



*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## Dance & Dancing

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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

## **Buckingham Palace**

Buckingham Palace Road, SW1A  
020 7930 4832 [www.royalresidences.com](http://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

*the ballroom, designed by James Pennethorne and Ludwig Gruner, is 37m long X 18m wide and is now used for investitures and banquets*

## **Tate Britain**

Millbank, SW1P  
020 7887 8000 (recorded info. 020 7887 8008)  
[www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk)

transport: Pimlico u/g; buses 2,36,77A,88,185,C10; catamaran boat service 'Tate to Tate' between Tate & Tate Modern via London Eye (40 mins, charge made)  
facilities: *audio self-tour guides; disabled access (4 wheelchairs are available on request); special touch tours by arrangement; disabled wcs; library; 6 disabled parking spaces; Tate café (daily 10.30-17.30, Espresso Bar (daily 10.00-16.30), Tate Restaurant (daily for lunch noon-15.00, Sun noon-16.00 (reservations 020 7887 8877)); Tate Shop (daily Mon-Sat 10.30-16.40, Sun 10.00-16.40), Clore Shop (daily noon-17.30) for books & posters; tours*

opening: daily 10.00-17.50  
admission free

*the paintings here include Picasso's 'Three Dancers' and Degas's 'Little Dancer'. There is also a piece in bronze by Degas entitled 'Dancers'*

## **Theatre Museum**

Russell Street, Covent Garden, WC2E  
020 7943 4700 [www.theatremuseum.org](http://www.theatremuseum.org)

transport: Covent Garden & Leicester Square u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13,15,23,59,68,77A,91,168,171,176,188

facilities: *disabled access; library with research room by appointment; shop for theatrical books and children's novelties; 30 minute tours (daily 11.00,14.00,16.00); booking service for West End shows; costume workshops for children; theatre make-up demonstrations (daily 11.30,13.00,14.30,15.30,16.30, of 30mins duration)*

opening: Tue-Sun 10.00-18.00 (last admission 17.30)  
admission charge

*this specialist museum (a branch of the Victoria and Albert Museum) exists to increase the enjoyment, understanding and study of the history, craft and practice of the performing arts in Britain. The collection dates from the 16th century to the present day and is devoted to all types of art - theatre, drama, opera, ballet, pantomime, music hall, variety, circus, puppetry, rock and pop. there is a specialist collection on Contemporary Dance and Ballet*

## **St Mary-Le-Bow**

Cheapside, EC2  
020 7248 5139

transport: Bank & St Paul's u/g; buses 8,11,26,76,100,172,242

facilities: *Bell Tower open Mon-Fri by appointment; The Place Below vegetarian restaurant (daily 07.30-14.30, 020 7329 0789)*

opening: Mon-Thur 06.30-18.00, Fri 06.30-16.00

*an unusual 9ft long copper weathervane of 1679 has a winged dragon with a rope dancer on its back*

## **Cecil Court, WC2**

transport: Leicester Square u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 24,29,176

*an interesting court for shops stocking antique books, maps, stamps and theatre posters. At No.15 (Dance Books) you can find specialist books on dance*

## **Tricycle Theatre**

269 Kilburn High Road, NW6  
020 7328 1000

transport: Kilburn u/g, Kilburn High Road & Brondesbury rail; buses 16,32,98,189,206,316

opening: Sats 11.30 & 14.00

*this children's theatre runs drama and dance workshops*

## **St Clement's Eastcheap**

Eastcheap, EC3  
020 7626 0220

transport: Monument & Bank u/g, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,35,40,43,47,48,133,149,344

opening: Mon-Fri 07.00-17.00

*17<sup>th</sup> century dancing cherubs and swags of Norwegian oak decorate this church's pulpit*

