



SUMMER WALKS AND VISITS IN LONDON

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PROGRAMME

May-July 2024

This year, instead of the traditional Summer School, we have organised an exciting programme of 31 guided walks, visits and talks at museums/galleries in central London.

Each event is about 2hrs long and led by qualified guides and lecturers.

Each event is bookable separately
For a full day out, book a walk plus visit

Walk: £10.00 (max 20 participants)

Visit: £10.00 (max 15 participants)

To book: please click on the link for the event that you are interested in
(links are located below the description for each event in this document)

Please apply and pay on-line in advance –

it's quick and easy, saves paper and helps with administration.

BACs Payment: If you do not wish to pay through the online booking system you may pay by bank transfer to London Region's bank account -- details provided by email upon request.

Note: this is slower than paying online. Places confirmed only upon receipt of payment.

Booking/Payment Confirmation: Your booking and payment confirmations will be sent to you by email on receipt of payment. If you think you have not received the Booking Confirmation, please check your spam/junk folder before emailing the contact below.

**Please bring Booking Confirmation with you (paper or 'phone) on the day/s you attend,
as this will act as your ticket.**

No refunds.

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Notes

Our experienced Guides have noted any significant points for their own walk in the Programme description.

On the day, Guides will brief their groups in more detail about the route and any specific instructions.

However, the following general points apply to all walks:

- A back-marker will be nominated by the Guide to keep an eye on those at the back of the group.
- Guides may be equipped with voice amplification equipment.
- All Guides are qualified and full members of Guiding associations with third party insurance but if Applicants have any issues that the Guide needs to know about, please indicate this in your application form.
- Please wear suitable footwear and clothing; bring drinking water and other essential personal items; coins (50p recommended) for public toilets.

Tuesday 21st May 2024

AM: Walk: Striding the Strand

PM: Guided visit: Portraits from Tudor times to the present
(Each event bookable separately)

Guide: David Lloyd

Time	Session Type	Session Description
11.00-13.00	Morning Guided Walk	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> Outside Temple Underground Station (District and Circle lines)</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The walk will last about 2 hours and cover a distance of about 2 miles, ending at Charing Cross. There are steep steps at times; so not suitable for wheelchair users or people with mobility problems</p> <p><u>Description:</u> ‘Striding the Strand’ During the walk we will uncover over 700 years of London’s turbulent history as we encounter conflicts and controversies over politics, war, slavery, education, religion, the environment, music and architecture. If history is your thing this is one for you.</p> <p><i>To book for this walk Click here Max 20 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
14.30-16.30	Afternoon Guided Visit to National Portrait Gallery	<p><u>Meeting Place</u> In the foyer of the National Portrait Gallery. Nearest stations: Charing Cross or Leicester Square. Please note the Tube stations do not have lifts.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The visit will last about 2 hours</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Portraits from Tudor times to the present The National Portrait Gallery has been called the ‘face of the nation’ and houses some of the most famous portraits from Tudor times to the present. We will see monarchs, ministers, medics and musicians; poets, playwrights and philosophers as well as others- that’s enough alliteration!</p> <p><i>To book for this event Click here Max 15 participants Cost:£10.00.</i></p>
<p>Your guide: David Lloyd studied History at Bristol and Liverpool Universities and UCL. He taught History and Law for many years in London since the late 1970’s.</p> <p>He has guiding qualifications from The City of London, the City of Westminster and the Borough of Camden. In addition to the NPG he also guides at Trinity House, the Guildhall Art Gallery and the Foundling Museum as well as leading history and literary walks in the capital.</p>		

Tuesday 21st May 2024

AM Walk: Quirky London

PM Visit: National Portrait Gallery – Westminster Connections*

If you think you know London well and have seen all the big sights let me show you the stranger side of the capital on a walking tour of Westminster, and an afternoon examining some relevant portraits in the National Portrait Gallery.

