



Seeing the Capital Differently

Wine

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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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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

examples of Celtic crafts include French wine flagons made from bronze with an inlay of coral

Vintners Company

Upper Thames Street (corner of Queen Street), EC4
020 7236 1863

transport: Mansion House u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail;
buses 11,15,26,76,344

opening: prior application

the City of London Livery Company for wine and winemakers holds a procession every July from their hall to St James Garlickhythe church (the Company's church) for an annual service. The procession is preceded by white-smocked wine porters sweeping the way

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

the Silver Galleries show how silverware is designed, made and used and have British and Continental silverware on display. Included is the Jerningham Wine Cooler, a 18th century Victorian copy of the original that is on show in the Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg. The British collection dates from 1400 to 1800 and the Continental from 1800 to the present

Cittie of York pub

22 High Holborn, WC1V
020 7242 7670

transport: Chancery Lane & Holborn u/g; buses 19,38,45,
55,341

facilities: *bar food (noon-21.30)*

opening: Mon-Sat 11.30-23.00

this old pub has a row of 1,000 gallon wine barrels

Southwark Tavern

22 Southwark Street, SE1
020 7403 0257

transport: Southwark u/g, London Bridge u/g & rail;
buses 21,35,40,43,47,48,133,149,343,344,381; boat
Bankside Pier

the Wine Bar was originally the cells of the local debtors prison

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 wine merchants has been established since 1699. The passageway where it is located has an interesting plaque announcing that this was the location of the office of the Republic of Texas. The shop has vast wine cellars with 18,000 cases of wine for both selling and laying down

Leadenhall Market

Gracechurch Street, EC3

transport: Bank & Monument u/g, Fenchurch Street rail;
buses 35,47,48,149,344

opening: Mon-Fri 07.00-16.00

gourmet food and wine shops can be found in this attractive market erected in 1881

St James's Garlickhythe

Upper Thames Street, EC4
020 7236 1719

transport: Mansion House u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail;
buses 11,15,26,76,344

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00

the church of the City Livery Company of Vintners, the oriel window on the south side of the chancel dates from 1500 and has the rebus (symbol) of Prior Bolton on it - a crossbow arrow piercing a wine tun

Old Wine Shades

6 Martin Lane, off Cannon Street, EC4

transport: Monument u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail;
buses 15,35,40,43,47,48,133,149

facilities: *bar snacks, restaurant in basement (11.30-15.00)*

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-22.00

built in 1663 this claims to be the oldest wine house in London. It is a double-fronted building with beams, bare floorboards and highbacked settles

St Bartholomew-the-Great

Cloth Fair, West Smithfield, EC1
020 7606 5171

transport: Barbican & St Paul's u/g, City Thameslink rail;
buses 8,25,56,242

opening: Tue-Fri 08.30-17.00, Sat 10.30-13.30, Sun
08.00-13.00, 14.30-20.00

an oriel window of 1517, that allowed Prior Bolton to oversee the monks during worship, has a centre panel with the Prior's rebus (symbol) on it - a crossbow arrow piercing a wine tun

Infinity

8 Upper St Martin's Lane, WC2
020 7497 1011

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

opening: Mon-Sat 11.00-19.00, Sun 13.30-17.30

this shop selling glassware displays a variety of wine goblets

Tobacco Dock

The Highway, Wapping, E1

transport: Wapping u/g, Shadwell u/g & DLR; buses 100,D3

built in 1814 with timber and cast-iron framing supporting a timber-framed roof, this warehouse is set on a brick and stone system of wine cellars where tobacco and wine were once stored. Converted into a shopping complex in the late 1980s it was never successful and although other schemes were attempted nothing materialised. As a result the warehouse is rather deserted but worth looking at to get some idea of its former use. Further redevelopment is still planned

Vinopolis

1 Bank End, SE1

0870 4444 777(booking) www.vinopolis.co.uk

transport: Cannon Street & London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 21,35,40,43,47,48,133,149,343,344,381; boat London Bridge City Pier

facilities: audio guide; disabled access; Cantina Vinopolis restaurant & Wine Wharf (wine bar & light meals); Majestic wine warehouse, shop selling corkscrews, wine racks, books etc

opening: Mon 11.00-21.00, Tue-Fri 11.00-18.00, Sat 11.00-20.00, Sun 11.00-18.00; last admission 2 hours before closing

admission charge includes wine tasting. Children are offered fruit juice tasting and a fun book

a collection of retail outlets and wine-tasting halls provide an exhibition devoted to the history of wine production. There is also a space for temporary art exhibitions (2 per year) using material from the Hess Collection. Donald M Hess is an art collector and wine producer

Bunch of Grapes pub

207 Brompton Road, SW3

020 7589 4944

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,74,C1

facilities: meals and snacks lunchtime & evening

opening: all permitted hours

the name of this pub is reflected in the grapes etched on the glass of the snob screens and handcarved on the pub sign. Some of the best Victorian (1875) decorated glass in a London pub can be found here - not only etched but also painted, especially the mirrors

I Camisa & Son

61 Old Compton Street, W1

020 7437 7610

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

a shop stocking Italian food especially salamis, pastas, oils and wines

Caviar House and Shop

161 Piccadilly, W1

020 7409 0445

transport: Green Park u/g; buses 8,9,14,19,22,38

as its name suggests this shop's specialty is caviar but it also stocks Balik salmon, fine wines, champagnes and vodkas. Behind the shop is a restaurant specialising in Iranian caviar and champagne and holding special Caviar and Smoked Salmon evenings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 16.00 to 19.00

