The Hoya Guide to London

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Welcome to London

Three years ago the Alumni Club of the UK (aka the UK Hoyas) submitted a bid to the Georgetown University Alumni Association for the opportunity to host John Carroll Weekend 2013. Our bid was successful, and we are delighted to welcome all alumni, family and friends of the Georgetown community to reunite at this annual celebration. We’ve put together this guide setting out a few of our favorite things to do in London. We hope you find it useful.

Mind the gap!

UK Hoyas

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Tea Time at the East India Company

The East India Company (EIC) was founded to explore the mysteries of the East and was granted a Royal Charter by Queen Elizabeth I in 1600. It established trade routes across the globe and was central to bringing the East to the West.

In 2010, EIC relaunched and is inviting participants in JCW 2013 for a tea tasting at its flagship store. With more than 100 varieties of tea, chocolates, spices and mustards from across the world, you are sure to find something to meet your fancy.

**When:**
Thursday-Saturday
April 18-20, 2013
2pm-5pm

**Where:**
The East India Company
7-8 Conduit Street, London W1S 2XF
Tubes: Oxford Circus, Bond Street
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**Banking and changing money**

- Banks and ATMs, also called cash points, are plentiful in London. Cash-point withdrawals in the UK are generally free to holders of UK bank accounts, but holders of foreign bank accounts are likely to be charged by their bank.
- Money can be changed in banks, as well as in post offices and dedicated exchange bureaus. Banking hours are usually 9:30am-5:30pm.
- The American Express office in central London is located at 30-31 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4EX and is open Monday-Saturday, 9am-7:30pm (7pm on Saturdays). Nearest Tube: Piccadilly Circus.

*Changing money at airports tends to be more expensive than changing it elsewhere, so avoid airport currency exchanges.*

**Electricity**

- British current is 230v AC, so bring a transformer for your electrical appliances if you’re coming from a lower-voltage country like the US.
- Computers and phone chargers usually work without a transformer.
- Most British electrical plugs are three-pronged; adapters are readily available at airports and stores supplying travel goods.

**Emergency services** (police, ambulance, fire department)

- Dial 999 and 112 to receive assistance in an emergency.
- Dial 101 to ring the police for non-emergencies (only in England and Wales).
- Calls are free from UK-registered phones.
- To report non-urgent crime, you can also contact a local police station. For Central London, this is the West End Central police station, +44 (0)20 7327 1212.

**Phoning**

- The international dialing code for the UK is 44 and the code for London is 020. The first ‘0’ is omitted when calling London from abroad or from a phone registered outside the UK.
- To call someone outside the UK, dial 00 + country code + number.
Medical

- Emergency rooms are known as A&E (Accident & Emergency).
- The following are two A&Es convenient to the Grosvenor House Hotel and JCW events:

St. Mary’s Hospital
Praed Street, London W2 1NY
T: +44 (0)20 3312 6666
www.imperial.nhs.uk/stmrys
Tube: Paddington

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital
369 Fulham Road, London SW10 9NH
T: +44 (0)20 8746 8000
www.chelwest.nhs.uk/
Tube: South Kensington, then bus 14 or 414 toward Putney or a 10-minute walk

Pharmacies

- Boots is a leading chain of chemists, or pharmacies, with branches throughout London. The stores sell a wide variety of health-care and beauty products, plus more general items such as small appliances and in some cases food.  www.boots.com
- The nearest Boots to the Grosvenor House Hotel is near the Marble Arch Tube station.

Address: 490 Oxford Street, London W1C 1LR
Opening hours: 8am-10pm Mon-Fri; 8am-9pm Sat; 10am-7pm Sun.

Late-night pharmacies

Boots Victoria Station
Unit 42B Victoria Station, London SW1V 1JT
Tel: +44 (0)20 7834 0676
Opening hours: 7am-midnight Mon-Fri, 8am-midnight Sat; 9am-9pm Sun.
Tube: Victoria

Dajani Pharmacies
92 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 3LQ
Tel. +44 (0)20 7589 8263
Opening hours: 9am-9:30pm Mon-Fri; 9am-9pm Sat; 10am-8pm Sun.
www.dajanipharmacy.com/
Tube: South Kensington
**Post office**

- Post offices are well marked. They provide a multitude of services, including banking, currency exchange and bill paying, so lines might be long.
- You can buy stamps for domestic mail at most supermarkets and at many small stores and gas stations.
- Opening hours vary by location but are generally 9am-6pm, Monday-Saturday. Some post offices close midday on Saturdays.

**Sales tax**

- Sales tax (VAT) is 20% and is included in the price of goods and services.
- Overseas shoppers might be entitled to a VAT refund for goods bought in shops offering Tax Free Shopping (also known as the Retail Export Scheme).
- Keep your receipts and check with a store’s customer service department for information on VAT refunds.
- For further information:
  
  www.hmrc.gov.uk/vat/sectors/consumers/overseas-visitors.htm

**Safety**

- London is considered a safe city; just watch out for the usual pickpockets.
- Be discreet in your use of smartphones and other expensive electronic equipment on the street. Thieves on bicycles frequently target smartphone users outside Tube and train stations.
- In restaurants, cafés and pubs, make sure you keep your property out of sight, and don’t rest your phone on the table.
- Many venues have clips under the tables or bar tops for securing handbags and briefcases.

*Don’t put bags on the floor – thieves use hooks to remove them without the owner’s knowledge.*

**Smoking**

Smoking is banned in all indoor public places and on public transportation.

**Tipping**

- Between 12% and 12.5% is considered adequate in restaurants and bars.
- A tip is sometimes added to your bill automatically, so be sure to check if a service charge has been added before you tip.
Getting Around

London has a superb and safe public-transportation system, much of which had a facelift prior to the 2012 Olympics. Equip yourself with a map and Oyster card (see below), and you’re good to go.

**London Transport network**
- Underground (aka the Tube)
- Overground (an orbital rail network around the city)
- DLR (operates in the Docklands part of east London)
- Buses

**Tube**
- Trains run from about 5:30 am (6:30am on Sundays) to about 12.30am.
- Charging is by zone. Zone 1 is the central zone, and the others radiate outwards.