(Each event bookable separately)

Guide: Steve* Parkinson

Time	Session Type	Session Description
11.00-- 13.00	Morning Guided Walk	<p><u>Meeting Place</u> Tour starts in Villiers Street just outside the north exit of Embankment tube station. This station does not have a lift.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The walk will last about 2 hours and cover a distance of about 2 miles, ending in Trafalgar Square.</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Quirky London We'll see some of the strange, odd and bizarre sights of Westminster. We'll zig-zag around, stopping at some things you would normally walk right past. Steps that lead nowhere, a lamp fed by an unusual sustainable bio fuel, a door that might fool some people and a very bizarrely named alley. Let's scratch our heads about old Imperial measurements and smile at the somewhat idiosyncratic pedestrian crossing lights. Certainly plenty to smile and wonder about!</p> <p><i>To book for this walk, Click here Max 20 participants Cost:£10.00.</i></p>
14.30-- 16.30	Afternoon Guided Visit to the National Portrait Gallery	<p><u>Meeting Place</u> Meet by the Sir Henry Irving statue outside the entrance to the NPG in St Martin's Place. Nearest Stations: Charing Cross or Leicester Square. Please note the Tube stations do not have lifts.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The visit to the NPG will last about 2 hours</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Westminster Connections* The NPG's collection of portraits numbers over 210,000 – we won't be seeing them all! Hear the stories of 12 portraits -- each with a link to Westminster – covering almost 500 years of British history.</p> <p><i>To book for this event, Click here Max 15 participants Cost:£10.00.</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Steve* Parkinson first worked in London in 1991 and fell in love (with the city)! After a career in the international oil and chemical industries he changed direction. He is now a qualified City of Westminster and City of London guide and still spends some of his free time exploring new areas. He leads commercial tours on a variety of topics including science, architecture, Royal London and even pubs!</p>		

***NB: Corrections:** Earlier version of Programme was incorrect, but it is not possible to correct the online booking form now that bookings have started. Therefore please note:

Correct name of your guide: **Steve Parkinson (name on BOOKING FORM: Simon Parkinson):**

Title of Afternoon Visit: **Westminster Connections (title on BOOKING FORM: Quirky London Portraits)**

Tuesday 21st May 2024

AM walk: Out of the Shadows LGBT+
PM visit: From the Tudors to the 21st Century

(Each event bookable separately)

Guide: Phil Scott

Time	Session Type	Session Description
11.00-- 13.00	Morning Guided Walk	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> Westminster Tube station. <i>Outside Exit 1, (Guide will be in front with a sign)</i> Step-free access.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The walk lasts about 2 hrs and covers about 2 miles, ending at Trafalgar Sq.</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Out of the Shadows LGBT+ For many years people in the LGBT+ community had to live in the shadows due to discriminatory laws and attitudes. This walk reflects on the prejudice suffered as well as celebrating the contributions of LGBT + people in history and the major strides made towards equality in the UK. We will encounter a man persecuted for his sexuality memorialised in a coffin, the 'most handsome man in England' who was the lover of a former king; war heroes; brave men and women who drove the push to equality, the park which Lord Liverpool had locked up at night to prevent 'scandalous practises', a trans fencer who fenced in front of the Prince of Wales plus the pioneer of computing who appears on a banknote.</p> <p><i>To book for this walk Click here Max 20 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
14.30-- 16.30	Afternoon Guided Visit to National Portrait Gallery	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> outside the main entrance to the NPG, St. Martin's Place. Closest stations Charing Cross or Leicester Square. Note the Tube stations don't have lifts.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The visit will last about 1½-2hrs.</p> <p><u>Description:</u> From the Tudors to the 21st Century We will look at UK history from Tudor times to the 21st century in portraits. We will witness the rise and fall of empire; periods of immense political and religious turmoil, the end of absolute monarchy and the growth of modern democracy (including the fight for votes for all); civil war and the world war along with huge cultural, religious and social changes. All of this is illustrated through a range of portraits featuring people who have made a difference, from Elizabeth I to Elizabeth II.</p> <p><i>To book for this event Click here Max 15 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Philip Scott was originally from Lancashire but has lived in London for 43 years and is still fascinated by this amazing metropolis. He is a qualified London tour guide achieving the City of Westminster qualification in 2019. Prior to this he taught Politics and History in east London for more than 30 years. He specialises in royal and political history, diverse histories, war and remembrance, off beat London as well as central London's various neighbourhoods. <i>Instagram - @walkwithphilip</i></p>		

Tuesday 21st May 2024

AM: Walk: Women in Westminster

PM: Visit: National Portrait Gallery – Westminster Women

Exploring influential women in Westminster through a morning walk in Westminster and an afternoon examining their portraits in the National Portrait Gallery.

