



Seeing the Capital Differently

Jewellery

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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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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

this well-known National museum has an excellent collection of jewellery from many parts of the world - Europe, Near East, Korea, Oceania, Ancient Greece. Included are gold necklaces and mirrors from British pre-Roman times; Anglo Saxon remains especially the Sutton Hoo Treasure of gold decorated with inset enamel; the Snettisham Treasure collection of gold and silver rings; the Mildenhall Treasure; the Hoxne Hoard; the Hull Grundy Gift of engraved gems and gold; the Oxus Treasure of gold & silver jewellery and ornaments found in the Near East and dating from 6-4th century BC

Crafts Council Collection

44A Pentonville Road, Islington, N1
020 7278 7700

www.craftscouncil.org.uk/Collection

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

facilities: *disabled access, shop*

opening: Tue-Sun 11.00-18.00, Sun 14.00-18.00

admission free

on show is a contemporary collection of crafts from the last three decades by leading British makers. There are regular exhibitions in the gallery while 1,200 items illustrating ceramics, glass, furniture, textiles, jewellery, metalwork, wood, toys, bookbindings and lettering are available for loan for exhibitions

Camden Lock, NW1

transport: Camden Town u/g, Camden Road rail; buses 24,27,31,168

opening: Sat-Sun 09.00-18.00

3 cobbled yards situated near the locks of the Regent's Canal have weekend stalls for arts & crafts, jewellery & clothing

Crown Jewels

Tower of London, Tower Hill, EC3N
020 7680 9004 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

facilities: *limited disabled access; sales desk & gift shop*

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

a magnificent display of the Crown Jewels of the British monarchy include St Edward's Crown (worn only at Coronations) and the Imperial State Crown made for Queen Victoria and worn on state occasions. Among other outstanding precious items are rings and crosses decorated with many precious jewels, and the Royal

Sceptre that contains the Star of Africa, the largest stone cut from the famous Cullinan Diamond (the largest diamond ever found). The jewels have been kept in the Tower of London since 1327

Kenwood House

Hampstead Lane, NW3
020 8348 1286 www.english-heritage.org.uk

transport: Archway or Golders Green u/g then bus 210 to Highgate 1 mile; Hampstead Heath rail 1 mile

facilities: *audio guides; disabled access & wcs; wheelchair hire available; cotton gloves supplied for visually impaired visitors to touch cornices, fire surrounds etc; parking; Brew House Café; gift & bookshop; tours by arrangement*

opening: daily Apr-Sept 10.00-18.00, Oct 10.00-17.00, Nov-Mar 10.00-16.00

admission free

there is a display of 18th and 19th century jewellery in an upstairs room

Jewish Museum - Camden Town

129-131 Albert Street, Camden, NW1
020 7284 1997 www.jewishmuseum.org

transport: Camden Town u/g; buses 24,27,29,31,88,134,168,214,253,274,C2

facilities: *audio guide; disabled access & wcs; refreshments; shop selling books, souvenirs & replicas; group tours by arrangement*

opening: Mon, Thur 10.00-16.00, Sun 10.00-17.00;

closed Bank Holidays & Jewish Festivals

admission charge

this interesting museum illustrates the history and culture of the Jewish community in London and has a collection of Jewish wedding rings

Tadema Gallery

10 Charlton Place, Camden Passage, N1
020 7359 1055 www.tademagallery.com

transport: Angel u/g; buses 4,19,30,38,43,56,73,153,274,341,394,476

here you will find vintage jewellery including art deco and art nouveau pieces from between 1860 and 1960

Van Den Bosch

Georgian Village, Camden Passage, N1
020 7226 4550

transport: Angel u/g; buses 4,19,30,38,43,56,73,153,274,341,394,476

another shop selling art nouveau, art deco and arts & crafts jewellery

Museum of London

150 London Wall, EC2Y
020 7600 3699 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

here you will find jewellery from Roman and Saxon times together with 15th century pendants, Jacobean jewellery and pieces from the 18th century. Of particular interest is the 16th century Jacobean Cheapside Hoard discovered during excavations in Cheapside

there are items from the collections of Dame Joan Evans, Baroness D'Erlanger, Lady Cory and Queen Mary; and a rich examples of sentimental & mourning jewels and good quality costume jewellery

Grays Market

38 Davies Street, W1
020 7629 7034

transport: Bond Street u/g; buses 6,7,8,10,12,13,15,23, 73,94,98,113,137,139,159,189

facilities: *Victory Café for snacks*

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00

here, in this antiques market, you will find antique jewellery including Roman beads, Georgian rings, and Victorian jet