## **Arts Café**

28 Commercial Street, SE1  
020 7790 4693

transport: Aldgate East u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 15,25,42,67,78,100

opening: Salsa dance classes Suns: classes 19.00-20.30; dancing to 23.00 or 01.00

admission charge: £5 with class, £3 without

*if you fancy Cuban Salsa dancing then this is the place to come. Classes are held on Sunday evenings followed by general salsa dancing*

## **Cecil Sharp House**

2 Regent's Park Road, NW1  
020 7485 2206 [www.efdss.org](http://www.efdss.org)

transport: Camden Town u/g, Camden Road rail; buses 274,C2

opening: library Tue-Fri 09.30-17.30 & 1st & 3rd Sats in the month 10.00-16.00

admission free to library. There may be a charge for some events

*built as a folk centre in 1930 Cecil Sharp House houses the Vaughan Williams Memorial Library specialising in English folk, dance and song music*

## **Stratford Circus**

Theatre Square, Stratford, E15  
020 8279 1000 (box office), 020 8279 1001 (admin)  
[www.stratford-circus.org.uk](http://www.stratford-circus.org.uk)

transport: Stratford u/g, DLR & rail; buses 25,86,104,108,158,238,241,257,262,276,473,D8,S2

facilities: *disabled access & wcs; bar*

opening: daily from 08.00

*a modern centre for the performing arts you will find five performance spaces here for classes and workshops in dance, drama and comedy*

## **Beefeater Medieval Banquet**

St Katharine's Dock, E1  
020 7480 5353 advanced booking

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

opening: daily, door open 19.45. banquet starts 20.00  
admission charge includes meal & drinks

*if you fancy a trip back to the time of King Henry VIII then this medieval banquet may appeal. You have a four course meal and drink accompanied by jousting, music, ballads and dancing. Aimed at the tourist the banquet takes place in the cellars of a former warehouse set in an interesting former dock, now a marina*

### **Laban Centre**

Creekside, Deptford, SE8  
020 8691 8600; box office 020 8469 9500  
www.laban.org

transport: Greenwich DLR & rail, Deptford rail; buses 53, 177,188,199,225

facilities: *archives by appointment (please telephone number above); café and bar*

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-20.00

*recently opened this is the largest dance space in the world. It is the place to see performances and learn about contemporary dance with a 300 seater theatre, 13 dance studios, a dance health studio, specialist library and gardens*

### **Sadlers Wells Theatre**

Rosebery Avenue, EC1  
020 7863 8000 (box office)

transport: Angel u/g, Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 19,30, 38,73,153,214,341

facilities: *tours covering the control rooms & technical galleries (75 mins prebook 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in month at noon)*

*built between 1893 and 1906 as a music hall, this theatre has been a skating rink, a pickle factory, and a boxing arena before becoming a renowned centre for world dance, opera and musical theatre. It also holds visual arts exhibitions (free admission)*

### **Riverside Studios**

Crisp Road, W6  
020 8237 1000

transport: Hammersmith u/g; buses 9,10,27,33,72,190, 209,211,220,266,267,283,295,391,419,H91

facilities: *disabled access to theatre but not cinema; disabled wcs; bar & café*

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-23.00, Sat-Sun noon-23.00

*a venue for contemporary art exhibitions by new artists, these studios also hold theatre, cinema and dance workshops*

### **Joy of Life Fountain**

Park Lane side of Hyde Park, W1

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

*this attractive 1963 bronze fountain was erected in memory of Christian Hubert Goetze (1866-1939) an artist who, amongst other works, painted the murals on the staircase of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He was a benefactor to Regent's Park. By T B Huxley-Jones it has two young people holding hands and dancing, with four little 'children', in the water from upward shooting jets*

### **Courtauld Institute Gallery**

Strand, WC2R  
020 7848 2526                      www.courtauld.ac.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: *Summer Café, bar & resaurant; three gift and bookshops; delicatessen*

opening: daily 10.00-18.00 (last admission 17.15)  
admission charge

*here you will find one of the most important art collections in Britain including: world famous Old Master, Impressionist & Post-Impressionist paintings; sculpture; applied art. Among the paintings is Degas's 'Two Dancers on the Stage'*

