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Here is a huge list of things that you can do in London for free. We've put a lot of work into this list, and we hope that you can create some lovely London memories by doing some of the things listed. This is a springboard for doing your own research in how to get to each of these places and when they're open.

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1. **British Museum** - The best Museum in London. Plan a whole day here.
2. **National Gallery** – Some of history's best art for free.
3. **Trafalgar Square** – Go see Nelson and people-watch as London goes by.
4. **Walk through Hyde Park** - No trip to London is complete without a walk through Hyde Park.
5. **Covent Garden** – Explore the old market, watch street performers, hear musicians. Plenty of free fun to be had in Covent Garden!
6. **Walk along the Thames** – Smell the fresh river air and listen to the Thames lap along the shore.
7. **Tate Modern** – Some of the art is questionable, but the building is amazing in itself and worth a visit alone.
8. **Evensong Church Service** – You have to pay admission to get into most of London's cathedrals, but if you go to evensong service you can get in for free.
9. **Cross Tower Bridge** - It's a free thrill for all tourists to cross the bridge! Wait around, and you might even see it open and close.
10. **National Maritime Museum** – Explore Britain Royal Navy's history.
11. **Walk through the Woolwich Foot Tunnel** – Cross one of the oldest tunnels under the Thames – get off at the DLR stop King George V and walk to the entrance.
12. **Pollocks Toy Museum** – Toys from around the world – great place for the kids!
13. **Imperial War Museum** – See Britain's Military History in all its glory.
14. **Borough Market** – Explore one of London's coolest markets!
15. **British Film Institute's Mediatheque** – Explore Britain's film heritage.

16. **Houses of Parliament** - It costs money to go inside, but that doesn't have to stop you from checking out the building from the outside.
17. **Museum of London** – Fun look at the history of London.
18. **National Portrait Gallery** – Might not interest everyone as it's pictures of aristocracy through the ages.
19. **Natural History Museum** – One of the world's finest natural history museums. Check out the Darwin Centre!
20. **Victoria and Albert Museum** – A strange hodge-podge museum that provides an interesting insight into Britain's cultural heritage.
21. **Science Museum** – Who doesn't like science? Kids will love it!
22. **Serpentine Gallery** – Art Gallery located in Hyde Park that rotates various exhibitions through the year.
23. **Tate Britain** - Like the National Gallery, it's home to some beautiful art.
24. **Guildhall Art Gallery** – Collection of art collected by the Corporation of London.
25. **Wallace Collection** – Collection of European art and artifacts.
26. **Whitechapel Gallery** – Modern Art gallery in East London.
27. **Bank of England Museum** – Take a look at the monetary history of the world.
28. **Changing of the Guard** – It's a tourist trap, but always fun to see on a sunny day. Every day in the summer at 11:30. Arrive early.
29. **Ceremony of the Keys** - You have to request permission to witness this, but it's pretty cool. Watch the nightly lock-up of the Tower of London.
30. **Sir John Soane's Museum** – The eclectic collection of a famous London architect exactly as he left it.
31. **Kenwood House** – Lovely stately home located in Hampstead Heath.
32. **Geffrye Museum** – Period rooms museum from 1600 to today.
33. **Royal Air Force Museum** – See the history of Britain's flying aces.
34. **Horniman Museum** – An eclectic family museum with many different displays.
35. **Queen Mary's Rose Garden** - London's largest and best rose garden.
36. **St James' Park** – One of London's fine Royal Parks.
37. **The Globe Theatre** – See the replica of the theatre that was home to Shakespeare's plays! It costs to get in for a tour, but not to have a look outside.
38. **Princess Diana Memorial** - Located in Hyde Park, you can pay your respects to Princess Di.
39. **Speaker's Corner** - Arrive on a Sunday morning, and watch the colorful characters gathered to speak about anything.
40. **Leicester Square** – Relax in the park in the middle or admire the glitzy lights of this tourist haven.
41. **Tower Bridge Lifts** – Watch Tower Bridge open and close.
42. **Museum of London Docklands** - A lesser known London, but cool none the less. You can explore London's maritime shipping history.
43. **Lunch Concerts at St. Martin in the Fields** – Enjoy lunch in the Crypt at St. Martin in the Fields, and also enjoy free concerts every day.

