



Seeing the Capital Differently

Costume

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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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St Martin-in-the-Fields

St Martin's Place, Trafalgar Square, WC2
020 7766 1100 www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,11,12, 13,15,23,24,29,53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat Embankment Pier

facilities: *café in crypt (Mon-Sat 10.00-20.00, Sun noon-20.00); shop*

opening: daily: church from 08.00; crypt Mon-Sat 10.00-20.00, Sun noon-18.00; brassrubbing Mon-Sat 10.00-18.00, Sun noon-18.00 (charge for materials)
admission free

the annual Costermongers' Harvest Festival takes place here on the first Sunday in October and has since 1880. These costermongers (Cockney Market Stallholders) are elected as 'royalty' to represent and help their fellow traders. They traditionally wear costumes made of tiny pearl buttons; hence the name Pearly Kings and Queens. The pearls are sewn in various designs such as horseshoe (for luck), anchor (for hope), doves (for peace). The suit may be either smother (mostly buttons and very little cloth showing) or skeleton (fewer buttons)

Barnet Museum

Wood Street, Enfield, Middlesex, EN5
020 8440 8066

transport: High Barnet u/g; buses 34,107,263,307,384
facilities: *disabled access to ground floor; library; parking; shop; tours by arrangement*

opening: Tue-Thur 14.30-16.30; Sat 10.00-noon, 14.30-16.30
admission free

Barnet Borough local history collection includes period costumes, photographs of Old Barnet, locally-made scientific instruments and a diorama of the Battle of Barnet in 1471 when King Edward IV defeated and killed Warwick the 'Kingmaker'

British Museum

Great Russell Street, WC1B
020 7323 8000 www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk

transport: Russell Square & Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 1,7,8,10,19,24,25,29,35,55,73,98,134,242
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
costumes help to illustrate the ethnography and culture of Africa. The collection also includes coffins, masks, textiles, pottery & wall paintings (1400BC from a tomb in Thebes). More costumes can be found in the Oceania and North America displays including an Indian head-dress and cloak

Museum of London

150 London Wall, EC2Y
020 7600 0807 www.museumoflondon.org.uk

transport: Barbican, St Paul's & Moorgate u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,56,100, 172,242

facilities: *audio tapes and braille sheets; disabled access via ramps; disabled wcs; library; restaurant and snacks (Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00, Sun 11.30-17.00); shop*

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.50, Sun noon-17.50 (last admission 17.30)
admission free

this costume and textile collection is one of the largest and most comprehensive in the country and the variety of costumes help to illustrate the history of London and its importance in the fashion and clothing industry for over 700 years

there is an excellent range of fashionable dress and accessories, occupational & royal clothing, theatrical costumes, textiles and material. Examples of items include a 19th century clown's costume; Georgian Waterman's Coat of 1840 that belonged to Princess Charlotte, the only daughter of King George IV; suffrage banners worn during the fight for the right of women to vote; uniforms of officials of the Church, the Law and the Court

Museum of the Moving Image

South Bank, SE1
020 7401 2636 www.bfi.org.uk/momi

opening: closed for redevelopment until 2006

devoted to the history of film, television and the cinema, this museum includes theatre and cinema costumes. While being redeveloped (reopening 2006) it is holding exhibitions at the London Imax Cinema at Waterloo and in the Foyer Gallery of the National Film Theatre. The exhibition 'Moving Picture' is touring the country

Newham Museum Service

Romford Road, Manor Park, E12
020 8514 0274

transport: Manor Park & Woodgrange Park rail; buses 25, 86,101,104

facilities: *disabled access to ground floor; sales desk*

opening: Tue 10.00-17.00, Thur noon-20.00, Fri-Sat 10.00-17.00
admission free

previously known as the Passmore Edwards Museum the collection covers the costume, local history, archaeology and art of the London Borough of Newham

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'