*the Courtauld Gallery is an integral part of the Courtauld Institute of Art, the oldest centre for the teaching of History of Art in England*

### **Walter Rothschild Zoological Museum (Natural History Museum)**

Akeman Street, Tring, Herts, HP23  
020 7942 6171                      www.nhm.ac.uk/museum/tring

transport: Tring rail + 2 miles

facilities: *disabled access to ground floor; parking; café & 2 picnic areas; gift shop*

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00, Sun 14.00-17.00  
admission free

*perhaps a rather odd location to find in a theme about dance but this natural history museum has a Victorian collection of fleas dressed as Mexican dancers*

### **Peacock Theatre**

Portugal Street, WC2  
020 7863 8222                      www.sadlers-wells.com

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

*a lecture theatre by day for the London School of Economics and in the evening the west end home of the Sadlers Wells Theatre with music and dance performances*

### **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

*this is the largest, most comprehensive city museum in the world. It traces the fascinating story of London from prehistoric times to the end of World War 1. Among its collection can be found costumes & accessories from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century to 1970 associated with the theatre and other performing arts including ballet*

### **Cadogan Square Gardens, SW1**

transport: Sloane Square & Knightsbridge u/g; buses 19,22,137,C1

*this bronze sculpture of 1971 by David Wynne is entitled 'The Dancers' and shows male and female nudes entwined in a dance. It stands on the lawn at the north end of the gardens*

## **Basement Dance Studio**

400 York Way, Islington, N7  
020 7700 7722

transport: Caledonian Road u/g, Kentish Town u/g & rail;  
buses 10,29,253,274

*facilities: although a private club it is possible to have a viewing class: i.e. become a temporary member for a day or evening so that you can try a class*

opening: daily but as it is a private club admission is by appointment only

*this dance studio offers classes in pole dancing, bellydancing, breakdancing, salsa, hiphop, jazz, ballet, tap or contemporary dance*

## **National Gallery**

Trafalgar Square, WC2N  
020 7747 2885                      [www.nationalgallery.org.uk](http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk)

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: gallery soundtrack in 5 languages, tape guide for visually-impaired, sign language tours, large print labels, disabled access (wheelchairs on request), disabled wcs, library by arrangement, restaurant & snacks, bookshop, tours (daily 11.30 & 14.30 plus 18.30 Weds)*

opening: daily 10.00-18.00, Weds 10.00-20.00  
admission free

*among the Gallery's collection of paintings by Pierre-Auguste Renoir (1841-1919) is the 'Dancing Girl with Tambourine' painted in 1909. Also on display is Degas's work 'Ballet Dancers' (1890-1900)*

## **Battersea Arts Centre**

176 Lavender Hill, SW11  
020 7223 6557/020 7223 2223 (box office)

transport: Clapham Junction rail; buses 77,77A,156,345, G1

*facilities: café/bar*

*this 1890 former Town Hall with its marble and mosaic-clad interior has a marble statue by William Calder Marshall dated 1848 entitled 'Dancing Girl Reposing'. The girl originally held a tambourine*

## **Dancers**

Tooley Street, SE1

transport: London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 42,47,78,343, 381,RV1

*an 1987 modern interpretation of dancers sculptured in steel and painted blue, yellow, red, black and brown. It is by Allen Jones*

## **Scott's Restaurant and Bar**

20 Mount Street, W1  
020 7629 5248

transport: Bond Street & Green Park u/g; buses 2,8,10, 16,36,73,74,82,137,148,414,436

opening: Mon-Fri noon-23.00, Sat 17.00-23.00

*you can relax in leather bucket seats in this basement bar and study the painted frieze of 1920s flappers (young fashionable girls who danced the Charleston) along the back of bar*

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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