*Careful: Fares go up at rush hour, which is 6:30am-9:30am and 4pm-7pm, Monday through Friday.*

**Oyster card**
- An Oyster card is a prepaid, plastic travel card that you can use instead of a paper ticket.
- Tap the card against the electronic reader (a yellow circle) when you enter and exit Underground stations and get on a bus, and it deducts the appropriate fare.
- Oyster fares are significantly cheaper than fares for individual tickets, so it’s a good idea to get one if you plan to take public transportation regularly during your visit.
- You can buy Oyster cards at Tube stops and in stores advertising the cards.
- You pay a £5 deposit/activation fee for the card. Load the card, or top it up, at Underground stations or at stores advertising the cards.
- If you plan to spend more than a few days in London and take public transportation, ask for a one-week Travelcard, which is applied directly to your Oyster card.
Famous double-decker buses

- Traveling by double-decker bus is a great way to see London, and is cooler than taking a bespoke tourist bus. It’s also cheaper and gives you a chance to mingle with the locals.
- The Grosvenor House Hotel is well served by buses. Ask the concierge to point you to the nearest bus stop.
- The number 9 is the original Routemaster. Hop on for a scenic ride from Hyde Park Corner to Trafalgar Square.

- If you’re out late, grab a night bus, which has an ‘N’ in front of the route number.

A single fare is £2.40 with a paper ticket, but just £1.40 with an Oyster card. The daily price cap for buses with an Oyster card is £4.40. Each time you change buses you have to buy a new ticket unless you have a day Travelcard. Try to buy your ticket before boarding!

River travel

- If you want a relaxing, scenic route from the London Eye to the Tate Modern or Tower Bridge, try the Thames Clipper river bus, which stops by many of the city’s tourist attractions.
- Boats depart from major piers every 20 minutes during peak hours, from about 6am to 11pm. Schedules vary by time of year.

Prices vary by destination, starting at £6.50 for a single journey (£3.25 for a child). There’s a one-third discount on the ticket price if you have a Travelcard on your Oyster card.
Bicycle

- To unlock a bike, pay at the credit card stands. Docking stations and bikes are scattered throughout London, and you can return your bike to any one.
- For £2 you get 24-hour access to the bikes, and the first half hour is free. Cash and Oyster cards are not accepted.
- For more information go to: www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/cycling/14808.aspx

If you want a bike for more than an hour, try a Fat Tire Bike Tour instead. http://fattirebiketours.com/london

Black cabs

- London's iconic black cabs can be booked in advance, hailed on the street or picked up at designated taxi stands (be careful to observe priority in the taxi line!).
- Fares are displayed on a meter and paid at the end of the journey. Most taxis do not accept credit cards.

Black cab drivers undergo a rigorous training period of two years or longer - known as The Knowledge - in order to acquire their license. In theory, a black-cab driver should be able to take you anywhere you want in London without consulting a map.
Minicabs

- Minicabs look like regular passenger cars or minivans, i.e., they aren’t traditional black cabs, and their fares are generally lower than those for black cabs.
- Minicabs are not allowed to approach passengers for business on the street, so be sure you book in advance -- and get the fare beforehand.
- Don’t accept an offer from a minicab that you haven’t booked.

Taxi drivers expect Americans to tip big, but Londoners tend to round up the fare to the nearest pound.

Useful transportation websites

Transport for London (TfL) website
Tells you everything you need to know about getting around by public transportation in London. Contains a handy route planner.
www.tfl.gov.uk

Walkit website
Tells you how to get from point to point on foot, offering a choice of routes.
walkit.com/cities/london

The Train Line
If you plan on travelling outside of London, this website will help you plan your trip, and you can also buy tickets.
www.thetrainline.com
Getting to your destination after you land

- The cheapest and fastest way to get to central London is by Tube or train, depending on where you land. If there are more than two people in your party and you have lots of luggage, we recommend booking a cab before you leave so the driver is waiting for you in the arrival hall.
- The journey time from Heathrow by car is between 30 minutes and an hour; from Gatwick it’s about 65 minutes and a similar time from Stansted. From London City Airport into central London, count about 30-40 minutes.
- We recommend the following car services, which serve all London airports:

**Airport Direct**
*Booking online or by phone.*
Airport Direct charges £35 from Heathrow to central London. You can book from any destination, and a driver holding a sign bearing your name will meet you at the airport arrival hall.
+44 (0)20 8450 9309
www.airportdirect.com/

**Brown Chauffeurs**
*Used by Grosvenor House Hotel.*
+44 (0)20 8589 9993 (direct)/+44 (0)20 7499 6363 (through the Grosvenor House)
A more expensive option than others but can be booked by the Grosvenor House concierge.
www.bchlondon.com/

**Fairway Taxis**
T: +44 (0)20 7723 9000
www.fairwaycars.co.uk/

Traffic can be heavy in central London, so we advise taking public transportation if you are pressed for time.
**Heathrow**

**Tube**
The Piccadilly Tube line runs from all Heathrow terminals into London. Travel to central London takes about 40 minutes. A single paper ticket from Heathrow (zone 6) into central London (zone 1) costs £5.50 and can be bought at the airport Tube station. You can also buy an Oyster card at the airport, saving you money on fares. The Oyster fare to central London is £5 during rush hour and £3 during off-peak hours.

**Train**
Heathrow Express is a fast train to Paddington rail station, with a journey time of about 15 minutes. The cheapest one-way tickets – available if bought at the station – cost £20 (adult) and £10 (child).

The cheapest round-trip tickets cost £34 (adult) and £17 (child). You can buy a ticket on the train, but it is more expensive than buying it beforehand.

Further information on getting to and from Heathrow:
www.heathrowairport.com/transport-and-directions
www.heathrowexpress.com

**Gatwick**

**Tube**
There is no Tube from Gatwick to London.

**Train**
The Gatwick Express travels from Gatwick to Victoria Station every 15 minutes. The journey takes 30 minutes. A one-way ticket costs £17.70 and an open return is £31.05. It is cheaper to buy your ticket online than at the station.

Further information on getting to and from Gatwick:
www.gatwickairport.com/transport/to-london
www.gatwickexpress.com
**Stansted**

**Tube**
There is no Tube from Stansted to London.

**Train**
The Stansted Express runs every 15 minutes from Stansted airport to Liverpool Street rail/Tube station. The average journey time is 47 minutes. A normal round-trip ticket costs £32.80 (£54.10 first class); a one-way ticket is £23.40 (£37.50 first class).
www.stanstedexpress.com

For further information on getting to and from Stansted:
www.stanstedairport.com/transport-and-directions

**Bus**
For a really cheap alternative, try the bus. National Express runs a regular bus service to Gatwick airport (South Terminal) from Victoria Coach Station. Fares start at £5 each way, and the journey takes about an hour and 25 minutes.