Library and Museum of Freemasonry

Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, WC2B
020 7395 9251 www.grandlodge-england.org

transport: Holborn & Covent Garden u/g; buses 1,59,68, 91,168,171,188

facilities: *disabled access, library, sales desk, tours (Mon-Fri 11.00, noon, 14.00, 15.00, 16.00; Sat prebooking. Telephone to check)*

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-17.00

admission free

the display of Masonic Movement regalia and medals helps to illustrate the history and development of the Movement

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

one of the eight curatorial departments of this famous museum covers Metalwork, Silver and Jewellery and has over 6000 medieval and renaissance pieces (including pieces from the Russian Crown Jewels) on display in the Jewellery Gallery. Among the more unusual items are examples of Prussian iron, Venetian and Indian jewellery, glass beads and modern plastic costume jewellery.

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 required
admission charge

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

Petticoat Lane Market

Middlesex Street, E1
020 7377 8963 www.eastlondonmarkets.com

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

opening: daily 10.00-14.30 but best on Suns 09.00-14.00
this famous 200 year old market has Asian fabrics, Indian gold jewellery, clothes and leatherware

The Bead Shop

21A Tower Street, WC2
020 7240 0931

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

opening: ring above number for details

if you need any beads for any purpose then you will find them here

Aspreys

165 New Bond Street, W1
020 7493 6767

transport: Bond Street & Oxford Circus u/g; buses 3,6,7, 8,10,12,13,15,23,25,53,55,73,94,98,113,137,139,159, 176,189

one of the most famous jewellers in London, founded 1781 and counting royalty amongst its clients

Garrard and Co

112 Regent Street, W1
020 7734 7020

transport: Oxford Circus & Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3, 6,9,12,13,14,15,19,22,23,38,53,88,94,139,159

another famous jewellers selling beautiful objects since 1735

Piccadilly Market

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 market established in 1981 in the grounds of St James's Church, sells souvenirs, brass, pipes, chess sets, jewellery, knitwear and bags

Brixton Market

Electric Avenue, SW9

transport: Brixton u/g & rail; buses 2,3,32,35,45,59,109, 118,133,159,196,250,322,345,355,P4,P5

opening: Tue,Thur 09.00-17.30, Wed 09.00-13.00

a very local West Indian market selling food, clothes and jewellery

Bond Street (New and Old), W1

www.newbondstreet.com

transport: Bond Street & Green Park u/g; buses for New BS 6,7,8,10,12,13,15,23,73,94,98,113,137,139,159,189, buses for Old BS 9,14,19,22,38

one of the famous shopping streets of London, you will find art and jewellery shops here

Hatton Garden, EC1

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

this is the centre of the diamond and jewellery business in London. A great deal of the trade is still controlled by Hasidic Jews who can sometimes be seen in frock coats and black hats with flowing beards and sidelocks. No 87 is the London Diamond Club

Southside House

Woodhayes Road, Wimbledon
020 8946 7643

transport: Wimbledon u/g & rail; bus 200

opening: Tue, Thur, Sat Jan-mid June tours at 14.00, 15.00, 16.00

admission charge

this late 17th century Dutch-Baroque house boasts two lovely pieces of jewellery in its collection. One is a sapphire worn by the last king of Serbia, the other a pearl necklace worn by Queen Marie Antoinette at her execution in 1793

Museum Shop

37 The Market, Covent Garden, WC2
020 7240 5760

transport: Covent Garden & Leicester Square u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 6,9,11,13,15,23,24,29, 77A,91,176

this shop stocks goods and replicas from museums in Britain, Europe & America. Everything from fridge magnets to jewellery

The Gilded Lily

145/6 Grays Antique Market, 58 Davies Street, W1
020 7499 6260

transport: Bond Street u/g; buses 6,7,8,10,12,13,15,23, 73,94,98,113,137,139,159,189

one of the interesting shops in this antique market that sells art deco and art nouveau jewellery

