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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

St Martin-in-the-Fields

St Martin's Place, Trafalgar Square, WC2
020 7766 1100 www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org

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: *café in crypt (Mon-Sat 10.00-20.00, Sun noon-20.00), shop*

opening: daily church from 08.00; crypt Mon-Sat 10.00-20.00, Sun noon-18.00; brassrubbing Mon-Sat 10.00-18.00, Sun noon-18.00 (charge for materials)
admission free

the Crypt has a 1751 whipping post

Clink Prison Museum

1 Clink Street, SE1
020 7378 1558 www.clink.co.uk/intro.html

transport: London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 21,35,40,43,47,48,133,149,343,344,381

facilities: *disabled access & wcs, guided tours*

opening: daily 10.00-18.00
admission charge

the museum stands on the site of the Clink Prison used to house prostitutes, religious dissenters and debtors until it was burnt down during the Gordon Riots in 1780. There is a display on the history of the prison and the Liberty of the Clink as the surrounding area was known. There are reconstructions of cell interiors and a hands-on display of restraining and torture devices

Town of Ramsgate pub

62 Wapping High Street, Wapping, E1
020 7264 0001

transport: Wapping u/g; buses 100,D3

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

this attractive riverside pub was associated with press ganging & transportation to America & Australia when Wapping stood at the centre of the shipping industry. A mock gallows and noose can be seen outside over the river while the basement was formerly a holding cell for convicts awaiting deportation to Australia between 1788 and 1840

London Dungeon

28-34 Tooley Street, SE1
020 7403 7221/inf line 09001 600 066
www.thedungeons.com

transport: Monument u/g, London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 17,21,35,40,43,47,48,133,344,381; boat London Bridge City Pier

facilities: *disabled access & wcs, snacks, tours*

opening: daily Apr-Oct 10.00-17.30, later nights in July & Aug; Nov-Mar 10.00-17.00
admission charge

not to everyone's taste but older 'children' appear to enjoy it. Horror waxwork tableaux include a Tyburn hanging, a man being hung, drawn & quartered, the River of Death boat ride to an execution and the Jack the Ripper Experience. There are also reconstructions of the Tyburn gallows and a cell in Newgate Prison

Madame Tussauds

Marylebone Road, NW1
020 7935 6861 www.madame-tussauds.com

transport: Baker Street & Regent's Park u/g, Marylebone u/g & rail; buses 2,13,18,27,30,74,82,113,139,189,274
facilities: *disabled access by prior arrangement but not into the Planetarium; café; shop*

opening: June-mid-Sept daily 09.00-17.30; mid-Sept-May Mon-Fri 10.00-17.30, Sat-Sun 09.30-17.30
admission charge - advance booking advisable to avoid queues

this famous waxworks has a display on the history of crime and punishment complete with sound and visual effects

Metropolitan Police Historical Museum

New Scotland Yard, Room 1328A, St James's, SW1H
020 8305 2524

transport: St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,88,211

opening: Crime Museum is not open to public (used as lecture theatre on subjects to do with Criminology The rest of the Museum is at present closed to the public but it is hoped that a new policing museum will open shortly at the old Bow Street Police Station

looking at the history of the Metropolitan Police and the working of the magistrates courts this museum also displays a Punishment Book of 1847 in which there are records of the punishment meted out to members of the police

Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey)

Old Bailey, EC4
020 7248 3277

transport: St Paul's u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,11,15,25,26,56,76,100,172,242

opening: Mon-Fri 10.30-13.00, 14.00-16.00 (noone under the age of 14 years)

admission free

standing partly on the site of Newgate Prison this court was built in 1902 to hear criminal court cases and is open to the public. Allegorical figures representing Truth, Justice and the Recording Angel are over the main entrance with the inscription 'Defend the children of the poor and punish the wrongdoer' while on the dome of the roof there is the well-known gilded statue of the Lady of Justice. Twelve foot high and erected on the dome in 1907 she holds sword and scales but is not blindfolded as is often assumed. The statue was cast in bronze and covered in gold leaf which is replaced every five years

Royal Courts of Justice (Law Courts)

