



Seeing the Capital Differently

Coffee

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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

Bramah Tea and Coffee Museum

40 Southwark Street, SE1
020 7403 5650 www.bramahmuseum.co.uk

transport: London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 17,21,35,40, 43,47,48,133,149,343,381; boat London Bridge City Pier
facilities: disabled access & wcs; café (cakes, drinks); shop for purchase of tea & coffee, teapots, books, postcards & posters

opening: daily 10.00-18.00
admission charge

the museum, devoted to the history of tea and coffee, was founded in 1992 by Edward Bramah. Not only does it have prints, photos and maps showing the history of coffee but also illustrates the development in the equipment with examples of coffee grinders and makers

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 amongst the varied collection in this national museum you will find a art deco coffee percolator dating from between 1925 & 1930

National Maritime Museum

Romney Road, Greenwich, SE10
020 8858 4422 www.nmm.ac.uk

transport: Greenwich DLR & rail, Cutty Sark DLR; buses 177,180,188,199,286,386; boat Greenwich Pier
facilities: disabled access to all levels & galleries; Caird Lib (open Mon-Fri 10.00-16.45 by arrangement 020 8312 6607); restaurant; bookshop; tours by arrangement
opening: daily 10.00-17.00 (last admission 16.30)
admission free

the entrance to the Maritime London Gallery is the original 17th century shop front of the coffee house where Lloyds of London first began in the field of marine insurance. The first coffee house began in the 1680s and Lloyd's met informally in Abchurch Lane, EC4, from 1692 until 1769 when the New Lloyds Coffee House was established in Pope Head's Alley, EC3

Dove Pub

19 Upper Mall, Hammersmith, W6
020 8738 5405

transport: Hammersmith u/g, Ravenscourt Park rail; buses 9,10,27,33,190,209,211,267,391,419,H91
opening: Mon-Sat 11.00-23.00, Sun noon-22.30

this 17th century pub began life as a coffee house. With the smallest back bar in the country it is said to have been frequented by King Charles II and his mistress, the actress Nell Gwynne. It often appears in pre-Raphaelite paintings as William Morris lived next door and artists were frequent visitors both to his house and the pub. It also provided the model for 'The Pilgrim', the pub used by A. P. Herbert in his book 'Water Gypsies'

Crown Tavern

43 Clerkenwell Green, Clerkenwell, EC1
020 7250 0757

transport: Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 45,55,63,341
opening: Mon-Fri 11.30-23.00, Sat noon-23.00
the Crown has two entrance doors: one marked 'Gin' the other marked 'Coffee House'

Jerusalem Tavern

55 Britton Street, Clerkenwell, EC1M
020 7490 4281

transport: Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 56,63,133
facilities: bar food (noon-17.00)
opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-23.00, Sat noon-22.00

this pub was built as a town house in 1720 and then was a workshop until 1966. It is now decorated in the style of an 18th century coffee shop

Berry Brothers and Rudd

3 St James's Street, SW1
020 7396 9600

transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3,6,9,12,13,14,15, 19,22,23,38,53,88,139,159
opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00, Sat 10.00-16.00

the 200 years old sign on this shop shows a coffee grinder. The shop was originally used as a grocers and still has the original weighing scales. These scales became the first weighing machine for people and a book records the weight of aristocrats and politicians including the Aga Khan who annually gave his weight in diamonds to his people

Lloyd's Building

Lime Street, EC3

transport: Bank & Monument u/g, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 35,40,47,48,149,344
facilities: group tours by arrangement

opening: not open to the public except for group tours
the doormen of this well-known and biggest insurance company in the world, wear waiters' livery of red frock coats with black velvet collars and gilt buckled top hats. This uniform is in recognition of the origin of Lloyds of London at the New Lloyds Coffee house in Pope Head's Alley, EC3, in 1769

Algerian Coffee House

52 Old Compton Street, W1
020 7437 2480

transport: Leicester Square & Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 14,19,24,29,38,176
opening: Mon-Sat 09.00-19.00

original shop for coffee stocking over 100 different types of coffee, 140 teas and all types of coffee-making equipment

Monmouth Coffee House

27 Monmouth Street, WC2
020 7836 5272

transport: Covent Garden, Leicester Square & Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 14,19,24,28,29,38,176
opening: Mon-Sat 09.00-18.30

a shop and sampling room. The Company roasts its own coffee beans on the premises

Jamaica Wine House

St Michael's Alley, Cornhill, EC3
020 7626 9446

transport: Bank u/g & DLR, Cannon Street u/g & rail;
buses 8,11,26,35,47,48,133,149,242,344
facilities: *meals and snacks at lunchtime*

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-23.00

this winebar was the first London coffee house and was established in 1652 by Pasqua Rosee. There is an early percolator on display and a handbill in the downstairs bar explains why coffee was such a success when first introduced

Old Coffee House pub

49 Beak Street, W1
020 7437 2197

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

facilities: *meals at lunchtime*

opening: all permitted hours

the pub sign shows the original coffee house

Cittie of York pub

22 High Holborn, WC1V
020 7242 7670

transport: Holborn & Chancery Lane u/g; buses 8,25,45, 242,341

facilities: *bar food (noon-21.30)*

opening: Mon-Sat 11.30-23.00

this early 20th century pub with its mock Gothic architecture has galleries, booths, a great window and high gantry. Part of it is the original 1695 Gray's Inn Coffee Shop where many business negotiations would have taken place

Cornhill Insurance

doors of 32 Cornhill, EC3

transport: Bank Buses 8,11,26,35,47,48,149,242,344

designed by B P Arnold and carved by Walter Gilbert these 1939 mahogany doors are divided into eight panels depicting different local scenes: King Lucius inspecting the plans of the priest and builder of St Peter's Cornhill Church; Eleanor, Duchess of Gloucester walking in penance to St Michael's Church (1441); two women with bread and a priest collecting money; Cornhill market with women buying apples; a tailor's shop; the Pope's Head Tavern; Garraway's Coffee House; the poet William Thackeray in conversation with the Bronte Sisters at their publishers

Devereux pub

20 Devereux Court, WC2
020 7583 4562

transport: Temple u/g; buses 11,15,23,26,76,172,341

opening: all permitted hours

formerly the mansion of Robert Devereux in 1676 this building became the famous Grecian Coffee House frequented by wits and poets including Addison of 'Adderson's Spectator', Oliver Goldsmith, Isaac Newton & the astronomer Edmond Halley. It ceased to be a coffee house in 1842, was converted into chambers and a refreshment bar known as Eldon Chambers and now is a pub

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