

## "Best History Museums in London"

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### The British Museum

"London's Top Historical Attraction"

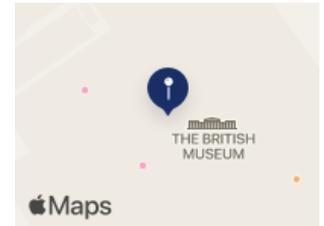
The British Museum is one of London's top tourist attractions, as well as a major scholarly resource. Its collection was bequeathed to the nation in 1753, and the museum's distinctive Greek Revival structure was constructed during the 19th Century. The collection expanded massively during the heyday of the British Empire, leading to the museum's reputation for acquiring from sources all over the globe, leaving it with over 8 million objects. The displays cover about 5.5 hectares (14 acres) making it impossible to see everything in one visit. The famous Rosetta Stone, Assyrian Reliefs, Parthenon Marbles and the vast Egyptian collection are a few of the British Museum's most well-known exhibits.

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📍 Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury, London



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### Victoria & Albert Museum

"One of London's Best"

The Victoria and Albert Museum celebrates the rich culture of a bygone era. It includes around 2.27 million objects including ceramics, fashion, furniture, glass, metalwork, paintings, photographs, prints, sculpture and textiles. Collections from as far as East Asia, South and Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Egypt are housed in the V&A Museum. One can explore the world's most comprehensive holding of post-classical European sculpture. The museum frequently holds exhibitions of its collections. And what's more, you could even shop for books, stationery, gifts and jewelry at the museum. After working up an appetite, head to the V&A Cafe for a bite.

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### Natural History Museum

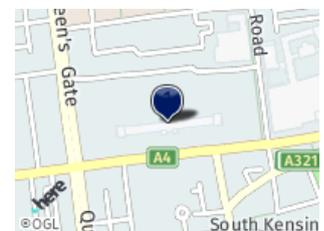
"Study the Past, Present and Future"

Explore the natural history of the planet Earth, from the prehistoric era to the present day, at one of London's most visited museums. In 1881, the Natural History Museum moved to its present venue. Designed by Alfred Water house, this building is now one of London's most beautiful and recognized museums. The halls house more than 300 years worth of collections, with over 80 million specimens. Broadly divided into Life and Earth galleries, the museum provides much more than can be seen in a day, and your feet will get tired before your brain does. Let your kids run wild among dinosaur skeletons, erupting volcanoes and life-size constructs of blue whales - it's unlikely they'll ever forget their first visit here.

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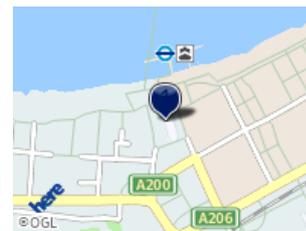


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## Cutty Sark

### "Pride of the Seas"

After sailing the high seas for more than a century, Cutty Sark, the fastest tea-clipper of its time and the last one to be built, now proudly sits in Greenwich. Commissioned by John 'Jock' Willis in 1869, this three-masted British clipper was used to ferry tea, wool and buffalo horns from China and was capable of achieving a speed of over 17 knots due to its brilliant design. After suffering damage from fire in 2007, the ship underwent a GBP 50 million renovation and the museum was re-inaugurated by The Queen in April 2012. The ship has been restored to its former glory and has been lifted to a height of 3 meters (9.84 feet) above ground so that spectators can fully explore the lower hull. Visitors can even venture aboard and walk among the tea chests in the cargo hold. The ship's onsite restaurant, Even Keel Café serves light homemade fare which can be enjoyed sitting directly beneath the massive ship.



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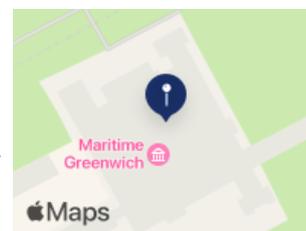


by Katie Chan

## National Maritime Museum

### "Great Britain's Glorious Naval Tradition"

The fresh, bright atmosphere of the National Maritime Museum will make you feel like you're on a deck. The various exhibitions in the galleries offer an interactive experience with heaving open hatchway doors, turning the ship's wheel and using Viking oars. Check out ancient uniforms, follow Admiral Nelson's sea-faring career, watch archive material of passenger ocean travel, discover what life was like in Britain's maritime heyday, and get involved in various workshops. Take a photo with the huge ship in the bottle for keepsakes, marvel at a Fijian canoe, explore whimsical ship figureheads, and revel in thousands of years' worth of maritime heritage.



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