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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; boat Hampton Court; Green Line coach 718 from Victoria

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 Trophy Gates are decorated with a lion and unicorn and the arms of George II. The Fountain Court by Sir Christopher Wren has carved wreaths in the form of lion skins round the windows

Westminster Abbey

Deans' Yard, Parliament Square, SW1

020 7222 5152

www.westminster-abbey.org

transport: Westminster & St James's Park u/g, Victoria & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,109,159, 211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

facilities: audio guide & leaflets in 7 languages; library; guided tours (Apr-Oct Mon-Fri 10.00,10.30,11.00,14.00, 15.00, Sat 10.00,11.00, 12.30; Nov-Mar Mon-Fri 10.00, 11.00,14.00,15.00, Sat 10.00, 11.00, 12.30); brass concerts (July/Aug 12.30-14.00)

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-16.45 (last admission 15.45); Sat 09.00-14.45 (last admission 13.45); closed Sun except for worship; Cloister daily 08.00-18.00; Chapter House daily 10.00-17.30 Apr-Oct, 10.00-16.00 Nov-Mar, Chapter Library Wed May-Sept 11.00-15.00; College Garden Tue, Wed, Thurs 10.00-18.00 (10.00-16.00 Oct-Mar)

admission charge

the tomb of Mary Queen of Scots was erected by King James I. With eight posters it is marble effigy of the Queen showing her dressed in a close-fitting coif, lace ruff and mantle fastened with a brooch. A Scottish crowned lion lies at her feet

the oak Coronation Chair of King Edward I dates from 1300 and is decorated with birds, foliage and animals. It has the figure of the King on the back with his feet resting on a lion. The Chair used to house the Stone of Scone until it was returned to Scotland in 1997. It is now housed in Edinburgh Castle but will be returned to London for the coronation of a new monarch

Kew Gardens/Royal Botanic Gardens and Museums

Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW9

020 8332 5655/recorded information 020 8940 1171

www.rbgekew.org.uk

transport: Kew Gardens u/g & rail, Kew Bridge rail; buses 65,237,267,391,419; boat Kew Pier

facilities: disabled access; Orangery, White Peaks, Pavilion & Victoria Gate restaurants & snacks (10.00-one hour before closing); shops; tours from Victoria Gate Visitors' Centre (daily 11.00, 14.00 no charge)

opening: March-Aug Mon-Fri 09.30-18.30, Sat-Sun 09.30-19.30; Sept-Oct daily 09.30-18.00; Oct-Feb daily 09.30-16.15; Feb-Mar daily 09.30-17.30. Last admission and closure of glasshouses is 30 mins before closing time admission charge

near to the ponds stand 2 ten-ton Ming kylie (Chinese mythological beasts resembling lions). You will also be able to spot the Queen's Beasts - 2 lions (one of England, one of Mortimer) and a Welsh Dragon. These were carved to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953

Twining Museum

216 Strand, WC2R

020 7353 3511

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: tours by arrangement

opening Mon-Fri 09.30-16.30

admission free

the Golden Lion over the doorway symbolises the family tea business. Two Chinese figures stand with it

Victoria and Albert Museum

Cromwell Road, SW7

020 7942 2000/0870 442 0808 24hr inf

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; shops; tours; gallery lectures (Wed 18.30-21.30)

opening: daily 10.00-17.45, Wed 10.00-22.00

admission free

a plaster cast of the Brunswick Lion and an electrolyte copy in copper of the 1885 Rosenberg Castle Lion can be found among the collection in Britain's National Museum of Art and Design

Kings Arms pub

23 Poland Street, W1

020 7734 5907

transport: Oxford Circus & Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3, 6,7,8,10,12,13,14,15,19,22,23,25,38,53, 55,73,88,94, 98,139,159,176

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

a pub with stained glass windows showing the lion of Scotland and the fleur-de-lis of France

Nelson's Column

Trafalgar Square, WC2

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

four lions flank the column; made of bronze they are 20ft long and 11ft high; by Sir Edwin Landseer 1868

Queen Elizabeth Gate

near Aspley Gate, 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

lion and unicorn panels sculptured by David Wyne are on the cast-iron gates: designed by Guiseppi Lund they were erected in 1993 to celebrate the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

