

Syracuse University London

# VISITOR'S GUIDE

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*Horse Guards Parade & the London Eye*  
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A wise man once wrote, "By seeing London, I have seen as much of life as the world can show."

And boy, was he right.

As you will soon discover, London is a city of vast opportunity and wonder -- a melting pot unmatched in the world in terms of culture, cuisine, architecture, and that inexplicable "city" vibe. As you walk along London's streets, you'll overhear around 300 different languages, be able to see buildings from every period since the Romans, and eat and

drink at more than 12,000 restaurants, cafes and pubs.

The SU London staff has compiled this guide to our favorite eateries, pubs, museums and shops -- with many establishments local to our home in the neighbourhood of Bloomsbury.

This guide is by no means comprehensive, but we hope it can serve as a primer to the brilliance of the city we call home.

Enjoy!

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## hotels near Faraday House

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### Doubletree by Hilton

92 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4BH

*Rates approximately:* £150 per night  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7242 2828  
*Web:* [doubletree.hilton.co.uk](http://doubletree.hilton.co.uk)  
*Nearest tube:* Holborn or Russell Square

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### Goodenough Club

23 Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1N 2AD

*Rates approximately:* £135 per night  
*Email:* [reservations@goodenough.ac.uk](mailto:reservations@goodenough.ac.uk)  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7769 4727  
*Web:* [club.goodenough.ac.uk](http://club.goodenough.ac.uk)  
*Nearest tube:* Russell Square or Kings Cross

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### Grange Holborn Hotel

50-60 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4AR

*Rates approximately:* £180 per night  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7242 1800  
*Web:* [www.grangehotels.com](http://www.grangehotels.com)  
*Nearest tube:* Holborn

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### St. Giles Hotel

Bedford Avenue, London WC1B 3GH

*Rates approximately:* £120 per night  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7300 3000  
*Web:* [centrallondon.stgiles.co.uk](http://centrallondon.stgiles.co.uk)  
*Nearest tube:* Tottenham Court Road

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### Premier Inn

27 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4PS

*Rates approximately:* £120 per night  
*Telephone:* +44 (0) 871 527 9496  
*Web:* [www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/LONHOL](http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/LONHOL)  
*Nearest tube:* Holborn

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### Mentone

54-55 Cartwright Gardens, London WC1H 9EL

*Rates approximately:* £95 per night  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7387 3927  
*Web:* [www.mentonehotel.com](http://www.mentonehotel.com)  
*Nearest tube:* Euston or Kings Cross

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### Hotel Russell

1-8 Russell Square, London WC1B 5BE

*Rates approximately:* £180 per night  
*Telephone:* +44 (0) 20 7837 6470  
*Web:* [www.londonrussellhotel.co.uk](http://www.londonrussellhotel.co.uk)  
*Nearest tube:* Russell Square or Holborn

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### Hoxton Hotel

199-206 High Holborn, London WC1V 7BD

*Rates approximately:* £160 - £240 per night  
*Telephone:* +44 (0) 20 7661 3000  
*Web:* [thehoxton.com/london/holborn](http://thehoxton.com/london/holborn)  
*Nearest tube:* Holborn

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### Concept Studio Apartments

Various locations

*Rates approximately:* £90 per night  
*Telephone:* +44 (0) 20 7229 1011  
*Web:* [www.concept-apartments.co.uk](http://www.concept-apartments.co.uk)

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### Avanti Apartments

Various locations and prices

*Web:* [www.avantiapartments.com/london.html](http://www.avantiapartments.com/london.html)

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### Duncan McGlashan

A favourite with SU London students for their semester accommodation, Duncan has flats of various sizes and prices around London. Contact him by email with your travel dates for more information: [duncan@mcglashans.co.uk](mailto:duncan@mcglashans.co.uk)

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## restaurants near Faraday House

Despite what you may have heard, London's food scene is tremendously diverse and wonderfully delicious. Here is just a sampling of our favorite restaurants close to SU London's centre at Faraday House.

