

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 £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

MINCING, SEETHING AND STAINING

Friday 7 June
(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! Leaving All Hallows to 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



UP THE CREEK

Saturday 15 June
(starts Cutty Sark: 11am)

This walk follows the story of a Thames-side fishing village that launched a thousand ships. For four centuries Deptford, which takes its name from a deep ford across the Thames, was a thriving Royal dockyard, equipping such famous commanders as Raleigh, Drake and Nelson, and introducing Russia's Peter the Great to the mysteries of shipbuilding. Starting from under the figurehead of The Cutty Sark tea clipper in Greenwich, we follow the Thames across Deptford Creek towards the site of the old Royal Dockyard. Then we loop inland, past the church where the murdered Christopher Marlowe is said to be buried, and plunge into the busy market at the heart of a vibrant multicultural community.



PROGRAMME



ICON TO ICON

Friday 5 July
(starts St Paul's: 11am)

This walk begins from the steps of St Paul's Cathedral close to the statue of Queen

Anne, follows the course of Fleet Street and the Strand, with excursions into the neighbouring lanes and alleyways to hear the stories of their famous (and infamous!) former residents, from Doctor Johnson to Sweeney Todd. It ends at Trafalgar Square, the focal point of national celebration and for many people the symbol of Britishness.

LONDINIUM: THE ROMAN CITY

Saturday 27 July
(starts All Hallows: 10.30am)

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



THE CITY'S BRIDGES

Saturday 10 August
(starts All Hallows: 11am)

Starting from inside All Hallows by the Tower, this walk takes in all the City's

Bridges before ending close to St Paul's Cathedral.

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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.



BETWIXT GOD AND MAMMON

Thursday 12 September
(starts All Hallows: 11am)

Starting from All Hallows, this walk steers a course between many of the City's notable places of worship and several of the most iconic buildings of London's financial district. As well as including 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; to see a church whose crypt is now a station ticket hall and another which had a problem with bad language; to visit London's oldest synagogue and the 'Westminster Abbey of the Square Mile'; to discover where the Great Fire of London started; to hear about a giant and a ghost; and to learn what Londoners call 'the Gherkin'.

ROTHERHITHE TO LONDON BRIDGE

Saturday 28 September
(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!