



Seeing the Capital Differently

Steam

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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

All Hallows by the Tower and Undercroft

Byward Street, Tower Hill, EC3R
020 7481 2928 www.allhallowsbythetower.org.uk
transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium & St Katharines Pier
facilities: audio tours (daily 11.00-16.00); disabled access to Church but not Undercroft; restaurant (Mon-Fri 10.00-22.30); bookshop; group tours by arrangement (10.30-16.00); Queen Mother Centre has herb garden; brass rubbing centre
opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-18.00, Sat-Sun 10.00-17.00
free admission to church

the memorial window to the crew of the steamship 'Samkey' that went missing in January 1948, shows an angel above a sailing ship and three crewmen. The Church also has a model of the pleasure steamer TSMV Royal Daffodil that was used to help in the evacuation of troops from Dunkirk during the 2nd World War

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 Library (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

this museum looks at how sailors have solved the problems of sea travel during the ages. In the Bridge Gallery there is an interactive exhibition where visitors can become part of the crew of a paddle steamer

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 (telephone 020 7407 9191)
opening: daily 09.30-18.00 (last admission 17.00). For Bridge opening times telephone 020 7378 7700
admission charge

the Experience tells the history of Tower Bridge. Designed in 1890 by Horace Jones, you can see the steam engines, boilers and water storage tanks that were installed to operate the bascules that raise Tower Bridge to allow ships to pass through to the Pool of London

Paddle Steamer Tattershall Castle

Victoria Embankment, SW1
020 7839 6548
transport: Embankment u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 6,9,11,13,15,23,77A,91,176
opening: daily 11.00-23.00
this paddle steamer, now a bar, restaurant and nightclub, was built in 1938 by William Gray and Co. It operated as a ferryboat in Hull until the Humber Bridge was opened in 1972 and it became redundant

Edward VII

opposite Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel Road, E1
transport: Whitechapel u/g; buses 25,106,205,253,D3
this 1911 column with a medallion portrait of the King shows him flanked by the allegorical figures of Justice &

Liberty with cherubs holding a book, a steamer and a motor car. By W S Frith it was a gift of the East End Jews

Richard Trevithick

wall of University College, Gower Street, WC1
transport: Goodge Street, Euston Square & Russell Square u/g, Euston u/g & rail; buses 10,18,24,29,30,59,68,73,91,134,168
a 1933 bronze tablet with a portrait medallion of Trevithick and a model of the engine commemorates the demonstration of the 'Catch Me Who Can' locomotive on a track in Euston Square. The inscription reads 'Pioneer of High Pressure Steam. Ran in the year 1818 the first steam locomotive to draw passengers'. Trevithick (1771-1833) pioneered steam locomotion in Britain but had little success with his ideas in London. He also worked on other uses of high pressure steam.

a further plaque to him and his work can be found in Holy Trinity Church, Dartford where he is buried in an unmarked grave

Burrells Wharf

Westferry Road, Isle of Dogs, E14
transport: Island Gardens DLR; buses D3,D7
in the 1830s the Millwall Ironworks at Burrells Wharf were established and in the 1850s produced the steel plates for Brunel's 'Great Eastern' steamship. Now converted into luxury flats only the boiler house chimney and Italianate Plate House of the original ironworks remain

Markfield Beam Engine House

Markfield Road, Broad Lane, Tottenham, N15
020 8800 7061
transport: Tottenham Hale & Seven Sisters u/g & rail + 7 mins walk
opening: 2nd Sun of each month 11.00-15.00
the engine house of 1886 houses a beam engine built for pumping sewage. It used to use 200 kilos of coal per hour with 2 live-in drivers. The engine (built 1886-8) is a compound rotative type and is the only surviving 8-column engine in situ. Of cast-iron it has a 27ft diameter flywheel, spokes & rim with supporting Doric columns. The beam is 21ft long with pivots on two bearings. Unfortunately it no longer steams as it has suffered internal structural failure. The future of the museum is now under threat because visitors are no longer interested in seeing a static non-working display

Low Hall Farm Pump House

Low Hall Lane, E17
020 8521 1766
transport: Blackhorse Road u/g & rail, St James Street rail; buses 158,230
opening: closed for renovation until Spring 2004
here you can see a pair of Marshall steam engines, remodelled in 1897, in a Victorian engine house

Princess Alice Monument

King's Highway, Plumstead, SE18
transport: buses 53,96,291,422
this Celtic cross monument was erected in memory of the 'Princess Alice' pleasure steamer that sank in September 1878 on the River Thames with the loss of 631 lives. The tragedy led to the establishment of sewage treatment plants and changes in navigation rules on the Thames

Kew Bridge Steam Museum

Green Dragon Lane, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8
020 8568 4757 www.kbsm.org.uk

transport: Gunnersbury u/g, Kew Bridge rail; buses
65,237,267,391

facilities: *limited wheelchair access; guide dogs welcome;
disabled wcs; parking; refreshments at weekends only;
bookshop; tours by arrangement*

opening: daily (steaming on 2 weekends March-Nov)
11.00-17.00

admission charge

this collection of steam and pumping equipment includes a triple expansion steam engine and four Cornish beam engines, two of which are in steam every weekend. The engines were used to pump the West London water supply for over 100 years. Also displayed are smaller steam and traction engines and steam lorries. The collection of Cornish beam and water-pumping steam engines is considered to be one of the finest in the world many Victorian waterworks had their own railways and this one is no exception. A short narrow gauge railway has two steam locomotives 'Cloister' and 'Wendy'; run by the Hampshire Narrow Gauge Railway Society for rides on summer weekends

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) &
wcs; library; refreshments; shop*

opening: daily 10.00-18.00

admission free

among the many scientific collections in this world famous museum are examples of the technologies associated with mechanical power and the processes of manufacture - motive power, processing of materials, organisation of production, lifting & handling, textile & paper manufacture hand & machine tools, heat engines (not steam), kinematics, mechanical power transmission, papermaking, production engineering and pumping machinery

St Pancras Chambers

Euston Road, NW1

transport: King's Cross/St Pancras & Euston u/g & rail;
buses 10,17,30,45,46,63,73,91,214,259

facilities: *no disabled access at present or working lifts;
coffee lounge (Mon-Fri 11.30-15.30); guided tours (Sat-Sun 11.00,13.30 - no booking, small charge; ring enquiries on 020 7304 3921)*

opening: guided tours only except for entrance hall &
coffee lounge

this Victorian Gothic former Midland Grand Hotel closed in 1935 and was then used as railway offices. At the moment it is being converted into a Marriott Hotel with the upper rooms as loft apartments. The hotel was one of the first buildings to have 'Rising or Ascending Chambers' (lifts/elevators) operated by hydraulic power. There still is also an old Victorian radiator on the 1st floor that was originally heated by steam. The rest of the rooms were heated by log fires

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