

10 OF THE BEST GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS IN LONDON & THE SOUTHEAST

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CANTERBURY, KENT

LILFORD GALLERY

ABOUT

This eclectic gallery is centrally located in the heart of historic Canterbury. The events calendar is full of intriguing exhibitions and solo shows from groundbreaking artists.

KNOWN FOR

A passion for showcasing an amazing variety of artists in a number of styles and techniques. The collection at Lilford Gallery truly has something to offer everyone who visits.

ENTRY

Entry is free. Opening times and further details can be found on the [website](#).

EXTRAS

Canterbury is known as a creative city, and visiting the Lilford Gallery makes up part of a perfect day absorbing the culture the city has to offer. Plenty of restaurants, cafés and curious shops can be visited in Canterbury after taking in the priceless art at the Lilford Gallery.



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Nathalie Du Pasquier:
Other Rooms, Camden
Arts Centre, 2017.
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LONDON

CAMDEN ARTS CENTRE

ABOUT

The Camden Arts Centre prides itself on the fact that artists are at the core of the program. The centre also offers studio space to schools, free of charge, so that another generation can learn to love and build skills in art.

KNOWN FOR

World-class contemporary exhibitions and education. The gallery's exhibitions are numerous and riveting, as are the works displayed. The calendar is full of interesting discussions, performances and more.

ENTRY

Entry is free, and opening times can be found on the [website](#).

EXTRAS

The onsite bookshop sells art books for all ages as well as magazines. There is also a café serving fresh food and a garden which sometimes showcases interactive art exhibits.



LONDON

THE NATIONAL GALLERY

ABOUT

Located in the heart of London at Trafalgar Square, the National Gallery is one of England's most well-known art galleries. With an extensive and impressive collection, it's a must visit for any art lover.

KNOWN FOR

The National Gallery's collection is one of the greatest in the world with more than 2,300 works of European art dating as far back as the 13th century. Notable artists featured include Botticelli, Michelangelo, Holbein, Caravaggio, Turner, Monet, Van Gogh and many, many more.

ENTRY

Admission is free, and opening hours can be found on the [website](#).

EXTRAS

In addition to three fantastic gift shops stocking books and gifts, there are two restaurants and an espresso bar. The Gallery also puts on many talks and discussions, courses, exhibitions, as well as workshops and activities.



LONDON

WHITECHAPEL GALLERY

ABOUT

For more than 100 years, Whitechapel Gallery has been known for showcasing leading artists and modern masters. Today, Whitechapel Gallery remains at the helm of contemporary art on a global scale.

KNOWN FOR

Ground-breaking exhibitions, collection displays and artist commissions, beautiful galleries and historic archives. Their calendar is always full of interesting talks, events and exhibitions that art lovers from all walks of life will enjoy.

ENTRY

Entry is free, and opening times can be found on the [website](#).

EXTRAS

There is an excellent bookshop located in the gallery, and The Whitechapel Refectory acts as a delicious café during the day and a trendy wine bar by night.



LONDON

THE ESTORICK COLLECTION OF MODERN ITALIAN ART

ABOUT

The Estorick Collection of Modern Italian Art is Britain's only museum specifically dedicated to Italian art. Housed in a grade 2 listed Georgian townhouse, the museum has been modernised and now includes six galleries and an art library.

KNOWN FOR

Wonderful collection of Italian futurist works, figurative art and sculptures from late 19th century to the mid-20th century. Some of the artists whose work is featured here include Gino Severini, Giacomo Balla and many more.

ENTRY

Prices for entry and opening times can be found on the [website](#).

EXTRAS

The gallery keeps a full schedule of breathtaking exhibitions. There is also a fantastic café with the highest quality food, as well as a shop that carries a range of gifts and posters relating to the extensive permanent collection and temporary exhibitions.



LONDON

THE WALLACE COLLECTION

ABOUT

The Wallace Collection is a national museum which displays the masterpieces collected by the first four Marquesses of Hertford and Sir Richard Wallace. Displayed at Hertford House, one of the family's London properties in the nineteenth century, the collection was donated to the British Nation in 1897.

KNOWN FOR

An internationally outstanding collection of paintings, sculpture, furniture, arms, armour and porcelain.

ENTRY

Admission to the Wallace Collection is free. Details about opening times can be found on the [website](#).

EXTRAS

The Wallace Collection consistently offers interactive tours, exhibitions, lectures and displays. There is also an on-site restaurant in a glass-roofed courtyard and an excellent shop.



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Gallery

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VICTORIA MIRO GALLERY

ABOUT

Spread over 19,000 square feet across three modern sites, this spacious gallery showcases a mixture of established and up-and-coming artists. The Victoria Miro gallery has a simple ethos: "to promote great and innovative artists and to nurture the best talent from the new generation of artists around the world."

KNOWN FOR

Supporting emerging and already well-known artists by showcasing beautiful Contemporary art.

ENTRY

Details can be found on the gallery's [website](#).

EXTRAS

Don't miss out on the gallery's unique garden space, which is a lush and perfectly landscaped area featuring further installations from exciting artists.



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Gallery

HASTINGS, EAST SUSSEX

JERWOOD GALLERY

ABOUT

Nestled between the cliffs and the fishing beach in Hastings' historic Old Town sits the award-winning Jerwood Gallery, permanent home to the Jerwood Collection and an exhibition programme showcasing the best of Modern and Contemporary British art.

KNOWN FOR

The Jerwood Collection of Modern and Contemporary British art which sits alongside a changing programme of contemporary exhibitions.

ENTRY

Entry prices and opening hours can be found on the [website](#).

EXTRAS

Café Webbe's at Jerwood Gallery uses the finest local produce and offers unparalleled views of the beach from the sun terrace. There is also a shop which offers books and gifts, regular workshops and community initiatives.



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Contemporary

MARGATE, KENT

TURNER CONTEMPORARY

ABOUT

Margate has a long history of culture and art which continues to grow and thrive today. Turner Contemporary is named after one of Great Britain's most celebrated artists, JMW Turner, and captures his love for Margate.

KNOWN FOR

A modern space with a wonderful programme of temporary exhibitions and events, bringing together historical and Contemporary art for enthusiasts of all ages. The architecture of the gallery is stunning and complements its coastal location.

ENTRY

Entry is free and gallery opening times can be found on the [website](#).

EXTRAS

There is an on-site shop selling gifts, books and exhibition accessories. The café offers seasonal cuisine and picturesque views overlooking Margate harbour.



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Picture Gallery

DULWICH, LONDON

DULWICH PICTURE GALLERY

ABOUT

Dulwich Picture Gallery was the world's first public art gallery built specifically as a gallery. It was founded by Sir Francis Bourgeois RA in 1811 so that he could share his inspiring collection of the old masters with the public. Today, Dulwich Picture Gallery plays a leading role by hosting significant exhibitions and still boasts an impressive collection of Baroque masterpieces.

KNOWN FOR

A calendar full of public events and exciting exhibitions, alongside a wide collection of works from the old masters.

ENTRY

Ticket prices and opening times can be found on the gallery's [website](#).

EXTRAS

The Dulwich Picture Gallery Café offers a range of fresh food, and the shop sells exhibition accessories, interiors, homewares, books, and arts and crafts products.