Gordon's Wine Bar

47 Villiers Street, WC2

020 7930 1408

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-Sat 11.00-23.00, Sun noon-22.00

huge barrels decorate a candle-lit, vaulted wine bar where port and sherry are the speciality

Coal Hole pub

91 Strand, WC2R

020 7379 9883

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 6,9,11,13,15,23,77A,91,176

facilities: bar food (noon-17.00)

opening: Mon-Sat 11.00-23.00, Sun noon-20.00; Wine Bar 17.30-23.00

this pub and wine bar's art nouveau decoration has maidens picking wines on a marble frieze and vines decorating the fireplaces

Courtauld Institute Gallery

Strand, WC2R

020 7848 2526

www.courtauld.ac.uk

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: Summer Café, bar & restaurant; three gift and bookshops; delicatessen

opening: daily 10.00-18.00 (last admission 17.15)

admission charge

one of the famous paintings in this Gallery is Manet's 'A bar at the Folies-Bergere'. Completed in 1882 it shows a bar maid standing behind a well-stocked Parisian bar

Wenlock Arms

Wenlock Road (corner of Sturt Street), N1

transport: Angel u/g, Old Street u/g & rail; buses 43,214

opening: Mon-Sat noon-23.00, Sun noon-22.30

this 1835 pub has, on the outside, seven capitals decorated with carved bunches of grapes

Three Tuns pub

36 Jewry Street, EC3

transport: Aldgate u/g, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,40,42,67,78,100,253

opening: all permitted hours

this pub sign showing three barrels (tuns) has been taken from the coat of arms of the Vintners' Company. At one time this was a very popular inn sign used to indicate a wine and beer seller

Ye Grapes pub

16 Shepherd Market, W1

020 7499 1563

transport: Green Park u/g; buses 8,9,14,19,22,38

facilities: meals and snacks lunchtime & evening

opening: all permitted hours

this pub is decorated with wooden, handcarved bunches of grapes and bulrushes

Dove pub

19 Upper Mall, Hammersmith, W6

020 8738 5405

transport: Hammersmith u/g, Ravenscourt Park rail; buses 9,10,27,33,190,209,211,267,391,419,H91

opening: Mon-Sat 11.00-23.00, Sun noon-22.30

the conservatory of this attractive 17th century pub that began life as a coffee shop, is covered by a grape-bearing vine

Black Friar pub

174 Queen Victoria Street, EC4
020 7236 6394

transport: Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 11,15,26,45,63,76,100,172

facilities: bar food (noon-14.30)

opening: Mon-Wed 11.30-22.00, Thur-Fri 11.30-23.00

this pub is a delight of art deco design by Henry Poole, a Royal Academy sculptor. Dating from 1905 the interior design illustrates priory life and scenes and includes a bas-relief of friars singing carols & playing instruments, gathering grapes and harvesting apples

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

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 16th century kitchens of this former Royal palace are the largest and most complete to survive and the wine cellar has been laid out for a meal that was served on Midsummers Day 1542. Two other wine cellars and a beer cellar are now used as the Tudor Kitchens Shop

in the grounds is the Great Vine, planted in 1768 by the landscape gardener, Capability Brown. It has a 78" (1.9m) girth and still produces 500-700 lbs (227-318 kg) of black Hamburg grapes each year

Hoop and Grapes pub

47 Aldgate High Street, EC3N
020 7265 5171

transport: Aldgate u/g; buses 15,40,42,67,78,100,253

opening: Mon-Wed 11.00-22.00, Thur-Fri 11.00-23.00, Sun noon-15.00

this timber-framed building is the only one from the 17th century left in the City of London. It has overhanging upper storeys, a narrow interior and a name and pub sign derived from the old emblem of a wreath of vine leaves which was often used to advertise a place selling wine. The hoop in the name is that used to support the leaves to make the wreath

Syon House and Park

Brentford, Middlesex, TW8
020 8560 0883 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

in the west wing Conservatory you will find a commemorative vine grown from an Australian cutting.It

was planted to commemorate the 36 cuttings sent to Australia from Syon in 1832 in order to start the Australian wine industry

Unilever House

Victoria Embankment, EC4

transport: Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 11,15,17,23,26,45,63,76,100,172,388

part of the bronze art deco on the exterior includes torches entwined with grapes

Further Afield

Leeds Castle

Maidstone, Kent, ME17
01622 765400

transport: road M20 Junction 8; Bearsted rail (special all in one ticket covers rail, coach to Castle, admission)

facilities: parking

opening: daily Mar-Oct 10.00-17.00, Nov-Feb 10.00-15.00

admission charge to castle & museum

the grounds of this lovely castle are the venue for a Festival of English Food and Wine every year in May. Ring 01622 765400 for details

Chilford Hall Vineyard

Balsham Road, Linton, Cambridge, CB1
01223 895600 www.chilfordhall.co.uk

transport: road A1307 trunk road from Cambridge

facilities: café; shop; tours (11.30, 14.30, 16.00)

opening: Fri-Sun Mar-Oct 11.00-17.30

admission charge

this is the largest vineyard in Cambridgeshire. With 18 acres under cultivation you can take a winery tour and learn how English wine is made

A great deal of care has been taken in collecting the information in this leaflet but *CityThemes* cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of that information. It can cover only a few of the many interesting sites to be found in London and therefore must not be considered a definitive guide.

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