From central London, catch the bus at Victoria Coach Station, 164 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1W 9TP. Tube: Victoria

**London City Airport**

London City airport is in east London. It is only 30 minutes by taxi from central London but has superb public transportation links to the city. The London City Airport DLR station is just a few minutes from the terminal entrance. It is in zone 3, and you can use an Oyster card to travel to and from the airport.

For further information on getting to and from London City airport:
www.londoncityairport.com/visitingtheairport/page/publictransport
Forget the clichés about food in Britain being bad – London is now a top destination for food lovers. This is just a small sample of quality restaurants, chosen for their proximity to JCW events. For further ideas, visit the foodie blogs and websites found on p. 35. We highly recommend making reservations, especially for a traditional English tea.

**Guide to prices**

- £ Cheap/reasonable (by London standards)
- ££ Moderate
- £££ Expensive

**Tipping:** Between 12% and 12.5% is considered more than enough in restaurants and bars. Be sure to check whether a service charge has already been added before you tip.

**If you want a taste of real English fare...**

- **Bentley’s Oyster Bar and Grill**
  *One of London’s best-known fish restaurants. £££*
  11-15 Swallow Street, London W1B 4DG
  T: +44 (0)20 7734 4756
  Tube: Piccadilly Circus

- **Simpson’s-in-the-Strand**
  *A British institution that’s been offering classic British dishes to its customers for more than 170 years. £££*
  100 Strand, London WC2R 0EW
  T: +44 (0)20 7836 9112
  Tubes: Charing Cross, Covent Garden, Embankment, Temple

- **The Gilbert Scott**
  *British bar and brasserie in an elegant, newly renovated hotel. £££*
  St. Pancras Renaissance Hotel, Euston Road, London NW1 2AR
  T: +44 (0)20 7278 3888
  Tube: King’s Cross

- **Rules**
  *The oldest restaurant in London, established in 1798. £££*
  35 Maiden Lane, London WC2E 7LB
  T: +44 (0)20 7836 5314
  Tubes: Covent Garden, Leicester Square
If you want a great view over London...

Oxo Tower
Pan-Asian and modern British cuisine. £££
Fifth floor, Oxo Tower Wharf, Barge House Street, South Bank, London SE1 9PH
T: +44 (0)20 7803 3888
Tubes: Southwark, Waterloo, Lambeth North

Level 6 at Tate Modern
Modern British; based on high-quality seasonal produce. £££
Tate Modern, Bankside, London SE1 9TG
T: +44 (0)20 7887 8888
Tubes: Southwark, Mansion House, St. Paul's
Thames Clipper river bus: Bankside pier

If high tea is your thing...

Brown’s Mayfair
£££
47 Maddox Street, London W1S 2PG
T: +44 (0)20 7518 4155
Tubes: Oxford Circus, Bond Street

Claridge's
££££
Brook Street, London W1K 4HR
T: +44 (0)20 7107 8886
Tubes: Oxford Circus, Bond Street

Fortnum and Mason
£££
181 Piccadilly, London W1A 1ER
T: +44 (0)845 300 1707
Tube: Piccadilly Circus

The Ritz London
£££
150 Piccadilly, London W1J 9BR
T: +44 (0)20 7300 2345
Tube: Green Park

The Wolseley
Also great for brunch or a late-night meal. £££
160 Piccadilly, London W1J 9EB
T: +44 (0)20 7499 6996
Tube: Green Park

The Connaught
££££
Carlos Place, London, W1K 2AL
T: +44 (0)20 7499 7070
Tubes: Bond Street, Green Park

Recommended dress for tea is ‘smart casual,’ a cool British way of saying no jeans or sneakers.
London is not a 24-hour city. Late-night restaurants are hard to find, but here are a handful of tried and tested ones.

**If you want a late-night meal...**

**Automat**  
*American brasserie; also does take-out. £££*  
33 Dover Street, London W1S 4NF  
T: +44 (0)20 7499 3033  
Open until midnight, Mon-Sat and until 10pm Sun.  
Tubes: Green Park, Piccadilly Circus

**Duck and Waffle**  
*Modern European. £*  
Heron Tower, 110 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AY  
T: +44 (0)20 3640 7310  
Open 24 hours.  
Tube: Liverpool Street

**Brasserie Zédel**  
*Parisian-style brasserie. £*  
20 Sherwood Street, London W1F 7ED  
T: +44 (0)20 7734 4888  
Open until midnight, Mon-Sun.  
Tube: Piccadilly Circus

**Café Helen**  
*The go-to place for kebabs after a night of partying. £*  
105A Edgware Road, London W2 2HX  
T: +44 (0)20 7402 2072  
Tubes: Marble Arch, Edgware Road

**If you want a park view while you dine...**

**Belvedere**  
*Traditional French. Open until 11pm, Mon-Sat and 3:30 pm Sun. £*  
Off Abbotsbury Road, Holland Park, London W8 6LU  
T: +44 (0)20 7602 1238  
Tubes: Holland Park, High Street Kensington

**The Orangery**  
*British. Open until 6pm. £*  
Kensington Palace, Kensington Gardens, London W8 4PX  
T: +44 (0)20 3166 6112  
Tubes: High Street Kensington, Queensway

**Inn The Park**  
*British. Open until 5pm. £*  
St. James’s Park, London SW1A 2BJ  
T: +44 (0)20 7451 9999  
Tubes: St. James’s Park, Westminster

**Serpentine Bar and Kitchen**  
*Modern European. Open until 7:30pm Mon-Fri and 6pm weekends. £*  
Serpentine Road, Hyde Park, London W2 2UH  
T: +44 (0)20 7706 8114  
Tubes: Knightsbridge, Lancaster Gate
If you want to eat near the Grosvenor House in Mayfair...