(Each event bookable separately)

Guide: Dr Paul Waddams

Time	Session Type	Session Description
11:00 – 13:00	Morning Guided Walk	<p><u>Meeting Place</u> In the courtyard of Burlington House, Piccadilly, in front of the statue to Sir Joshua Reynolds at 11:00 am. Nearest Tube Stations: Piccadilly Circus or Green Park. Please note Green Park Station has lifts and Piccadilly does not.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The walk will last about 2 hours and cover a distance of about 2 miles, ending in Trafalgar Square.</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Women in Westminster During the walk we will encounter a number of remarkably influential women. We will start with two founder members of the Royal Academy: Angelica Kauffman and Mary Moser. In St James's Piccadilly we will meet two lesser known artists: Mary Beale and Mary Delany. Influential women who lived in St James's Square include Ada Lovelace and Nancy Astor. Along Pall Mall and Waterloo Place we will meet Florence Nightingale, Nell Gwynne and two extraordinary scientists Elsie Widdowsen and Dorothy Hodgkin. At the Women of World War II Memorial in Whitehall we will talk about Noor Inayat Khan and Queen Elizabeth II. We finish in Trafalgar Square where wartime concerts in the National Gallery often featured Dame Moira Hess.</p> <p><i>To book for this walk, click here Max 20 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
15.00 – 17:00	Afternoon Guided Visit to the National Portrait Gallery	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> In the foyer of the National Portrait Gallery. Nearest Tube Stations: Charing Cross or Leicester Square. Please note Tube stations do not have lifts.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The visit to the NPG will last about 2 hours.</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Portrait Gallery – Westminster Women During the afternoon we will visit portraits of <u>some</u> of the individuals we met on the morning walk. We will also meet some of their contemporaries.</p> <p><i>To book for this event click here Max 15 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Paul Waddams studied Geology at the Universities of Cardiff and Cambridge. He spent most of his career in the energy industry working in numerous locations around the world. Since retiring in 2017, Paul has become a qualified City of London Guide and a City of Westminster Guide. He is currently training to be a tour guide inside Westminster Abbey. He has given numerous talks to local U3A groups and led numerous U3A walks in the City and in Westminster.</p>		

Friday 31st May 2024

AM: Mews Monuments and Museums
PM: Cultural Highlights of the Victoria and Albert Museum

(All events bookable separately)

Guide: Marilyn Greene

Time	Session Type	Session Description:
11.00-- 13.00	Morning Guided Walk	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> Outside the main entrance to the Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road. Nearest Station South Kensington (not step Free). Knightsbridge station is planning step free access for mid-2024.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The walk will last about 2 hours and cover a distance of about 2 miles, ending near the Natural History Museum</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Mews Monuments and Museums On this tour we explore the delightful network of mews and features including churches and Brompton Oratory and the former Brompton Road Station in the south side of Cromwell Road between the V&A and Harrods. We wind our way back via Holy Trinity Gardens to Albertopolis and discover the museums, institutions and monuments of South Kensington created as a result of the Great Exhibition in 1851.</p> <p><i>To book for this walk Click here Max 20 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
14.30-- 16.30	Afternoon Guided Visit to Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A)	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> Outside the main entrance to the V&A Museum, Cromwell Road. Nearest Station South Kensington (not step Free). Knightsbridge station is planning step free access for mid- 2024.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The visit will last about 2 hours Ideally we will use the staircases but lifts can be arranged if required for most areas. (I need to know in advance)</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Cultural Highlights of the V&A Museum This tour takes us around the highlights of the V&A galleries taking in significant objects from Britain, Europe, Asia and Africa from the 12th – 21st centuries. Some key objects include the Dale Chihuly's Chandelier, The Becket Casket, Paul Pindar's House, the Cast Courts, Hindu, Buddhist and Jain Sculptures, Tipu's Tiger, The Ardabil Carpet and the Bed of Ware. The tour also highlights some of the architecture, galleries and spaces created for the Museum and its collections, including the original restaurant rooms and Museum frontage.</p> <p><i>To book for this event Click here Max 15 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Marilyn Greene is a curator, educator, researcher, and City of London Guide. She worked at the V&A Museum from 2000-2013 where she initiated the programme of training guides from different faith backgrounds to deliver intercultural tours, and researched her own gallery tours. She currently works freelance and for the London Transport Museum.</p>		

Wednesday 5th June 2024

AM: Walk: Regent's Park -- Fantasy Terraces and Secret Gardens

PM: A Visit to the Wallace Collection

(Each event bookable separately)

