August

Deptford: Up the Creek 2pm, Saturday 17 August

This walk, which starts under the figurehead of the Cutty Sark tea clipper in Greenwich (nearest stations Cutty Sark and Greenwich), 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. The route passes the church where the

murdered playwright Christopher Marlowe is said to be buried, finally plunging into the busy market at the heart of a lively multicultural community.



2pm, Thursday 22 August

No, it's not a song from the 1937 musical, Me and My Girl! It's a walking tour that begins under the great clock opposite Platforms 11 and 12 at Waterloo Mainline Station and goes on to follow a spectacular riverbank route from St Thomas's Hospital and the Covid Memorial Wall opposite the Houses of Parliament to Lambeth Palace. From here it takes in some of the lesser-known corners of Lambeth. Along the way, we shall discover: mosaics under railway arches; a church spire decorated with the US Stars and Stripes; one of Britain's most mysterious tombs; a busy street market; a onetime railway of



that was once a notoriously vulgar music hall; and the site where the circus ring was pioneered.

About the walking tours

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 for All Hallows by the Tower.

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 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. Contact him with your requirements and he would be happy to arrange something for you. Email: enguiries@londoncitywalks.co.uk or call: 0775 229 2524

All Hallows by the Tower Walking Tours

May — August 2024





All Hallows by the Tower **Byward Street** London EC3R 5B

May — June

All Hallows to St Paul's 2pm, Thursday 7 May

Threading its way through the lanes and alleys around the Tower, we then strike out westward, ending at St Paul's Underground Station. Along the way, we: visit a secret garden where palm trees flourish in the midst of the City; follow a river that netted a catch of Roman skulls; talk about a temple that

once ran with blood and a mighty church that arose from its ashes after the Great Fire of London; stand on the site of an ancient Speakers' Corner; see St Paul's Cathedral through a gateway that was once topped with human heads; and visit a

monument to six million burned books.

The City's Bridges

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. 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.



City Pubs: Gray's Inn to Temple 2pm, Saturday 15 June

The law and the licensed trade have always proved to be good bedfellows. This walk around legal London, which starts from the booking hall of Chancery Lane Station, takes in pubs ranging from the gargantuan to the

downright dotty, but you can be assured of good beer, a few strange stories, and some distinctly strange décor. As we shall be calling in at two or more outstanding pubs, the walk will last for around two and a half hours.

Moorfields: From Fen to

June — July

Falafel

I Iam, Thursday 20 June

This walk, starting from the Kindertransport memorial on the south side of Liverpool Street Station,



explores the changing fortunes of Moorfields: victim of the Plague, refuge after the Great Fire, prime bombing target in the Blitz, and now reborn as a diverse and exciting area to live and work in. Once an unhealthy fen, the district was for centuries grindingly poor. Its ancient Bone Hill became a burial ground for dissenters, it was the second home of a madhouse popularly known as bedlam, and its church was christened "Lousy St Luke's". Nevertheless, it became the base of the oldest regiment in the British Army. Now it fizzes with creativity – and great street food!



Police, Pubs and Pirates 2pm, Thursday 11 July

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.

Londinium: The Roman City I Iam, Thursday 25 July

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. 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 around two and a half hours.



Paddington to Little Venice I I am, Monday 29 July

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.

Hangings, Burnings and Hauntings 2pm, Thursday I August

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.

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