Licht and Morrison

43 Davies Street, W1

transport: Bond Street u/g; buses 6,7,8,10,12,13,15,23, 73,94,98,113,137,139,159,189

another stockist of art deco pieces

Gilbert Collection

Somerset House, Strand, WC2R
020 7420 9400 www.gilbert-collection.org.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: audio guide plus special one for children & families; disabled access & wheelchair hire (please book in advance); Summer Café & bar & restaurant; shop for gifts, silverware & jewellery; tours on Thur & Sat 14.30 (booking 020 7420 9410)

opening: daily 10.00-18.00, (last admission 17.15)
admission charge includes free audio guide & magnifying glass. Free after 16.30

there is an outstanding display of Italian pietre dure (Florentine hardstones) and glass micromosaics (tiny coloured glass rods secured in adhesive, waxed & polished) in this collection. Used as panels in furniture, on vases and jewellery there are bird and floral motifs, and still-life, landscape and genre scenes. Also amongst the collection are over 200 gold snuffboxes made in Paris, Berlin, London, Dresden & Vienna. Six of them are decorated with jewels and were made for Frederick the Great of Prussia

one of the most prized pieces in the Collection is the Jewish Torah Crown of gold, decorated with precious stones and gold eagles holding bells in their beaks. It is one of only two existing in the world. The Torah Crown motive is used to adorn sacred teaching scrolls of Judaic worship

Jubilee Market Hall

The Market, Covent Garden, WC2

transport: Covent Garden & Leicester Square u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 6,9,11,13,15,23,24,29, 77A,91,176

opening: Mon 0600-17.00 (antiques), Tue-Fri 09.00-17.00 (general), Sat-Sun 09.00-17.00 (crafts)

an arts and crafts market with its fair share of jewellery

Glitterati

146 Columbia Road, E2
020 7739 9335

transport: Shoreditch u/g, Bethnal Green rail; buses 26, 48,55

opening: Sun 08.00-14.00

visit here if you are interested in vintage costume jewellery made between 1930 and 1970 by American or European designers

World of Jewellery

Hampton Road West, Feltham, Middlesex, TW13
020 8755 2638

transport: Feltham rail; buses 285,490,726

facilities: disabled access; tea rooms; factory shop

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-16.30

admission free

this factory shop has craftsmen making hand made jewellery and a museum that outlines the history of costume jewellery

Contemporary Applied Arts

2 Percy Street, W1
020 7436 2344

transport: Tottenham Court Road & Goodge Street u/g; buses 10,24,29,73,134

opening: Mon-Sat 10.30-17.30

here you will find exhibitions and information on the art and craft of pottery, studio ceramics, glass, wood, metal, jewellery, textiles and furniture

Bayswater Road Art Exhibition

Bayswater, W2
020 7798 1090

transport: Lancaster Gate & Queensway u/g; buses 12, 70,94

opening: Sun 10.00-18.00

an open-air exhibition of the works of more than 200 artists. It ranges from oil paintings and watercolours to sculpture and handmade jewellery

Camden Passage Market

Upper Street, Islington, N1
www.islington.gov.uk/whatson

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

opening: Wed 07.00-14.00, Thur 07.00-16.00, Sat 08.00-16.00 (Wed & Sat (antiques), Thurs (books, prints & drawings))

market and shops specialising in antique silverware, jewellery & watches and books, prints & drawings. Individual shops may have different opening days and hours

Whitechapel Market

Whitechapel Road, E1
020 7377 8963 www.eastlondonmarkets.com
transport: Whitechapel u/g; buses 25,106,253,D3
opening: Mon-Sat 08.00-18.00

although a general street market there is an emphasis on ethnic produce, clothing, textiles and Indian jewellery. It is vibrant and colourful

Camden Market

Inverness St, Buck St, High St, Camden Lock, Chalk Farm Road, NW1
020 7284 2084 www.camdenlock.net/markets.html
transport: Camden Town & Chalk Farm u/g; buses 24,27,29,31,88,134,168,214,253,274,C2
opening: Market Hall daily; Camden Market Thurs-Sun; Camden Lock Wed-Sun; 10.00-18.00

another market with lovely Indian jewellery

Capital Gems

306 Great Sutton Street, EC1
020 7253 3575
transport: Barbican & Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 55, 153,243
here you can buy gemstones (precious & semi-precious) and glass beads for decorating fabrics

Jermyn Street, SW1

transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3,6,9,12,13,14,15, 19,22,23,38,53,88,139,159
among the shirtmakers and antiquarian booksellers in this select street is the original Wall's sausage shop, a shop specialising in cheeses and places selling modern jewellery

