



London
The Banqueting House & Whitehall

The Banqueting House was the very first building in England to use Renaissance architecture. Originally part of Whitehall Palace - the Sovereign's London home, it is now all that remains of the enormous riverside complex. With a spectacular ceiling painted by Rubens, it staged extravagant theatre and was the site of King Charles I's execution.

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The Banqueting House
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2ER

24-hour information line:
+44 (0)844 482 7777

hrp.org.uk/banquetinghouse

Getting there

Nearest Tube stations: Westminster, Embankment and Charing Cross

Nearest railway station:
Charing Cross

To plan your journey

Why not use the Transport for London website: tfl.gov.uk or call the 24 hour TFL Travel Information Line on: +44 (0)20 7222 1234.

Entrance prices & opening times

For latest information please refer to the Banqueting House website or call their 24 hour information line. Tickets are not available online or by telephone.

Displays, concerts and activities at Banqueting House

Events are held throughout the year and many are included in the ticket price so do check what's on before you go. Please note that there are no café/restaurant facilities at the Banqueting House.

Need2Go?

Public toilets (including disabled facilities) are available within the Banqueting House.

1 Schedule your visit with the Changing of the Guard

At Horse Guards, Whitehall - mounted regiments of the Household Cavalry change daily at 11.00am (Monday - Saturday) and 10.00am on Sundays.

At Buckingham Palace - the Foot Guards change at 11.30am every day in the summer and every other day in the winter. This ceremony is accompanied by a band. army.mod.uk/1068.aspx

Area map



After you Way2Go

2 St James's Park

Just 2 minutes away, on the other side of Horse Guards. The park has spectacular views of Westminster's skyline, a lake where you can watch the pelicans being fed and a gourmet café - Inn the Park.

royalparks.org.uk/parks/st_james_park/

3 Churchill Museum and Cabinet War Rooms

Visit Winston Churchill's secret underground bunker where he and his War Cabinet worked through the air raids of World War II.

Clive Steps, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AQ
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7930 6961
cwr.iwm.org.uk

4 Take a look around today's Royal Palace - Buckingham Palace

Visit the London residence of Her Majesty The Queen. One of the world's few remaining working Royal Palaces.

Buckingham Palace, London, SW1A 1AA
Ticket sales & information:
+44 (0)20 7766 7300
royalcollection.org.uk/default.asp?action=article&id=30

5 Visit Westminster Abbey

Burial place of Kings, Queens, Statesmen, Poets... and Oliver Cromwell, until he was disinterred by Charles II. See the Coronation Chair and Tomb of the Unknown Warrior.

Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7222 5152
westminster-abbey.org

6 The London Eye

Take a 'flight' on this world famous attraction.

The London Eye, Riverside Building, County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7PB
Telephone: +44 (0)870 990 8883.
londoneye.com

7 A walk to St James's

Through the park to St James's Palace (not open to the public, but worth seeing the gatehouse, built by Henry VIII) then stroll through the historic shops of St James's including Lock + Co. (hatters, founded 1676, - 6 St. James's Street) Berry Bros. and Rudd (wine merchants, founded 1698, - 3 St James's Street), Floris (perfumers, founded 1730, - 89 Jermyn Street) and Paxton & Whitfield (cheesemongers, founded 1797, - 93 Jermyn Street)

8 A river trip from Westminster or Embankment Pier

Booking office: +44 (0)20 7930 4097
thamesriverservices.co.uk/sight_seeing_cfm

9 See more paintings by Rubens

At the National Gallery on Trafalgar Square. Admission is free.

General enquiries: +44 (0)20 7747 2885
nationalgallery.org.uk

10 Have some wine and mature cheese at London's oldest wine bar

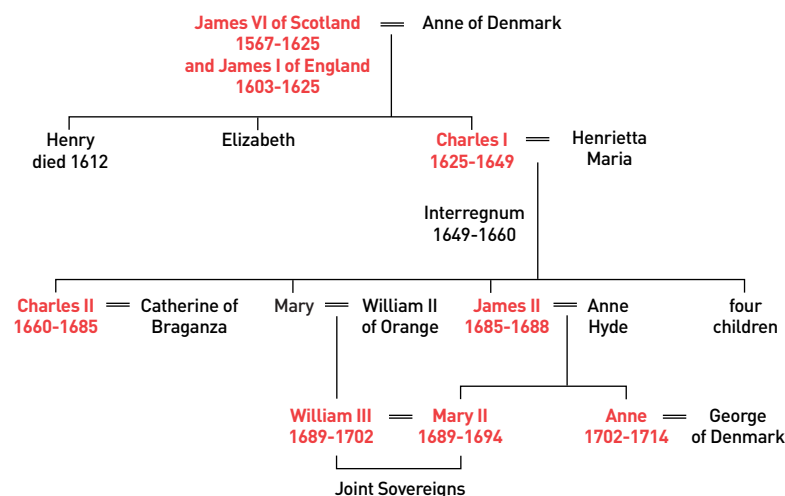
Gordon's is situated in ancient brick cellars beneath a building in which Samuel Pepys (and later Rudyard Kipling) once lived.

47 Villiers Street, London, WC2N 6NE
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7930 1408
gordonswinebar.com/

11 See London's oldest feature

Cleopatra's Needle, an Egyptian obelisk, was made around 1500BC and now stands on the Victoria Embankment, close to Embankment Underground station. The sphinxes guarding it are Victorian and face the wrong direction because Queen Victoria is said to have preferred them that way. The base of one shows shrapnel damage from a First World War air attack.

Stuart Royal Family Tree



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