Tempo Bar & Restaurant  
Modern Italian owned by an honorary Hoya. £££  
54 Curzon Street, London W1J 8PG  
T: +44 (0)20 7629 2742

Al Hamra  
Lebanese. £££  
31-33 Shepherd’s Market, London W1J 7PT  
T: +44 (0)20 7493 1954

Langan’s Brasserie  
Anglo/French. ££  
Stratton Street, London W1J 8LB  
T: +44 (0)20 7491 8822

Market Brasserie  
French. £££  
18 Shepherd’s Market, London W1J 7QH  
T: +44 (0)20 7491 9442

Richoux  
All-day-dining café. £  
41a South Audley Street, London W1K 2PS  
T: +44 (0)20 7629 5228

El Pirata  
Spanish tapas. ££  
5-6 Down Street, London W1J 7AQ  
T: +44 (0)20 7491 3810

Fino’s  
Family-run casual Italian. ££  
123 Mount Street, London W1K 3NP  
T: +44 (0)20 7491 1640

Banca  
Italian. £££  
30 North Audley Street, London W1K 6ZF  
T: +44 (0)20 7647 2525

If you want good pub food in Mayfair...

Grazing Goat  
£££  
6 New Quebec Street, London W1H 7RQ  
T: +44 (0)20 7724 7243  
Tube: Marble Arch

Punch Bowl  
Owned by film director Guy Ritchie. ££  
41 Farm Street, London W1J 5RP  
T: +44 (0)20 7493 6841  
Tube: Green Park

The Grenadier  
££  
18 Wilton Road, Belgrave Square, London SW1X 7NR  
T: +44 (0)20 7235 3074  
Tube: Hyde Park Corner

For other members of the Cubitt House pub family, Orange and Pantechnicon (Knightsbridge) and Thomas Cubitt (Victoria), please see www.cubitthouse.co.uk.
If you’re planning a fancy night out, make sure to reserve before you arrive in London as these restaurants fill up quickly.

If you want fine dining near the hotel and points beyond...

Scott’s  
Seafood. ££££  
20 Mount Street, London W1K 2HE  
T: +44 (0)20 7495 7309  
Tubes: Marble Arch, Bond Street

Amaya  
Indian. £££  
Halkin Arcade, Motcomb Street, London SW1X 8JT  
T: +44(0)20 7823 1166  
Tube: Knightsbridge

L’Anima  
Award-winning Italian restaurant; owned by parents of a Hoya. ££££  
1 Snowden Street, Broadgate West, London EC2A 2DQ  
T: +44 (0)20 7422 7000  
Tube: Liverpool Street

Hakkasan  
Modern Chinese, Michelin star. ££££  
17 Bruton Street, London W1J 6QB  
T: +44 (0)20 7907 1888  
Tube: Bond Street

If you’re pressed for time and want to avoid the tourist traps, try one of these reliable chains. They have branches throughout central London.

If you want a reliable chain ...

Wagamama  
Japanese and noodles. £  
www.wagamama.com/

Carluccio’s  
Italian. £  
www.carluccios.com/

Byron  
Burgers. £  
www.byronhamburgers.com/

Le Pain Quotidien  
French. ££  
www.lepainquotidien.co.uk/

Café Rouge  
French bistro. ££  
www.caferouge.co.uk/

Wahaca  
Mexican. £  
www.wahaca.co.uk/
If you want to have dinner after one of the evening events, make sure to reserve — Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights get very busy! Also, check opening times, as many restaurants close at 10pm.

**After the Campaign Celebration at the V&A (Knightsbridge, South Kensington and Belgravia)…**

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| **Casa Brindisa**  
*Spanish tapas. ££*  
7-9 Exhibition Road, London SW7 2HE  
T: +44 (0)20 7590 0008  
Tube: South Kensington | **Launceston Place**  
*Modern European. £££*  
1A Launceston Place, London W8 5RL  
T: +44 (0)20 7937 6912  
Tube: Holland Park |
| **Cassis**  
*French bistro. ££*  
232-236 Brompton Road, London SW3 2BB  
T: +44 (0)20 7581 1101  
Tube: South Kensington | **Abingdon**  
*Modern European. ££*  
54 Abingdon Road, London W8 6AP  
+44 (0)20 7937 3339  
Tubes: High Street Kensington, Earls Court |
| **Daphne’s**  
*Italian. £££*  
112 Draycott Avenue, London SW3 3AE  
T: +44 (0)20 7589 4257  
Tube: South Kensington | **Min Jiang Restaurant**  
*Chinese. £££*  
Royal Garden Hotel  
2-24 Kensington High Street, London W8 4PT  
T: +44 (0)20 7361 1988  
Tube: Kensington High Street |
| **Bumpkin**  
*Seasonal British. ££*  
102 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 3RD TX  
T: +44 (0)20 7341 0802  
Tube: South Kensington | **Aubaine**  
*French ££*  
37-45 Kensington High Street, London W8 5ED  
T: +44 (0)20 7368 0950  
Tube: Kensington High Street |
After the Royal Courts of Justice reception (Covent Garden)...

The Delaunay  
*European. Reservations recommended £££*  
55 Aldwych, London WC2B 4BB  
T: +44 (0)20 7499 8558  
Tubes: Covent Garden, Temple

Bedford & Strand  
*French/British. £*  
1A Bedford Street, London WC2E 9HH  
T: +44 (0)20 7836 3033  
Tubes: Covent Garden, Charing Cross

Sophie’s Steakhouse and Bar  
*Steakhouse, brasserie. £*  
29-31 Wellington Street, London WC2E 7DB  
T: +44 (0)20 7836 8836  
Tube: Covent Garden

Terroirs Wine Bar & Restaurant  
*Southern European. ££*  
5 William IV Street, London WC2N 4DW  
T: +44 (0)20 7036 0660  
Tubes: Covent Garden, Charing Cross

If you want to go on to a bar after JCW festivities ...

