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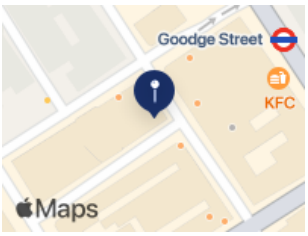
Pollock's Toy Museum

"Ragdolly Anna and Friends"

Model railways, teddy bears, puppets, dolls' house and dollies are all at home in the many rooms of the two four-story 18th century houses that make up Pollock's Toy Museum. The museum is most famous for its collection of Victorian model theaters as its namesake, Benjamin Pollock, was one of the last publishers of toy theater sheets. A trip here makes an educational and fun outing for children as well as adults with a soft spot for nostalgia. Not to mention, children will love seeing the weird and wonderful toys of the past that have now been replaced by Pokemon and Playstations. Take a look at the ventriloquists' dolls, lead miniatures and puppets, then go and buy some at the toyshop next door.



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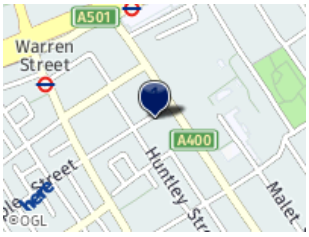
Grant Museum of Zoology

"All About Zoology"

A museum dedicated to preserving and sharing information about past and present members of the animal kingdom, the Grant Museum of Zoology is home to about 68,000 specimens. The collections here have priceless preserved skeletons and bones of now extinct species like the dodo, the Tasmanian tiger and the quagga. The museum is also home to other invaluable items like the glass models of animals by Leopold and Rudolf Blaschka and the bisected animal heads of Sir Victor Negus. With a rich history dating back to 1828, the Grant Museum of Zoology is worth a visit for any inquisitive visitor.



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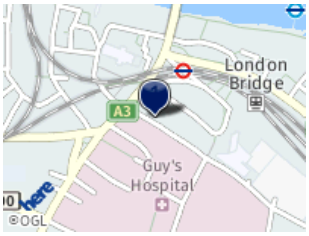
Old Operating Theatre Museum & Herb Garret

"No Anaesthesia!"

Above Saint Thomas Church in Southwark is London's oldest surviving operating theater. Built in 1821, it was the scene of many amputations carried out with a saw and no anaesthetic. Blood would drip - or probably pour - off the wooden table and get soaked up by three inches of sawdust. One wonders what the congregation below would have thought of the screams emanating from upstairs, with the odd drip of blood seeping through the ceiling. With anesthetics unavailable, patients would often awake from their drunken state (they had a choice of passing out from either alcohol or pain) in the midst of an operation. Fortunately, the National Health Service's operating theaters have taken a leap forward, and medical students don't have such a frighteningly free reign.



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The Sherlock Holmes Museum

"Home of the World's Most Famous Sleuth"

Make a quick stop at one of the most famous addresses in the world, 221B Bakers Street- a fictional home of the popular character– Sherlock Holmes. Interestingly the building's address was not always this famous. It was changed in honor of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's creation. The museum, solely dedicated to the world of Sherlock Holmes, displays are very true to the fiction. You can sit in Holme's armchair, fiddle with his scientific experiments, and examine memorabilia from his adventures. Fans will enjoy their money's worth.

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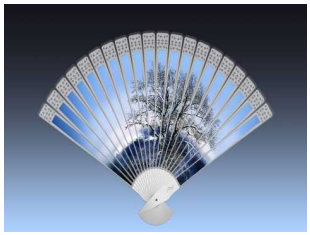

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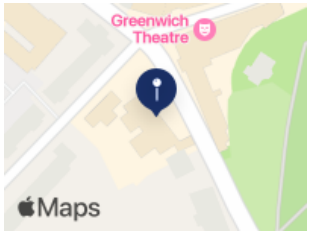
The Fan Museum

"Fan-Tastic"

Established in 1991, and located in a historic building, this is the only museum in the world devoted entirely to fans and to the art of fan-creation. Visitors can see more than 3000 predominantly antique fans from around the globe, all presented in their historical, cultural and economic settings. There is a new exhibition around every four months. In addition to the museum displays, there is a tranquil orangery facing a serene Japanese-style garden. The Fan Museum has received awards for outstanding contributions to both tourism and to the arts, and if you fancy an individually-designed fan of your own, it can be commissioned from the museum's highly-skilled craftspeople.



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