

ABOUT THE WALKS

The All Hallows' Walking Tours are led by the guides 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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All Hallows by the Tower

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PROGRAMME

PARKS AND PALACES

Wednesday 21 June (starts Charing Cross: 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 and between the Royal residences of this area has grown up a vast area of parkland. Originally intended for hunting, these parks are now public pleasure grounds, and this walk, which starts at from outside the Charing Cross Hotel on the forecourt of Charing Cross Station, leads from the sites of Westminster and Whitehall Palaces towards 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.



A VERY SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

Tuesday 4 July (starts Charing Cross: 2pm)

Celebrating a number of remarkable Americans who have had a decided impact

both on London and on Britain, this walk begins on the forecourt of Charing Cross Station outside the Charing Cross Hotel and ends at Bond Street tube station. Among the colourful (or 'colorful?') characters featured are: the socialite who became the first woman to take her seat as a Member of Parliament; the inventor who made himself a set of wooden false teeth and used to sit naked at his front window; the general who spearheaded the Allied invasion of Europe in World War II; and the US President who shares a Bond Street bench with a British Prime Minister.

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ROTHERHITHE TO LONDON BRIDGE

Thursday 13 July (starts Bermondsey tube: 11am)

Meet in the booking hall of Bermondsey Jubilee Line Station for a two-hour walk with spectacular riverside views. The route takes you from Marc Brunel's tunnel under the Thames to the two most famous bridges over it. On the way, you will discover a prince's tomb, a pub that flies the Stars & Stripes, the Devil's Neckerchief, and a fish called Wanda!

LONDINIUM: THE ROMAN CITY

Friday 28 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 in the Crypt Museum of All Hallows, outlining the main events of Roman rule which covered nearly 400 years, and using the city model to give some notion of the geography of Roman London. The walk then 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, and ending at the Museum of London (where there is a very good café which is open all day!). This walk includes a visit to the Amphitheatre remains under Guildhall Art Gallery, and is likely to take 2½-3 hours.



CENTRE POINT TO MARBLE ARCH

Wednesday 9 August (starts Tottenham Court Road tube: 11am)

After meeting by Exit 1 of Tottenham Court Road Underground Station, we set out westward along Oxford Street. The route takes many twists and turns to uncover some of the oddities that lie on either side of a street most of us know less well than we think. Be prepared for the unexpected!

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PADDINGTON TO LITTLE VENICE

Saturday 19 August (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.



PICCADILLY AND ST JAMES'S

Friday 8 September (starts Green Park: 11am)

This walk sets out from just inside the entrance to Green Park next to the Ritz Hotel (nearest station Green Park - Jubilee, Piccadilly and Victoria Lines). Exploring both sides of Piccadilly, we shall discover: some of London's finest and most selective gentlemen's clubs; a famous food store founded on the profits from second hand candles; Sir Christopher Wren's only West End church; a great art gallery in a splendid mansion; and a fashionable shopping arcade where you are not allowed to run, whistle, sing, open an umbrella, wheel a pushchair or carry a parcel!

THE CITY'S BRIDGES

Friday 15 September (starts All Hallows: 11am)

Starting from inside All Hallows by the Tower, this walk 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.