Eclipse  
*Try the watermelon martini.*  
111-113 Walton Street London SW3 2HP  
T: +44 (0)20 7581 0123  
www.eclipsebars.com/south-kensington/  
Tube: South Kensington

Experimental Cocktail Club  
*In Chinatown and hard to find (but well worth it).*  
13A Gerrard Street, London W1D 5PS  
T: +44 (0)20 7434 3559  
www.chinatownecc.com  
Tubes: Leicester Square, Piccadilly Circus

The May Fair Bar  
May Fair Hotel, Stratton Street, London W1J 9LT  
T: +44 (0)20 7769 3150  
www.themayfairhotel.co.uk/bar  
Tube: Green Park

Light Bar  
St Martins Lane Hotel, 45 St Martins Lane, Covent Garden, London WC2N 4HX  
T: +44 (0)20 7300 5588  
www.stmartinslane.com/en-us/  
Tubes: Leicester Square, Charing Cross

If clubbing is your thing, it’s best to get on a guest list for the venue. Otherwise it’s a nightmare getting in. Our advice: ask a friend to help you plan the night out!
Culture & Attractions

London’s world-beating museums could take you months, if not years, to fully explore. We’ve chosen a few we thought you’d enjoy, highlighting the top exhibitions on offer during John Carroll Weekend.

A few pointers:
– Most museums are free, although there is often a charge for special exhibitions.
– The major museums are open seven days a week, and some have late-night openings, generally on Friday.
– The top museums have free guided tours during the day.
– It pays to do your homework and book special exhibitions and popular attractions before you arrive.
– You can often get reductions by booking online, plus a broader selection of tickets than listed in this section. Some museums charge a fee for booking online, however.
– In pricing terms, ‘adults’ generally means people aged 16+ and ‘seniors’ means people aged 60+.
– Some museums add a small donation to their ticket prices. You do not have to pay it, but it helps support their work.

Key exhibits in April

**Life and Death. Pompeii and Herculaneum** (runs March 28 – Sept. 29, 2013)
The British Museum
Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG
Opening hours: 10am-5:30pm Mon-Thurs, Sat-Sun; 10am-8:30pm Fri.
Ticket prices: Adults £15; children (aged 16-18) £12.50; under-16s free. Reduced prices for students. Fees apply for online and telephone bookings.
www.britishmuseum.org
Tubes: Tottenham Court Road, Holborn, Russell Square, Goodge Street

The Courtauld Gallery
The Courtauld Institute of Art, Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 0RN
Opening hours: 10am-6pm daily.
Ticket prices: Adults £6; seniors/students £5; under-18s free. All tickets £3 on Mondays.
www.courtauld.ac.uk
Tubes: Temple, Embankment, Holborn, Charing Cross
David Bowie is (runs March 23 – July 28, 2013)
Victoria and Albert Museum
Cromwell Road, London SW7 2RL
Opening hours: 10am-5:45pm Mon-Thurs, Sat-Sun; 10am-10pm Fri.
Ticket prices: Adults £14; seniors £11; full-time students (aged 12-17) £9. Fee for online booking.
www.vam.ac.uk
Tube: South Kensington

Treasures of the Royal Courts: Tudors, Stuarts and the Russian Tsars (runs March 9 – July 14, 2013)
Victoria and Albert Museum (see above for address and entry times)
Ticket prices: Adults £9; seniors £8; full-time students (aged 12-17) £6. Family tickets also available. Fee for online booking.

Lichtenstein: A retrospective (runs Feb. 21 – May 27, 2013)
Tate Modern
Bankside, London SE1 9TG
www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-modern
Opening hours: 10am-6pm Sun-Thurs; 10am-10pm Fri-Sat.
Ticket prices: £14; reductions for seniors and students.
 Tubes: London Bridge, Mansion House
Thames Clipper river bus: Bankside Pier

If you want London history...

Museum of London
150 London Wall, London EC2Y 5HN
Opening hours: 10am-6pm, Mon-Sun. Admission free.
www.museumoflondon.org.uk/London-Wall
Tubes: Barbican, St. Paul’s, Moorgate

Museum of London in Docklands
No. 1 Warehouse, West India Quay, Canary Wharf, London E14 4AL
Opening hours: 10am-6pm, Mon-Sun. Admission free.
www.museumoflondon.org.uk/Docklands
Tube: Canary Wharf
Docklands Light Railway (DLR): West India Quay
Thames Clipper river bus stop: Canary Wharf Pier
Note: The museum is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and is hosting a number of special exhibitions to celebrate this milestone.
If you’ve brought the kids...

**London Eye**
Take a gentle half-hour ride on this giant Ferris wheel and see the city as you’ve never seen it before.
Riverside Bldg, County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7PB
Opening hours in April: 10am-9:30pm
Ticket prices: Adults £19.20 (£17.28 online); children (aged 4-15) £12.30 (£11.07 online); under-4s free; seniors £15.30 (£13.77 online); family of four £63 (£50.40 online).
www.londoneye.com
Tubes: Waterloo, Embankment, Charing Cross, Westminster

**Natural History Museum**
Experience dinosaurs, creepy crawlies, a life-size model of a blue whale suspended from the ceiling, and much more. Lots of hands-on activities for kids.
Cromwell Road, South Kensington, London SW7 5BD
Opening hours: 10am-5:50pm Mon-Sun; last admission 5:30pm. Admission free.
www.nhm.ac.uk
Tube: South Kensington

**Science Museum**
Marvel at exhibitions covering myriad aspects of science and technology, and visit the learning area.
Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London SW7 2DD
Opening hours: 10am-6pm Mon-Sun; last admission 5:15pm. Admission free.
www.sciencemuseum.org.uk
Tube: South Kensington

**The Making of Harry Potter tour at Warner Bros. studio**
See where the Harry Potter films were made. The studio is located 20 miles northwest of London. Tickets are timed and must be bought in advance.
Ticket prices: Adults £29; children (aged 5-15) £21.50; under-4s free; family of four £85.
www.wbstudiotour.co.uk
Train: Euston station to Watford Junction. A shuttle bus operated by Mullany’s Coaches runs every 30 minutes to the studio, a 15-minute journey costing £2 round trip. Plan to arrive at Watford Junction 45 minutes before your tour starts.
If you’ve brought the kids (continued)...

