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## **Roses (Flowers, Gardens & Windows)**

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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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## Forty Hall Museum

Forty Hill, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2  
020 8363 8196 [www.enfield.gov.uk/40hall.htm](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/40hall.htm)  
transport: Enfield Town u/g & rail; buses 191,W8  
facilities: disabled access to ground floor; disabled wcs;  
refreshments; shop; tours by arrangement  
opening: Sat-Sun 13.00-16.00. Estate daily 08.00-dusk  
admission free  
*this Jacobean house and museum is set in 250 acres of woodland and formal gardens. There is an attractive walled rose garden*

## Horniman Museum and Gardens

100 London Road, SE23  
020 8699 1872 [www.horniman.demon.co.uk](http://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  
*a museum built in 1901 to house the varied collection of the tea magnate and member of parliament, John Frederick Horniman (1835-1906). After Horniman had held several highly successful private viewings of his collection he decided to construct his own museum to display it more satisfactorily. He then presented the museum and its contents 'as a gift to the people of London'. It is a fascinating collection ranging from natural history through cultural material and musical instruments to environmental issues*  
*the attractive gardens include a water garden, rose garden, sunken garden, an old railway nature trail and superb views over London*

## Victoria and Albert Museum

Cromwell Road, SW7  
020 7942 2000/0870 442 0808 24hr information  
[www.vam.ac.uk](http://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  
*among the collection of miniature portrait paintings is Nicholas Hilliard's 'Young Man among the Roses'; housed in the Henry Cole Wing*

## Queen Mary's Gardens

Inner Circle, Regent's Park, NW1  
transport: Baker Street & Regent's Park u/g; buses 13, 18,27,30,74,82,113,189,274,C2  
opening: daily 07.00-dusk  
*a haven in the centre of Regent's Park are the rose gardens with 30,000 specimens of 400 varieties, a rock garden, statues, fountains and waterfalls*

## Eltham Palace

Court Yard, Court Road, Eltham, SE9  
020 8294 2548  
transport: Mottingham & Eltham rail ½ mile; buses 124, 126,132,160,161,162,233,286,314,321,B16  
facilities: audio tour in French or German and for hearing impaired; disabled access to ground floor; tearoom; giftshop; tours pre-booked 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

*the palace gardens have a moat, sunken rose garden, pergola and loggia and superb views of London and the Kent countryside*

*rose and sun badges of Edward IV can be found in the Great Hall. Built in 1479 it has the third largest hammerbeam roof in England. The rest of the Eltham Palace is now a 1930s French style art deco house built by the Courtauld Family*

## 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: church free; charge for the lift up the campanile  
*the floor of the Chapel of St George has white roses inlaid with lapis lazuli and mother of pearl*

## Church of the Immaculate Conception

Farm Street, W1  
020 7493 7811  
transport: Green Park & Piccadilly u/g; buses 8,9,14,19, 22,38  
*the rose window at the south end is by Evie Hone 1953*

## Middle Temple Hall

Devereux Court, 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  
opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-11.30 & 15.00-16.00  
*the Hall has a Gothic rose window*

## Windsor Castle

Windsor, Berks, SL4  
01753 831118 [www.the-royal-collection.org.uk](http://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 King Henry VIII Gate (1511) is decorated with a panel carved with a Tudor rose and a pomegranate the emblem of Catherine of Aragon, his first wife*

## New West End Synagogue

St Petersburg Place, Bayswater, W2  
020 7229 2631  
transport: Bayswater & Queensway u/g, Paddington u/g & rail; buses 12,70,94  
opening: Mon-Thur 10.00-13.00  
*the rose window of 1937 is a memorial to Emma, Lady Rothschild, and illustrates numerous aspects of Jewish ritual and tradition*

## St Matthews, Bayswater

St Petersburg Place, Bayswater, W2

transport: Bayswater & Queensway u/g; buses 12,70,94  
*the church is of early English style (1882) and includes a rose window*

## All Saints, Fulham

Putney Bridge Approach, Fulham, SW6  
020 7736 6301

transport: Putney Bridge u/g; buses 22,39,74,85,93, 265,270

opening: Mon-Fri noon-15.00

*this octagonal font has a moulded bowl of black marble and is inscribed with the date '1622'. The stem is painted with carved panels of roses and cusped heads*

