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LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION Visit to the Tate Galleries on 10 April 2008

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Take a critical look at the 'ART SCENE', old and new – visit the two Tate galleries

TATE BRITAIN tells the story of British art through works drawn from the famous Tate collection. You can see works by great British artists including William Blake, John Constable, Lucian Freud, Thomas Gainsborough, David Hockney, William Hogarth, Dante, Gabriel Rossetti and George Stubbs. The guided tour will start at 11.00 and last for one hour. The lunch break will start at 12.15.

There are two options for lunch:

A good self-service café is on the ground floor or, for £22.50, you may have a two course lunch (excellent food, I believe) in the Rex Whistler restaurant. **Please let us know which of these two alternatives you are likely to select to help in arranging the seating.**

After lunch, we join our guide on a boat, which will be at the pier on the other side of the road from the gallery and about 100 yards downstream. The boat leaves at 13.40 and transfers us to the Tate Modern.

This is housed in the former Bankside Power Station. It displays Tate's collection of international modern and contemporary art from 1900 up to the present day. On show are works by artists like Salvador Dali, Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, Mark Rothko and Andy Warhol as well as contemporary artists like Gilbert and George and Louise Bourgeois. The Tate Modern tour will start at 14.15 and lasts about one hour.

The total cost of the outing, including the boat trip, will be £17 (October 2007 prices). The maximum number for the group will be 25 and a minimum of 15 is stipulated.

Tate Britain, where we meet first, is situated on Millbank about 400 yards downstream from the north end of Lambeth Bridge and 100 or 200 yards upstream from the north end of Vauxhall Bridge.

By bus You can catch the no.77 bus from Whitehall or the no. 507 from Waterloo.

By train Get off a train to Waterloo at Vauxhall and either walk over Vauxhall Bridge and turn right along Millbank or catch a Victoria Line train to Pimlico.

By underground Get off at Pimlico station on the Victoria Line and follow the signs to Tate Britain or use the map below to get to Atterbury Road, where there is a side entrance to Tate Britain and then make your way to the main entrance hall, which is upstairs.

Timetable

10.30 – 11.00 Assemble in the main entrance hall of Tate Britain for coffee, tea and biscuits in the Rex Whistler restaurant on the first floor.

11.00 – 12.00 Guided tour of Tate Britain.

12.15 – 13.25 Lunch.

13.40 Boat leaves for Tate Modern.

14.15 – 15.15 Guided tour of Tate Modern.

15.30 Optional refreshments in one of the cafés and restaurants. Tate Modern has an excellent bookshop, which is well worth visiting.

