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Panoramas & Views

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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.

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St James's Park, SW1

020 7930 1793 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

transport: St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,211

opening: daily 05.00-midnight; band performances are held during the summer on Sat & Sun 15.00-16.30 & 18.00-19.30

lovely view of the park and surrounding buildings from the bridge over the lake - one way to Whitehall and government buildings, the other way to Buckingham Palace. It has often featured in films especially for 'secret' meetings of spies, politicians etc.

Horniman Museum and Gardens

100 London Road, SE23

020 8699 1872 www.horniman.demon.co.uk

transport: Forest Hill & West Dulwich rail; buses 63,122, 176,185,312,P4,P13

facilities: disabled access & wcs; library (Tue-Sun 14.00-17.30); snacks; shop

opening: museum daily 10.30-17.30; gardens Mon-Sat 07.15-dusk, Sun 08.00-dusk
admission free

the gardens give a good view of London

National Maritime Museum

Romney Road, Greenwich, SE10

020 8858 4422 www.nmm.ac.uk

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

facilities: disabled access to all levels & galleries; Caird Lib (open Mon-Fri 10.00-16.45 by arrangement 020 8312 6607); restaurant; bookshop; tours by arrangement

opening: daily 10.00-17.00, last admission 16.30
admission free

the collection includes photographic panoramas of the River Thames taken 60 years apart so that you can see the changes which have taken place especially in Docklands

123 Park Street, SE1

transport: Southwark & Mansion House u/g, London Bridge & Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 344,381; boat Bankside Pier

a plaque on the brewery wall marks the preserved site of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. Display panels outline the history and construction of the theatre (1598-1613) and show a bronze bust of Shakespeare and a panoramic view of the River Thames

Tower Bridge Experience

Tower Bridge, SE1

020 7403 3761 www.towerbridge.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: disabled access & wcs; gift shop; tours for groups (020 7407 9191)

opening: daily Nov-Mar 09.30-18.00, Apr-Oct 10.00-18.30; last admission 90 mins before closing
admission charge

superb views of London and the river from the glazed walkways between the towers

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; ; café and restaurant; shop; tours

opening: daily 10.00-17.45, Wed 10.00-22.00
admission free

a 360 degree landscape painting is on show in the Henry Cole Wing. It is the only one in Britain

Mudchute Park and Farm

Pier Street, Isle of Dogs, E14

020 7515 5901

transport: Crossharbour & Mudchute DLR; buses D3,D6, D7,D8

opening: farm: daily 09.00-.17.00
admission free

a view of the developments in the Isle of Dogs (including Canary Wharf) can be seen from the mound of solidified mud in the Park. The mound was made from silt dredged from the Millwall Docks and deposited by a special machine - hence the name 'Mudchute'

Doggett's Coat and Badge pub

1 Blackfriars Bridge, SE1

020 7633 9057

transport: Southwark u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 45,63,100,381

facilities: meals and snacks lunchtime; riverside terrace
opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-23.00

if you can get access to the top floor suite you will have a superb view along the River Thames from the Houses of Parliament to the Tower of London

The Angel pub

101 Bermondsey Wall East, Bermondsey, SE16

020 7237 3608

transport: Bermondsey u/g; buses 47,188,225,381,P13

opening: all permitted hours

a good view of The City especially from the Terrace

Wellington Arch

Hyde Park Corner, W1

020 7930 2726

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

facilities: disabled access with ramps and lift; shop; group tours with talk & refreshments

opening: Wed-Sun Apr-Sept 10.00-17.30, Oct 10.00-17.00, Nov-Mar 10.00-16.00
admission charge

the view from the top of the Arch takes in part of the grounds of Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park and Green Park

Monument

Monument Street, EC3

020 7626 2717

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

opening: daily 09.30-17.00

admission charge - a joint ticket combined with Tower Bridge Experience is also available

climb the 311 spiral steps of this column, which was built to mark the spot where the Fire of London started in 1666, and you will have a good view over London

Oxo Tower

Barge Horse Street, SE1
020 7803 3888

transport: Blackfriars & Southwark u/g; buses 45,63,100,344,381; boat Bankside Pier

opening: daily until 22.00

the viewing terraces on the 8th floor give an interesting view over The City and river especially after dark.

