



Seeing the Capital Differently

Doves

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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

All Hallows by The Tower and Undercroft

Byward Street, Tower Hill, EC3R
020 7481 2928 www.allhallowsbythetower.org.uk

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

facilities: audio tours (daily 11.00-16.00); disabled access to Church but not Undercroft; restaurant (Mon-Fri 10.00-22.30); bookshop; group tours by arrangement (10.30-16.00); Queen Mother Centre has herb garden; brass rubbing centre

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-18.00, Sat-Sun 10.00-17.00
free admission to church

this church's lime wood font cover dates from 1682 and was carved by the sculptor and woodcarver, Grinling Gibbons (1648-1721). It is decorated with cherubs, a dove, leaves, flowers, wheat ears and fir cones

Hampton Court Palace

East Molesey, Surrey, KT8
020 8781 9500 www.hrp.org.uk

transport: Hampton Court rail; buses 111,216,267,411, 416,726, R68; Green Line coach 718 from Victoria; 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 Queen's Gallery in this former Royal Palace has a marble fireplace engraved with putti, doves and the goddess of love, Venus

National Gallery

Trafalgar Square, WC2N
020 7747 2885 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. Free bus service between National Gallery, Tate & Tate Modern every 30mins
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; shop; tours (daily 11.30 & 14.30 plus 18.30 Weds)

opening: daily 10.00-18.00, Weds 10.00-21.00
admission free

doves feature in many of the paintings in this national collection, many of them in religious works by artists such as Murillo, Strozzi, Titian and Giotto. Other doves depict love (Boucher's 'The Billet-Doux'), mythology (Rubens' 'The Judgement of Paris') and gentleness (Pablo Picasso's 'Child with a Dove')

London Zoological Gardens Collection

Outer Circle, Regent's Park, NW1
020 7722 3333 www.londonzoo.co.uk

transport: Regent's Park, Baker Street & Chalk Farm u/g; buses 18,27,30,274,C2; waterbus Camden Lock, Little Venice & The Zoo (020 7482 2550)

facilities: large print guide; disabled access & wcs; parking and pay & display; 4 restaurants and cafes

opening: daily Mar-Sept 10.00-17.30 (last admission 16.30); Oct-Feb 10.00-16.00 (last admission 15.00)
admission charge

this 36 acre zoo is dedicated to the conservation of, and education about, rare breeds. In its grounds is the Ambrika Memorial Fountain of a girl releasing a dove. Erected in 1994 it can be seen near the Camel Rides

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 attractive riverside pub began life as a coffee house in the 17th century and has the smallest bar in the United Kingdom measuring just 33.6 sq ft (3.12 sq m). The pub sign by Brian Lovrey shows a dove and a rainbow. The pub occasionally appears in the paintings of the pre-Raphaelites mainly because the craftsman and poet, William Morris (1834-96), lived next door where he entertained his circle of friends

St James's

197 Piccadilly, W1
020 7734 4511 www.st-james-piccadilly.org

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

facilities: Aroma café (Mon-Sat 08.00-19.00, Sun 10.00-19.00)

opening: daily. Market Tue 10.00-18.00 (antiques), Wed-Sat 10.00-18.00 (crafts only)

this church's font is sculptured in white marble. The shaft is the Tree of Life with a serpent coiled round it. Adam & Eve stand either side and three bas-reliefs around bowl show the Ark of Noah with the dove, the Baptism of Christ and the Baptism of the Eunuch by St Philip. The font was sculptured by Grinling Gibbons (1648-1721)

Brompton Oratory (Oratory of St Philip Neri)

Brompton Road, SW7
020 7808 0900

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,74,414,C1

opening: daily 07.00-20.00

built between 1880 and 1884 this was the first new Catholic church in London after the Reformation. It has the third widest nave in Britain after Westminster Abbey & York Minster and is of High Baroque (Italian Mannerist) style with an interior decorated with gold, Siena marble & Venetian mosaics. The double-stepped pulpit has its dark wooden canopy carved with a dove and cherubs

St Andrew's Holborn

St Andrew Street, Holborn, EC4
020 7353 3544

transport: Chancery Lane u/g, Farringdon u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,17,25,45,46,63,242,341

opening: Mon-Fri 08.00-17.30, Wed 08.00-14.00, 18.00-21.00

this church has a trompe l'oeil painting of a dove over the altar and another in the stained glass window at the east end. Both are by Brian Thomas

