

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*

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 eye-witnesses, 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.

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LONDINIUM:

THE ROMAN CITY

Saturday 14 July
(starts All Hallows: 10.30am)

As part of the Festival of British Archaeology Fringe, 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 good cafe!). This walk includes a visit to the Amphitheatre remains under Guildhall Art Gallery, and is likely to take 2½-3 hours

PARKS AND PALACES

Saturday 28 July (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.



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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.



THE CITY'S BRIDGES

Wednesday 8
August (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.

ROTHERHITHE TO LONDON BRIDGE

Saturday 25 August
(starts Canada Water tube station: 11am)

Meet in the booking hall of Canada Water 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!