Combine viewing with dining in the restaurant for a special evening

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

there are 250 stairs up to the Whispering Gallery, 119 up to the Stone Gallery and 152 steep spiralling steps inside the dome's structure to the Golden Gallery. You will have a view across the whole of London and in the Golden Gallery there is a peephole which looks down inside the Cathedral onto the patterned floor below the dome. It is well worth the climb

British Airways London Eye

Jubilee Gardens, South Bank, SE1
0870 500 0600
www.ba-londoneye.com or british-airways.com/londoneye

transport: Westminster & Embankment u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 112,53,76,77,159,211,341,381; boat Waterloo Millennium Pier

opening: daily 10.00-21.30 (advanced booking advised & often essential especially during the summer) admission charge

the highest observational wheel in the world (495ft/135m high) with 32 capsules (pods) will give you a 30 minute ride above London - plenty of time to spot well-known landmarks including, if the weather is clear, Windsor Castle. Inspiration for the wheel came from 'the perfect symmetry of a circle which - from a distance - seems to be transparent, embodies the passages of time'

Richmond Park

Richmond, Surrey, TW10
020 8948 3209 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

transport: Richmond u/g & rail; buses 33,65,74,85,170,371,K3

facilities: bikes for hire at Roehampton Gate carpark, two Golf courses (020 8876 3205), horseriding, playground, fishing on Pen Ponds; parking; Pembroke Lodge café (Apr-Oct 10.00-17.30 Mon-Fri, 10.00-19.00 Sat-Sun; Nov-Mar 10.00-30mins before park closing); kiosks (10.00-30min before park closing)

opening: daily Mar-Sept 07.00-dusk, Oct-Feb 07.30-dusk admission free

at the top of Henry VIII Mound a hole in the hedge allows you to see 16km (10miles) to St Paul's Cathedral across the Thames Valley - choose a clear day! It is said that from this mound King Henry VIII saw a smoke signal telling him that his wife, Anne Boleyn, had been beheaded. On the stone rondel on top of the Mound is a poem of 1744 by James Thomson describing the view

other lovely views across the River Thames can be found on the Pembroke Lodge terraces

Southwark Cathedral

Montague Close, Borough High Street, SE1
020 7367 6700 www.dswark.org.uk

transport: Cannon Street & London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 21,35,40,43,47,48,133,149,343,381; boat London Bridge City Pier

facilities: disabled access

opening: daily 08.00-18.00, Sun 11.00-17.30 admission charge for special exhibitions

a 1912 monument to the playwright, William Shakespeare, has a panorama of Southwark behind the effigy

Greenwich Park, SE10

020 8858 2608 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

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

opening: daily 06.00-dusk

stand by the statue to General James Wolfe outside the Old Observatory and you are 165ft (50m) above sea level with a superb panorama northwards across London and Canary Wharf. Can you see St Paul's Cathedral and Tower Bridge? There is a panorama board to help identify things

Hampstead Heath, NW3, N6

transport: Hampstead & Highgate u/g, Hampstead Heath rail; buses 24,46,168,210,214,268,271,C2,C11,C12,H3

south-looking view over London especially from Whitestone Pond that stands at 437ft (133m) and from Parliament Hill at 320ft (97m). The latter has a sign board indicating what buildings you can see. An excellent view can also be had from Kenwood House

Highgate Cemetery

Swain's Lane, N6
020 8340 1834

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

opening: west side (only accessible by guided tour) Mon-Fri noon, 14.00, 16.00, Sat-Sun hourly 11.00-16.00; east side Apr-Sept 10.00-17.00, Oct-Mar 10.00-16.00 admission charge

a panorama from Terrace Cemetery on the West side is across the cemetery and beyond

Alexandra Palace and Park

Alexandra Palace Way, N22
020 8365 2121(info) www.alexandrapalace.com

transport: Wood Green u/g, Alexandra Palace rail; buses 144,184,299,W3,W7

opening: 24hrs

sit on the terrace of the Phoenix pub to have good views across London

Primrose Hill, NW3

020 7486 7905 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

transport: Chalk Farm & Camden Town u/g; buses 31,274,C2,C11

opening: daily. Summer 07.00-22.00, winter 07.00-17.00 views to the south from 219 ft (66.75m) above sea level - at close range Regent's Park and further afield the City and West End skyline and beyond. A board points out the famous landmarks