**Madame Tussauds wax museum**
Check out the 300+ wax models of your favorite actors, sports stars, Marvel Super Heroes, members of the Royal Family and many more persons of note.
Marylebone Road, London NW1 5LR
Opening hours: 9:30am-5:30pm (last admission) Mon-Sat; 9am-6pm Sat-Sun and UK school holidays.
Ticket prices: Adults £30 (£22.50 if booked online); children £25.80 (£19.35 online); family of four £108 (£81 online).
www.madametussauds.com/London
Tube: Baker Street

**Sea Life London Aquarium**
Experience the magic of marine life at one of Europe’s largest collections of its type.
County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7PB
Opening hours: 10am-6pm (last admission 5pm) Mon-Thurs; 10am-7pm (last admission 6pm) Fri-Sun.
Ticket prices: Adults £20.70 (£18.63 online); children (aged 3-15) £15 (£13.50 online); family (two adults, two children) £64.26 (£57.80 online).
www.visitsealife.com/London
Tubes: Westminster, Waterloo

**London Dungeon**
A 90-minute journey through 1,000 years of London’s murky past. The show is based on real London history and legends.
South Bank, London SE1 7PB (next to London Eye)
Ticket prices: Adults £24.60 (£22 if booked online); children £19.20 (£16.50 online); students £22.50 (£20 online).
www.thedungeons.com/London/en
Tubes: Westminster, Waterloo

**Note:**
A joint ticket for the London Aquarium, London Eye and London Dungeon is available for the following prices: Adults £69.90; children (4-15) £53.10; family of four £246. Other combination tickets are available, and discounts are available for online booking. Visit www.londoneye.com/TicketsAndPrices/Packages/AttractionsAndShows/LESLLALD/Default.aspx
If you want to tour a grand private home...

**Apsley House**  
149 Piccadilly, Hyde Park Corner, London W1J 7NT  
The home of the Duke of Wellington after his victory over Napoleon at Waterloo. It has a fine art collection that includes paintings by Velazquez and Rubens as well as a superb collection of silver and porcelain.  
Opening times: 11am-5pm Weds-Sun.  
Ticket prices: Adults £7; children (aged 5-15) £4; seniors £6; family (two adults, three children) £22.40; overseas visitor pass available.  
www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/apsley-house  
Tube: Hyde Park Corner

If you want to visit a small, distinctive museum...

**Dennis Severs’ House**  
A Georgian terraced house in Spitalfields, east London, restored by American Dennis Severs to the style of former centuries. Visitors are treated to a story of what life would have been like for a family of Huguenot weavers.  
18 Folgate Street, Spitalfields, London E1 6BX  
Tel. +44 (0)20 7247 4013  
Opening hours and prices vary; please check website. Booking essential.  
www.dennissevershouse.co.uk  
Tube: Liverpool Street

**Geffrye Museum**  
A collection of period, middle-class English rooms from 1600 to the present, located in an old almshouse in east London.  
Kingsland Road, London E2 8EA  
www.geffrye-museum.org.uk  
Opening hours: 10am-5pm Tues-Sat; noon-5pm Sun. Admission free.  
Tube: Liverpool Street, then bus 149 or 242  
Overground: Hoxton

**Sir John Soane’s Museum**  
The home of the great neoclassical architect Sir John Soane (1753-1837), displaying his collection of antiquities, furniture, models and paintings, his library and more than 30,000 architectural drawings.  
13 Lincoln’s Inn Fields, London WC2A 3BP  
Opening hours: 10am-5pm Tues-Sat. Admission free.  
www.soane.org  
Tube: Holborn
If you want a bit of history…

Churchill War Rooms
Clive Steps, King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AQ
Opening hours: 9:30am-6pm Mon-Sun; last entry 5pm.
Ticket prices: Adults £17; seniors/students £13.60; under-16s free. Price includes a voluntary donation and free audio guide.
www.iwm.org.uk/visits/churchill-war-rooms
Tubes: Westminster, St. James’s Park

Tower of London
The Tower of London, London EC3N 4AB
Opening hours: 9am-4:30pm Tues-Sat; 10am-4:30pm Sun-Mon. Last admission at 4pm.
Ticket prices: Adults £21.45; children (aged 5-16) £10.75; under-5s free; students/seniors £18.15. Discounts for booking online and for groups.
www.hrp.org.uk/toweroflondon
Tube: Tower Hill
Docklands Light Railway: Tower Gateway

Greenwich: World Heritage Site
Situated on the River Thames, 20 minutes from central London. Attractions include the Cutty Sark, National Maritime Museum, Royal Observatory (and Prime Meridian) and Old Royal Naval College.
www.visitgreenwich.org.uk
Getting there: Docklands Light Railway to Greenwich
Train from Charing Cross, Waterloo East, Cannon Street and London Bridge.
Thames Clipper river bus from Embankment and a number of other piers along the river.

If you’re mad about Shakespeare…

Shakespeare’s Globe
The Globe is located close to the site of Shakespeare’s original theater. The rebuilding of the structure was spearheaded by American actor and director Sam Wanamaker.
21 New Globe Walk, Bankside, London SE1 9DT
T: +44 (0)20 7902 1400
www.shakespearesglobe.com
Tubes: Blackfriars, Mansion House, London Bridge, Southwark, St. Paul’s
If you fancy a touch of royalty...

Changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace
Buckingham Palace, Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1A 1AA
Times: 11:30am Mon-Sat; 10:30am Sun.
www.royal.gov.uk/RoyalEventsandCeremonies/ChangingtheGuard/Overview.aspx
Tube: St. James’s Park

Kensington Palace State Apartments
Kensington Gardens, London W8 4PX
Opening hours: 10am-6pm; last entry 5pm.
Ticket prices: Adults £15 (£14 if booked online); under-16s free; seniors £12.40 (£11.40 online).
www.hrp.org.uk/Hireavenue/venuesandsuppliers/KensingtonPalace/venues/stateapartments
Tubes: High Street Kensington, Queensway, Notting Hill Gate

If you want an American dimension...

Benjamin Franklin House
This is the only remaining home of Benjamin Franklin, who lived and worked here for 16 years.
36 Craven Street, London WC2N 5NF
Opening hours: 10.30am-5pm, daily except Tues. Book tickets online at info@BenjaminFranklinHouse.org or via the box office: +44 (0)20 7925 1405.
Ticket prices: Adults £7; seniors £5; under-16s free.
www.benjaminfranklinhouse.org/site/sections/visit/default.htm
Tubes: Charing Cross, Embankment

Mayflower pub
The Mayflower claims to be the oldest pub on the River Thames. The pilgrim fathers left Rotherhithe, in Docklands, close to where the pub now stands, and set off for America on the Mayflower via Southampton and Plymouth.
117 Rotherhithe Street, Rotherhithe, London SE16 4NF
Opening hours: 11am-11pm Mon-Sat; 12pm-10.30pm Sun.
themayflowerrotherhithe.com
Tubes: Rotherhithe, Canada Water, Bermondsey
If you want a fabulous view of London...

