

The Old Operating Theatre, Museum and Herb Garret

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**Hidden in the roof of a church, a 300-year old herb garret houses
Britain's only surviving 19th century operating theatre...**

This museum, one of London's most intriguing historical interiors, contains:
the Operating Theatre, which was used between 1821 and 1862 in the days
before anaesthetic and antiseptic surgery; and
the Herb Garret, used by the apothecary of St Thomas's Hospital to store and
cure herbs for medicines.

Museum collection

- Instruments for surgery, cupping, bleeding, trepanning and childbirth;
- Devices used in the early days of anaesthesia and antiseptics;
- A skeleton, and pathological specimens;
- An extensive and aromatic display of dried herbs, fully labelled;
- Equipment for preparing pills and cachets, and storing medicines;
- A display on Florence Nightingale and the history of nursing;
- History of the Evelina Childrens' hospital, first established at Guy's.

**We offer a visit in a unique setting that emphasises medical history
through the senses of sight and smell, and presents visitors of
any age with an unforgettable experience.**