Richmond Hill

Richmond, Surrey, TW10

transport: Richmond u/g & rail; buses 33,65,74,85,170,371,K3; boat Richmond Landing Stage

from Terrace Gardens, a panoramic view of 6 counties across the Thames valley; the view has been painted by several artists including Turner and Joshua Reynolds. A plaque unveiled in May 2002 commemorates the centenary of the Act of Parliament that saved this view of the rural landscape

Somerset House

Strand & Embankment, WC2

020 7845 4600 www.somerset-house.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

opening: daily to Courtyard, Seamen's Waiting Hall & River Terrace 07.30-23.00 (19.00 in winter); Collections 10.00-18.00

admission free to Courtyard and River Terrace. There is a charge for exhibitions

the River Terrace cafe has views of the Thames

Springfield Park

Springfield Mansions, E5

020 7923 3644

transport: Clapton rail; bus 253

facilities: *café*

opening: daily summer 07.00 - 22.00, winter 07.00 - 17.00

this park, opened in 1905, provides a panoramic view of River Lee Valley and Walthamstow Marshes

Tate Modern

25 Sumner Street, SE1

020 7887 8000/ 020 7887 8008 (Information line)

www.tate.org.uk

transport: Southwark & Mansion House u/g, London Bridge & Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 344,381; boat Bankside Pier; catamaran boat service 'Tate to Tate' between Tate & Tate Modern via London Eye (40 mins, charge made)

facilities: *disabled access & wcs; Café Level 2, Espresso Bar Level 4, Café Level 7; gift and bookshops; tours*

opening: Sun-Thur 10.00-18.00 (last admission 17.15); Fri-Sat 10.00-22.00 (last admission 21.15)

admission free, donations are welcome

the top floor of this former power station offers a good view over the Thames, The City and St Paul's Cathedral

The Roof Garden

99 Kensington High Street, W8

020 7937 7994

transport: High Street Kensington, Holland Park u/g; buses 9,10,27,28,49,94,328,C1

facilities: *Babylon restaurant*

opening: daily 09.00-17.00 but best to check first on telephone number above as it may be closed for a function

roof top views from these formal gardens on top of a former department store. A Japanese garden, pond and flamingos make this an unusual spot. Of 1.5 acres (0.5 hectares, this is the biggest roof garden in Europe

St Mary's, Harrow

Church Hill, High Street, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex

transport: Harrow-on-the-Hill u/g & rail; buses 182,186,223,258,H10,H14,H17

views over London from the churchyard provided inspiration for the poet Lord Byron

Five-Foot Walk

King William Walk, Greenwich, SE10

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

this path, that squeezes between the Royal Naval College railings and the river bank, provides a lovely view of the Royal Naval College

Royal Arsenal

Woolwich, SE18

transport: Woolwich Arsenal rail; buses 51,53,96,99,244,291

there is an interesting panorama of the River Thames from the gardens

Windsor Castle

Windsor, Berks, SL4

01753 831118 www.the-royal-collection.org.uk

transport: Windsor rail, Green Line coach from Victoria
facilities: *audio guide; disabled visitors should contact visitors' office; shop for books, postcards & gifts; pre-arranged tours for groups*

opening: daily Mar-Oct 09.45-17.15 (last admission 16.00); Nov-Feb 09.45-16.15 (last admission 15.00)
admission charge

the Castle Precincts offer views over the River Thames & the surrounding countryside

White Swan pub

The Riverside, Twickenham, Middlesex

020 8892 2166

transport: Twickenham rail; buses 33,490,H22,R68,R70
facilities: *meals & snacks lunch and evening*

opening: all permitted hours

a riverside pub overlooking the Thames

Fallow Buck pub

Clay Hill, Enfield, Middlesex

transport: Gordon Hill rail; buses 191,610,W10
facilities: *restaurant & snacks lunchtime & evening*

opening: Mon-Wed 11.00-14.30,18.00-23.00; Thur-Sat 11.00-15.30, 18.00-23.00; Sun noon-22.30

admire the view over Epping Forest while you drink and eat

Westminster Bridge, SW1/SE1

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

this bridge has one of the good views of the terrace and river front of the Houses of Parliament. It was immortalised in William Wordsworth's poem 'Upon Westminster Bridge' written in 1802