Globe Theatre

21 New Globe Walk, Bankside, SE1 9
020 7902 1500 (exhibition) 020 7401 9919 (box office)
www.shakespeares-globe.org

transport: Southwark & Mansion House u/g, London Bridge and Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 45,63,100,344,3 81; boat Bankside Pier

facilities: limited disabled access; Globe Café (daily Oct-Apr 10.00-18.00, May-Sept 10.00-15mins after last performance), Globe Restaurant (daily Oct-Apr noon-14.30,17.30-20.00; May-Sept 17.30-23.00); giftshop (Oct-Apr 10.00-18.00, May-Sept 10.00 to end of evening performance); guided tours every half hour except afternoons in summer

opening: exhibition daily 10.00-17.00
admission charge

the costumes section of the tour outlines the process of designing, making & fitting Shakespearian costumes. Visitors can feel fabrics and try on armour

Theatre Museum

Russell Street, Covent Garden, WC2E
020 7943 4700 www.theatremuseum.org

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

facilities: disabled access & wcs; research library; theatrical book & giftshop; 30 min.tours daily (11.00, 14.00, 16.00)

opening: Tue-Sun 10.00-18.00, last admission 17.30
admission charge

collection of theatrical costumes. Theatre make-up demonstrations daily (11.30,13.00,14.30,15.30,16.30 for 30mins)

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

costumes from the Japanese Edo period can be found in the Toshiba Gallery of Japanese Art while the Costume Court has dresses covering four centuries from 1540

St Helen's

Bishopsgate, EC3
020 7283 2231

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

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-17.00 via church office

the collection of 15th-17th century brasses show very detailed costumes

Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum

Church Road, Wimbledon, SW19
020 8946 6131 www.wimbledon.org

transport: Southfields u/g, Wimbledon u/g & rail; bus 39

facilities: Kenneth Ritchie Library (by appointment); parking (Aug-May only); Café Centre Court; gift & leisurewear shop

opening: daily 10.30-17.00 except during championships when a ticket to a match is needed
admission charge

tennis costumes illustrating the history of tennis. The collection also has paintings, jewellery, ornaments, items of social history, room settings, videos and interactive displays

Angels and Berman

119 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2
020 7836 5678

transport: Leicester Square & Poiccadilly Circus u/g; buses 14,19,22,24,29,38,94,176

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-17.30

a theatrical costumier including those in art deco style

Royal Courts of Justice (Law Courts)

Strand, WC2
020 7936 6000

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

opening: Mon-Fri 08.30-16.30

an exhibition on legal dress codes is in the Minstrels' Gallery

Doggett's Coat and Badge pub

1 Blackfriars Bridge, SE1
020 7633 9057

transport: Southwark u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 45,63,100,381

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-23.00

the pub's name comes from Thomas Doggett, an Irish comedian, who instituted a river race at the end of each July to commemorate the accession to the throne of King George I. The race is rowed between Chelsea and London Bridges and the winner receives a scarlet coat and a silver badge

Burlington Arcade

Piccadilly, W1

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

opening: Mon-Sat 09.00-18.00

Burlington Berties, dressed in Edwardian frockcoats and gold-braided top hats, patrol this attractive shopping Arcade

Henry Croft

St Pancras and Islington Cemetery, High Road, East Finchley, N2

transport: East Finchley u/g; buses 232,234,263

this grave of Henry Croft (1862-1930), a costermonger and the first of the Pearly Kings and Queens is topped with his effigy dressed in the traditional costume of top hat and pearly suit. Costermongers (Cockney Market Stallholders) are elected as 'royalty' to represent and help their fellow traders. They traditionally wear costumes made of tiny pearl buttons; hence the name Pearly Kings and Queens

Scottish Pound

50 London Wall, EC2
020 7374 4210

transport: Barbican, St Paul's & Moorgate u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,56,100,172,242

opening: Mon-Fri noon-23.00

this bar is decorated with Scottish clan regalia of various tartans

Gunnery Park Museum

Pope's Lane, Gunnery Park, W3
020 8992 1612

transport: Acton Town u/g; bus E3

facilities: disabled access; parking; snack refreshments; sales desk; tours by arrangement

opening: daily. Museum: Apr-Oct Mon-Fri 13.00-17.00, Sat-Sun 13.00-18.00; Nov-Mar Mon-Fri 13.00-16.00, Sat-Sun 14.00-17.00. Park: 07.30-dusk admission free

home of the banking and financier Rothschild family from 1836-1925, this lovely Regency building now houses a display on social and local history with material ranging from costumes to coaches