## Kensington Gardens

Bayswater Road and Kensington Gore Road, W8  
020 7298 2100

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

opening: daily 05.00 - dusk

*the Round Pond, when seen from the air, is in the shape of a Tudor rose*

## Waltham Abbey Church

Greenyard, Waltham Abbey, Essex, EN9  
01992 767897 (Parish Office)  
www.walthamabbeychurch.co.uk

transport: Waltham Cross rail; bus 505

*facilities: disabled access to Church and Abbey Gardens*

opening: daily 10.00-16.00 winter; 10.00-18.00 summer; (except Wed when open at 11.00 and Sun when open at noon)

*reputedly the resting place of King Harold, these lovely Norman Abbey gardens have rose gardens and a sensory trail with art works showing the history of the site*

*the church has a rose petal stained glass window above the reredos. By Sir Edward Coley Burne-Jones (1833-98) it has 7 roundels round the central light. The two lower roundels show a moonscape and trees*

## Winchester Palace

Winchester Walk, Southwark, SE1

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

*constructed in 1109 and home of bishops for 500 years, these Palace ruins consist of the 12<sup>th</sup> century screen wall with its 14<sup>th</sup> century Reigate stone rose window*

## Hampton Court Palace

East Molesey, Surrey, KT8  
020 8781 9500 www.hrp.org.uk

transport: Richmond u/g, Hampton Court rail; buses 111, 216,411,416,461,513,727,R68; boat Hampton Court Pier  
*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 William III throne canopy in the King's Presence Chamber dates from 1700 and has coats of arms, badges*

*and the national emblems of the rose, thistle, harp and fleur-de-lys. The gilded Renaissance motifs & badges in the Wolsey Closet incorporate the Tudor rose & Prince of Wales feathers*

## 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 lovely stained glass rose window of 1902 in the South Transept shows Christ in the centre encircled by sixteen figures of the Virtues and Orders of Angels. The outer circle has thirty-two figures representing the preparation of the world for Christ*

## Valence House Museum and Art Gallery

Becontree Avenue, Dagenham, Essex, RM8  
020 8270 6865

transport: Becontree u/g then 62 bus, Chadwell Heath rail then 62 bus; buses 5,62,87,128,129,364,368

*facilities: disabled access; small café; souvenir & local history bookshop; tours by arrangement*

opening: Mon-Fr 09.00-16.30, Sat 10.00-16.00  
admission free

*the gardens, open April-October, have a pergola, roses, herbs and a sculpture garden*

## Hever Castle

Edenbridge, Kent  
01732 865224

transport: Hever rail (1mile)

*facilities: parking; Moat Restaurant (Mar-Nov 11.00-18.00), Pavilion Restaurant (daily 11.00-18.00); gift, book and garden shop*

opening: April-Oct house noon-18.00, gardens 11.00-18.00 (last admission 17.00); Mar & Nov (last admission 16.00)  
admission charge

*the 40 acre garden includes an Italian Garden, a maze, a 35 acre lake and a rose garden*

## Valentines Park

Cranbrook Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1  
020 8478 9071

transport: Gants Hill u/g & rail 5 mins, Ilford rail 10 mins; buses 123,145,167,179,269,369

opening: dawn-dusk summer, 08.00-16.30 winter

*this park of 125 acres originally belonged to the 17<sup>th</sup> century Valentines Mansion. Besides lakes and an aviary, it has a walled kitchen garden, a Rosery (rose gardens) and an American garden*

## 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 (phone to check if open - may not be if being used for a function)

*this unusual roof garden has a mock-Spanish convent, formal gardens including a Japanese garden, ponds, a Tudor rose garden, flamingoes and lovely views. At 1.5 acres (0.5 hectares) it is the largest roof garden in Europe*

### **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

*this lovely house was the London residence of the Duke of Northumberland and home of Lady Jane Gray, Queen of England for 9 days during July 1553. The gardens designed by Capability Brown, the famous landscape architect, include a large, colourful rose garden*

### **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 Peers' Lobby has a floor with the Tudor rose in Derbyshire marble and Minton heraldic tiles. Further Tudor roses can be found in the ceiling panels and archways of the Royal Gallery.*