Parkland Walk

Highgate Wood to Alexandra Palace, via Muswell Hill, N10/N22

transport: Highgate u/g & bus 43,134; Alexandra Palace rail & bus 184,W3

facilities: cafes at Crouch End Community Centre and Crouch End Hill old station

opening: access at all times

this walk follows a disused railway line and you can walk for 1½ miles without using a road. Views of London are frequent

London Hilton Hotel

22 Park Lane, W1
020 7493 8000

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

opening: bar Mon-Fri noon-01.00, Sat 17.00-01.00, Sun noon-22.30

a worthwhile view accompanies a drink on the 28th floor in the Windows Bar

Docklands Light Railway

020 7363 9700 www.dlr.co.uk

from Tower Gateway or Bank station to Island Gardens you will have an elevated view of Docklands and the surrounding area. Well worth the trip for the view alone but can be combined with a visit to Limehouse, Canary Wharf or the environs of Greenwich

Heathrow Visitors' Centre

Newall Road, off Bath Road, Harlington, Middlesex, UB3
020 8745 6655 www.baa.co.uk

transport: buses 81,105,111,140,222,285,555,556,726, H98

opening: daily 10.00-17.00
admission free

something to appeal to children and adults alike - watch the planes land and take-off from Heathrow Airport's runways

Epping Forest

Epping, Essex,
020 8508 0028 Info

transport: Loughton & Theydon Bois u/g, Chingford rail; , buses 20, 275 (southern section); 97,179,212,313,379, 444 (northern section)

opening: 24hrs

High Beach has vistas over the forest and London

Royal College of Pathologists

2 Carlton House Terrace, SW1
020 7451 6700

transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,12,13,15,19,23,53,88,139,159

has a good view of St James's Park and Whitehall

Runnymede

on the A 308 road from Windsor towards Staines
01784 432891

opening: daily at any time

this famous site of the signing and sealing, by King John, of Magna Carta in 1215 also has on the hillside a memorial to the Commonwealth Air Forces. There are 20,455 names on stone panels and a courtyard 'to the men and women of the Air Forces of the British Commonwealth who lost their lives in the 2nd World War and who have no known grave'. There is a good view of the River Thames from the Memorial

Victoria Tower Gardens

Victoria Embankment, SW1

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

a telescope is available to help you appreciate the good view across the river towards Lambeth Palace, St Thomas's Hospital, Lambeth Bridge, the London Eye and County Hall. The best view of Victoria Tower is also from the gardens

City Hall, Greater London Authority Headquarters

Potters Field, SE1
020 7983 4100

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

facilities: disabled access; lifts; café; information desk (09.30-17.00)

opening: Mon-Fri 08.00-20.00 for exhibition space & view of Assembly Chamber

the new offices opened 2002 of the Mayor of London has London's Living Room, a 9th floor viewing area for looking at Tower Bridge, St Paul's Cathedral and the surrounding area (entry is restricted to certain weekends at present (times 09.00-13.00 & 14.00-18.00) - please enquire on number above)

the building by Foster and Partners is a 147ft (45m) tall glass globe with a shape derived from a geometrically modified sphere (although some Londoners have described it rather differently!!)

Island Gardens

Saunders Ness Road, Isle of Dogs, E14

transport: Island Gardens DLR; buses D3,D7

this is a memorable view across the river to the lovely riverside buildings of Greenwich and the Royal Naval College with the Old Royal Observatory dominating the hill in the background. The view was made famous by Canaletto in his work 'Greenwich Hospital from the North Bank of the Thames' painted in 1751 and now in the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

this riverside garden was opened in 1895. It is possible to walk from here to Greenwich via the Foot Tunnel under the river

Westminster Cathedral

Victoria Street, SW1
020 7798 9055

transport: Victoria & St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24, 26,76,211

facilities: gift shop (Mon-Fri 09.30-17.15, Sat-Sun 10.00-16.45)

opening: daily: church April-Oct 07.00-20.00; Nov-Mar 07.00-19.00; campanile 09.00-17.00

admission: free to church; there is a charge for the lift up the campanile

the view from the Campanile Bell Tower is superb

Hyde Park, W1/W2

020 7298 2100 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

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

facilities: Old Police Station sells books, postcards & maps about the Royal Parks & guides to trees and monuments

opening: daily 05.00-24.00

the largest royal park where you can walk, picnic, jog, swim, fish, sail and horse ride. Stand on the centre of the Serpentine Bridge and enjoy the vista to Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. Even better when the leaves have gone from the trees

another lovely view is from the Victorian bandstand near the Rose Gardens - across to the roofs and towers of Bayswater