Strand, WC2
020 7936 6000

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: Mon-Fri 08.30-16.30 (noone under the age of 14 years)

this complex of 88 courts hear civil court cases and is also open to the public. There are 30 courthouses of various sizes covering three particular divisions of civil litigation - Chancery, Queen's Bench and Family. These three divisions are part of the High Court. There is also a Court of Appeal that hears both civil and criminal cases

Prospect of Whitby pub

57 Wapping Wall, Wapping, E1
020 7481 1095

transport: Wapping u/g; buses 100,D3

opening: Mon-Fri 11.30-15.00, 18.00-23.00, Sat 11.30-23.00, Sun noon-22.30

Judge Jeffreys was reputed to have used this pub. Jeffreys(1648-89) was active in the Popish Plot executions and was known for his involvement in the 'Bloody

Assezes' when he tried followers of Monmouth in the West Country and meted out severe punishment

Millbank Prison Transportation Bollard

Millbank, SW1

transport: Pimlico u/g & Vauxhall u/g & rail; buses 2,36, 77A,88,185,C10

this bollard was used for tying up the barges for prisoners to be taken to boats at London Bridge for transportation to Australia between 1788 and 1840

St Etheldreda's Catholic Church

Ely Place, EC1
020 7405 1061

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

opening: Mon-Fri 07.30-19.00

a modern stained glass window shows five English Catholic martyrs standing beneath Tyburn gallows

Charterhouse

Charterhouse Square, EC1
020 7253 9503

transport: Barbican & Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 55,56, 153

facilities: guided tours only

opening: Weds April-July guided tour at 14.15
admission charge

founded in 1371 as a Carthusian monastery, Charterhouse was a public school until 1872 when the school moved to Surrey. The building then became an almshouse and now houses forty pensioners. Among the many items of historical interest is a memorial tablet to the monks and Brothers who were executed by King Henry VIII for refusing to accept the Act of Supremacy that declared the king was sole head of the Church of England

Tower of London

Tower Hill, EC3
020 7709 0765 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

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

this medieval fortress is famous as a prison and place of execution but it was also used as a royal residence, an armoury, the mint, a menagerie, an observatory and place for safe keeping both of people and objects such as the Crown Jewels

most executions took place on Tower Green and here you can see a plaque with the names of the seven most famous people executed. Six of them ended their lives by the executioner's axe. The one exception was Queen Anne Boleyn, King Henry VIII's second wife, who was beheaded with a sword

Royal Armouries

Tower of London, Tower Hill, EC3
020 7709 0765 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

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

part of admission charge to Tower

part of the Tower of London, this former arsenal, used for the storage of weapons, has a collection of foreign manufacture instruments of torture specially imported for display purposes. There is also an executioner's axe and block reflecting the Tower's role as a place of imprisonment and death

Tower Hill, EC3

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

here, in Trinity Square Gardens, a plaque marks the spot of executions of supposed traitors held in the Tower between 1388 and 1747. The plaque is surrounded by inscriptions on three sides giving the names of those executed

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

hanged at Tyburn in 1654 for his Catholic faith, the relics of St John Southworth (1592-1654) lie in a glass shrine in the Chapel of St George

portraits of women martyrs can be found over the window recesses in the Lady Chapel. They include Lucy, Agatha, Justina, Cecilia and Catherine

Tyburn Convent

8 Hyde Park Place, W2
020 7723 7262

transport: Marble Arch u/g; buses 2,6,7,8,10,12,13,15, 16,23,30,36,73,74,82,94,98,113,137,139,159,189,274

facilities: disabled access

opening: daily 10.00, 13.30 & 17.30
admission free

this Convent was founded in 1898 by Benedictine nuns and dedicated to pray for all souls who suffered at Tyburn Tree Gallows for their faith. In the basement Chapel is a shrine to the 105 Catholics martyred during the Reformation with pictures, relics and a mock up gibbet of the Tyburn Tree

Middlesex Guildhall

Little George Street, Parliament Square, SW1
020 7202 0370 www.courtservice.gov.uk

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

facilities: disabled access & wcs; lift; Willows restaurant (open 09.00-14.00) & snacks

this attractive 19th century building was formerly the Middlesex County Court. It has detailed friezes on the outside showing the granting of Magna Carta, King Henry III awarding a charter to Westminster Abbey, the Great Hall of Hampton Court and Lady Jane Grey accepting the crown at Syon House. Its six chambers are now used as a London court. All the courtrooms are open to public