*a fresco in the East Corridor shows a scene, set in the Temple Gardens, from Shakespeare's Henry VI Part 1 with Richard Plantagenet plucking a white rose (the symbol of the Yorkists during the Wars of the Roses 1455-85) and the Earl of Somerset picking a red rose (the symbol of the Lancastrians)*

### **Queen Elizabeth Gate**

near Apsley 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

*designed by Guiseppi Lund these gates were erected in 1993 to celebrate the 90th birthday of the late Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Made of stainless steel they have pink roses, a peacock, leaping salmon and a red lion & white unicorn supporting a tree with tendrils of plants, flowers & leaves*

### **Mansion House**

Walbrook, EC4

transport: Bank & Mansion House u/g, London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 8,11,15,25,26,76,242

opening: free tours by arrangement only. Please telephone 020 7626 2500

*among the insignia on display is the Lord Mayor's Chain of Office (from c.1535) with gold chain, enamelled Tudor rose and a pendant of an onyx piece carved with the City of London arms and set in diamonds*

### **Buckingham Palace**

Buckingham Palace Road, SW1A

020 7930 4832 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: disabled access but prior application needed for wheelchairs; shop

opening: daily Aug-Sept 09.30-16.15  
admission charge

*a neo-classical frieze in the Throne Room depicts the Wars of the Roses between the Yorkists and Lancastians (1455-85)*

### **Hampstead Heath**

Hill Public Garden, West Heath, North End Way, NW3

transport: Golders Green & Hampstead u/g; buses 210, 268

*these gardens have pergolas covered with a mass of wisteria, roses, clematis and honeysuckle during the summer months*

### **Strawberry Hill House**

Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, Middlesex

020 8240 4114

transport: Strawberry Hill rail; buses 33, R68

opening: Easter-Oct Sun noon-16.30,;rest of year by appointment

*the Round Drawing Room has an imitation of the rose window in Old St Paul's Cathedral*

### **Waterlow Park**

Highgate Hill, N6/N19

transport: Archway u/g; buses 4,143,210,214,295,C11

facilities: aviary; play area; café

opening: daily 07.30-dusk

*this park covers 22 acres of hillside donated in 1889 by Sir Sydney Waterlow as a 'garden for the gardenless'. It is the amalgamation of several house gardens and is one of London's best landscaped parks with mature trees, rose beds, rock garden, ponds at three levels and an aviary*

### **St John the Evangelist**

Duncan Terrace, N1

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

*Roman arches, hammer-beam roof and a small rose window*

### **Christ Church**

Newgate Street, EC4

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

*the tower is the only survivor of this Christopher Wren church, bombed and destroyed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. It stands in an attractive small rose garden and is now used as offices*

### **Morden Hall Park**

Morden Hall Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4

020 8687 0094

transport: Morden u/g; Tramlink to Phipps Bridge; buses 80,118,154,157,163,163,201,293,413

facilities: disabled access; tearoom (10.00-17.00 daily)

opening: park daily during daylight hours  
admission free

*the rose garden in this former deer park was laid out in 1922 and now has over 2000 roses*

## **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 includes the Procession Sword encrusted with diamonds, emeralds and rubies in the form of roses, thistles and shamrocks*

## **Bexley Museum**

Hall Place, Bourne Road, Bexley, Kent, DA5

01322 526574

transport: Bexley & Crayford rail; buses 96,132,229,492

*facilities: disabled access to ground floor of house only; restaurant and snacks; shop,*

opening: summer Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00, Sun 14.00-18.00; winter Mon-Sat 10.00-dusk

admission free

*Hall Place Gardens on the banks of the River Cray have 18<sup>th</sup> century gates, a topiary of chess pieces and twelve heraldic animals known as the 'Queen's Beasts', a herb garden for the blind and a Tudor-style rose garden*

## **Slightly Further Afield ...**

### **Gardens of the Rose**

Chiswell Green Lane, St Albans, Herts, AL2

01727 850461

transport: car or St Albans rail

opening: June-Sept; 10.00-17.00 Mon-Sat, 10.00-18.00 Sun

admission charge

*there are over 30,000 roses in this garden, both old and new varieties*

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