



Seeing the Capital Differently

Watches

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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

Alfred Dunhill Collections

Burlington Arcade, Piccadilly, W1V

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

opening: by appointment 48 hrs prior to visit
admission free

this shop has an interesting display of watches manufactured over the last 100 years

British Museum

Great Russell Street, WC1B

020 7323 8000 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

a display ranging from pocket watches to grandfather clocks covering the period of the 16th to 20th centuries

Guildhall Clock Museum

Guildhall, Aldermanbury, EC2P

020 7332 1868

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

facilities: *library; sales desk*

opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-16.45

admission free

there are 700 timepieces in this museum dating between the 15th and 20th centuries and ranging from 600 European & English watches and 15 marine chronometers to longcase clocks. The collection began in 1814 and is the oldest collection devoted to clocks and watches in the world. There is a fine collection of watch keys (engraved, enamelled, jewelled, in silver & gold); pocket watches decorated in enamel work and watch covers in silver and gold

the Museum also houses the library of manuscripts and books dating from 1813 of the Clockmakers Company, a City of London Livery Company

Museum of London

150 London Wall, EC2Y

020 7600 0807 www.museumoflondon.org.uk

transport: Barbican, St Paul's & Moorgate u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,56,100, 172,242

facilities: *audio tapes and braille sheets; disabled access via ramps; disabled wcs; library; restaurant and snacks; shop*

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.50, Sun noon-17.50 (last admission 17.30)

admission free

this museum has one of the largest collection of manufacturing tools and workshop materials in the country. These cover a variety of industries and include clock and watch making. There is also a display of 17th century watches

Library and Museum of Freemasonry

Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, WC2B

020 7395 9251 www.grandlodge-england.org

transport: Holborn & Covent Garden u/g; buses 1,59,68, 91,168,171,188

facilities: *disabled access; library; sales desk; tours (Mon-Fri 11.00, noon,14.00,15.00,16.00; Sat prebooking. Telephone to check)*

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-17.00

admission free

regalia, including watches, illustrate the history and development of the Masonic Movement (founded 1837)

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

the Explorers' Gallery will give you a brief overview of the history of exploration and how it has shaped the world. Displays look at the Vikings and Polynesians, Columbus, 16th century European explorers and the 19th century British expeditions to the Poles. Among the material on display are compasses, maps, musical instruments, watches, silver and the sextant of Captain James Cook

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); disabled wcs; library; refreshments; shop*

opening: daily 10.00-18.00

admission free

here you will find the history of time-keeping - from water clocks to quartz watches

Sir John Soane's Museum

13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2A

020 7405 2107 www.soane.org

transport: Holborn u/g; buses 1,8,25,38,59,68,91,98, 168,171,188,242

facilities: *library; sales desk; tours (Sats 14.30, small charge)*

opening: Tue-Sat 10.00-17.00. 1st Tue of every month 18.00-21.00 when parts lit by candle

admission free except for tours

among the displays in this fascinating museum are eleven timepieces including an 18th century calendar watch presented by Queen Anne to the architect Christopher Wren

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; library; café and restaurant; shop; tours*

opening: daily 10.00-17.45, Wed 10.00-22.00

admission free

this leading museum of fine and decorative arts has a good collection of clocks, watches, sundials and other timekeeping devices. Watches range from the practical to the most beautiful fashion items covered with precious gems; there is even a collection of styles made by the famous manufacturer Swatch

Grays Market

38 Davies Street, W1
020 7629 7034

transport: Bond Street u/g; buses 6,7,8,10,12,13,15,23, 73,94,98,113,137,139,159,189

facilities: *Victory Café for snacks*

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00

this antique market has jewellery, clocks, watches, Roman beads, Georgian rings and Victorian jet

Camden Passage

Upper Street, Islington, N1
www.islington.gov.uk/whatson

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

opening: Wed 07.00-14.00, Thur 07.00-16.00, Sat 08.00-16.00 (Wed & Sat (antiques), Thurs (books, prints & drawings))

shops selling silverware, jewellery, watches, books, prints and drawings can be found here

Radio Days

87 Lower Marsh Street, SE1
020 7928 0800

transport: Lambeth North u/g, Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 12,53,59,76,77,159,211,341,381

opening: Mon-Fri 10.30-17.00, Sat 11.00-16.00

a shop selling bric-a-brac from the 1920s to 1950s including china, clocks, watches, clothing and magazines

Royal Academy of Music

Marylebone Road, NW1

transport: Baker Street & Regent's Park u/g; buses 13,18,27,30,74,82,113,189,274

facilities: *loans of instruments to students and professional musicians; musical performances & demonstrations*

opening: daily Mon-Fri 12.30-18.00, Sat-Sun 14.00-17.30

admission free

something of interest to music lovers - this museum has a collection of memorabilia of the composer and conductor, Sir Henry Wood (1869-1944) including an autograph copy of 'Fantasia of British Sea Songs' and his baton, stop-watch & tuning forks

Belmont

Faversham, Kent,
01795 890202 www.belmont-house.org

transport: M2 Junction 6 and A251 to Ashford; Faversham rail

facilities: *parking, teashop*

opening: house Sat-Sun 14.00-17.00 (last tour 16.15); gardens Sat-Thur 10.00-18.00

admission charge

housed within an 18th century house is a display of paintings, furniture, Indian silverware and an extensive private collection of clocks and watches

David Duggan

Bond Street Antiques Centre, 124 New Bond Street, W1 and at 63 Burlington Arcade, W1
daviddugganwatches.co.uk

transport: Bond Street & Oxford Circus u/g; buses 7,8,10, 25,55,73,98,113,137,176,189,390

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.30

these shops stocks antique watches

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