



Seeing the Capital Differently

Crime & Detection

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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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Madame Tussauds

Marylebone Road, NW1
020 7935 6861 www.madame-tussauds.com

transport: Baker Street & Regent's Park u/g, Marylebone u/g & rail; buses 2,13,18,27,30,74,82,113,139,189,274
facilities: *disabled access by prior arrangement but not into the Planetarium; café; shop*

opening: June-mid-Sept daily 09.00-17.30; mid-Sept-May Mon-Fri 10.00-17.30, Sat-Sun 09.30-17.30
admission charge - advance booking advisable to avoid queues

this world-famous waxwork display also has an exhibition on the history of crime with sound and visual effects

Sherlock Holmes Museum

221B Baker Street, NW1
020 7935 8866 www.sherlock-holmes.co.uk

transport: Baker Street & Regent's Park u/g, Marylebone u/g & rail; buses 2,13,18,27,30,74,82,113,139,189,274
facilities: *refreshments; shop*

opening: daily 09.30-18.00
admission charge

this museum is dedicated to the famous detective created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle - Sherlock Holmes - who with his associate Doctor Watson had the address of 221B Baker Street. The actual address is now part of the Abbey National Building Society and a plaque can be found there. Any callers to that address may be lucky enough to be given a free Sherlock Holmes booklet and postcard. The Museum (situated nearby) is a tall, narrow town house and has memorabilia of the detective as described in the books including pipes, deer stalker hat, magnifying glass, telescope & binoculars and back numbers of The Times newspapers.

The Tintin Shop

60 Sloane Avenue SW3 & 34 Floral Street, WC2
020 7838 0901 and 020 7836 1131

transport: Sloane Avenue: South Kensington & Sloane Square u/g; buses 11,19,22,211,319
Floral Street: Leicester Square & Covent Garden u/g; buses 24,29,176

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.30, Thur 10.00-18.30

these shops stocks everything (including comics) to do with Tintin, the Belgian lad-and-pup detective duo

Hyde Park , W1/W2

020 7298 2100 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

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

facilities: *Old Police Station sells books, postcards & maps about the Royal Parks & guides to trees & monuments*

opening: daily 05.00-24.00

this largest of the Royal Parks dates back to 1536 and has had at various times a reputation for being a rather dangerous place where highwaymen frequently held up wealthy people. One such incident involved the highwayman James McLean who in the early 1700s held up and robbed the Prime Minister, Robert Walpole.

Blind Beggar Pub

337 Whitechapel Road, Whitechapel, E1
020 7247 6195

transport: Whitechapel u/g; buses 25, 253,D3

opening: all permitted hours

this pub was the place where Ronnie Cray, the notorious East End London gangland boss, shot his rival George Cornell in March 1966

Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey)

Old Bailey, EC4
020 7248 3277

transport: St Paul's u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,11,15,25,26,56,76,100,172,242

opening: Mon-Fri 10.30-13.00, 14.00-16.00
admission free

this well-known English criminal court, built in 1902, stands partly on the site of Newgate Prison. It is open to members of the public who wish to hear criminal court cases. On the dome of the roof there is the well-known gilded statue of Justice. Twelve foot high and erected on the dome in 1907 she holds sword and scales but is not blindfolded as is often assumed. The statue was cast in bronze and covered in gold leaf which is replaced every five years

a tablet commemorates 'the courage and endurance of the jury who refused to give a verdict against them though they were locked up without food for two nights and fined for their verdict of Not Guilty'. It refers to the trial in 1670 of William Penn and another for preaching unlawful assembly in Gracechurch Street

Sherlock Holmes pub

10 Northumberland Street, WC2
020 7930 2644

transport: Embankment u/g, 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

opening: all permitted hours

Sherlock Holmes memorabilia and objects connected with his cases decorate the pub. Created by the writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, this famous detective and his associate Doctor Watson had an address in nearby Baker Street

