

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

*A Christian Beacon on
Tower Hill since 675AD*

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After more than a year off the streets, we are delighted to be pounding the pavements again from July 2021.

For your safety and peace of mind, we shall be conforming with current Covid19 guidelines, but in all other respects it will be business as usual. Payment will continue to be on a cash basis, but direct contact will be avoided, gel will be available and social distancing will be observed while restrictions remain in force.

MINCING, SEETHING & STAINING

Monday 19 July
(starts All Hallows: 2pm)

The City is famous for its mediaeval street plan of narrow, winding lanes and alleys, which has survived the Great Fire of London and two World Wars, retaining both their oddities of layout but also their often very strange names. Hence this walk's title! After meeting at All Hallows, we will explore the twists, turns and curious secrets of the City's hidden byways, the route will introduce, amongst other curiosities: Dick Whittington's London address, the Livery Companies always at 'sixes and sevens', the grave of Mother Goose, the mice that were said to have killed a man, a corpse in a cupboard, and the drug that fuelled seventeenth century business and was almost banned by a king.



LET'S ALL GO DOWN THE STRAND

Tuesday 27 July
(starts Temple Tube: 11am)

After meeting outside Temple Underground Station we follow the Strand from the boundary of the City of London to Trafalgar Square.

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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 Hotel; and the oddest street name in London.



GREENWICH: WHERE EAST MEETS WEST

Thursday 5 August
(starts Cutty Sark: 2pm)

Once a humble fishing village and now London's newest

Royal Borough, riverside Greenwich has been home home to kings and queens; astronomers and navigators; poets and privateers; and many more. Starting under the figurehead of the Cutty Sark tea clipper, this walk will introduce 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!

POLICE, PUBS & PIRATES

Tuesday 24 August
(starts Tower Hill tube: 2pm)

Starting from outside Tower Hill Station, we cross the 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.



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THE CITY'S BRIDGES

Thursday 9 September
(starts All Hallows: 2pm)

Starting from All Hallows church, 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.



PARKS & PALACES

Wednesday 22 September
(starts Charing Cross: 11am)

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 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.