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### Asadal Korean

227 High Holborn, WC1V 7DA

*Cuisine:* Korean  
*Hours:* Mon – Sat: Noon – 3:00pm | 6:00pm – 11:00pm  
Sun: 6:00pm – 10:30pm  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7430 9006  
*Web:* www.asadal.co.uk  
*Approx prices:* £6-£20 (set lunch £8.50-£15.80 or set dinner £20-£35)  
*Nearest tube:* Holborn

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### Café Rouge

77 Kingsway, London WC2B 6SR

*Cuisine:* French  
*Hours:* Mon – Fri: 8:30am – 11:00pm  
Sat: 9:00am – 11:00pm  
Sun: 9:30am – 10:30pm  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7430 1416  
*Web:* www.caferouge.co.uk  
*Approx prices:* £15-£25  
*Nearest tube:* Holborn

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### Great Queen Street

32 Great Queen Street, WC2B 5AA

*Cuisine:* British  
*Hours:* Mon – Sun: Noon – 3:00pm  
Mon – Sat: 6pm – 10:30pm  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7242 0522  
*Approx prices:* £10-£22  
*Nearest tube:* Holborn or Covent Garden

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### Hummus Brothers

Victoria House, 37-63 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4DA

*Cuisine:* Mediterranean  
*Hours:* Mon – Fri: 11am - 9pm  
Sat & Sun: closed  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7404 7079  
*Web:* www.hbros.co.uk  
*Approx prices:* £10-15  
*Nearest tube:* Holborn or Russell Square

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### Hare & Tortoise

11-13 The Brunswick, London WC1N 1AF

*Cuisine:* Japanese  
*Hours:* Mon - Sun: Noon - 11:00pm  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7278 9799  
*Web:* www.hareandtortoise.co.uk/bloomsbury  
*Approx prices:* £6-20  
*Nearest tube:* Russell Square

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### The Vegetarian's Paradise

59 Marchmont Street, London WC1N 1AP

*Cuisine:* Indian/vegetarian  
*Hours:* Sun - Sat: Noon – 3pm & 6pm – 11pm  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7278 6881  
*Approx prices:* £10  
*Nearest tube:* Russell Square

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### Wagamama

123 Kingsway, London WC2B 69A

*Cuisine:* Modern Japanese/ramen  
*Hours:* Mon – Sat: 11:00am – 11:00pm  
Sun: Noon – 10:00pm  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)207 404 8552  
*Web:* www.wagamama.co.uk  
*Approx prices:* £15-£25  
*Nearest tube:* Holborn

## pubs near Faraday House

There is nothing quite like the authentic British pub experience! Relax with a pint or a "cuppa" (tea) in one of these charming establishments close to Faraday House.

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### Museum Tavern

49 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3BA

*Hours:* Mon – Thurs: 11:00am – 11:30pm  
Fri – Sat: 11:00am – Midnight  
Sun: 10:00am – 10:00pm  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7242 8989  
*Nearest tube:* Russell Square, Holborn

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### The Old Crown

33 New Oxford Street, London WC1H 1BH

*Hours:* Mon – Wed: Noon – Midnight  
Thurs – Sat: Noon – 3:00am  
Sun: Noon – Midnight  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7836 9121  
*Web:* [www.old-crown.co.uk](http://www.old-crown.co.uk)  
*Nearest tube:* Tottenham Court Road, Holborn

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### Pearl Bar & Restaurant Bar

Chancery Court Hotel, 252 High Holborn, London WC1V 7EN

*Hours:* Mon – Fri: 11:00am – 11:00pm  
Sat: 6:00pm – 11:00pm  
*Entertainment:* Pianist, Wed – Sat: 7:00pm  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7829 7000  
*Web:* [www.pearl-restaurant.com](http://www.pearl-restaurant.com)  
*Nearest tube:* Holborn