Guide: Richard Cohen

Time	Session Type	Session Description
11.00-- 13.00	Morning Guided Walk	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> Great Portland Street station in the booking hall. (no lifts)</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The walk will last about 2 hours and cover about 1.7 miles, ending at Baker Street station (no lifts)</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Regent's Park - Fantasy Terraces and Secret Gardens We will see some of the most beautiful Nash Terraces on the Outer Circle and their gardens as well as St John's Lodge Gardens and the exquisite Queen Mary Rose Garden. We will look at the medicinal gardens of the Royal College of Physicians and hear about Prince Regent's grand scheme to make London the most magnificent city in Europe. We will look at how the buildings, gardens and open spaces of Regent's Park act to enhance our lives. June is a wonderful time to see the gardens and terraces of Regent's Park when so much new growth is green and bursting to life and colour.</p> <p><i>To book for this walk Click here Max 20 participants Cost: £10.00</i></p>
14.30-- 16.30	Afternoon Guided Visit to the Wallace Collection	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> Bond Street Tube station, Marylebone Lane exit, North of Oxford Street (Lifts available)</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The visit will last about 2 hours</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Wallace Collection The Wallace Collection is a national museum in an historic London town house. Its 25 galleries contain unsurpassed displays of French 18th-century painting, furniture and porcelain with superb Old Master paintings and a world class collection of armour. It is a true treasure house and a unique collection as it has remained almost unchanged for more than 100 years. The setting of the gallery is truly elegant and a glorious reminder of a long since departed aristocratic way of life. We will be looking at a diverse selection of extraordinary art works in this introduction to one of London's greatest galleries. There is also a very comfortable place for refreshments.</p> <p><i>To book for this event Click here Max 15 participants Cost: £10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Richard Cohen is an experienced guide with qualifications to guide in several different parts of London. He has worked for many years with Hampstead U3A (U3A in London) and is passionate about sharing his enthusiasm for the history of our great city with people of all kinds. You can read more about him here</p>		

Thursday 13th June 2024

Time	Session Type	St Giles to St Georges: a Tragi-Comic Walk <u>Guide:</u> David Lloyd
11.00-- 13.00	Morning Guided Walk	<p>Meeting Place: Tottenham Court Road Tube station, outside exit 4 at top of escalator. Lift available.</p> <p>Notes: The walk lasts about 2 hours (max) and covers 2 miles ending at the British Museum.</p> <p>Description: St Giles to St Georges We start at a place of execution but architectural excellence; continue to a horticultural oasis; meet the Beatles' manager and Monty Python; discover why John Keats would have made a terrible estate agent; avoid getting drenched; come across some extraordinary women from the early 20th century; marvel and perhaps smile when we arrive at another architectural masterpiece; meet an 18th century liberal and libertine and finish outside the British Museum.</p> <p><i>To book for this walk Click here Max 20 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: David Lloyd studied History at Bristol and Liverpool Universities and UCL. He taught History and Law for many years in London. He has guiding qualifications from The City of London, the City of Westminster and the Borough of Camden. He guides at the National Portrait Gallery, Trinity House, the Guildhall Art Gallery and the Foundling Museum as well as leading history and literary walks in the capital.</p>		

Thursday 13th June 2024

Time	Session Type	Politicians, Philanthropists and Physicians <u>Guide:</u> Sue McCarthy
11.00-- 13.00	Morning Guided Walk	<p>Meeting Place: Outside Holborn station by the Kingsway exit. There are steps from platforms to escalators but no lifts. Nearest toilets – Shakespeare's Head (large Wetherspoons a little further down Kingsway)</p> <p>Notes: The walk will last about 2 hours and cover about 1¾ miles, ending at the British Museum</p> <p>Description: Politicians, Philanthropists and Physicians This walk behind Holborn's main roads takes us through garden squares and tree-lined streets. We visit Queen Square with its many hospitals and educational associations and Red Lion Square, laid out by the first professional, female landscape gardener. We pass architectural gems including the John Soane Museum, and walk through Sicilian Avenue; see monuments to Ramsey MacDonald's wife Margaret, radical politician Fenner Brockway, and the church with a king on its spire close by early social housing and the hotel that started life as a hostel for young women, before finishing at the British Museum.</p> <p><i>To book for this walk Click here Max 20 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Sue McCarthy has been a qualified guide for 10 years after a career in adult education and charities. Her walks usually have a social history or literary focus and she is particularly interested in the stories of London's women. Sue guides with Capital Walks in London and Footprints of London.</p>		