Tyburn Tree (gallows) - site of

traffic island at junction of Edgware Road & Bayswater Road, W2

transport: Marble Arch u/g; buses 2,6,7,8,10,12,13,15,16,23,30,36,73,74,82,94,98,113,137,139,159,189,274

a plaque embedded in the road island at the junction of Edgware & Bayswater Roads commemorates the site of the Tyburn Tree gallows where criminals were hung for 500 years. The 'tree' was 11 foot high, of a triangular shape, and could hang 8 prisoners on each side at one time. It hung about 50,000 'criminals' including 105 Catholics martyred during the Reformation but was finally demolished in 1783. Tyburn Convent was established in 1902 in memory of those Catholics and a mock-up of the Tyburn gallows hangs over the altar

Edgar Wallace

north side of Ludgate Circus, EC4

transport: Blackfriars u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 11,15,26,45,46,63,76,100,172

a medallion of 1934 commemorates the crime novelist Edgar Wallace (1875-1932). It was made by F Doyle-Jones

Island Queen restaurant

87 Noel Road, N1
020 7704 7631

transport: Angel u/g; buses 4,19,30,38,43,56,73,153,214,274,341

facilities: garden; restaurant & snacks lunchtime & evening

opening: Mon-Sat noon-15.00, 17-30-23.00, Sun noon-15.00, 17.30-22.30

this pub has a pirate theme. There are life-size dummies of pirates, boat sails & figureheads, and dioramas depicting 18th century piracy

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; shop

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

the portrait of the highwayman, Jack Sheppard, was painted by James Thornhill in 1724

Spaniards Inn

Spaniards Road, Hampstead, NW3
020 8731 6571

transport: Hampstead & Golders Green u/g; buses 210, 268,H3

facilities: bar food (noon-15.00, 17.00-21.00)

opening: Mon-Sat 11.00-23.00, Sun noon-22.30

this pub was frequented by the famous highwayman, Dick Turpin (died 1739)

Langham Hilton Hotel

1 Portland Place, W1
020 7636 1000

transport: Oxford Circus & Great Portland St 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

the writer, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, makes mention of this hotel in the crime mysteries involving his famous detective, Sherlock Holmes

Sherlock Holmes Hotel

Baker Street, W1
020 7486 6161 www.shh-w1.com

transport: Baker Street & Regent's Park u/g, Marylebone u/g & rail; buses 2,13,18,27,30,74,82,113,139,189,274

this small hotel is decorated with abstract detective paintings and collages

Murder One

71-73 Charing Cross Road, WC2
020 7734 3485

transport: Leicester Square & Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 14,19,24,29,38,134,176,242

a bookshop dedicated to crime

Baker Street Underground Station

Baker Street/Marylebone Road, NW1

transport: Baker Street & Regent's Park u/g, Marylebone u/g & rail; buses 2,13,18,27,30,74,82,113,139,189,274

tiles that decorate the station use a silhouette of Sherlock Holmes with his pipe and deerstalker hat. while the walls of the Jubilee Line platforms have murals of Sherlock Holmes' stories The famous detective, created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, was supposed to live in Baker Street.

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 museum has established a special Fakes and Forgeries Collection where it is possible to see many of the pieces of furniture, ceramics, metalwork and sculpture that have been copied from originals since the 19th century

St Mary the Virgin

Overton Drive, St Mary's Avenue, Wanstead, E11

transport: Wanstead u/g; buses 66,101,145,308,W13, W14

in the graveyard of this church is a 'Watcher's Box' used to provide shelter for those keeping a watch against grave robbers. It dates from the days when body-snatching was a lucrative trade as the hospitals paid good money for bodies for medical experiments and surgery

Sherlock Holmes

Marylebone Road, NW1

transport: Baker Street & Regent's Park u/g, Marylebone u/g & rail; buses 2,13,18,27,30,74,82,113,139,189,274

this 9ft (2.7m) bronze by John Doubleday of the famous detective was unveiled in 1999. It shows Holmes with a cape and pipe and is inscribed 'The Great Detective'

St Anne's Tower

Wardour Street, W1

transport: Piccadilly Circus & Leicester Square u/g; buses 14,19,38

the ashes of Dorothy L Sayers, the detective-story writer and a churchwarden of St. Anne's are buried under the Tower

Crime-in-Store

14 Bedford Street, WC2
020 7379 3795

transport: Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 6,9,11,13,15,23,77A,91,176

opening: 09.00-17.00

a crime and crime detection bookshop

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: Church daily 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 parish records have an entry for the death of John Sheppard, the notorious highwayman who died in 1742

