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10 London Museums to Explore

Ten museums spanning art, history, design, science and city culture.

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Mix major institutions with specialist collections, and group stops by neighbourhood. Always verify closure days, timed tickets, accessibility and temporary exhibitions.

1

British Museum / Bloomsbury

A major collection that can anchor a half-day culture itinerary.

2

V&A; South Kensington / South Kensington

Useful for pairing a focused museum visit with nearby landmarks.

3

Natural History Museum / South Kensington

A strong choice for travellers who want a clear theme and substantial collection.

4

Science Museum / South Kensington

Plan enough time for the highlights and any current temporary exhibition.

5

Tate Modern / Bankside

A distinctive museum stop that adds variety beyond the best-known institutions.

Continue your shortlist

Five more options, followed by practical planning notes.

6**National Gallery / Trafalgar Square**

Well suited to visitors balancing culture, architecture and neighbourhood exploring.

7**London Museum / City of London**

Consider advance tickets and check whether popular galleries use timed entry.

8**Imperial War Museum / Lambeth**

A practical addition for families or travellers with a specialist interest.

9**London Transport Museum / Covent Garden**

Combine it with nearby stops to keep the day's transport simple.

10**Design Museum / Kensington**

A final option for broadening the plan beyond the city's headline museums.

SMART PLANNING

Many museums close one day each week and some use timed entry. Check official websites for free hours, luggage rules, accessibility and photography policies. Two substantial museums can already fill a day.

Source checked July 2026: Visit London, the official visitor guide
<https://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/sightseeing/london-attraction/museum/best-museums-in-london>