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### Princess Louise

208-209 High Holborn, London WC1V 7BW

*Hours:* Mon – Fri: 11:30am – 11:00pm  
Sat: Noon – 11:00pm  
Sun: Noon – 10:30pm  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7405 8816  
*Nearest tube:* Hoborn

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### The Queens Larder

1 Queen's Square, London WC1N 3AR

*Hours:* Mon – Sat: 10:00am – 11:00pm  
Sun: Noon – 10:00pm  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7837 5627  
*Web:* [www.queenslarder.co.uk](http://www.queenslarder.co.uk)  
*Nearest tube:* Russell Square

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### The Seven Stars

53 Carey Street, London WC2A 2JB

*Hours:* Mon – Fri: 11:00am – 11:00pm  
Sat: Noon – 11:00pm  
Sun: Noon – 10:30pm  
*Telephone:* +44 (0) 7242 8521  
*Nearest tube:* Holborn, Chancery Lane or Temple

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### The Square Pig

30-32 Procter Street, London WC1V 6NX

*Hours:* Mon – Fri: Noon – 11pm  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7691 3144  
*Web:* [www.capitalpubcompany.com/the-square-pig](http://www.capitalpubcompany.com/the-square-pig)  
*Nearest tube:* Holborn

# museums in London

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## The British Museum

44 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG

*Admission free*

*Hours:* Mon – Thurs: 10:00am – 5:30pm  
Friday: 10:00am – 8:30pm  
Sat & Sun: 10:00am – 5:30pm

*Description:* One of the oldest museums in the world and a national treasure – the British Museum contains a vast collection of Ancient Greek, Egyptian, and other archaeological artifacts.

*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7323 8299

*Web:* [www.britishmuseum.org](http://www.britishmuseum.org)

*Nearest tube:* Russell Square, Holborn, or Tottenham Court Road

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## The Museum of London

150 London Wall, London EC2Y 5HN

*Admission free*

*Hours:* Mon – Sun: 10:00am – 6:00pm

*Description:* This museum documents the history of London from the Prehistoric to the present day.

*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7001 9844

*Web:* [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk)

*Nearest tube:* Barbican or St Pauls

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## The Natural History Museum

Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD

*Admission free*

*Hours:* Mon – Sat: 10:00am – 5:00pm  
Sun: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

*Description:* Discover the natural world in this museum's massive collection of specimens, artifacts and exhibits.

*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7942 5000

*Web:* [www.nhm.ac.uk](http://www.nhm.ac.uk)

*Nearest tube:* South Kensington

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## The Science Museum

Exhibition Road, London SW7 2DD

*Admission free*

*Hours:* Mon – Sun: 10:00am – 6:00pm

*Description:* A museum packed with interactive exhibits and awe-inspiring objects from the scientific world.

*Telephone:* +44 (0)870 870 4868

*Web:* [www.sciencemuseum.org.uk](http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk)

*Nearest tube:* South Kensington

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## Sir John Soane's Museum

13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3BP

*Admission free*

*Hours:* Tues – Sat: 10:00am – 5:00pm

*Description:* The astounding former home of architect and collector John Soane, containing his vast collection of antiquities and paintings.

*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7405 2107

*Web:* [www.soane.org](http://www.soane.org)

*Nearest tube:* Holborn

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## The Victoria and Albert Museum

Cromwell Road, London SW7 2RL

*Admission free*

*Hours:* Mon – Sun: 10:am – 5:45pm (10pm on Fridays)

*Description:* The V&A is the one of the world's largest and greatest museums of art and design.

*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7942 2000

*Web:* [www.vam.co.uk](http://www.vam.co.uk)

*Nearest tube:* South Kensington

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# tours in London

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## Backstage Tour of the Royal Opera House

Bow Street, Covent Garden, London WC2E 9DD

Hour-long tours typically run on Mon - Sat 10:30am - 2:30pm

*Booking:* [www.roh.org.uk/tours/backstage-tour](http://www.roh.org.uk/tours/backstage-tour)  
+44(0)20 7304 4000

*Ticket price:* £8.50 - £12

*Description:* The Backstage Tours include an introduction to the colourful history of the theatre, an insight into the redevelopment of the Royal Opera House and a look at aspects of current productions.