Fancy Dress Superstore

1. 69/85 Tabernacle Street, EC2A (020 7253 1003)
2. 28 Grays Inn Road, WC1 (0800 783 6582)
www.madworld.co.uk

transport: 1. Old Street u/g & rail; buses 55,76,141, 205,214,243,271

2. Chancery Lane u/g; buses 8,17,17, 19,25,38,45,46,55,242,243,341

here, in these stores, you will find 35,000 costumes for hire including Venetian masks, 1960s & 1970s fashions and mediaeval, western & horror costumes

Red Lion pub

23 Crown Passage, SW1
020 7930 4141

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

facilities: snacks & restaurant lunchtime

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-23.00 Sat 11.00-16.00

on the last Saturday in January men dressed as Cavaliers assemble at this pub to lament the death of King Charles I who was executed in Whitehall on the 30th January 1649

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

Beefeaters are the much-photographed Yeoman Warders of the Tower and act as guards and guides. Dressed in scarlet and gold Tudor costumes or in dark-blue Victorian costumes they are ex-servicemen. The nickname 'Beefeater' was coined in the 17th century when it was a common term of abuse for a well-fed domestic servant

Stagestruck Costume Co.Ltd

41 Brushfield Street, E1
0800 174114

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

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-19.00, Sat 10.00-17.00

over 4000 costumes to hire for any occasion and accessories such as masks, make-up, beards, and hats, for sale

Notting Hill Carnival

transport: Notting Hill Gate & Westbourne Park u/g are only open for arriving visitors. Latimer Road & Royal Oak u/g are completely open. Any buses to Notting Hill Gate route: top end of Ladbroke Grove, south under Westway and Westbourne Grove, then north along Chepstow Road, Great Western Road and Kensal Road

this annual street carnival takes place over the August Bank holiday weekend (last weekend in the month). Still mainly a West Indian carnival it also includes the Latin American and Asian communities in London. The carnival follows a three-mile route and is famous for its flamboyant costume parades (for children on Sunday, adults on Monday) and its music (steel bands, soca music). Very loud, very busy but very colourful, and great fun if you don't mind crowds and noise. Food is also available in abundance

ShreeSwaminarayan Temple

105/119 Brentfield Road, Neasden, NW10
020 8965 2651

transport: Neasden u/g, Stonebridge Park u/g & rail; buses 112,206

opening: daily 09.00-18.30
admission free

life-sized costumed images of Hindu deities include Rama, Sita, Ganesh the elephant god, Hanuman the monkey god and Shree(Shri) Swaminarayan

All Saints, Fulham

Putney Bridge Approach, Fulham, SW6
020 7736 6301

transport: Putney Bridge u/g & rail; buses 14,22,39,74, 85,93,220,265,270

opening: Mon-Fri noon-15.00

church monuments include the Elizabethan costumed figure of Lady Margaret Legh and her children, and Viscount Mordaunt dressed in a toga

Glovers Company

Harp Lane, EC3
transport: Tower Hill u/g; buses 15

this City of London Livery Company's historical collection of gloves is now kept in the Museum of Costume in Bath, Somerset

Masquerade Fancy Dress Hire

122 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford, E4
020 8529 6852

transport: Highams Park rail; buses 97,158,215,357,444, W16

opening: Mon,Tue,Thur 10.00-18.00, Fri 10.00-20.00, Sat 09.00-18.00

fancy dress for hire including wigs, masks, face paints & makeup

Royal Gunpowder Mills

Beaulieu Drive, Waltham Abbey, Essex, EN9
01992 707370 www.royalgunpowdermills.com

transport: Waltham Cross rail (25 min walk); buses 211, 212,213,240,250,505,517

facilities: disabled access & wcs; café; giftshop; special scientific interest tours by appointment

opening: daily April-Oct 10.00-18.00 (last admission 17.00)

admission charge

one of the attractions of this former gunpowder factory museum is that visitors can dress up as past employees