Thursday 13th June 2024

Time	Session Type	Walking the Wild Side of Bloomsbury <u>Guide:</u> Rebecca Walker
11.00-- 13.00	Morning Guided Walk	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> At the sculpture of Matthew Flinders and Trim the Cat, outside the front of Euston Railway Station (south side), London NW1 2EE. Nearby transport links: mainline trains (Euston Railway Station); Underground (Euston/Euston Square -- no step-free access from Euston underground platforms.); Bus Station. Toilets (including accessible)/refreshments available at Euston Railway Station, or at Friends' House (opposite the War Memorial on the south side of the Euston Road).</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The walk will last about 1 hour 45 minutes and cover a distance of about 2 miles, ending at Bloomsbury Square, (approximately 5 minutes' walk to the British Museum)</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Walking the Wild Side of Bloomsbury Bloomsbury is well known for its educational and literary links, for the serenity of its squares and the studious tranquillity of its libraries and museums. But behind these, lie hidden histories of radicalism and reform, heroism and betrayal. This walk will take us through the area's beautiful garden squares and historic streets where we will unearth and explore the lesser told stories of Bloomsbury's rule-breakers, risk-takers and radicals and meet these men and women – from VC holders to traitors, martyrs to medics, the godless to the godly – who, by daring to be different, found themselves making history.</p> <p><i>To book for this walk Click here Max 20 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Rebecca Walker has loved learning about history and sharing that learning for many years. In 2020 she completed the Camden Guiding Course, drawn to this lovely area of London after family research revealed that many of her ancestors were from there. She is also a qualified Islington Guide.</p>		

Thursday 13th June 2024

East Bloomsbury in 3D

Guide: Carla Zoso

Time	Session Type	Session Description
11.00-- 13.00	Morning Guided Walk	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> Chancery Lane Underground Station. Meet outside the station, leaving via exit 1 (no lifts)</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The walk will last 1.30 - 2 hours and cover a distance of about 2½ miles, ending in the British Museum area.</p> <p><u>Description:</u> East Bloomsbury in 3D</p> <p>Away from the elegant Georgian Squares, our walk will take us behind the opulent houses into alleys once riddled with <i>Dirt, Disease</i> and <i>Destitution</i>, the 3 D's of our theme.</p> <p>We will hear the rushing water of a disappeared river, described by Jonathan Swift as a sewer of "dung, guts and drowned puppies....". <i>Diamonds</i> (another D!) were cut around the corner, not far from "ragged schools", workhouses and prisons. If "Cleanliness is next to Godliness", dirt and poverty were next to disease and deprivation in these dark streets.</p> <p>The rapid increase in population during the Victorian age accelerated the need for a proper sewage system, clean water for all and the first social housing. A few examples in our walk.</p> <p>We will pass by The Foundling Museum, once a refuge for abandoned children. After a stop by a former Horse Hospital, we will visit a square with more hospitals and even a larder for a sick King. End around the British Museum area.</p> <p><i>To book for this walk Click here Max 20 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Carla Zoso was born in Italy but has lived in London for over 30 years and considers herself a consummate Londoner. She guides at the London Canal Museum and is a qualified Camden Guide. She prefers the quieter and less crowded areas of London: Regent's Canal, the Legal Quarters, Highgate Cemetery. She tries to leaven history with the humorous, the odd and the quirky. She makes lots of connections with other cultures and countries. Her walks glisten with pendants of the past, present and future. She worked as a language teacher, now semi-retired. She also volunteers at the Bloomsbury Squares' Wellbeing walks and at Age UK.</p>		

Thursday 13th June 2024

Time	Session Type	British Museum Highlights <u>Guide: Daniel Hausherr</u>
14.30-- 16.30	Afternoon Guided Visit to British Museum	<p><u>Meeting Place</u> Inside the British Museum, Great Russell Street. Meet at the Information Desk in the Great Court. Nearest Tube stations: Tottenham Court Road (step-free access); also Holborn/ Russell Square/Goodge Street but none have step-free access.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The visit will last about 1.5-2 hours</p> <p><u>Description: British Museum Highlights</u> This is a 90-minute tour of the highlights of the British Museum. In this tour you will see the Assyrian lion hunts of King Ashurbanipal, the Parthenon Marbles, the Rosetta Stone, the tomb chapel of Nebamun, a good selection of ancient Egyptian artefacts, the Sutton Hoo ship burial, and many others. The British Museum holds one of the largest collections of world history and is made up of some 8 million objects. We barely have time to scratch the surface but what you will see are some of the most beautiful treasures ever made by human hands. Your guide is a former employee.</p> <p><i>To book for this event Click here Max 15 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Daniel Hausherr is an Islington and Camden tour guide who currently works at the National Portrait Gallery. Daniel has worked in most of London's major galleries and museums including the British Museum, National Gallery, Science Museum, V&A and many others. Originally from NY Daniel moved to London in the 1980s.</p>		

