

ABOUT THE WALKS

Walking London's streets and alleyways is the best way to discover the secrets of this extraordinary city.

The All Hallows' Walking Tours are led by Pete Smith, a former university teacher and a qualified and experienced City of London and City of Westminster guide. He is also a regular contributor to the free guided tours of All Hallows church



The walking tours 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 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 cost is £10.00 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

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CRY ME A RIVER

Thursday 19 May
(starts All Hallows: 11am)

The River Thames has been described as 'liquid history', and on this walk, which starts from All Hallows, 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 along the north bank between the Tower of London and Blackfriars Bridge. City churches will feature prominently, as will the various Livery halls we pass on our 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.



PARKS & PALACES

Friday 27 May
(starts Charing Cross: 2pm)

For almost a thousand years, since Edward the Confessor built his palace, Westminster has been

at the centre of Royal London. Around the Royal residences has grown a vast area of parkland, originally intended for hunting and now public pleasure gardens. This walk, which starts 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 via 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.

BETWIXT GOD & MAMMON

Thursday 9 June
(starts All Hallows: 2pm)

Starting from All Hallows, this walk steers a course between many of the



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City's notable places of worship and several of the most iconic buildings of London's financial district. As well as some stunning architecture, the walk offers a chance to: meet a half-virgin, the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street and a group of naughty nuns; see a church whose crypt is now a station ticket hall and another which had a problem with bad language; visit London's oldest synagogue and the 'Westminster Abbey of the Square Mile'; discover where the Great Fire of London started; hear about a giant and a ghost; and learn what Londoners call 'the Gherkin'.

HANGINGS, BURNINGS & HAUNTINGS

Thursday 20 June
(starts St Paul's: 2pm)

Starting from the steps in front of St. Paul's Cathedral, this walk

follows a tortuous and bloodstained route through the streets and alleyways of the City. On our way towards London's biggest meat market, you may encounter two ghostly murderesses and the loathsome Black Dog of Newgate. You will certainly learn about: a famous and feared execution site; the City's most haunted pub; a street where grave-robbers and doctors traded in dead bodies; a church built by a court jester; and a place notorious for centuries for hangings, burnings and torture. Join us, if you are bold enough, for this walk.



PADDINGTON TO LITTLE VENICE

Thursday 7 July
(starts Paddington station: 11am)

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.

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POLICE, PUBS AND PIRATES

Thursday 28 July
(starts Tower Hill tube: 11am)

Starting from outside Tower Hill Station we cross glitzy St Katharine's Dock and strike out eastward into the old dockland area of Wapping to 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.



BLOOMSBURY: GROUPS, SQUARES AND TRIANGLES

Thursday 11 August
(starts Tottenham Court Road tube: 2pm)

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. Meet in the booking hall of Tottenham Court Road Station, close to Exit 2.

TOWERING INFERNO

Wednesday 24 August
(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.

