

ABOUT THE WALKS

The All Hallows' Walking Tours are led by Pete Smith and Frances Spackman.

Both are former university teachers and, in addition to being regular contributors to the free afternoon highlight tours of All Hallows church, they are both qualified and experienced City of London Guides.



The walks they have devised draw upon the rich diversity of London's two cities - the City of London and the City of Westminster - giving old hands and newcomers alike an introduction to some of the oddities and complexities of the capital's rich and colourful history.

The walking tours cover a variety of themes, looking at the city from many different angles and perspectives.

Please check the brochure carefully for the details of start times and departure points, as these do vary according to the theme and route of the individual walks.

Unless otherwise stated, the charge is £8.00 per person and the walks take between ninety minutes and two hours.

Individual and group walks can also be organised on request at any time of year.

Please email the guides directly to find out more: enquiries@londoncitywalks.co.uk

A Brief History of All Hallows by the Tower

As the oldest church in the City of London, All Hallows by the Tower has more than 1300 years of history to be discovered under one roof.

Located next to the Tower of London, the church has cared for numerous beheaded bodies over the years, including those of Thomas More, John Fisher and Archbishop Laud.

William Penn (founder of Pennsylvania) was baptised in the church in 1644, and John Quincy Adams - sixth president of the USA - was married here in 1797.

Artefacts associated with the Saxon and Roman history of the church are displayed in the Crypt Museum, alongside a range of fascinating objects from ancient church registers to a Knights Templar altar.



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PADDINGTON TO LITTLE VENICE

Saturday 18 June (starts Paddington Station: 2pm)

From the concourse end of Platform 4 at Paddington

Station, this walk takes us along the Regent's Canal, ending close to Warwick Avenue Station. Discover along the way the role the railways and canals played in the life of the capital, learn about the life of London's "water gypsies", and encounter a few quirky surprises.



IN SHAKESPEARE'S FOOTSTEPS

Wednesday 20 July (starts Guildhall Yard: 3.15pm)

From Guildhall Yard, our walk leads us through the core of Shakespeare's London, to where he lived, where he worked and where he spent his leisure time with friends and fellow writers.

Elizabethan and Jacobean London can only truly come to life by walking its streets in this way.

LONDINIUM: THE ROMAN CITY

Saturday 23 July (starts All Hallows: 10.30am)

As part of the Festival of British Archaeology, we are pleased to offer a guided walk around the Roman City of Londinium. We begin with an introductory session in the Crypt Museum of All Hallows, outlining the main events of Roman rule and using the city model to give some idea of the geography of Roman London. The walk takes in some of the best preserved stretches of the Roman city wall before heading for the sites of the Forum and Basilica, the Amphitheatre and the Fort, before ending at the Museum of London. Because this walk covers a slightly longer distance and includes a visit to the Amphitheatre remains under Guildhall Art Gallery, it is likely to take 2½-3 hours.



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GREENWICH: WHERE EAST MEETS WEST

Saturday 13 August (starts Cutty Sark, 11am)

Once a humble fishing village and now London's newest Royal Borough, riverside Greenwich has been home to kings and queens; astronomers and navigators; poets and privateers; and many more. Starting under the figurehead of the Cutty Sark tea clipper, this walk will introduce you to parks and palaces, museums and markets, and all the variety of a vibrant community. If Greenwich was good enough for Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, Sir Walter Raleigh, Sir Francis Drake, Dr Johnson, Vanessa Redgrave, Liam Gallagher and Jools Holland, maybe you too should give it a try!

PARKS AND PALACES

Saturday 27 August (starts Charing Cross Hotel: 10.30am)

For almost a thousand years, since Edward the Confessor built his palace here, Westminster has been at the centre of Royal London. Around the Royal residences has grown a vast area of parkland. Originally intended for hunting, these parks are now public pleasure grounds and this walk, which starts on the forecourt of Charing Cross Station, leads from the sites of Westminster and Whitehall Palaces to Buckingham and St James's Palaces across some of London's loveliest open spaces. On the way, you will learn about a drunken elephant, a crane with an artificial leg, a game that gave its name to a street, two old ladies who changed a king's building plans, and the most famous orange seller in English history.



POLICE, PUBS & PIRATES

Monday 5 September (starts Tower Hill, 6.30pm)

Starting from outside Tower Hill Station at 6.30pm, we cross glitzy St Katharine's Dock and head east into the old dockland area of Wapping to



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find traces of pirates, London's first real police force, and many dark deeds, plus some very fine pubs. The walk ends at Wapping Station.



THE CITY'S BRIDGES

Saturday 1 October (starts All Hallows: 11am)

This walk, starting from inside All Hallows by the Tower, takes in all of the City's Bridges before ending close to St Paul's Cathedral. Along the way, you will hear about the bridge that sprouted heads, the elephant that walked across the Thames, a daredevil pilot and a quick-witted bus driver.

TOWERING INFERNO

Thursday 20 October (starts All Hallows: 11am)

The theme of this walk is the Great Fire of London, which took place in September 1666. Starting at All Hallows, the spot where the eastward spread of the fire was halted, we head west to the Monument and then on to trace its course into the heart of the City. Much of its extraordinary story will be told in the words of Samuel Pepys and other eye-witnesses, and the walk will end at the Museum of London.



WESTMINSTER PUBS: SCANDALOUS SOHO

Monday 21 November (starts Argyll Street: 6.30pm)

Hunting ground? Asylum for refugees? Entertainment centre? Gangland battleground? Red-light district? Bohemian quarter? London's Chinatown? Soho has been all of these. This walk, which begins outside the Argyll Street exit of Oxford Circus Underground Station, opposite The Argyll Arms, takes in a flavour of all of these – and some splendid pubs too! It ends at Tottenham Court Road Station.