Edgar Wallace pub

40 Essex Street, WC2
020 7353 3120

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: all permitted hours

Edgar Wallace (1875-1932) is best remembered as a writer of crime novels and this pub has a collection of framed Victorian drawings and memorabilia about him

Metropolitan Police Historical Museum

New Scotland Yard, Room 1328A, St James's, SW1H
020 8305 2524

transport: St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,88,211

opening: Crime Museum is not open to public (used as lecture theatre on subjects to do with Criminology. The rest of the Museum is at present closed to the public but it is hoped that a new policing museum will open shortly at the old Bow Street Police Station

the collection and archives cover all aspects of London's Metropolitan police force and its history. A special collection of items designed to give police officers practical instruction on how to detect and prevent crime are kept in the Crime Museum. This is now used as a lecture theatre for talks on aspects of criminology such as forensic science, pathology, law and investigation.

Unfortunately this is not open to the public

among the topics covered by the archives are special constables, riots, strikes, marches, ceremonial occasions, Special Branch, Ireland and terrorism, the suffragette movement, life in London during the 2nd World War, crime investigation, forensic science, CID, a Rogues Gallery (photographs), fingerprints, stolen vehicles, traffic control - just about every aspect of police work you can think of

Captain Kidd pub

108 Wapping High Street, Wapping, E1
020 7480 5759

transport: Wapping u/g; buses 100,D3

opening: all permitted hours

this converted warehouse pub stands on the side of the River Thames and near to the site where Captain Kidd was hung for piracy and murder. Known as Execution Dock it was where pirates were hung for three days before being covered in tar and transferred to a gibbet further down the river

Museum in Docklands

No.1 Warehouse, West India Quay, Hertsmere Road, Isle of Dogs, E14
020 7001 9800 www.museumindocklands.org.uk

transport: Canary Wharf u/g & DLR, West India Quay DLR; buses 277,D3,D7,D8

facilities: disabled access; bar & restaurant, café; shop (Mon-Sat 10.00-18.00, Sun noon-18.00)

opening: daily 10.00-18.00

admission charge allows as many visits for one year as wish

this Grade 1 listed Georgian warehouse has five floors of exhibits illustrating 2000 years of Docklands history from 43AD to the present time. Using interactive techniques, paintings, photographs, models and artefacts you can trace the history of the ports, the warehouses and the trades and companies associated with them. The Trade Expansion Gallery explores the trade companies of the 16th and 18th century and the early beginnings of H M Customs & Excise and the Legal Quays. Pirates were usually hanged and on display is an iron gibbet cage into which the corpse was put for hanging over the river

St Olave's

8 Hart Street, EC3
020 7488 4318

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

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00

a skull, crossbones and spikes adorn the entrance to graveyard of this 1658 church. with the Latin inscription 'Death is Light to Me'. Charles Dickens called the church 'St Ghastly Grim' and it is the only surviving church in London dedicated to St Olaf/Olave. This hero and patron saint of Norway was the Norwegian King who fought against the Danes at the Battle of London in 1014

Severndroog Castle

Jack Wood and Castle Wood, Oxleas Wood, SE18

transport: Falconwood rail; buses 89,486

opening: folly is closed to public

Severndroog was the name of an island fortress off the west Malabar coast of India. In 1755 the husband of Lady James of Eltham (of East India Company) attacked and captured the fortress which was being used as a pirate stronghold. A triangular tower in the grounds was erected as a folly in 1784 as a memorial and details of the event can be found over the door

Justice

Patriot Square, E2

transport: Bethnal Green u/g, Cambridge Heath rail; buses 26,48,55,106,254,309,388,D3,D6

this 1910 stone figure shows justice holding scales in the right hand and a sword in the left. It is by Henry Poole

Smugglers Tavern

28 Warren Street, W1

transport: Warren Street & Great Portland Street u/g; buses 10,18,24,29,30,73,134,205,390

opening: all permitted hours

the pub sign is a mock figurehead of a pirate with dagger, beard and hat. A fishing net hangs above him

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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