Lloyds Bank

corner of Star Street and Edgware Road, W2

transport: Edgware Road u/g, Paddington u/g & rail; buses 6,7,15,16,23,27,36,98

this bank has an old milestone in its window on which is shown the distance to the Tyburn Gate and Gallows (half a mile)

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

an unusual feature, this church has a punishment seat for naughty children with a ferocious-looking devil's head on it. The child would be kept in order by the Beadle sitting in the pew behind

Cafe Spice Namaste

16 Prescott Street, E1
020 7488 9242

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

opening: Mon-Fri noon-14.00, 18.15-22.30, Sat 18.30-22.00

a former Victorian magistrates courthouse has been turned into an Asian restaurant

Justice Walk, SW3

transport: buses 19,49,239,319,345

here you can see an old courthouse with the barred gates to the cells underneath

Tyburn Tree (gallows) - site of

traffic island at junction of Edgware Road & Bayswater Road, W2

transport: Marble Arch u/g; buses 2,6,7,8,10,12,13, 15, 16,23,30,36,73,74,82,94,98,113,137,139,159,189,274

a plaque embedded in the road island commemorates the site for 500 years of the Tyburn Tree gallows where criminals were hung. The 'tree' was 11 foot high, of a triangular shape, and could hang 8 prisoners on each side at one time. It hung about 50,000 'criminals' including 105 Catholics martyred during the Reformation but was finally demolished in 1783

a painting showing the Gallows can be found in Brompton Oratory (see separate entry)

Museum in Docklands

No.1 Warehouse, West India Quay, Hertsmere Road, 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. Among its exhibits is an iron gibbet cage that was used for hanging the corpses of pirates after execution over the river in the hope that it would deter others from boarding and robbing ships by force

Westminster Hall

Old Palace Yard, Abingdon Street, SW1
020 7344 9966

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

opening: tours to the Houses of Parliament include Westminster Hall. Phone the number above for details

built in 1394 and surviving fires and wars, this Hall is one of the finest and largest medieval halls in Europe and is part of the Houses of Parliament. It has a magnificent hammerbeam roof rising to 90 feet at the crest while in the floor are brass plates that record the state trials that have taken place there

Captain Kidd pub

108 Wapping High Street, Wapping, E1
020 7480 5759

transport: Wapping u/g; buses 100,D3

opening: all permitted hours

this converted warehouse pub stands on the side of the River Thames and near to the site where Captain Kidd was hung for piracy and murder. Known as Execution Dock it was where pirates were hung for three days before being covered in tar and transferred to a gibbet further down the river. An example of the gibbet cage used is on display in the Museum in Docklands

Old Sessions House (now Clerkenwell Conference & Banqueting Centre)

Clerkenwell Green, EC1

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

opening: office hours but enquire first as rooms may be in use

formerly the Middlesex Sessions Court this 18th century house was the main court of justice until 1923. It then became the headquarters of Avery Scales until the 1950s. Derelict until 1981 it was converted into a conference centre with the former dungeons becoming a bar

Charles I

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

King Charles I was executed on the 30th January 1649 in Whitehall. To commemorate the event the Royal Stuart Society lays a wreath on the execution site every year on that date at 11.00

Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2

transport: Holborn & Chancery Lane u/g; buses 1,8,25,59, 68,91,168,171,188,242

here you will find, in the shelter in the centre of the gardens, a brass plaque marking the execution site where Lord William Russell met his death in 1683. He was tried for complicity in the Rye House Plot with fourteen others. The alleged plot was to murder King Charles II and James, Duke of York, at Rye House, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire. The plot failed as the King and the Duke left earlier than expected from Newmarket

St Bartholomew's Hospital

West Smithfield, EC1
020 7377 7000

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

opening: only as part of a guided tour of Smithfield & area Fridays Apr-Nov at 14.00 - from hospital gate

a plaque on the side of this Hospital commemorates some of those executed on this former site of public executions

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

among the jewellery on display in this late 17th century house is the necklace worn by the French Queen Marie Antoinette (1755-93) at her execution by guillotine

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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