The Shard viewing platform
The recently completed Shard is the tallest building in Western Europe (1,016ft/310m) and offers spectacular views of London.
32 London Bridge Street, London SE1 2TH
Opening hours: 9am-10pm; last ticket slot available is 8:30pm, with last entry at 9pm.
Ticket prices: Adults £24.95; children (aged 4-15) £18.95 (advance booking prices).
www.theviewfromtheshard.com
Tube: London Bridge

London Eye
The Eye is a giant Ferris wheel on the banks of the River Thames and a new London icon. Visitors are treated to a gentle half-hour ride in one of 32 passenger capsules. Prebooking strongly advised.
Riverside Bldg, County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7PB
Opening hours in April: 10am-9.30pm.
Ticket prices: Adults £19.20 (£17.28 online); children (aged 4-15) £12.30 (£11.07 online); under-4s free; seniors £15.30 (£13.77 online); family of four £63 (£50.40 online).
www.londoneye.com
Tubes: Waterloo, Embankment, Charing Cross, Westminster

Park Terrace restaurant, lounge and bar
Take a restorative break from your sightseeing while enjoying wonderful views over Kensington Palace and Hyde Park. You can have a drink, a cup of coffee, or a proper meal featuring modern British cuisine.
Royal Garden Hotel, 2-24 Kensington High Street, London W8 4PT
T: +44 (0)20 7937 8000
www.royalgardenhotel.co.uk/Restaurants-Bars/Park-Terrace

If you want to relive the magic of the London 2012 Olympics...

The heart of the 2012 Olympics was in Stratford, east London. The area is being transformed into the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, a new part of the city featuring housing and recreational facilities. There is extensive building work going on, so there is not much to visit for now. The new park won’t be open until mid-2013, but you can tour the site.
Site tours: http://noordinarypark.co.uk
If you’re a legal eagle...

Royal Courts of Justice
The Royal Courts of Justice are home to the Court of Appeal of England and Wales and the High Court of Justice of England and Wales. Tours of the courts take place twice a day, at 11am and 2pm, and last about two hours. They must be booked in advance.
Ticket prices: Individuals £12; seniors £10; groups £10/person (minimum group size 12 people) and under-14s £5.
Strand, London WC2A 2L
Reservations: +44 (0)20 7947 7684/rcjtours@talktalk.net
www.justice.gov.uk/courts/rcj-rolls-building/rcj/tours
Tubes: Temple, Chancery Lane

If you need some time for reflection...

St. Paul’s Cathedral
St. Paul’s Churchyard, London EC4M 8AD
Open for visitors 8:30am-4pm, Mon-Sat. Open for worship on Sunday only.
Ticket prices: Adults £15; children £6; seniors/students £14. Discounts for booking online.
www.stpauls.co.uk
Tube: St. Paul’s

Westminster Abbey
Opening hours: 9:30am-4:30pm Mon-Tues, Thurs-Fri; 9:30am-7pm Weds; 9:30am-2:30pm Sat. Last admission an hour before closing. Open for worship on Sunday only.
Ticket prices: Adults £18; children (aged 12-18) £8; under-11s free; students/seniors £15.
www.westminster-abbey.org
Tubes: Westminster, St. James’s Park

Westminster Cathedral
Westminster Cathedral is the mother church of the Roman Catholic community in England and Wales.
Clergy House, 42 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QW
www.westminstercathedral.org.uk
Tube: Victoria
If you love theater...

Who doesn’t dream of going to the theater in London? While you’re here, why not check out some world-class shows such as *Billy Elliot* and *Matilda*.

London’s main theater district is located around Leicester Square and Shaftesbury Avenue; the National Theatre is in the Southbank complex near Waterloo Station. There are also countless smaller theaters in the city featuring fringe productions and new writing.

**For full-price tickets, we recommend booking directly through the theater’s website, or checking with the concierge at your hotel.**

There’s a half-price ticket booth in Leicester Square and other sites around London. To book half-price tickets online, a reliable website is www.tkts.co.uk/whats-on-sale.

**Many commercial theater-booking websites charge a large mark-up, so be careful to check their fees first when booking online.**

To get a comprehensive view of what’s playing in London, go to www.timeout.com/london/theatre.
Who doesn’t like to shop in London? From the storied halls of Harrods to the hustle and bustle of outdoor markets like Portobello, you’re not likely to go home empty-handed!

Venture down to Knightsbridge and visit Harrods and Harvey Nichols for high-end shopping. Or try Bond Street for elegant boutiques. On nearby Oxford Street, you’ll find the traditional British department stores John Lewis and Marks & Spencer.

A few pointers:
– The big department stores generally open between 9:30am and 10am and close at 8pm, with most open later one day a week.
– Hours are restricted by law on Sunday and tend to be from 12pm to 6pm.
– Smaller neighborhood shops and selected branches of leading supermarkets often have longer opening hours.

**High-end department stores**

**Harrods**
87-135 Brompton Road, Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7XL
www.harrods.com/
Tube: Knightsbridge

**Harvey Nichols**
109-125 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7RJ
www.harveynichols.com/
Tube: Knightsbridge

**Selfridge’s**
400 Oxford Street, London W1A 1AB
www.selfridges.com/
Tubes: Bond Street, Marble Arch

Be sure to check out the department store restaurants, especially the Food Hall at Harrods, the Fifth Floor Restaurant at Harvey Nichols and Hix at Selfridge’s.
**Good all-around department stores**

**Marks & Spencer**
458 Oxford Street, London W1C 1AP  
www.marksandspencer.com  
Tubes: Bond Street, Marble Arch

**John Lewis**
300 Oxford Street, London W1A 1EX  
www.johnlewis.com  
Tube: Oxford Circus

**A note about Marks & Spencer:**
Marks & Spencer is a British institution. It’s a countrywide department-store chain founded in 1884 that sells clothing and accessories, food and wine, and, at some of the larger stores, furniture and housewares.

The flagship store is on Oxford Street, between Bond Street and Marble Arch, and there are smaller branches throughout London. Marks & Spencer also owns the Simply Food chain of dedicated food stores, handy if you want a quick bite to take away.