St Anne and St Agnes Lutheran Church

Gresham Street, EC2

020 7606 4986

transport: St Paul's & Bank u/g; buses 8,25,56,100,172, 242

opening: Mon-Sat 09.00-18.00 Sun 09.00-20.00. Services in Swahili 1st Sun in month (14.00), in Estonian on 3rd Sun (14.30), in Latvian 4th Sun (14.30)

a gilded lion can be found near the pulpit. It came from St Mildred's Church, Bread Street. The Sanctuary chairs are engraved with birds, intricate foliage & arms terminating in lions' heads

St Margaret Pattens

Rood Lane, Eastcheap, EC3
020 7623 6630

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

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00

the choirstalls nearest the nave have carvings of a lion and a unicorn. The original 17th century ones 'disappeared' and the present ones were carved in 1998

William Gilbert Grace

Lord's Cricket Ground, St John's Wood Road, St John's Wood, NW1

transport: St John's Wood u/g (10mins walk), Marylebone rail (15mins walk); buses 13,46,82,113,139,187,189,274
facilities: limited disabled access; library; restaurant and snacks nearby; shop for prints, books, souvenirs and cricket equipment; tours by arrangement

opening: daily except match days. Tours at noon & 14.00 (additional tour at 10.00 during summer). It is advisable to phone to check opening times
admission charge

lions are on the memorial gates that commemorate first-class cricket batsman and bowler, William Gilbert Grace (1848-1915). These main entrance gates are also decorated with the initials 'WGG', cricket stumps, bats, bat & ball

Chindit Special Force Memorial

Victoria Embankment- next to former Canon Row police station, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

this 1990 memorial commemorates the men of the Chindit Special Force who fought against the Japanese in Burma during 1943 and 1944. The name was derived from the Chinthe of Burma mythology; a mythical lion-like beast that was the Guardian of Burmese Temples. The motto associated with the Chindit is 'boldest measures are the safest'. The memorial is by Frank Forster (sculptor) and David Price (architect)

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 8,11,15,26,56,76,100,172,242; 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 10.00-16.15 Mon-Fri, 11.00-16.15 Sat
admission charge includes entry to galleries

portrait statues to various military commanders include John Flaxman's 'Nelson with seasick lion' in south transept

Guildhall

Aldermanbury, EC2
020 7606 3030

transport: Bank & Mansion House u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 8,56,76,100,133,242

opening: daily May-Sept 10.00-17.00; Mon-Sat Oct-Apr 10.00-17.00 (advisable to check opening as often closed for events)

admission free

various monuments with lions, cherubs and allegorical figures are dotted throughout. The statue of Lord Nelson in the Main Hall incorporates Britannia, a lion, fish, women writing and his battles

Highgate Cemetery

Swain's Lane, N6
020 8340 1834

transport: Archway & Highgate u/g; buses 4,143,210, 214,271,C11,W5

opening: east side daily with open access Apr-Sept 10.00-17.00, Oct-Mar 10.00-16.00; west side by tours only Mon-Fri at noon,14.00 and 16.00, Sat & Sun hourly from 11.00-16.00

admission charge for tours

a west side tomb memorial to a zoo menagerie keeper has a cross-pawed lion snoozing

Christ Church, Spitalfield

Commercial Street, Spitalfields, E1
020 7247 7202

transport: Shoreditch, Aldgate & Aldate East u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 8,11,15,26,35,42,47, 48,67,78,100,133,149,153,214,242,344

opening: Mon-Fri noon-13.00, Sun for services

lions are carved on the chancel beams

University College

Gower Street, WC1
020 7387 7050

transport: Goadge Street, Euston Square & Russell Square u/g, Euston u/g & rail; buses 10,18,24,29,30,59, 68,73,91,134,168

two Egyptian lions have been reconstructed from pottery fragments belonging to the Petrie Museum. They can be found in the north cloister of the Main Building

St Andrew Undershaft

St Mary Axe, Leadenhall Street, EC3
020 7283 2231

transport: Aldgate & Bank u/g; Fenchurch Street rail; buses 8,26,35,40,42,47,48,78,100,149,242,344,

opening: admission by prior arrangement with St Helens Church (020 7283 2231)

the grave to John Stow who died in 1605 shows him holding a quill pen. The memorial is decorated with lions' heads, books and crosses. Stowe wrote the first detailed account of the City of London in 1598. At a service every April 5th the quill pen is replaced and a copy of his book presented to the writer of the best essay about London

