



*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## **Cars**

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By printing this leaflet you have decided to discover, or rediscover, the sights and delights of **London** in a different way. We hope that you enjoy your explorations of our fascinating and historical capital city.

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

*here you will find displayed a range of company products manufactured over the last 100 years - car accessories, lamps, luggage and clothing*

### **Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood**

Cambridge Heath Road, E2

020 8983 5200 [www.museumofchildhood.org.uk](http://www.museumofchildhood.org.uk)

transport: Bethnal Green u/g, Cambridge Heath rail; buses 8,106,253,309,D3,D6

*facilities: limited disabled access; library; parking; refreshments; shop; tours by arrangement*

opening: Mon-Thur, Sat-Sun 10.00-17.00  
admission free

*one of largest collections in the world devoted entirely to the history of children and all aspects of childhood especially toys and includes pedal cars and scooters. Displayed in a wrought-iron building that was originally at the Victoria and Albert Museum in South Kensington. it was established on this site in the 1860s*

### **O'Neills pub**

64 London Wall, EC2

020 7786 9231

transport: Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 76,100,133,153,214

opening: Mon-Fri 11.30-21.00

*this pub has pictures of old cars on its walls*

### **Royal Mews**

Buckingham Palace Road, SW1A

020 7839 1377, 020 7799 2331(recorded information)

[www.royalresidences.com](http://www.royalresidences.com)

transport: St James's Park & Green Park u/g, Victoria u/g & rail; buses 2,8,11,16,24,36,38,52,73,74,82,185,211,239,C1,C10

*facilities: disabled access & wcs; shop*

opening: Mon-Thur Oct-July noon-16.00, Aug-Sept 10.30-16.30

admission charge

*built in 1825 to house the royal coaches and provide stabling for the horses these Mews, attached to Buckingham Palace, were designed by John Nash*

*here you can see the coaches used for state occasions including the Irish (used for the State Opening of Parliament) and the Gold State (1762) used for Coronations. A more modern collection of royal cars is also displayed*

### **Science Museum**

Exhibition Road, SW7

020 7942 4455

[www.sciencemuseum.org.uk](http://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

*one part of the collection outlines the evolution of transport technology and the development of land vehicles. There are several vintage cars on display including a Rolls Royce dating from 1904*

### **Vestry House Museum**

Vestry Road, Walthamstow, E17

020 8509 1917

[www.lbwf.gov.uk/leisure/intro/vestry\\_intro.stm](http://www.lbwf.gov.uk/leisure/intro/vestry_intro.stm)

transport: Walthamstow Central u/g & rail; buses W12, W16

*facilities: disabled access by prior arrangement; library; refreshments; sales desk; tours by arrangement*

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-13.00, 14.00-17.30, Sat 10.00-13.00, 14.00-17.00

admission free

*this local history museum (Borough of Waltham Forest) is the proud owner of Britain's first motor vehicle - the Bremer car of 1894-95*

### **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*

### **William Richard Morris, 1st Viscount Nuffield**

Guy's Hospital, St Thomas' Street, SE1

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

*this 1949 statue is of the car maker and philanthropist Lord Nuffield (1877-1963) who, after making his fortune in car manufacturing in Oxford, founded in 1943 The Nuffield Foundation, one of the largest charitable trusts every established*

### **Michelin Building**

81 Fulham Road, SW3

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,49,211,345

*facilities: café, restaurant & oyster bar*

*the exterior and interior decoration using tyres and motoring murals dates from 1911 (with later additions in 1912 and 1922) and is by the architect Francois Epinasse. The 34 panels depict motoring and aviation heroes and races of the early 1900s. The building was decorated especially for the purpose of advertising Michelin products*

### **Canary Wharf**

Isle of Dogs, E14

[www.canarywharf.com](http://www.canarywharf.com)

transport: Canary Wharf u/g & DLR, West India Quay DLR; buses 277,D3,D7,D8

*one of the modern pieces of sculpture to be found dotted around Canary Wharf is the Traffic Light Tree. It stands on the Heron Quay roundabout and is constructed from old traffic lights that change colour from red to green at various intervals. It is supposed to mimic the restlessness of Canary Wharf and its workforce and is by Pierre Vivant*

### **Legoland**

Windsor, Berkshire

08705 04 04

transport: Windsor rail then shuttlebus from High St

opening: daily mid-Mar-mid-July 10.00-18.00, mid-July-Aug 10.00-20.00, Sept-Oct 10.00-18.00 or dusk  
admission charge

*this very popular theme park with many of the attractions made from Lego bricks, has a model village, an assortment of rides including a ghost train, pirate falls,*

*water slides, driving school & road network, boating school and wave surfer*

### **Brooklands Museum**

Brooklands Road, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13  
01932 857381

transport: by road M25 10 mins from Junctions 10 & 11 and A3; Weybridge rail

*facilities: picnic area; special weekend events; parking; giftshop*

opening: Tue-Sun winter 10.00-16.00, summer 10.00-17.00

admission charge

*this motoring and aviation museum was opened in 1991 and stands in 30 acres of the original 1907 racing circuit. Its collection includes over 30 aircraft representing the 80 years of aviation at Brooklands and a refurbished motoring village with historic cars & motorcycles*

*Brooklands was the 1st motor racing circuit in the world and the ERA Shed houses a speed record exhibition that tells the story of the men and machines that established world records in vehicles developed and tested at the circuit*

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