44. **Free Concerts at the National Theatre** – Check with them for regular free concerts open to the public.
45. **Watch a TV Show Recorded at the BBC** – It's free to be in the studio audience of a show as it's being recorded.
46. **View London from Primrose Hill** – Admire the view from London's Primrose Hill.
47. **London Silver Vaults** - Check out the world's largest retail collection of fine antique silver.
48. **Hunterian Museum** – See a unique collection of animal specimens kept in jars.
49. **Watch a Trial at Central Criminal Court** – It's free to watch a trial take place from the public galleries at the Central Criminal Court.
50. **Walk through the City on a Saturday** – The Square Mile or City of London is practically abandoned on the weekends. Check out the cool architecture and enjoy the quiet streets.
51. **Street Performers in Covent Garden or the South Bank** – Seek out buskers throughout London for free and fun entertainment.
52. **Catch a Film Premiere in Leicester Square** – The Odeon Theatre in Leicester Square regularly holds film premieres where you can catch a glimpse of stars.
53. **Coram's Fields** - Unique seven-acre playground and park for children living in or visiting London.
54. **Foundling Museum** - Britain's original home for abandoned children and London's first ever public art gallery.
55. **The Photographer's Gallery** – Largest public display gallery dedicated to photography.
56. **Peter Pan Statue** – Check out the statue of the literary classic located in Kensington Gardens.
57. **Museum of Childhood** – Dedicated to the history of childhood.
58. **See the London Stone** – Check out the Roman Stone from where all distance from London was measured located at 111 Cannon Street.
59. **Touch the Roman Wall** – Throughout the city of London you'll see traces of the original Roman Wall fortification. There's large pieces around the Museum of London.
60. **Check out Picadilly Circus** – See the iconic bright lights and the famous statue of Eros.
61. **Musicians in Covent Garden Apple Market** – On the lower levels of the Market, there's usually musicians busking while people eat.
62. **Explore Leadenhall Market** - Gorgeous market located in the City of London worth exploring for the architecture alone.
63. **Walk Across Hampstead Heath** – Beautiful park in London that provides lovely views of metropolitan London.
64. **Visit Regent's Park** – Another great Royal Park, and there's a zoo!
65. **Wellington Arch** – One of two triumphal arches in London.
66. **Marble Arch** – The second triumphal arch in London.
67. **Visit Platform 9 3/4** – Doesn't really exist, of course, but station authorities have set up a fake entrance for Harry Potter fans at King's Cross Station.
68. **Visit St Pancras International** – Admire this beautiful station, watch Eurostar trains arrive and depart, and visit the statue of the couple kissing.
69. **Free Music at the Notting Hill Arts Club** – Regular free music in Notting Hill.

70. **Harrod's Food Hall** – Browse quail eggs, cava, and custom-made cakes in the sumptuous food halls in Harrods.
71. **Walk along the South Bank** – Walk from Waterloo Bridge to the Tate Modern, and see a huge part of London.
72. **Walk through Richmond Park** – Another lovely park.
73. **Changing of the Guard in Windsor** - If you happen to be in Windsor, there's a changing of the guard there as well.
74. **Visit Bushy Park** – Yet another lovely park.
75. **5th View Bar** – Check out the priceless views.
76. **Canals of Maida Vale/Little Venice** – See London's waterways and cute boats where people actually live!
77. **Abbey Road Crosswalk** - Become a traffic hazard, and have your own Beatles pictures taken.
78. **Admire the Barbican** - Built after World War II, it's a triumph of modernism.
79. **Postman's Park** - The square from the movie "Closer" where memorials are dedicated to people who died saving Londoners.
80. **Take a free London guided walk** – Pick up a guidebook or download a free audio tour, and do your own London walk.
81. **Travel Bookshop in Notting Hill** – Visit the bookstore that the shop in the film *Notting Hill* was based on.
82. **Portobello Road Market** – Be prepared for huge crowds, but no visit to London is complete without a visit to the bustling market.
83. **Explore Blue Plaques** - Look closely on old buildings, and you'll see lots of blue plaques, which offer some history about famous people who lived there.
84. **Listen to Big Ben Chime** – Stand in Parliament Square at noon and wait for Big Ben to make its music.
85. **Visit the U.S. Embassy** – You can't go inside unless you have business, but you can admire the building and the beautiful square that surrounds it.
86. **Visit the Cenotaph** – Pay respects to Britain's memorials to the two World Wars.
87. **Explore Camden Town and Camden Lock Market** – Much bigger than Portobello Road and much more to see.
88. **Check out City Hall and the Scoop** - Admire London's new bee-hive-shaped city hall and watch out for free performances in the Scoop outside.
89. **Visit 10 Downing Street** – Get a glimpse of the residence of the Prime Minister. Wait long enough, and you might see him come and go.
90. **Picnic in Battersea Park** – Lovely riverside park with views of the Thames.
91. **Cross the Jubilee Bridge** – Cross the Thames at Embankment on this beautiful bridge.
92. **Cross the Millennium Bridge** – Best way to cross from the Tate Modern to St Paul's or vice versa.
93. **See the Roosevelt & Churchill Statue** - Located in Bond Street, see the two great world leaders as friends.
94. **See the Churchill Statue** – Located in Parliament Square.

95. **See the Lincoln Statue** - Statue of the American president located in Parliament Square. The only one to have such an honor.
96. **Free WiFi in the Apple Stores** – Need wifi or access to the web? Then stop in the Apple Stores in Covent Garden or Regent Street and recharge your Internet batteries.
97. **Get Photographed in a Red Phone Box** – Nothing more touristy or more awesome than a picture in a red phone box.
98. **Visit the National Army Museum** – Discover the history of Britain's armed forces.
99. **Visit Russell Square** – Quiet little green park in the middle of bustling London right around the corner from the British Museum.
100. **Visit the 7-7 Memorial** - Located in Hyde Park on the east side, you can pay your respects to those who lost their lives in the terror attacks on 7-7-05.
101. **Feed the Ducks in St James Park** – They'll appreciate it!

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