Jelling Stone

St Katharine's Precinct & Danish Church, north of Cumberland Terrace, Regent's Park, NW1

transport: Regent's Park & Great Portland Street u/g; buses 18,27,30,88,C2

this is a copy of a 10th century Viking granite stone with runic inscription, red and white interlaced scrolls and the image of Christ and a lion in the grip of a serpent. It was

erected in memory of King Gorm of Denmark, 1st Danish ruler to be converted to Christianity and is a copy of the stone at Jelling, Jutland erected in 980AD by Harald of Denmark

Greyhound Pub

Hugh Street, SW1

transport: Victoria u/g & rail; buses 2,8,11,16,24,36,38, 52,73,82,185,211,239,C1,C10

there are lion heads on the façade

Coade stone lion (South Bank Lion)

south side of Westminster Bridge, SE1

transport: Westminster u/g, Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 3, 11,12,24,53,77,77A,88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium & Waterloo Millennium Pier

this lion statue has dominated the south end of Westminster Bridge since 1952. Made in 1837 of Coade Stone it is 13ft long and 12ft high and has its paw inscribed with the sculptor's name (W.F Woodington) and the date. It was formerly the mascot of the 19th century Red Lion Brewery that stood nearby

Chinatown

Gerrard Street and Macclesfield Street, Soho, W1

transport: Piccadilly Circus & Leicester Square u/g; buses 3,6,12,13,14,15,19,23,24,29,38,53,88,94,139, 159,176

Chinese New Year Celebrations on a Sunday in late January/early February include a large paper maché lion being paraded throughout the streets

St Vedast-alias-Foster

4 Foster Lane, Cheapside, EC2

020 7606 3998

transport: St Pauls & Mansion House u/g; buses 8,56, 100,172,242

opening: Mon-Fri 08.00-18.00

the pulpit is decorated with fruit, flowers, lions and skulls and a wall fountain has a lion's head as a water spout

Jubilee (Silver Jubilee Fountain)

New Palace Yard, Westminster, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211

made of black painted galvanised steel strips and rotating on an axis, it is decorated with animals - unicorn (Europe), lion (Africa), tiger (Asia), kangaroo (Australia), penguin (Antarctica): constructed by Walenty Pytel, 1977

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

King Charles Street, SW1A

020 7270 1500

www.fco.gov.uk

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211 boat: Westminster Millennium Pier

opening: special open days . Ring number above to check *the pillars in the Library have lion masks. A marble 1730 chimneypiece and overmantle in the India Office Council Chambers depicts Britannia receiving the riches of the East Indies. Behind Britannia are 2 females symbolising Asia (with camel) and Africa (with lion). To the right is the River God (River Thames) and in the background ships go to sea. The piece is by John Michael Rysback*

Chiswick House

Burlington Lane, Hogarth Road, W4

020 8995 0508

www.english-heritage.org.uk

transport: Turnham Green u/g ¾ mile, Chiswick rail ½ mile; buses 190,290,E3

facilities: audio tour in French & German, hearing loop for video; disabled access with two steps at entrance & a chairlift to upper floors; snacks; giftshop; group tours during winter months

opening: house Apr-Sept 10.00-18.00, Oct 10.00-17.00 (Sats 10.00-noon only); gardens: daily dawn-dusk admission charge to house; gardens free

the 1738 sculpture of a lion and lioness is by Peter Scheemakers while other statues of lions are in various parts of the gardens

Chessington World of Adventures

Chessington, Surrey, KT9

0870 444 77 77

www.chessington.com

transport: Chessington South rail and 10min walk; buses 465 from Kingston, 467 from Epsom

opening: mid Mar-Oct with some mid week closing during off-peak times. Check days and times by telephoning the number given above or by looking on the internet

the zoo has Asian lions, Persian and snow leopards and Sumatran tigers

Royal Mews

Buckingham Palace Road, SW1A

020 7839 1377

www.royalresidences.com

transport: St James's Park & Green Park u/g, Victoria u/g & rail; buses 2,8,11,16,24,36,38,52,73,74,82,185,211, 239,C1,C10

facilities: disabled access & wcs; shop

opening: daily March-Oct 11.00-16.00 (last admission 15.30)

admission charge

the entrance to the Mews is through gates decorated with a lion and unicorn

London Zoological Gardens Collection

Outer Circle, Regent's Park, NW1

020 7722 3333

www.londonzoo.co.uk/www.zsl.org/www.weboflife.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