*Nearest tube:* Holborn or Covent Garden

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## Jack the Ripper Walking Tour

Whitechapel Gallery, 77-82 Whitechapel High Street, London E1 7QX

The 1 hour 45 minute tour runs daily at 7:30pm

*Booking:* [www.rippervision.com](http://www.rippervision.com)  
+44(0)78 0306 7544

*Ticket price:* £9.00

*Description:* Though admittedly a bit macabre, this fascinating tour takes you on a immersive journey through one of the most infamous chapters in London's history: the Jack the Ripper murders in East London.

*Nearest tube:* Aldgate or Aldgate East

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## London Fat Tire Bike Tour

Variety of day and evening bicycle tours around London.

*Booking:* [london.fattirebiketours.com/tours](http://london.fattirebiketours.com/tours)

*Ticket price:* from £22.00

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## Sandemans New Europe Tours

Free 2.5 hour long "Tour of London" daily at 11:00am and 1:00pm

*Booking:* [www.newlondon-tours.com](http://www.newlondon-tours.com)

*Ticket price:* FREE (tip the guide at the end of the tour)

*Description:* Walk in the footsteps of the rich and powerful on the Royal London Tour. You will be introduced to the personalities who ruled Great Britain from Edward the Confessor to Winston Churchill. You will see the buildings where they lived, worked and played, as well as where many are entombed today.

*Nearest tube:* Covent Garden

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## The Alternative London Walking Tour

Mon-Fri 12:00pm and 3:00pm, Sat 11:00am, Noon, 2:00pm, 2:30pm and 3:00pm

*Booking:* [alternativedn.com/bookings.php](http://alternativedn.com/bookings.php)

*Ticket price:* Pay-What-You-Like

*Description:* These two hour tours were established to showcase East London's incredible creativity whilst giving insights into important historical and cultural events that have made the area what it is today.

*Nearest tube:* Liverpool Street

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# shopping in London

## James Smith & Sons

53 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1BL

*Store hours:* Mon - Fri: 9:30am - 5:15pm  
Sat: 10:00am - 5:15pm  
*Web:* [www.james-smith.co.uk](http://www.james-smith.co.uk)  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7836 4731  
*Description:* Stepping inside this whimsical Victorian-era umbrella shop is like stepping back in time! Shop for umbrellas and walking sticks for all occasions - and prepare yourself for that eventual downpour.  
*Nearest tube:* Tottenham Court Road or Holborn

## Magma Books (Clerkenwell)

117-119 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1R 5BY

*Store hours:* Mon - Sat: 10:00am - 7:00pm  
*Web:* [www.magmabooks.com](http://www.magmabooks.com)  
*Telephone:* +44 (0)20 7242 9503  
*Description:* If you would like to get your hands on unique toys, magazines, books, and art prints to mark your time in London, head down to Magma. This art and design shop has a host of limited edition items that will be hard to find anywhere else!  
*Nearest tube:* Holborn or Farringdon

## The Oxford Street Shopping Strip

Oxford Street, London W1

*Store hours:* Mon - Thurs: 9:00am - 8:00pm  
Fri: 9:00am - 9:00pm  
Sat: 9:00am - 7:00pm  
Sun: 9:00am - 6:00pm  
*Web:* [www.oxfordstreet.co.uk](http://www.oxfordstreet.co.uk)  
*Description:* The Oxford Street shopping area needs no introduction as its reputation precedes itself. Here you will find some of the classic department stores in London, including Selfridges, Primark, Liberty and many more! You'll also find, Topshop, Uniqlo and many more clothing retailers.  
*Nearest tube:* Tottenham Court Road, Bond Street, Marble Arch

