

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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All Hallows by the Tower

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Tower Hill since 675AD*

PROGRAMME

PICCADILLY & ST JAMES'S **Saturday 14 April** **(starts Green Park: 11am)**

This walk sets out from just inside the entrance to Green Park next to the Ritz Hotel. Exploring both sides of Piccadilly we discover: some of London's finest and most selective gentlemen's clubs; a famous foodstore founded on profits from secondhand 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!



GREENWICH: WHERE EAST MEETS WEST **Thursday 26 April** **(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 from under the figurehead of the Cutty Sark tea clipper, this walk introduces 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!

PROGRAMME

MINCING, SEETHING & STAINING **Friday 4 May** **(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.



MAYFAIR **Saturday 19 May** **(starts Ritz Hotel: 11am)**

Ironically, one of London's most exclusive, expensive and stylish districts is named after an annual May fair described as "a disgrace to the Creation" and finally suppressed as a "public nuisance". This walk, which begins just outside the main entrance to the Ritz Hotel (nearest station Green Park - Jubilee, Piccadilly and Victoria Lines) follows a circular route that reflects both the seedy past and the glittering present of this fashionable and fascinating area. It leads past mansions and five-star hotels; embassies and leafy squares; exclusive clubs and luxurious restaurants and bars.

PROGRAMME

TOWERING INFERNO **Saturday 9 June (starts All Hallows: 11am)**

The theme for this walk is the Great Fire of London. Starting at All Hallows Church, 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 eyewitnesses, and the walk will end at the Museum of London, which has a major exhibition featuring the Great Fire.



CRY ME A RIVER **Wednesday 27 June** **(starts All Hallows: 11am)**

The River Thames has been described as 'liquid history', and on this walk the history of the Thames and the part it has played in the life of the City will be explored as we make our way from All Hallows along the north bank between the Tower of London and Blackfriars Bridge. City churches will feature prominently, as will the various Livery halls we encounter along the way, and you will hear a number of decidedly fishy stories. On the river itself we shall see bridges and wharves as well as the river traffic, and, in addition to the buildings and other sights on the northern river path, we shall see the Globe theatre, Tate Modern and other features of the south bank.