Asian lions and tigers can be seen at this 36 acre zoo dedicated to the conservation of, and education about, rare breeds. A statue called 'Negro Fighting Lion' by Henri Teixeira de Mattos (1856-1908) is one of several statues to be found in the gardens

Tate Britain

Millbank, SW1P

020 7887 8000 (recorded info. 020 7887 8008)

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

over the portico of this famous art gallery is a 1897 sculpture of Britannia with a lion and unicorn. The lion is holding the royal coat of arms

Wycombe Local History and Chair Museum

Priory Avenue, High Wycombe, Bucks,
01494 421895

transport: High Wycombe rail
facilities: disabled access & wcs; parking; drinks machine; gift shop; picnic area

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-17.00; Sat 10.00-13.00,14.00-17.00
admission free

this museum has a model of the High Wycombe Red Lion. The Red Lion became a famous landmark of Wycombe as it appeared in pictures of both Benjamin Disraeli (1832) and Sir Winston Churchill (1946) making speeches to the crowd outside the Red Lion Hotel in the High Street. The original lion is now above the porch of Woolworths in the High Street and is all that remains of the Red Lion Hotel

George III

Strand, WC2

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

this statue of 1788 shows the King as an imperial admiral dressed in a toga and supporting himself on a rudder with a lion & antique boat prow at his feet. A baroque former fountain of a river god representing the River Thames is in the foreground. The piece is by John Bacon the Elder

Victoria Embankment, WC2/EC4

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

look over the parapet into the river - the mooring rings are lions with rings through their mouths,

Holborn Viaduct, EC1

transport: Chancery Lane & St Paul's u/g, Farringdon u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,25,45,56,63, 242,341

Holborn Viaduct is a three-span iron bridge on granite piers which originally spanned the valley of the River Fleet and Farringdon Street. Built in 1896 it is 1400ft (427m) long and 80ft(24m) wide

it has bronze statues of City notables and four figures deoicting Commerce with open hand, money and a key to the City; Agriculture with a scythe, corn & belt; Science with an instrument for measuring the speed of a steam engine and a globe with Zodiac signs; Fine Art with drawing sheet & pen and pallet & brush on the floor. Two pairs of bronze winged lions stand at either end

India House

Aldwych, WC2

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

this 19th century building has interesting external decoration. The two columns on either side of the door have lion heads and the two columns above the door sides have elephant sculptures at the bottom, lions at the

top and a three-headed lion. Further decoration in the form of roundels on the walls show peacocks, a lion, a ship, fish, a river, a cobra, trees and camels

York House Watergate

Victoria Embankment Gardens - east of Embankment underground station, WC2

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

the former 1626 riverside entrance to York House has two lions holding shields bearing the coat of arms of the Villiers Family. A detailed description of the history of York House and the gate can be found on a nearby board

Imperial College of Science, Technology & Medicine

Exhibition Road, SW7
020 7589 5111

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,14,45,49, 52,74,C1

the 280ft tower standing in the centre of this university complex dates from the 1880s. It was originally part of the Imperial Institute building and is guarded at its base by a pair of lions

St Mary at Hill

Lovat Lane, Eastcheap, EC3
020 7626 4184

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

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-16.00

the dark wood organ was restored to its original design after a disastrous 1988 fire. It is decorated with carvings of the royal coat of arms, musical instruments and a clock. Lions and unicorns stand at the corners

St Peter upon Cornhill, EC3

020 7283 2231

transport: Bank & Monument u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 8,11,21,26,35,47,48,76, 133,149,242,344

opening: admission by prior arrangement with St Helens Church (020 7283 2231)

the only oak chancel-screen by Sir Christopher Wren in its original setting, it has King Charles II's coat of arms on the front while the central pillars support a lion and a unicorn

Natural History Museum

Cromwell Road, SW7

020 7942 5000

www.nhm.ac.uk

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,14,45,49, 52,74,C1

facilities: disabled access via Earth Galleries entrance; disabled wcs; library; Waterhouse Café (10.00-17.00), Life Galleries Restaurant (10.00-17.00), Globe Fast Food (11.00-16.00), Snack Bar & Picnic Area (11.00-16.30); bookshop & gift shops; British Geological Survey Information Office; tours by arrangement

