figures of nymphs and Greek gods add an extra bit of eccentricity to this pub

Audley pub

41 Mount Street, W1
020 7499 1843

transport: Marble Arch u/g; buses 2,10,16,36,73,74,82,
137

facilities: meals and snacks lunchtime & evening

opening: daily Mon-Sat 11.00-23.00, Sun noon-
15.00,19.00-22.30

this pub has mahogany panelling, gilded ceiling and original Victorian chandeliers

All Hallows on the Wall

83 London Wall, EC2
020 7946 1680

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

opening: Wed 16.30-19-30, Fri 11.00-15.00

a chandelier of 1766

The Counting House

50 Cornhill, EC2
020 7283 7123

transport: Bank & Monument u/g, Cannon Street u/g &
rail; buses 8,11,26,76,133,242

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-23.00

this pub was formerly a bank. It has high ceilings, a glass dome, chandeliers & a central oval bar

St Mary's

Paddington Green, W2
020 7262 3787

transport: Edgware Road u/g, Paddington u/g & rail;
buses 6,16,18,98

the 1973 chandelier was made by Raymond Erith who restored the church in the 1970s

St Giles-in-the-Fields

St Giles High Street, WC2

020 7240 2532

transport: Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 1,8,10,14,
19,24,25,29,38,55,73,98,134,176,242

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-16.00

four brass 18th century chandeliers hang in this church

All Saints Greek Orthodox, Camden Town

Camden Street, NW1
020 7485 2149

transport: Mornington Crescent & Camden Town u/g,
Camden Road rail; buses 24,27,29,31,46,88,134,168,
214,253

lovely chandeliers in a church where the decorative detail was inspired by Greek travels

St Paul's, Deptford

Deptford High Street, SE8
020 8692 1419

transport: Deptford Bridge DLR, New Cross u/g & rail,
Deptford rail; buses 47,53,177,225

opening: Wed, Fri, Sat 14.00-16.00 and services

a chandelier hangs from a richly sculptured ceiling and provides a focal point

All Hallows, North Twickenham

Chertsey Road, Twickenham, Middlesex

transport: Twickenham rail; bus 281

this church has an 18th century example designed by Sir Ninian Comper

Crown Estate Offices

13-16 Carlton House Terrace, SW1Y 5AH

020 7210 4377 www.crownestate.co.uk

transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail;
buses 3,6,9,12,13,15,23,53,88,139,159; boat
Embankment Pier

opening: by prior appointment

a lovely Venetian crystal chandelier lights the Conference Room with a 19th century crystal one in the Board Room

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

the house has an attractive 19th century English chandelier

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 chandelier in the King's Chamber is of rock crystal. The one in the Queen's Audience Chamber is dated 1736, made of silver and suspended from a golden star bearing the motto of the Order of the Garter

Kensington Palace

Kensington Gardens, W8
020 7937 9561 www.hrp.org.uk

transport: Queensway, Notting Hill Gate & High Street Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,12,49,52,70,94
facilities: *limited disabled access to Dress Collection & The Orangery only; multi-language audio guides; refreshments in The Orangery - morning coffee, light lunches & afternoon tea (Mar-Oct 10.00-18.00, Nov-Feb 10.00-17.00); jewellery, china & souvenirs shop (Mar-Oct 10.00-18.00, Nov-Feb 10.00-17.00 (Suns opens at 09.30)); tours*

opening: daily Mar-Oct 10.00-18.00 (last admission 17.00); Nov-Feb 10.00-17.00 (last admission 16.00)
admission charge

among the many lovely furnishings in the Palace are four twelve-branched chandeliers suspended from the mouths of painted heads in the Cupola Room. Four of carved gilded wood are in the King's Drawing Room and another dated 1730 in Queen Mary's Drawing Room

Marble Hill House

Richmond Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1
020 8233 7435 (information), 020 7413 1443 (box office)
www.english-heritage.org.uk

transport: Richmond u/g & rail, Twickenham & St Margarets rail; buses 33,290,490,H22,R68,R70
facilities: *audio tape with hearing loop to ground floor; disabled access to ground floor (1 wheelchair available); snacks & meals (200m from house); shop; guided tours by arrangement; group access only during winter months*

opening: Wed-Sun Apr-Sept, 10.00-18.00, Oct 10.00-17.00 (last admission 30 mins prior to closing)
admission charge

this house has a Venetian replica of one of twelve magnificent chandeliers presented to the York Assembly Rooms in 1736 by Lord Burlington

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

the Chihuly chandelier in the dome of the main entrance hall is a very recent addition having been made in 2001. It is of green and blue blown glass and was made by Dale Chihuly

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

there is an attractive gilt chandelier of 1854 in the Central Lobby

St George the Martyr, Southwark

Borough High Street, SE1

transport: Borough u/g; buses 21,35,40,133,343,344
facilities: *induction loop*

opening: Wed noon-13.30, Thur noon-14.00, Sun 10.00-16.00

this church has a Georgian chandelier

Claridges Hotel

53 Brook Street, W1
020 7629 8860

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

opening: Foyer Bar Mon-Sat noon-23.00, Sun 11-15.00, 19.00-22.30

this high-colonial 1812 hotel with its art deco 1920s & 1930s interior has a glass sculpture chandelier with over 800 hand-blown pieces in the Foyer. It was added to the décor in 2001

Façade

196 Westbourne Grove, W11
020 7727 2159

transport: Notting Hill Gate & Bayswater u/g; buses 7,23, 27,28,31,70,328

opening: Tue-Sat

this antiques shop has French & Italian chandeliers, sconces and table lamps for sale

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

a 36- light chandelier by Perry and Co makes endless reflections by the clever placement of mirrors at the ends of the Court Room and Exhibition Room in this City of London Livery Company. The Livery Hall has five of English glass each holding 48 candles. The central one was originally lit by gas. They were designed in 1835 by Sir Francis Chantrey

Café Royal Grillroom

68 Regent Street, W1
020 7437 9090

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

the interior of this grill room is in 1920s style with chandeliers, gilt mirrors and hand-painted ceilings

Windsor Castle

Windsor, Berks, SL4
01753 831118 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

there is a lovely 19th century chandelier of cut glass in the Crimson Drawing Room

Old Bank of England pub

194 Fleet Street, EC4
020 7430 2255

transport: Temple u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses
11,15,26,45,63,76,100,172,341

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-23.00

this former Victorian banking hall is now a pub but it retains the original Italianate columns and three brass chandeliers. Note the ladder needed to reach the top bar shelf

Loungelover

1 Whitby Street, E1
020 7012 1234

transport: Shoreditch u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail;
buses 8,26,35,47,48,67,78,149,242

opening: Tue-Sat 18.00-midnight

mismatched Victorian chandeliers and other antiques go with mismatched Louis XIV chairs and paintings of dead fish in this rather unusual cocktail bar

Hounslow West Underground Station

Hounslow, Middlesex

transport: Hounslow West u/g

this heptagonal ticket hall displays an art deco chandelier

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