Thursday 13th June 2024

Time	Session Type	British Museum Highlights Tour <u>Guide: Alison Seabrook Moore</u>
14.30-- 16.30	Afternoon Guided Visit to The British Museum	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> Meet at the rear entrance of the British Museum, Montague Place. Nearest Tube stations: Tottenham Court Road (step-free access); also Holborn/ Russell Square/Goodge Street but none have step-free access.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The visit will last about 1 ¾ to 2 hours</p> <p><u>Description: British Museum Highlights Tour</u> The British Museum might be called Britain's "museum of the world for the world". The first national museum anywhere, it all started in 1759, because of doctor-to-the-aristocracy and avid collector Sir Hans Sloane. Apart from seeing Norman Foster's Great Court (the largest covered square in Europe), we will go on a whistle-stop introductory tour of British Museum highlights, why they're special, beautiful and important and how they came to be here: the Rosetta Stone, Parthenon Marbles, Sutton Hoo, Lewis Chessmen, Hoa Hakananai'a, Ramesses the Great, Tang Tomb Warriors, Gebelein Man, Mildenhall Treasure and the Mold Gold Cape. Do join me!</p> <p><i>To book for this event Click here Max 15 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Alison Seabrook Moore is a qualified Camden Tour Guide and London Blue Badge guide in training. After a career using her languages (French, German, Spanish) in travel and event organisation, international relations and education, she now enjoys sharing her love and knowledge of London with travellers from far and wide.</p>		

Thursday 13th June 2024

Time	Session Type	Highlights of the British Museum <u>Guide:</u> Jo Wilkinson
14.30--16.30	Afternoon Guided Visit to the British Museum	<p><u>Meeting Place</u> British Museum, Great Russell Street. Meet at the Information Desk in the Great Court. Nearest Tube stations: Tottenham Court Road (step-free access); also Russell Square/ Holborn/ Goodge Street but none has step-free access.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Main entrance on Great Russell Street has 12 steps with a handrail. The North (rear) entrance on Montague Place has 12 steps and lift access. Self-operable lifts on both sides of these steps. The visit will last about 1½-2 hours.</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Highlights of the British Museum A tour of some of the Highlights of the British Museum taking in exhibits from many parts of the world, some of which are well known and some of which might be new. From monumental sculpture to tiny figures, from Britain to China, from India to Greece, from items we were never meant to see to objects celebrating their makers there is so much to see.</p> <p><i>To book for this event Click here Max 15 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Jo Wilkinson visited the British Museum regularly when at university studying ancient history. She worked in the Museum bookshop and on the Information desk for a number of years and as volunteer since 2020. She is a City of London Guide and a Camden Guide and in addition to the British Museum, guides at the Foundling Museum, the Old Bailey and the London Charterhouse as well as leading walks.</p>		

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Time	Session Type	Discover the British Museum Treasure House <u>Guide:</u> Aaron Hunter
14.30--16.30	Afternoon Guided Visit to The British Museum	<p><u>Meeting Place</u> British Museum – rear entrance from Montague Place. Closest Tube stations: Tottenham Court Road (step-free access); also Russell Square/ Holborn/Goodge Street but none have step-free access.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The visit will last about 2 hours</p> <p><u>Description</u> Discover the British Museum Treasure House Discover the world's greatest museum of antiquity and world culture. The British Museum can appear overwhelming in its diversity of treasures. On this museum tour, I will unlock this vast collection by showing its most iconic objects, including what some believe is the most valuable, the most famous and the most controversial! We will start our journey by discovering how this museum started before we travel to Ancient Greece, Rome, Egypt and Assyria. We look at the walls of an ancient Assyrian Palace and the famous freezes of the most famous Greek temple in the world before searching for two of the seven wonders of the ancient world.</p> <p><i>To book for this event Click here Max 15 participants Cost: £10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Dr Aaron Hunter is a Scientist and Historian of Science who focuses on giving tours of the great museums of London. For the past two years, he has been part of the team that offers tours of the British Museum in the early morning before the doors open or for corporate events in the evenings.</p>		