Mander and Mitchenson Theatre Collection

Beckenham Place Park, Beckenham, Kent, BR3
020 8658 7725 www.mander-and-mitchenson.co.uk/

transport: Beckenham Junction, Ravensbourne & Beckenham Hill rail, Croydon Tramlink; buses 54,162,227, 367

opening by appointment only Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00 (please telephone to arrange a visit 020 8658 7725)
admission free

this collection of theatrical memorabilia has theatrical costumes, including those belonging to Henry Irving, Noel Coward and Anna Neagle, and paintings of set and costume designs,

Hever Castle

Edenbridge, Kent
01732 865224

transport: Hever rail (1mile)

facilities: parking; Moat Restaurant (Mar-Nov 11.00-18.00), Pavilion Restaurant (daily 11.00-18.00); gift, book and garden shop

opening: daily Mar-Oct house noon-18.00, gardens 11.00-18.00

admission charge

a display of period costume includes figures of the six wives of King Henry VIII together with scenes of the life and times of Queen Anne Boleyn, Henry's second wife who spent her childhood at Hever

Vestry House Museum

Vestry Road, Walthamstow, E17
020 8509 1917

www.lbwf.gov.uk/leisure/intro/vestry_intro.stm

transport: Walthamstow Central u/g & rail; buses W12, W16

facilities: disabled access by prior arrangement; library; sales desk; tours by arrangement

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-13.00, 14.00-17.30, Sat 10.00-13.00, 14.00-17.00

admission free

a local history collection of Walthamstow and area including period costumes

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

you may be taken on a special tour of this magnificent former royal Palace by a guide dressed in period costume

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

this fascinating museum holds over 32,000 items depicting the culture of various countries and peoples. Material from India, China, Japan, and Europe includes carvings of gods, masks & puppets, stone sculpture, ritual objects and costumes. A Scandinavian folk collection includes textiles and costumes and even the outside façade has allegorical figures in classical costume worked in mosaics

The Carnival Store

95 Hammersmith Road, W14

020 7603 7824 www.carnivalstore.co.uk

transport: West Kensington & Barons Court u/g, Olympia u/g & rail; buses 9,10,27,28,391

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-19.00

somewhere for fancy dress and costume hire including accessories such as masks, wigs and make-up

Royal Hospital Chelsea

Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, SW3

020 7881 5203 www.chelseapensioner.org.uk

transport: Sloane Square u/g; buses 11,137,211,239; boat Cadogan Pier

facilities: café; sales desk; tours by arrangement

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-noon, 14.00-16.00; Sun 14.00-16.00

admission free

this home for veterans of the regular army was founded in 1682 by King Charles II. A statue unveiled in to mark the millennium and 300 years of the Hospital, shows an in-pensioner in uniform of the Hospital. In scarlet coat & tricorne hat he raised his stick to salute past comrades while an oak branch symbolises the link with King Charles II who was said to have hidden in an oak tree to escape the Parliamentarians during the English Civil War the uniform of the pensioners dates back to the time of the Duke of Marlborough 1650-1722

Tower Hill, EC3

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

decorated in 2000 by Stephen B Whatley, the passageway between Tower Hill underground station and the Tower of London has reproductions of oil paintings illustrating the story of the Tower. Scenes of kings and queens associated with the Tower, arms and armour, the Crown Jewels, historic buildings in the vicinity, the Beefeaters and the ravens are all included and brighten up an otherwise dreary walkway

Important Collections Outside London

Museum of Costume

Assembly Rooms, Bennett Street, Bath, BA1
01225 477789 www.museumofcostume.co.uk

transport: Bath rail

*facilities: disabled access & wcs; lift; giftshop & fashion
bookshop; group tours*

opening: daily 10.00-16.30

admission charge

*with over 30,000 objects in the collection and regular
changing displays, this museum focuses on the
fashionable dress of men, women and children from the
late 16th century to the present day. There are lovely
examples of embroidery on some of the clothing and
accessories, many dating from the 16th century
study tables can be booked on Thursdays or Fridays in
order to examine any item in the collection more closely*

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