

museum mile

A walk along Museum Mile provides a fascinating insight into London, past and present. From Euston Road to the River Thames, discover 13 of the city's most extraordinary museums and galleries and their equally diverse collections.

Experience the breathtaking Impressionist art collection at The Courtauld Gallery and the rare editions and manuscripts at the Charles Dickens Museum. See Shakespeare's First Folio at the British Library or a DNA robot at Wellcome Collection. From the intimate to the iconic, these museums and galleries reveal a mile of discovery.

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THE BRITISH LIBRARY

96 Euston Road
London NW1 2DB
+44 (0)20 7412 7332
www.bl.uk/everyone
admission free

Discover some of the most exciting and significant books, from the Magna Carta and the Gutenberg Bible to Mozart and the Beatles, alongside remarkable manuscripts, first editions, maps, music scores, sound recordings, photographs and stamps.

St. Luke's Gospel, Lindisfarne Gospels, (detail) AD 710–721.



BRITISH MUSEUM

Great Russell Street
London WC1B 3DG
+44 (0)20 7323 8299
www.britishmuseum.org
admission free

Founded in 1753, the British Museum's remarkable collections span over two million years of human history and culture. Five million visitors every year experience the collections from Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas and the Ancient World, including world-famous objects such as the Rosetta Stone, the Parthenon Sculptures, and Egyptian mummies.

Aztec Serpent from Mexico, Aztec/Mixtec, 15th–16th century AD, carved wood with turquoise mosaic.
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BRUNEI GALLERY, SOAS

Thornhaugh Street
Russell Square
London WC1H 0XG
+44 (0)20 7898 4915
www.soas.ac.uk/gallery
admission free

Dedicated to promoting a better understanding of the art, culture, history and contemporary contexts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East through a changing programme of visiting exhibitions and events, with a permanent rotating display of SOAS's own collections shown in the Foyle Special Collections Gallery.

Jamini Roy, *Krsna and Balarāma*. India, 1940s. Tempera on paper. H40 x W68cm, SOAS Collection.



THE CHARLES DICKENS MUSEUM

48 Doughty Street
London WC1N 2LX
+44 (0)20 7405 2127
www.dickensmuseum.com
admission charge

Visitors can see paintings, rare editions, manuscripts, original furniture and other items relating to the popular Victorian novelist Charles Dickens. Highlights include the original monthly parts of the novels, manuscript fragments, and the desk designed by Dickens for his reading tours.

Dickens's Dream by R W Buss.



THE COURTAULD GALLERY

Somerset House, Strand
London WC2R 0RN
+44 (0)20 7848 2526
www.courtauld.ac.uk
admission charge

Set in the elegant surroundings of Somerset House and renowned for its Impressionist and Post-Impressionist collection – with works by Monet, Manet, Renoir, van Gogh, Gauguin and Cézanne – the Gallery ranges from Renaissance masterpieces to 20th-century paintings by Picasso, Matisse and Kandinsky.

Edouard Manet *A Bar at the Folies-Bergère* (detail), 1881–2.
© The Samuel Courtauld Trust.



THE FOUNDLING MUSEUM

40 Brunswick Square
London WC1N 1AZ
+44 (0)20 7841 3600
www.foundingmuseum.org.uk
admission charge

Discover the stories of the Foundling Hospital, London's first home for abandoned children, revealed through poignant artefacts. The Hospital's art collection features paintings by Hogarth, Gainsborough and Reynolds displayed alongside Handel's will and a fair copy of *Messiah*.

Foundling Hospital token, left by a mother with her child on admission to the hospital.



HUNTERIAN MUSEUM AT THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

35–43 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London WC2A 3PE
+44 (0)20 7869 6560
www.rcseng.ac.uk/museums
admission free

Revealing 400 years of medical history, from one of the oldest anatomical collections in the world to the latest advances in minimal access surgery. Highlights include surgeon John Hunter's collection of human and animal specimens, Lister's first antiseptic spray and Winston Churchill's false teeth.

Anatomical specimens from the Hunterian Collection.



THE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM OF FREEMASONRY

Freemasons' Hall
60 Great Queen Street
London WC2B 5AZ
+44 (0)20 7395 9257
www.freemasonry.london.museum
admission free

Discover one of the world's finest collections of Masonic material housed at the home of English freemasonry, including pottery, porcelain, glass, silver, furniture, clocks and regalia. The ceremonial areas of the amazing Art Deco Freemasons' Hall are also available to view.

The Freemasons engraving by Bernard Picart (1736).

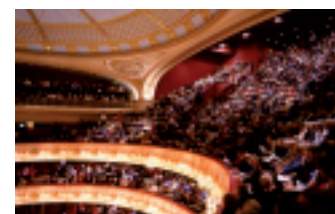


LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM

The Piazza, Covent Garden
London WC2E 7BB
+44 (0)20 7379 6344
www.ltmuseum.co.uk
admission charge

Reopens on 22 November 2007 after a £22 million redesign. Transformed into a series of forward-looking, 21st-century galleries, the museum focuses on both the future and the past of London's transport. Includes the only surviving steam engine from the world's first Underground railway and a collection of iconic posters.

Johnston Underground roundel, c1925.



ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

Covent Garden
London NW3 4DD
+44 (0)20 7304 4000
www.roh.org.uk
admission free

Take a backstage tour, have lunch in the Amphitheatre Restaurant or enjoy a free lunchtime recital and explore the photographic exhibitions. Then come back in the evening to see and hear some of the finest dancers, singers and conductors in the world.

Auditorium, Royal Opera House.