St Paul's Cathedral

St Paul's Churchyard, EC4
020 7263 4128 www.stpauls.co.uk

transport: St Pauls & Mansion House u/g, Blackfriars & Cannon Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,11, 15,26,56,76,172,100,172,242; boat Blackfriars Millennium Pier

facilities: café in crypt (09.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 10.30-17.00 Sun); shop in crypt (09.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 10.30-17.00 Sun)

opening: Mon-Sat 08.30-16.00 (restricted during services); Crypt Mon-Fri 10.00-16.15, Sat 11.00-16.15 admission charge includes entry to galleries

the American Memorial Chapel was dedicated in 1958 to honour the 28,000 Americans based in Britain who lost their lives in the 2nd World War. There is a crimson velvet altar cloth embroidered with a dove, a carved gilded eagle above the altar, a silver & gold cross and candlesticks, and a Roll of Honour of the 28,000 names standing on a marble pedestal

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

dating from 1680 and made of oak this reredos has Corinthian pilasters with gilded capitals. The two centre panels have the Commandments with cherubs' heads above and God's name in Greek & Latin. The curved pediment has a dove with scrolls and flaming urns

Neal's Yard

Monmouth Street & Shorts Gardens, WC2

transport: Covent Garden & Leicester Square u/g; buses 14,19,24,29,38,176

this yard with its Wholefood Warehouse and other shops has its original hoists and dovecot. There is also a 1982 waterclock on the side of the Warehouse that uses tubes, cups and figures to show the time - great fun to watch

St Margaret's

Lothbury, EC2
020 7606 8330

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

opening: Mon-Fri 09.15-17.15

in this church's South Chapel the font's round bowl is decorated with cherubs' heads and cut reliefs showing Adam and Eve in Paradise, the Return of the Dove to Noah, the Baptism of Christ by John and the baptism of the Eunuch by Philip. The cover is a dove of peace within a cherub-headed crown. It has been attributed to the woodcarver and sculptor, Grinling Gibbons

St James's

Clerkenwell Green, EC1
020 7251 1190

transport: Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 55,63

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-15.00

the mahogany altar is inlaid with box wood and decorated with feather plumes and a dove

St Mary's

Church Road - south side Battersea Bridge, SW11
020 7228 9648

transport: Clapham Junction rail 3/4m; buses 19,49,239,319,345

the circular stained glass transparencies of a Dove and Lamb are by the artist James Pearson and date from 1796

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

here the 17th century marble font is an octagonal shape and has a dove holding an olive branch and capped with gilded flames

Pimp Hall Nature Reserve

King's Road, Chingford, E4

transport: Chingford rail; buses 97,179,212,313,379,444

opening: daily 09.30-16.00

this nature reserve has a 17th century timber-framed dovecote

St Paul's

Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, SW1

transport: Knightsbridge & Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 9,10,14,19,22,52,74,137,414,C1

another lovely font cover - this time a gilded dove carved from wood covers the 1842 stone font carved with biblical scenes from Old Testament

The Canons (Merton Heritage Centre)

Madeira Road, Mitcham, Surrey,

transport: Tooting Broadway & Mitcham Junction u/g, Mitcham Tramlink; buses 118,127,152,200,201,264,270,280,355

opening: Tue-Thur 10.00-16.00, Fri-Sat 10.00-17.00 Sun 13.00-16.00 admission free

this attractive 1680 manor house with its original fireplaces, staircases and panelling has lovely grounds where you can find a medieval carp pond, a walled garden and a Tudor dovecote

Southwark War Memorial

Borough High Street, SE1

transport: Borough u/g, London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 21,35,40,133,343,381,RV1

the bronze figure of a soldier with tin hat and rifle is shown marching through the mud. Figures of St George in armour and a weeping, veiled woman and child complete this commemoration to the Men of St Saviour's Southwark who gave their lives for the Empire 1914-18. Two bronze panels show battleships, and biplanes in aerial combat. At the feet of the weeping woman is a dove symbolising the grief of the present generation and the hope of peace for the future generations

Cadogan Square Gardens, SW1

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

this 1971 bronze sculpture by David Wynne is entitled 'Girl with Doves' and shows a nude young girl with five doves between her hands and head. She stands on the lawn in the south-west corner of the gardens

Carew Manor

Church Road, Beddington, Surrey, SM6
020 8770 4781

transport: Wallington rail
facilities: advance booking only for the hall, cellars & dovecote; shop

opening: grounds: summer Suns in 2004 23rd May, 27th June, 18th July, 26 Sept with tours 14.00 & 15.30 admission charge

this dovecot was built between 1707 and 1727 and would have originally contained 1360 nesting boxes and a revolving ladder (potence) for accessing the boxes. In the 1930s a Roman coffin was found on the ground floor

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