**High-end shopping districts**

**Bond Street**
Bond Street (divided into Old Bond Street, New Bond Street and just plain Bond Street) is known for its elegant stores offering luxury brands including Chanel, Burberry, Cartier, Gucci and Mappin & Webb.  
To find out what other goodies await you on Bond Street, go to  
www.bondstreet.co.uk/bondstreet  
Tubes: Bond Street, Green Park

**Regent Street**
Regent Street is another renowned shopping street and runs between Oxford Circus and Piccadilly Circus. Take a stroll down Regent Street and drop in to Liberty, a department store known for its printed fabrics (main entrance on Great Marlborough Street); British fashion labels Aquascutum, Burberry and Jaeger; English footwear specialists Church’s (high-end) and Clarks (comfortable and affordable); and Hamleys, the world-famous toy store.

Be sure to check out nearby Carnaby Street for a hipper, cooler vibe.
And let’s not forget Covent Garden

Covent Garden is a lively part of London on the fringes of the theatre district. It features a covered market, boutiques, specialist shops, restaurants, pubs, street entertainment, and much more. It was here that Eliza Doolittle first encountered Professor Higgins!

Make sure you check out the newly renovated Seven Dials area. And if you need a break, grab a cup of coffee at Monmouth Coffee or a stronger drink at the Dial Bar in the Mercer Street Hotel. You won’t be disappointed.

Monmouth Coffee
27 Monmouth Street, London WC2H 9EU
Opening hours: 8:30am-6pm Mon-Sat.
Tubes: Covent Garden, Leicester Square, Holborn

Dial Bar and Restaurant
Mercer Street Hotel
20 Mercer Street, London WC2H 9HD
Opening hours: 7am-10:30am, noon-5pm, 5:30pm-10:30pm Mon-Sun.

London’s famous markets

Camden Market
Camden Market is one of the most popular markets in the city. It’s located in north London next to the Regent’s Canal, itself worth a visit. Camden features arts and crafts, jewelry, interior design and fashion, and is a favorite of young people and the fashion-conscious. The main trading days are Saturday and Sunday, although a number of traders, mostly in fixed premises, operate during the week. There are numerous restaurants and pubs near the market.

Camden Market is said to be the fourth-most-popular visitor attraction in London, attracting approximately 100,000 people each weekend, so be prepared for crowds.

Market: www.camdenlock.net
Tube: Camden Town

Regent’s Canal
The Regent’s Canal is 8.6 miles (13.8km) long and runs from Paddington Basin in west London to the Limehouse Basin and River Thames in east London. An amble along the tow path is a great way to spend an afternoon.
canalrivertrust.org.uk/canals-and-rivers/regents-canal
Markets (continued)

Borough Market
Borough Market is a foodie paradise and a source of quality British and international produce. Make sure to save room for lunch, either in the market itself or in one of the surrounding restaurants.
8 Southwark Street, London SE1 1TL
Opening hours: 11am-5pm Thurs; noon-6pm Fri; 8am-5pm Sat. Also open for lunch Mon-Weds, 10am-3pm.
www.boroughmarket.org.uk
Tube: London Bridge

Portobello Market
Portobello Market is one of the most famous street markets in the world, located in the heart of Notting Hill. The market sells antiques, fruit and vegetables, clothing, and new and second-hand goods. There are many pubs and restaurants in the market area. Saturday’s the prime day for browsing at Portobello.
Opening hours: 9am-6pm Mon-Weds; 9am-1pm Thurs; 9am-7pm Fri-Sat. Closed Sunday.
www.portobellomarket.org
Tubes: Notting Hill Gate, Ladbroke Grove, Westbourne Park

Spitalfields Market
Spitalfields has a very long history as a market, but in recent years it has undergone major regeneration. The market consists of restaurants and independent retailers, among them designers and artists selling fashion, housewares and accessories, and vintage and antique clothing.
Opening hours: 10am-5pm Mon-Fri; 9am-5pm Sun and public holidays. Shops and restaurants in the market area follow normal opening hours.
www.spitalfields.co.uk
Tube: Liverpool Street

UpMarket
The best day to go to Spitalfields is Sunday: If you keep walking toward Brick Lane, you’ll come across the Sunday UpMarket, located in the Old Truman Brewery. The UpMarket features more than 140 stalls selling fashion, accessories, arts and crafts, food, and much more.
The Old Truman Brewery, 91 Brick Lane, London E1 6QL. Entrances on Brick Lane, Hanbury Street and Ely’s Yard. Open 10am-6pm.
www.sundayupmarket.co.uk
For More Information

If you want to delve deeper into what’s going on in London, here are some resources to help you out. Happy reading!

**London websites and apps**

**Time Out**
Timeout.com is the go-to website for what to see and do and where to eat and drink in London. It calls itself the ultimate guide to London, and we tend to agree.

*Time Out* is also available as a free printed publication. You can pick it up at selected Tube and rail stations, and at a number of museums and galleries throughout London. You’ll receive a copy in your JCW welcome pack.

www.timeout.com/london

Some other good, all-purpose London websites are the following:

**Visit London**
www.visitlondon.com

**The Londonist**
londonist.com

**Guardian City Guide** (an interactive guide to London)
www.guardian.co.uk/travel/series/london-city-guide

**Wallpaper City Guide: London** is a slightly hipper guide to the city. It’s available in hard copy from Phaidon Press or to download as an app.

itunes.apple.com/app/london-wallpaper*-city-guide/id346773806/

**Foodie blogs**

**Editer**
www.editer.com/category/food-drink/where-to-eat

**Cheese and Biscuits**
cheesenbiscuits.blogspot.co.uk

**To easily make reservations**

www.toptable.co.uk
**Architecture tours**

If you love architecture, **Open-City** organizes some great guided tours, and a couple are on offer during JCW.  
http://open-city.org.uk/activities/yearround/architecturetours.html

**Walking tours**

If you enjoy walking with a knowledgeable guide, check out the tours offered by the following companies.

**London Walks:** A long-established guided-walks organization, with something for everyone.  
www.walks.com

**Go London:** The owners are Blue Badge guides, which means they are professional, registered tour guides who have undergone 18 months of training followed by a series of rigorous exams. Highly recommended.  
www.golondontours.com

The *Time Out* website offers a wide selection of guided tours.  
www.timeout.com/london/walks

**Books**

Here are some books we’ve taken on our walks around London and enjoyed.


We hope you enjoy your visit to the fabulous city of London