St Thomas' Hospital

2 Lambeth Palace Road, SE1
020 7620 0374 www.florence-nightingale.co.uk
transport: Westminster & Lambeth North u/g, Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 12,53,77,159,211
facilities: disabled access & wcs; library; refreshments in hospital; gift & bookshop; tours
opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-17.00, Sat-Sun 11.30-16.30 (last admission 1 hour before closing)
admission charge
perhaps an odd place to find jewellery but here in the Central Hall of the hospital most closely related to Florence Nightingale you can find a display of Nightingale brooches. These enamel brooches were worn by nursing staff trained in the Nightingale Training School for Nurses (1860-1996), to show various grades of qualification. This collection has been made from those returned on the death of the recipient

Abstract

58-60 Kensington Church Street, W8
020 7376 2652
transport: High Street Kensington & Notting Hill Gate u/g; buses 27,28,52,70,328
a shop selling art deco and art nouveau jewellery, ceramics and glass

Green Street, E7/E13

transport: Upton Park u/g, Woodgrange Park rail; buses 25,58,104,238,325,330,376
opening: daily 10.00-18.00

here there are shops selling Asian goods including fabrics and gold jewellery

Lesley Craze Gallery

33-35a Clerkenwell Green, EC1
020 7608 0393 www.lesleycrazegallery.co.uk
transport: Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 55,63,243
opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.30
a commercial gallery specialising in jewellery, metalsmithing and textiles

Queen's Gallery

Buckingham Palace Road, SW1A
020 7839 1377 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: sorry no wheelchairs; sales desk; group visits, private evening tours and viewings
opening: daily 10.00-17.30 (last admission 17.00) entry by timed ticket
admission charge
among the interesting pieces on display are three Faberge eggs. Jewelled with precious stones, seed pearls and enamels, these Easter eggs were presented to King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra
also on display is the Cullinan brooch made from the Cullinan diamond (the largest diamond ever found) and presented by South Africa to King Edward VII as a present for his daughter-in-law Queen Mary

Ranger's House

Chesterfield Walk, Blackheath, SE10
020 8853 0035
www.greenwichletting.co.uk/rangershouse.html
transport: Cutty Sark DLR, Blackheath & Maze Hull rail; buses 53,54,202,380
facilities: disabled access with chairlift to 1st floor; disabled wcs; limited parking; shop; tours by appointment
opening: daily Apr-Sept 10.00-18.00 or dusk; Wed-Sun Oct-Mar 10.00-16.00
admission charge
this museum displays the fine and decorative art collection by Sir Julius Werner, the diamond millionaire & philanthropist (1850-1912). Among the 650 pieces are jewels, paintings, ceramics, silverware, bronzes, porcelain, furniture and tapestries
there is also a fine display of Medieval and Renaissance carved and coloured ivories believed to be one of the largest collections in the country

Sir John Soane's Museum

13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2A
020 7405 2107 www.soane.org
transport: Holborn u/g; buses 1,8,25,38,59,68,91,98, 168,171,188,242
facilities: library; sales desk; tours (Sats 14.30, small charge)
opening: Tue-Sat 10.00-17.00. 1st Tues of every month 18.00-21.00 when parts lit by candle
admission free except for tours
the home of the architect Sir John Soane (1753-1837) the house was designed to be a home as well as a setting for his extraordinary collection of antiquities and works of art. One of the many intriguing items is the Naseby jewel hatpin thought to date from about 1630. The pin has the figure of a cavalier in the centre and is studded with rubies. History says that it may have been dropped by King Charles II at the Battle of Naseby in ?????

Covent Garden Piazza, WC2

transport: Covent Garden & Leicester Square u/g,
Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 6,9,11,13,15,23,24,29,
77A,91,176

*once the main fruit market until it moved to Nine Elms in
south London Covent Garden now has fashionable small
shops and stalls specialising in British handmade goods
and jewellery*

Goldsmiths Company

Foster Lane, EC2V
020 7606 7010 www.thegoldsmiths.co.uk

transport: St Paul's & Mansion House u/g, City
Thameslink, Farringdon rail; buses 8,56,100,172,242

opening: by prior application

*the library and archives of this City of London livery
company dates from the 14th century and holds an
important collection of works on gold, silver, jewellery,
regalia, assaying and hallmarking. It can be used by
appointment with the Librarian on the above telephone
number*

Didier

58-60 Kensington Church Street, W8
020 7938 2537

transport: High Street Kensington & Notting Hill u/g;
buses 27,28,52,70,328

opening: by appointment only

*a stockist of arts & crafts and art nouveau jewellery and
silver*

Hamshere Gallery

PO Box 30123, SW13
020 8287 0123

opening: by appointment - telephone or use the delightful
website

*this gallery specialises in antique sporting jewellery and
dog paintings*

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