National Portrait Gallery

St Martin's Place, Trafalgar Square, WC2H
020 7312 2463 (recorded info) www.npg.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: disabled access & wcs; guide for visually impaired; rooftop café & restaurant; free tours by arrangement

opening: Mon-Wed, Sat-Sun 10.00-18.00, Thur-Fri 10.00-21.00

admission free

when you need a break from enjoying the collection, relax and gaze at the view across Westminster from the rooftop café and restaurant

Café Laville

Little Venice Parade, 453 Edgware Road, W2
020 7706 2620

transport: Edgware Road & Warwick Avenue u/g; buses 6,16,98

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-22.30, Sun 10.00-22.00

a delightful view. This café straddles the Regent's Canal having been built above the entrance to one of the canal's tunnels. Very popular especially on summer days

Ranger's House

Chesterfield Walk, Blackheath, SE10
020 8853 0035

www.greenwichletting.co.uk/rangershouse.html

transport: Blackheath rail, Greenwich DLR; 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

there are good views to the west, east and north from the gardens

Globe Theatre

21 New Globe Walk, Bankside, SE1
020 7902 1500(exhibition) 020 7401 9919(box office)
www.shakespeares-globe.org

transport: Southwark & Mansion House u/g, London Bridge & Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 344,381; boat Bankside Pier

facilities: limited disabled access; Globe Café (daily Oct-Apr 10.00-18.00, May-Sept 10.00-15mins after last performance), Globe Restaurant (daily Oct-Apr noon-14.30,17.30-20.00; May-Sept 17.30-23.00); giftshop (Oct-Apr 10.00-18.00, May-Sept 10.00 to end of evening performance); guided tours every half hour except afternoons in summer

opening: exhibition daily 10.00-17.00
admission charge

a tablet marks the site of the original Globe Theatre at nearby Park Street. A bronze bust of Shakespeare and a panoramic view of the Globe (1598-1613) and the River Thames can be seen in the foyer of the theatre

Hungerford Bridge, SE1

transport: Embankment u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 6,9,11,13,15,23,77A,91,176

the combined foot and rail bridge from Embankment Station to Waterloo was built in 1864. Two new pedestrian footbridges were opened in 2003 as the Golden Jubilee Bridge and cross the Thames on both sides of the railway. The views both upstream and downstream are outstanding especially that of St Paul's Cathedral and the City. The bridges aim to echo the original suspension bridge of 1841 built by the great engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel

Yi-Ban Chinese Restaurant

London Regatta Centre, Dockside Road, E16
020 7473 6699 www.yi-ban.co.uk

transport: Royal Albert DLR; buses 300,376

there are fascinating views from the terrace of the River Thames, London City Airport and the UK Rowing Academy

Lesnes Abbey Woods

between Abbey Road, Knee Hill & Woolwich Road, SE2

transport: Abbey Woods rail; buses 99,229,244,469, B11
go to the top of the ornamental gardens for a view of London's East End

Eltham Palace

Court Yard, Court Road, Eltham, SE9
020 8294 2548

transport: Mottingham & Eltham rail; buses 124,126,132,160,161,162,233,286,314,321,B16

facilities: audio tours in French or German and for hearing impaired; disabled access to ground floor; tearoom; giftshop; pre-booked tours for groups (020 8294 2548)

opening: Wed-Fri, Sun Apr-Sept 10.00-18.00, Oct 10.00-17.00, Nov-Mar 10.00-16.00

admission charge

there is a stunning view across London and the Kent countryside from the grounds

Norwood Grove Mansion

Covington Way, SW16

transport: Streatham & Norbury rail; buses 196,249,250,468

from the grounds of this mansion there are views of the North Downs and Croydon in Surrey

No.1 Poultry, EC2

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

opening: Mon-Fri 18.00-22.00, Sat 18.30-22.00

the Coq d'Argent restaurant on the roof garden offers stunning views from the terrace

Tower 42/NatWest Tower

25 Old Broad Street, EC2
020 7877 7842 Vertigo Bar

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

opening: Bar - Mon-Fri 11.45-23.00. It is essential to book well in advance

as you might expect from the tallest building in the City there is a superb view from the level 42 Twentyfour Bar. Even opera glasses are supplied. The only unfortunate side is that there is usually a 3 week wait for a table and there is no admittance without a booking!