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.50, Sun 11.00-17.50; Wildlife Garden May-Sept noon-17.00 with guided tours at noon & 15.00 (020 7942 5011)
admission free

the Life Galleries display preserved examples of modern mammals and their fossil ancestors. The Rowland Ward Pavilion has three dioramas of different African environments showing the animals that populate them

outside the elaborate stonework has sculptures of animals and plant life including big cats, lions, snakes and reptiles

King's Arms pub

Newcomen Street, SE1

transport: Borough u/g, London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 21,35,40,43,48,133,149,343,381

this pub has a coat of arms of King George II with a painted lion and unicorn. The arms had originally decorated the south gatehouse of old London Bridge

No.36 Cheapside, EC2

transport: Mansion House & Bank u/g; buses 8,11,26,76,133,242

the east end of the building has a stone relief of a lion: by Mitzi Cunliffe 1970

Tom Cribb Memorial

John Wilson Street, Woolwich, SE18

transport: Woolwich Dockyard rail; buses 51,96,99,162,277,180,244,291,472

the memorial to the bare knuckle boxer, Tom Cribb (1781-1848), is a magnificent lion

St Alfege's, Greenwich

Greenwich Church Street, SE10

020 8293 5595 www.st-alfege.org.uk

transport: Greenwich DLR & rail, Cutty Sark DLR; buses 177,180,188,199,286,386; boat Greenwich Pier

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-16.00, Sun 13.00-16.00

a little of the original 17th century woodcarving of Grinling Gibbons can be found in the church - on the posts under the galleries and in the lion and unicorn on the Royal Pew. The beasts are shown with fish tails to emphasise the nautical associations of the church

Middlesex Hospital Chapel

west wing of Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, W1
020 7636 8333 (hospital)

transport: Goadge Street u/g; buses 10,24,29,73,134,390

opening: open at all times as inside hospital

the font is a solid block of green marble carved with the symbols of the four evangelists at the corners - a man for Matthew, a lion for Mark, an ox for Luke and an eagle for John. A Greek palindrome (reading the same both ways) quotes 'Wash away my sin and not only my face'

No.2 Temple Place, WC2

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

this 1895 residence and estate office of William Waldorf Astor has a coat of arms with lion and serpent round pole one an outside wall and on a screen above the entrance door

Lioness and Lesser Kudu

Upper Grosvenor Gardens, SW1

transport: Victoria u/g & rail; buses 2,8,11,16,24,36,38,52,73,82,185,211,239,C1,C10

a striking bronze statue of 2000 by Jonathan Kenworthy has a lioness pursuing a lesser kudu. It was erected here to mark the opening of Upper Grosvenor Gardens to the people of Westminster

St Mark's

Myddleton Square, N1

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

the east window's stained glass has a depiction of the Venetian Lion of St Mark together with a scene from Sir Hugh Myddelton's life, the Angel Inn and Sadler's Wells

Museum of Rugby

Rugby Road, Twickenham, Middx, TW1

020 8892 2817

www.rfu.com/twickenham/museum.cfm

transport: Twickenham rail, buses 281,R62,H20
facilities: disabled access & wcs; parking; refreshments; shop; tours which include the dressing room & players tunnel (Tue-Sat at 10.30, noon, 13.30, 15.00, Sun 15.00. Booking advisable on above telephone number)

opening: Tue-Sun 10.00-17.00, Sun 14.00-17.00. Ticket holders only on match days
admission charge

the gilded Coadestone lion on top of the Rowland Hill Memorial Gate was placed there in 1972. It came from the former Lion Brewery on the South Bank of the Thames

Syon House and Park

Brentford, Middlesex, TW8

020 8560 0883/London Aquatic Experience 020 8847 4730 www.syonpark.co.uk

transport: Brentford & Syon Lane rail; buses 235,237,267,H28

facilities: parking

opening: house: Wed, Thur, Sun Mar-Oct 11.00-17.00; gardens daily 10.00-17.30 or dusk; London Aquatic Experience daily summer 10.00-17.30, winter 10.00-16.30

admission charge for house & gardens

the Northumberland Lion standing outside the house and another on Lion Gate came from models by Michelangelo

Houses of Parliament

Old Palace Yard, Abingdon Street, Westminster, SW1

020 7219 4272 (Commons), 020 7219 3107 (Lords)

www.explore.parliament.uk

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,159,211; boat Westminster Pier

facilities: Aug/Sept tours to be booked 5 days in advance (020 7344 9966)

opening: debates in House of Commons Mon-Wed 14.30-22.00, Thur 11.30-19.30, Fri 09.30-15.00; debates in House of Lords Mon-Wed from 14.30, Thurs from 15.00, Fri from 11.00 Fri

the Princes Chamber has lion-headed chairs designed by Pugin. Carvings of lions can be seen in the Lords Chamber

