

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.

Individual and group walks can also be organised on request at any time of year.

Please email the guides directly to find out more: enquiries@londoncitywalks.co.uk

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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Tower Hill since 675AD*

PROGRAMME

MINCING, SEETHING AND STAINING

Thursday 12 January
(starts All Hallows: 11am)

The City is famous for its mediaeval street plan of narrow, winding lanes and alleys which survived the Great Fire of London and two World Wars, retaining both their oddities of layout and often very strange names - hence this walk's title! Leaving All Hallows at 11am, we explore the twists, turns and curious secrets of the City's hidden byways, including: such curiosities as 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.



BLOOD, FIRE AND PESTILENCE

Thursday 26 January
(starts All Hallows: 11am)

This walk, which starts from All Hallows at 11am, sets out to uncover the City of London's unhappy associations with plague, fire, murder and execution. En route, we will encounter: plague pits, the Devil's ill-starred visit to a City bell tower, a Jack the Ripper murder site, a multiple axe killing, a man who was hanged drawn and quartered long after he was dead, the City's most notorious execution place, and a fire that came close to destroying the capital completely.



LONDONERS IN LOVE

Tuesday 14 February
(starts St Paul's: 11am)

Celebrating St Valentine's Day with a look at London's lovers, both real and fictional, this circular walk starts at 11am from the steps of St Paul's Cathedral, close to the statue of Queen Anne, and heads off, appropriately enough, to the church of St Bride's, Fleet Street. Proposals en route are encouraged but not compulsory!

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CITY CHURCHES: I

Thursday 23 February
(starts St Paul's: 11am)

Starting at 11am. from the steps of St Paul's Cathedral close to the statue of Queen Anne, this walk wends its way through the winding mediaeval street pattern of the City

to explore the varied architecture of Sir Christopher Wren's greatest London churches and find out more about their earlier history. Along the way, you will discover some of the secret places of the capital and learn about how the City churches link Dick Whittington to a bunch of killers.

MARYLEBONE TO MAYFAIR

Saturday 4 March (starts Regent's Park tube: 11am)

Meet by the exit from Regent's Park Underground Station at 11am 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.



DOWNSTREAM

Wednesday 15 March
(starts St Paul's: 11am)

The Thames runs through the heart of London, and this walk, starting at 11am from the steps of

St Paul's Cathedral close to the statue of Queen Anne, follows the course of the river as it flows east towards the Tower of London and Tower Bridge. On the way, we shall encounter: a notoriously wobbly bridge, a church dedicated to a former pirate, a mansion that once hosted a banquet for five kings, and even the site of London's first public lavatory.

PROGRAMME

LONDINIUM: THE ROMAN CITY

Wednesday 12 April
(starts All Hallows: 10.30am)

We begin with an introductory session in the Crypt Museum of All Hallows Church, outlining the main events of Roman rule, which covered nearly 400 years and using the city model there to give some notion of the geography of Roman London. From All Hallows the walk will take in some of the best-preserved stretches of the Roman city wall before heading for the sites of the Forum and Basilica, the Amphitheatre and the Fort, before ending at the Museum of London (where there is a very good café which is open all day!). Because this walk will cover a slightly longer distance than most of our programme and will include a visit to the Amphitheatre remains under Guildhall Art Gallery, it is likely to take 2½-3 hours.



IN SHAKESPEARE'S FOOTSTEPS

Sunday 23 April
(starts Guildhall Yard: 2pm)

From Guildhall Yard, our walk leads us through the core of Shakespeare's London, to where he lived, where he worked and where he spent his leisure time with friends and fellow writers. Elizabethan and Jacobean London can only truly come to life by walking its streets in this way.



*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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