Wednesday 19th June 2024

AM: The Squares and Gardens of Bloomsbury in Springtime

PM: The Hunterian Museum of Anatomy

(Each event bookable separately)

Guide: Richard Cohen

Time	Session Type	Session Description
11.00-- 13.00	Morning Guided Walk	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> Tottenham Court Road Underground Ticket Hall, between Exits 3 & 4 by Daniel Buren's colourful 'Diamonds & Circles' mural. Lift located between Ticket Hall and Northern Line platforms,</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Walk lasts about 2 hrs and covers 1½ miles, ending at Holborn Tube station.</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Squares and Gardens of Bloomsbury in Springtime Bloomsbury is a fine example of a planned and civilised environment. On this walk we will explore its beautiful squares which pioneered a new concept in town living, the idea of Rus in Urbe which combined the greenery and tranquillity of garden squares with the convenience of city life. We will look at the handsome buildings on Lincoln's Inn Fields and see some jewels of Georgian architecture. We will wander through the traditional neighbourhood High Street of Holborn at Lamb's Conduit Street with its high end, elegant boutiques and then hear the story of the struggle for paediatric medicine at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Everything will be looking at its very best in the glorious June sunshine!</p> <p><i>To book for this walk Click here Max 20 participants Cost: £10.00</i></p>
14.30-- 16.30	Afternoon Guided Visit to Hunterian Museum	<p><u>Meeting Place</u> Hunterian Museum 38-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields WC2A 3PE Closest station: Holborn Underground station. No lifts.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The visit will last about 1.5 hours</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Hunterian Museum of Anatomy The Hunterian Museum, named after the 18th century surgeon and anatomist John Hunter, reopened in 2023 following the 5-year redevelopment of the Royal College of Surgeons. You will see an extraordinary and at times unsettling display of over 2,000 anatomical preparations from Hunter's original collection, alongside instruments, equipment, models & paintings which trace the history of surgery from trepanning in ancient times to the latest robot-assisted operations. The Museum includes England's largest public display of human anatomy. There are some truly wonderful interactive displays using the latest digital technology.</p> <p><i>To book for this event Click here Max 15 participants Cost: £10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Richard Cohen: An experienced guide with qualifications to guide in several different parts of London. He has worked for many years with Hampstead U3A and is passionate about sharing his enthusiasm for the history of our great city with people of all kinds. You can read more about him here.</p>		

Monday 1st July 2024

A day in the City of London, exploring history and art

AM: Walk: Rebel Girls and Wicked Women

PM: Visit: Treasures of the Guildhall Art Gallery

(Each event bookable separately)

Guide: Christine Wilkins Molloy

Time	Session Type	Session Description
11.00-- 13.00	Morning Guided Walk	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> outside St Paul's Tube station (no step-free access). Exit 2, by Caffè Nero, Panyer Alley.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The walk will last about 2 hours and cover a distance of about 1½ miles, ending at Bank Junction outside the Mansion House. Most of the walk is on level ground, with small flights of steps at certain locations.</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Rebel Girls and Wicked Women Women's stories have not always been given prominence in the history of the City of London, but digging below the surface of the last two thousand years reveals tales of rebellious queens, a seventeenth century cross-dressing pickpocket, would-be religious and political reformers, and an acquitted husband-killer. Hear the accounts of their lives and decide for yourself the labels that best fit!</p> <p><i>To book for this walk Click here Max 20 participants Cost: £10.00</i></p>
Meet 14.00 Tour 14.15- 15.45	Afternoon Guided Visit to Guildhall Art Gallery	<p><u>Meeting Place</u> In Guildhall Yard, Gresham Street, at the entrance to the Art Gallery – nearest stations St Paul's (Tube station), Moorgate (Tube and National Rail), Bank (Tube and DLR). No step-free access.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The visit will last one and a half hours. The Gallery has airport style security for bags and closes at 4pm, so we will need to meet from 2pm to allow time for access. The Gallery has lift access between the various levels as well as stairs.</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Treasures of the Guildhall Art Gallery Guildhall Art Gallery is home to the City of London Corporation's art collection. The collection includes over 1300 oil paintings, dating from 1670 to the present day, with a number of Pre-Raphaelite items and other choice Victorian material – as well as an unexpected archaeological discovery. The tour will introduce some of the highlights of the gallery.</p> <p><i>To book for this event Click here Max 15 participants Cost: £10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Chris Wilkins Molloy has lived and worked in London since the early 1980s. A History graduate and a former teacher, she is now a qualified City of London, City of Westminster, and London Borough of Camden tour guide. She has led walks for the U3A London Region since 2021.</p>		

