

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.

*In addition to the advertised walking tours, Pete also organises tailor-made walks for groups. Just contact him with your requirements and he would be happy to arrange something for you.
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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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WALKING TOURS

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All Hallows by the Tower

*A Christian Beacon on
Tower Hill since 675AD*

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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, this walk explores the Roman City of Londinium. We begin in the Crypt 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 takes in some of the best-preserved stretches of Roman city wall before heading for the sites of the Forum, Basilica, Amphitheatre and Fort, and ends 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)

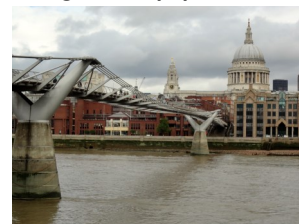
This walk sets out from just inside the entrance to Green Park next to the Ritz Hotel

(nearest station Green Park). 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.



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LET'S ALL GO DOWN THE STRAND **Wednesday 4 October & Saturday 4 November** **(starts Temple Station: 11am)**

After meeting outside Temple Underground Station, we follow the Strand from the boundary of the City of London to Trafalgar Square. On the way, you will learn about: the engineer who saved a city; the nobleman who demolished a church to build himself a mansion; the revolting peasants whose appetite for sweet wine led to their death; the cat who is the most frequent diner at the Savoy; and the oddest street name in London.

BLOOMSBURY: GROUPS, SQUARES & TRIANGLES **Saturday 2 December** **(starts Tottenham Court Road tube: 11am)**



If all you know about Bloomsbury is that it was home to groups of artists and writers who lived in squares and loved in triangles, this walk should introduce you to many other aspects of this fascinating district. It begins at 11am in the booking hall of Tottenham Court Road Station, close to Exit 2.

MINCING, SEETHING & STAINING

Tuesday 12 December (starts All Hallows: 11am)

The City is famous for its mediaeval lanes and alleys, which survived the Great Fire of London and two World Wars, retaining both their oddities of layout and their strange names. We explore the twists, turns and curious secrets of these hidden byways, as we discover: Dick Whittington's London address, the Livery Companies always at 'sixes and sevens', the grave of Mother Goose, the mice said to have killed a man, a corpse in a cupboard, and the drug that fuelled 17th century business and was almost banned by a king.