The Depot pub

Tideway Yard, Mortlake High Street, SW14
020 8878 9462

transport: Barnes Bridge & Mortlake rail; buses 209,419, 485

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-23.00, Sun 10.00-22.30

the conservatory and patio of this pub have views of the River Thames

Horsenden Hill

Horsenden Lane North, Greenford, Middlesex

transport: Perivale u/g; buses 92,105,297,E5,E6

from this hill's summit is a good view of the Grand Union Canal, the North Downs, Hampstead Heath, St Paul's Cathedral and Windsor Castle

Severndroog Castle

Jack Wood and Castle Wood, Oxleas Wood, SE18

transport: Falconwood rail; buses 89,486

opening: folly is closed to public

from Castle Woods and Shooters Hill near this triangular 1728 folly are lovely views of Docklands & the City, Kent & Essex

Kensington Gardens

Marlborough Gate, Bayswater Road, W2

transport: Queensway, Lancaster Gate & High Street Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,12,49,52,70,94

opening: daily 05.00am - dusk

look across Round Pond in from Speke's Monument and you will have a good view of Kensington Palace and the lovely church spire beyond

The Gun

27 Coldharbour, Poplar, E14
020 7987 1692

transport: South Quay & Blackwall DLR; buses D6,D7

from this pub there are good views of the Dome

Cutty Sark Tavern

Ballast Quay, Greenwich, SE10
020 8858 3146

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

there is a sweeping view of the River Thames from the upstairs bar and terrace of this riverside pub

Streatham Common, SW16

transport: Streatham & Norbury rail; buses 196,249,250, 417,468

walk on this Common to get views across the River Wandle Valley

Museum in Docklands

No.1 Warehouse, West India Quay, Hertsmere Road, Isle of Dogs, E14

020 7001 9800 www.museumindocklands.org.uk

transport: Canary Wharf u/g & DLR, West India Quay DLR; buses 277,D3,D7,D8

facilities: disabled access; bar & restaurant, café; shop (Mon-Sat 10.00-18.00, Sun noon-18.00)

opening: daily 10.00-18.00

admission charge allows as many visits for one year as wish

part of the Museum of London this museum opened in 2003. On 5 floors with 12 galleries it looks at 2000 years

of life in the docklands that were once the hub of London trade. It traces the history from 43AD to the present time. The Rhinebeck Panorama shows the City of London from the east. Painted between 1806 and 1811 this 8ft (long watercolour panorama - work of 3 artists

Abbey Garden

Broad Sanctuary, SW1

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

opening: Tue-Thur April-Sept 10.00-18.00, Oct-Mar 10.00-16.00

admission free if via Deans Yard & Cloister; donation welcome

the gardens that now serve as a retreat and croquet lawn for the pupils of Westminster School were established 900 years old as herb gardens. Quiet and secluded there is a magnificent view of Westminster Tower, part of the Houses of Parliament

St Albans Clock Tower

Market Place, St Albans, Herts, AL1
01727 751810

transport: St Albans City rail
facilities: no disabled access

opening: Sat-Sun Apr-Oct 10.30-17.00. To arrange tours at other times telephone 01727 751821

admission charge

built in 1405 this is the only medieval town belfry in England. The top, for fine panoramas of the town and cathedral, is accessible by 93 very small spiral steps

City Inn Westminster

30 John Islip Street, SW1
020 7630 1000

transport: Pimlico u/g; buses 2,36,77A,88,185,436,C10
there are fine views of the River Thames from this hotel

A Bit Further Afield

Chartwell

Westerham, Kent, TN16

01732 866368 infoline, 01732 868381 office

transport: Edenbridge & Edenbridge Town rail (4miles); buses Metrobus 246 from Bromley South Station
facilities: parking; gift shop

opening: Mar-Nov Wed-Sun 11.00-5.17.00 (last admission 16.15)

admission charge

the garden of this home for over 40 years of the statesman and prime minister, Sir Winston Churchill, has magnificent views over the Weald of Kent

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