



*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## Tea

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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 Church

Byward Street, Tower Hill, EC3R

020 7481 2928 [www.allhallowsbythetower.org.uk](http://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 Piers

facilities: audio tours (daily 11.00-16.00); disabled access to Church but not Undercroft; restaurant (Mon-Fri 10.00-22.30); shop; group tours by arrangement. Queen Mother Centre has herb garden

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-18.00, Sat-Sun 10.00-17.00  
free admission to church

*the crucifix in the Mariners' Chapel is made of wood from the tea clipper 'Cutty Sark'*

## Cutty Sark

King William Walk, Greenwich, SE10

020 8858 3445 [www.cuttysark.org.uk](http://www.cuttysark.org.uk)

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

facilities: limited disabled access; shop

opening: daily Apr-Sept 10.00-18.00, Oct-Mar 10.00-17.00

admission charge

*the World's last surviving tea clipper, Cutty Sark was launched in 1869. In 1871 she made the fastest voyage for that era from China to England. The boat's figurehead shows Nannie clutching the tail hair of Tam's horse. The name of the ship came from Robbie Burns poem 'Tam O'Shanter', in which Tam on his horse is chased by the witch Nannie who is wearing a short linen dress, known in Scotland as a 'cutty sark'. There is an interesting museum of artefacts connected with the sea and a collection of figureheads, many of them outstanding examples of woodcarving*

## Bramah Tea and Coffee Museum

40 Southwark Street, SE1

020 7403 5650 [www.bramahmuseum.co.uk](http://www.bramahmuseum.co.uk)

transport: London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 17,21,35,40, 43,47,48,133,149,343,381; boat London Bridge City Pier

facilities: disabled access & wcs; café (cakes, drinks); shop for purchase of tea & coffee, teapots, books, postcards & posters

opening: daily 10.00-18.00

admission charge

*the museum, devoted to the history of tea and coffee, was founded in 1992 by Edward Bramah. Not only does it have prints, photos and maps showing the history of tea over 1000 years but there is an interesting collection of teapots*

## Ham House

Ham Street, Richmond, Surrey, TW10

020 8940 1950 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/southern](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/southern)

transport: Richmond u/g & rail; buses 65,371

facilities: disabled access & wcs; parking; licensed restaurant in the Orangery; tours

opening: house Apr-Oct Mon-Wed, Sat-Sun 13.00-17.00;

gardens all year Mon-Wed, Sat-Sun 11.00-18.00

admission charge

*the 17<sup>th</sup> century Orangery is now a tearoom serving 17<sup>th</sup> century style salads and old-fashioned bread puddings*

## 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*

## Dr Johnson's House

17 Gough Square, EC4

020 7353 3745

transport: Chancery Lane u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,11,15,25,26,45,63,76,100,172, 341

facilities: sales desk; tours by arrangement

opening: Mon-Sat May-Sept 11.00-17.30, Oct-Apr 11.00-17.00

admission charge

*among the items on display is a china tea caddy, dish and saucer that belonged to the artist, Sir Joshua Reynolds*

## Twining Museum

216 Strand, WC2R

020 7353 3511

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

facilities: tours by arrangement

opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-16.30

admission free

*the Twining family tea business was founded in 1706 and this shop continues to sell tea while the museum gives an insight into the Company's history. The business is symbolised by the Golden Lion and two Chinese figures over the narrow doorway. Twinings still manufacture over 150 varieties of tea including herbal varieties*

## 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

*the Toshiba Gallery of Japanese Art has a display of utensils used in the tea ceremony together with teapots and paintings of people making tea. Panels by Charles Rennie Macintosh show the decoration of the Willow Tea Room in Glasgow*

## Olivers Wharf

Wapping High Street, E1

transport: Wapping u/g; buses 100,D3

*this neo-Gothic tea warehouse was converted into apartments in 1972 but the overhead gangways which allowed access from the dockside are still preserved*

## **Kowloon**

21 Gerrard Street, W1  
020 7437 0148

transport: Piccadilly Circus & Leicester Square u/g; buses 3,6,12,13,14,15,19,23,24,29,38,53,88,94,139,159,176

opening: daily noon-18.00

*this restaurant/cafe sells Chinese tea and cakes*

## **The Tea House**

15A Neal Street, WC2  
020 7240 7539

transport: Covent Garden & Leicester Square u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 6,9,11,13,15,23,24,29,77A,91,176

opening: daily Mon-Wed 11.00-19.00, Thur-Sat 10.00-19.00, Sun noon-18.00

*over a 100 different types of tea are stocked as well as a lovely selection of teapots, teacups and infusers available for purchase*

## **Alan Brett Books**

24 Cecil Court, WC2  
020 7836 8222

transport: Leicester Square u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 24,29,176

*this bookshop was originally a tearoom - note the tiny wooden balcony which would have been popular with customers wanted to watch activity in the court below*

## **Engineers Company**

Wax Chandlers' Hall, Gresham Street, EC2V  
020 7726 4830 [www.engineerscompany.org.uk](http://www.engineerscompany.org.uk)

transport: St Paul's & Bank u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 8,56,76,100,133,242

opening: occasional open days - telephone the number above to check details

*this City of London Livery Company has a Victorian china loving cup and tea service in its collection*

## **Berry Brothers and Rudd**

3 St James's Street, SW1  
020 7396 9600

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

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00, Sat 10.00-16.00

*this supplier of tea and coffee still has the original weighing scales. These scales became the first weighing machine for people and a book records the weight of aristocrats and politicians including the Aga Khan who annually gave his weight in diamonds to his people*

## **Algerian Coffee House**

52 Old Compton Street, W1  
020 7437 2480

transport: Leicester Square & Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 14,19,24,29,38,176

opening: Mon-Sat 09.00-19.00

*original shop for coffee stocking over 100 different types of coffee, 140 teas and all types of coffee-making equipment*

## **Alounak (restaurant)**

10 Russell Gardens, W14  
020 7603 7645

transport: Shepherd's Bush u/g, Kensington (Olympia) u/g & rail; buses 49,94,148

opening: daily noon-midnight

*this restaurant has an interesting collection of Iranian bric-a-brac - plates, teapots & prints from Persian mythology, tanks of fish and stonework fountains*

## **British Museum**

Great Russell Street, WC1B

020 7323 8000

[www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk](http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk)

transport: Russell Square & Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 10,24,29,73,134

*facilities: audio guides for certain displays including the Parthenon Sculptures (6 languages); disabled access & wcs; licensed restaurant (self-service) and snacks (daily Mon-Sat 10.00-16.30, Sun noon-17.30); shop selling books, postcards, posters and replicas; eyeOpener gallery tours of 50mins +Spotlight talks of 20mins*

opening: daily Sat-Wed 10.00-17.30, Thur-Fri 10.00-20.30. Great Court Mon-Wed 09.00-21.00, Thur-Sat

09.00-23.00, Sun 09.00-18.00. Clearance 10mins before closing

admission free except for some tours - donation welcomed

*amongst the Japanese collection are examples of tea ware*

## **Dorchester Hotel**

63 Park Lane, W1

020 7629 8888

transport: Marble Arch u/g; buses 2,10,16,36,73,74,82,137

opening: bar Mon-Sat 11.00-00.30, Sun noon-22.30

*this hotel has 1950s décor. The bar has a mirrored ceiling, blue and white tiled walls and parrot-shaped crystal wall lights that reflect the specifications of the owner, the Sultan of Brunei. Definitely a place to admire while you have a traditional afternoon tea*

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