Royal Institute of British Architects

66 Portland Place, W1

020 7580 5533

transport: Oxford Circus, Great Portland Street & Regent's Park u/g; buses 18,27,30,88,C2

facilities: café (Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 08.00-18.00, Tue & Thur 08.00-21.00); bookshop

opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-17.30, Sat 10.00-17.00

the magnificent cast bronze entry doors each weigh 1.5 tons and are engraved with various London scenes. The handles are columns surmounted with a lion and unicorn while the plates are shields. They are the work of James Woodford (1893-1976)

Brompton Cemetery

Fulham Road, SW10

020 7352 1201 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

transport: West Brompton u/g & rail; buses 14,74,190, 211,328,C3

opening: daily 09.00-dusk
admission free

a bronze monument of a roaring lion with a stack of cannon balls honours the 2625 Chelsea pensioners who have been buried in the Cemetery between 1855 and 1893. There is a list of the battles from Mysore to Crimea in which they fought and the entire structure is surmounted by a trophy of flags

there is also the grave of the champion fighter, John Jackson (1769-1845) with a portrait of Jackson and a large stone lion (compare the lion on the monument to Tom Cribbs)

Horse Guards and Parade

Whitehall, SW1

020 7414 2360

transport: Westminster u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,109,159; boat Westminster Millennium & Embankment Piers

facilities: tours by arrangement

opening: the building has occasional special open days. The Changing of the Guard ceremony takes place daily 11.00 (10.00 Suns)

Horse Guards was built in 1745 to act as the official entrance to Buckingham Palace and that is why it is still guarded by the sovereign's troops. It stands on three sides round a forecourt with a central arch and clock tower. One of the buildings has lion columns supporting domes with further lions on the dome tops a Turkish gun stands on the Parade Ground. It was made by a Chief Gunner in 1524 and captured in Egypt by the British army in 1801. It is decorated with lions' heads, a crocodile, a lion pointing to the Pyramids and a sphinx. The inscription reads 'the [song] of the age, the great sultan commander ordered dragon guns to be made; when they breath roaring like thunder may the enemy's forts be razed to the ground. The year of hegira 931'

Royal Artillery Barracks

Grand Depot Road, Woolwich, SE18

020 8781 3710

transport: Woolwich Arsenal rail; buses 122,161,291,386,

on the Parade Ground stands the Bhurtpore Gun. Dating from 1677 it was captured at the Siege of Bhurtpore in India in 1826 when the British intervened in a dispute over the Raj succession. Weighing 17¾ tons it stands on a dolphin-like shaped gun carriage decorated with elephants and lions

Wallace Collection

Hertford House, Manchester Square, W1M

020 7563 9500 www.the-wallace-collection.org.uk

transport: Bond Street u/g; buses 2,13,30,74,82,113, 139,189,274

facilities: disabled access; library; shop; tours

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

this collection is considered one of the best in the world for French 18th century paintings, porcelain and furniture. Among its treasures is the 1836 painting by Horace Vernet called 'The Lion Hunt'

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

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

amongst the many masterpieces in this collection are several works by Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640) including his 1616 work 'A Lion Hunt'

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 national museum has a wonderful collection of antiquities from many countries including Assyria. There are obelisks and reliefs from Nineveh dating from about 645BC that show an Assyrian Lion Hunt. You can make out the hunting king and the arrow-struck lions

Kensington Public Library North Façade

Phillimore Walk, W8

transport: High Street Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,27,28, 49,52,70,328

a lion at the west end, a unicorn at the east. Each holding a coat of arms and seated on a fur tuft, they are by William Macmillan

St George's Hospital

Blackshaw Road, SW17

transport: Tooting Broadway u/g, Tooting rail; buses 155, 280,493,G1

another crowned heraldic lion and unicorn of stone holding coat of arms. These date from 1953

Aldgate, E1

transport: Aldgate u/g; buses 15,25,40,42,67,78,100, 115,205,254

at the corner of St Botolph Street and Middlesex Street stands a 1995 bronze conical pillar banded with a relief motif of human and animal figures including a lion, an elephant, a cock and a peacock. It is by Richard Perry

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