



Seeing the Capital Differently

Roses (Flowers, Gardens & Windows)

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Enjoy Your Explorations

Forty Hall Museum

Forty Hill, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2
020 8363 8196 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
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
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
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 12th century screen wall with its 14th 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 17th 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 2nd 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 18th 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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