

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

PROGRAMME



GREENWICH: WHERE EAST MEETS WEST

Tuesday 19 October
(starts Cutty Sark: 12.30pm)

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 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!

HANGINGS, BURNINGS & HAUNTINGS

Saturday 30 October
(starts St Paul's, 11am)



Starting from the steps in front of St. Paul's Cathedral, this walk follows a tortuous and blood stained 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.

PROGRAMME

MARYLEBONE TO MAYFAIR

Thursday 11 November
(starts Regent's Park tube station, 11am)



Meet by the exit from Regent's Park Underground Station for a walk that encompasses both Sherlock Holmes and James Bond and leads through the bright lights of the West End to a once-notorious red-light district. On the way, you will discover: how Marylebone got its name, where a sandwich reportedly proved fatal, why the U.S. Embassy is moving south of the Thames and what a pickadil was.



MINCING, SEETHING & STAINING

Thursday 25 November
(starts All Hallows: 11am)

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 by the Tower, 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.

PROGRAMME

THE TOWER TO GUILDHALL

Sunday 12 December
(starts All Hallows: 2pm)



This walk, which starts in All Hallows by the Tower, links two (often opposed) centres of power in the City of London. The Tower of London was built by William the First, after his invasion of England in 1066, not so much to defend London as to intimidate the City, whose own centre of government is Guildhall. On our way between the two, we shall examine Royal links with the City as well as a number of City customs and institutions dating from Roman times to the present. You will hear stories of some of the most colourful Lord Mayors (including a killer and a pantomime hero!), follow a Royal Coronation route through the City, and visit a range of memorable sites, including Mansion House, St Mary-le-Bow of Bow Bells fame, and Guildhall itself.

