



Seeing the Capital Differently

Nursing

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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

Florence Nightingale Museum

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

a specialist nursing museum that looks at the life of Florence Nightingale (1820-1910), the 'Lady of the Lamp' who became known for nursing and improving the care of soldiers during the Crimean War. She established, in 1859, the first school of nursing at St Thomas's Hospital and the collection includes a display of nurses' uniforms dating from that time.

the museum has one exhibit that is very personal - a stuffed Little Owl called Athena. The owl had been rescued as a fledgling in Athens and became Florence's pet travelling everywhere in her pocket

St Thomas' Hospital

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the hospital moved to its present site in 1871. Built in the Italianate-hygienic style under the influence of Florence Nightingale it had seven pavilions allowing sunlight & fresh air into the building. Unfortunately only three 'Nightingale' wards remain after 2nd World War bombing a mini-museum looks at the hospital's 800 year history with a selection of operating instruments, medical 'firsts', rosebud-style nursing dolls and a display of the Nightingale brooches that were originally presented to each Nightingale Nurse and then returned to the Hospital when the recipient died.

a 1975 bronze statue of Florence Nightingale stands in Central Hall. This one, by Frederick Mancini, replaces the original one of 1958 that mysteriously 'disappeared' in 1970

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 10.00-16.15 Mon-Fri, 11.00-16.15 Sat admission charge includes entry to galleries

you will find a plaque to Florence Nightingale in the Cathedral Crypt

No. 47 Harley Street, W1

transport: Oxford Circus 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

Florence Nightingale lived in this street now famous for its private medical practices and consulting rooms

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; 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)*

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 admission charge

the Islip Chapel is the Nurses' Memorial Chapel and the stained glass shows Our Lady with the Christ Child blessing a nurse and St Luke as a physician. The rainbow badges are of the nursing services and give the names of the countries from which nurses came to serve during the 2nd World War. Visits to the Chapel need to be arranged with the Verger

Old Operating Theatre, Museum and Herb Garret

9A St Thomas Street, SE1
020 7955 4791 www.thegarret.org.uk

transport: London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 21,35,40,43, 47,48,133,343,381; boat London Bridge City

facilities: *no wheelchair access; shop*

opening: daily 10.30-17.00 (may close on Mondays so please check on the telephone number above)

admission charge

this former operating theatre in the loft of St Thomas's Church was the room where Florence Nightingale started St Thomas's Hospital Nursing School in 1859. It was also used for drying medicinal herbs hence the name Herb Garret

Royal London Hospital Museum and Archive

Newark Street, Whitechapel, E1
020 7377 7608

transport: Whitechapel u/g; buses 25,205,253

facilities: *wheelchair access, book & card shop*

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-16.30

admission free but donations welcome

situated in the crypt of the former Church of St Augustine with St Philip (the church is now the Hospital's main library) this museum outlines the history of the Royal London Hospital since 1740. There are special displays on the history of nursing (including nursing equipment and uniforms) and the life of Nurse Edith Cavell. Cavell (1865-1915), a British nurse, was nursing in Belgium during the 1st World War when she was arrested and executed by the Germans for helping Belgian and Allied fugitives to escape capture

Science Museum

Exhibition Road, SW7
020 7942 4455 www.sciencemuseum.org.uk

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

facilities: *disabled access (helpline 020 7942 4446); disabled wcs; library; refreshments; shop*

opening: daily 10.00-18.00

admission free

the Science and Art of Medicine gallery displays over 5000 items tracing the history of medicine and related subjects from 1500 to the present day. The latest developments are in the Wellcome Wing.

the displays cover medicine in Western Europe, North America, Ancient Egypt, India and the Far East and subjects such as radiotherapy, imaging technology, clinical diagnosis & therapeutics, anaesthetics, anatomy & pathology, nursing, hospital furnishings, obstetrics, gynaecology & contraception, and surgery

Edith Cavell

island in St Martin's Place, 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

this statue of 1920 by Sir George James Frampton is a memorial to Edith Cavell (1865-1915), a British nurse, who was nursing in Belgium during the 1st World War when she was arrested and executed by the Germans for helping Belgian and Allied fugitives to escape capture

Florence Nightingale

bottom of Lower Regent Street, SW1

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

a memorial to the 'Lady of the Lamp' Florence Nightingale (1820-1910), who became known for nursing and improving the care of soldiers during the Crimean War. She established, in 1859, the first school of nursing at St Thomas's Hospital and worked for several years in the improvement of nursing, and public health in India. This statue is by Arthur George Walker

St Bartholomew-the-Less

West Smithfield, EC1

020 7601 8066

transport: St Paul's & Barbican u/g, City Thameslink & Farringdon rail; buses 8,25,45,56,63,172,242

opening: daily 07.00-20.00

the stained glass in this small church in the grounds of the Hospital shows representations of St Bartholomew and Rahere (the founder of the Hospital in 1123); the Virgin & Child and St Luke; and doctors and nurses who gave their lives during the World Wars. It is by Hugh Easton

Brookwood Cemetery

Cemetery Pales, off A322, Woking, Surrey

www.surreyweb.org.uk/bcs

transport: Brookwood Station rail with exit into grounds

facilities: guided walks for a small donation

of 37 acres this cemetery has the largest military burial ground in the United Kingdom. It was first used in 1917 and those nurses who died in hospitals in the London Military District during the 1st World War have graves there

British Red Cross Museum and Archives

9 Grosvenor Crescent, SW1X

020 7201 5153

www.redcross.org.uk/museums&archives

transport: Hyde Park Corner u/g, Victoria u/g & rail;

buses 2,8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00

admission free

this interesting museum displays nursing and medical equipment relating to the work of the British Red Cross

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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