## Old Spitalfields Market

Old Spitalfields Market, London E1 6EW

*Market hours:* Mon - Wed: 10:00am - 5:00pm *General Market*  
Thurs: 9:00am - 5:00pm *Antiques and Vintage*  
Fri: 10:00am - 4:00pm *Fashion and Art*  
Sat: 11:00am - 5:00pm *Themed Market Day*  
Sun: 9:00am - 5:00pm *General Market Stalls*  
*Web:* [www.oldspitalfieldsmarket.com](http://www.oldspitalfieldsmarket.com)  
*Description:* Located just five minutes walk from Liverpool Street Station, Old Spitalfields Market is the perfect shopping destination. Open seven-days-per-week, the impressive array of shops and stalls draws shoppers from all over the UK.  
*Nearest tube:* Liverpool Street

## Portobello Market

Portobello Road, London W11 2DY

*Market hours:* Mon - Wed: 9:00am - 6:00pm  
Thurs: 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Fri & Sat: 9:00am - 7:00pm  
*Web:* [www.portobellomarket.org](http://www.portobellomarket.org)  
*Description:* Portobello Market in West London is one of the most famous street markets in the world. It is a popular shopping destinations for Londoners and tourists alike.  
*Nearest tube:* Notting Hill Gate

## Borough Market

8 Southwark Street, London SE1 1TL

*Market hours:* Wed-Thurs: 10:00am - 5:00pm  
Fri: 10:00am - 6:00pm  
Sat: 8:00am - 5:00pm  
*Web:* [www.boroughmarket.org.uk](http://www.boroughmarket.org.uk)  
*Description:* Borough Market is London's most renowned food market; a source of exceptional British and International produce. Foodie heaven!  
*Nearest tube:* London Bridge



## map of Faraday House area



## useful websites

### Transport

- [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk) – Transport for London: tube & bus information
- [www.walkit.com](http://www.walkit.com) – Instant walking guides and route planners
- [www.citymapper.com](http://www.citymapper.com) – Find your way around town with ease
- [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) – Rail travel in the UK
- [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com) – Cheap UK rail tickets
- [www.heathrowexpress.com](http://www.heathrowexpress.com) – The fastest way into London from Heathrow
- [www.gatwickexpress.com](http://www.gatwickexpress.com) – Book online to save on trains to/from Gatwick airport

### Sightseeing, Entertainment and Events

- [www.visitlondon.com](http://www.visitlondon.com) – The official tourist site for London
- [www.timeout.com/london](http://www.timeout.com/london) – London listings magazine & website
- [www.londonist.com](http://www.londonist.com) – London-specific news, events and reviews
- [www.londontheatre.co.uk](http://www.londontheatre.co.uk) – West End show listings, reviews and tickets

### Eating Out

- [www.opentable.co.uk/London](http://www.opentable.co.uk/London) – Restaurant reviews, offers and reservations
- [www.timeout.com/london/restaurants](http://www.timeout.com/london/restaurants) – TimeOut's excellent restaurant section
- [www.yelp.co.uk/london](http://www.yelp.co.uk/london) – Yelp restaurant reviews for London
- [www.zomato.com/london](http://www.zomato.com/london) – Discover great places to eat by neighbourhood/cuisine
- [www.bookatable.co.uk](http://www.bookatable.co.uk) – Restaurant reservations and offers

### SU London Resources

- <http://sulondon.syr.edu> – SU London's main website
- <http://sulondon-blog.syr.edu> – Our student life blog
- [www.twitter.com/syracuselondon](https://twitter.com/syracuselondon) – SU London on Twitter (@syracuselondon)
- [www.facebook.com/sulondon](https://facebook.com/sulondon) – SU London on Facebook
- [www.flickr.com/sulondon](https://flickr.com/sulondon) – SU London on Flickr

*The London Eye, Thames & Parliament*  
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