SIR JOHN SOANE'S MUSEUM

13 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London WC2A 3BP
+44 (0)20 7405 2107
www.soane.org
admission free

Step back in time with a visit to Sir John Soane's Museum – virtually unchanged since his death in 1837. Behind an elegantly severe façade lie architecturally stunning interiors which contain world-class collections of art, sculpture, furniture, antiquities, casts, stained glass, books and models – all artfully arranged as Soane left them, 170 years ago.

South Drawing Room, Sir John Soane's Museum. Photo: Martin Charles.



UCL MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS

UCL, Gower Street
London WC1E 6BT
+44 (0)20 7679 2884
www.ucl.ac.uk/museums
admission free

The museums of University College London (UCL) contain internationally important collections of archaeology, art, zoology and geology. Dense displays and changing exhibitions feature across a range of individual small museums.

Vesuvius during the day, 1822, Johnston Lavis Collection in the UCL Geology Collections.




WELLCOME COLLECTION


183 Euston Road
London NW1 2BE
+44 (0)20 7611 2222
www.wellcomecollection.org
admission free


Part gallery, part museum, and incorporating an extraordinary library and events, Wellcome Collection explores the links between medicine, life and art, placing science in the broad context of health and wellbeing.

I Can't Help the Way I Feel, John Isaacs, from the Medicine Now gallery.

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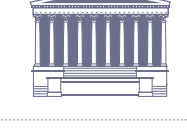
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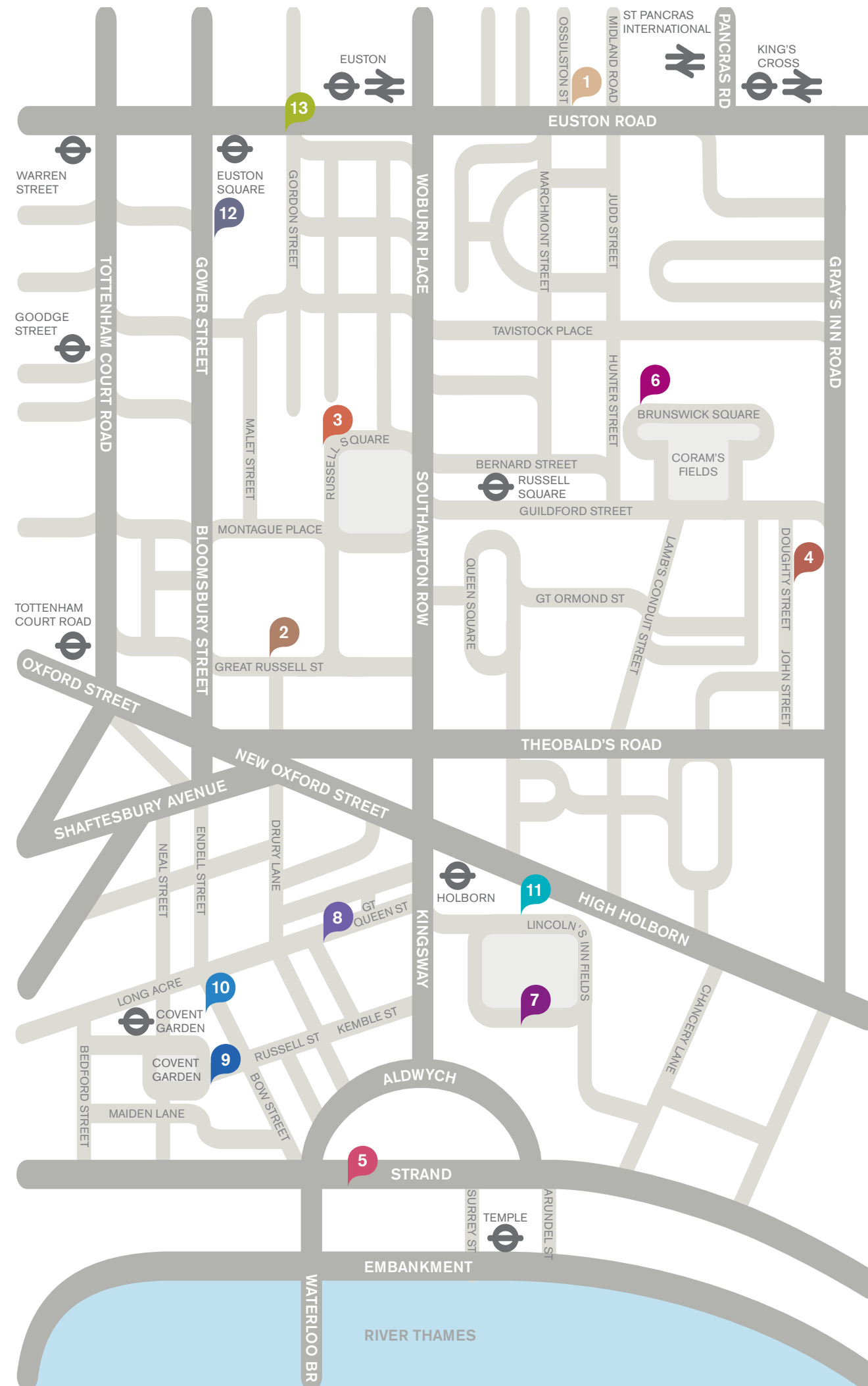
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GETTING TO MUSEUM MILE

TUBE
Covent Garden, Euston, Euston Square, Goodge Street, Holborn, King's Cross St Pancras, Russell Square, Temple, Tottenham Court Road, Warren Street.

RAIL
Euston, King's Cross, St Pancras International.

BUS
59, 68, 91, 168 and 188 run along Museum Mile.

CAR
Limited metered parking. National Car Parks at Holborn, Drury Lane, Russell Court and Brunswick Square.

WALKING
The best way to discover London is on foot.

ACCESS
Most of the museums listed have wheelchair access to part or all of their collections. Please contact the specific museums prior to your visit to ensure your needs are met.

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