Monday 1st July 2024

Constable and the British Landscape Tradition at the V&A

Guide: Marilyn Greene

Time	Session Type	Session Description:
11.00-- 13.00	Morning visit to Victoria and Albert Museum	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> Inside the back (Exhibition Road) entrance to the Victoria and Albert Museum. Nearest Station South Kensington (not step Free). Knightsbridge station is planning step free access for mid-2024</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The tour will last about 2 hours</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Constable and British Landscape Tradition at the V&A The V&A has a significant collection of eighteenth and nineteenth-century landscape painting which gives a sense of changing attitudes to the land and landscapes at the time in a period which saw much agricultural unrest. Many were from the collection of John Sheepshanks to form a national museum of British Art in 1857. Works by John Constable were amongst the first donations to the South Kensington Museum in 1857 and in 1888, Constable's last surviving daughter, Isabel Constable donated some 390 landscape sketches to the museum making the Museum have one of the largest collections of his work.</p> <p><i>To book for this walk Click here Max 15 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Marilyn Greene is a curator, educator, researcher, and City of London Guide. She worked at the Victoria and Albert Museum from 2000-2013 where she initiated the programme of training guides from different faith backgrounds to deliver intercultural tours and researched her own gallery tours. She currently works freelance and for the London Transport Museum.</p>		

Friday 5th July 2024

AM Walk along the Thames followed by Tate Britain tour PM Walk along the Thames followed by Tate Modern tour

(Each event bookable separately)

Guide: Hazel Beale

Time	Session Type	Session Description
11.00-- 13.00	Morning Guided walk and gallery tour (Tate Britain)	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> Inside Waterloo station 'under the clock' (traditional meeting place, now has a Coronation sticker on floor) from 10.30 for 11.00 start.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Length of walk about 1 mile, about 1 hour</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Walk along the Thames followed by Tate Britain tour We will walk through Archbishop's Park and beside the Thames to Tate Britain, looking at St Thomas's Hospital and the Covid memorial wall, Lambeth Palace, across Lambeth Bridge, and look at the riverside artworks near Vauxhall Bridge. In Tate Britain there will be a tour of about 8 artworks currently on display, finishing around 13.00.</p> <p><i>To book for this walk, click here Max 15 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
14.30-- 16.30	Afternoon Guided walk and gallery tour (Tate Modern)	<p><u>Meeting Place</u> London Bridge station near Gregg's on the lower concourse (toilets and water fountain in station) from 14.00 for 14.30 start.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Length of walk about 1 mile, about 1 hour</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Walk along the Thames followed by Tate Modern tour We will walk beside the Thames to Tate Modern looking at Hay's Galleria, HMS Belfast, Southwark Cathedral, Borough Market, the site of Shakespeare's 'Rose' Theatre and the present-day Shakespeare's Globe. In Tate Modern there will be a tour of about 8 artworks currently on display, finishing around 16.30 with optional visit to cafe or gallery shop.</p> <p><i>To book for this event, click here Max 15 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Hazel Beale trained as a London Blue Badge guide, City of London guide, and London Borough of Camden guide. She is a volunteer guide at the British Museum, Tate Britain, Tate Modern, and Red House in Bexleyheath. She leads frequent walks and talks for her local U3A (Southeast London).</p>		

Wednesday 10th July 2024

AM: Walk: Islamic History in London

PM: Visit: Islamic History in the British Museum

(Each event bookable separately)

Guide: AbdulMaalik Tailor

Time	Session Type	Session Description
11.00-- 13.00	Morning Guided Walk	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> Outside Holborn Tube Station, Kingsway exit. Steps from platforms to escalators but no lifts.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The walk will last approx 1½ -2hrs hours and cover a distance of about 1.2 miles, ending at Wellcome Collection, Euston Road</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Islamic History in London Embark on a captivating journey through history discovering some hidden Muslim gems in Bloomsbury! Uncover the vanished Victorian mosque in 1889 and explore the last house of William Henry Quilliam, the founder of England's first mosque. Delve into the untold story of a Muslim spy's tragic tale. Witness Pakistan's first unofficial embassy and see the site of Eid prayers near Holborn tube station. Discover the secrets behind a Turkish bath's pavement sign, blending history and intrigue. Join us in unravelling these enigmatic narratives, a perfect blend of mystery, culture, and Muslim historical significance!</p> <p><i>To book for this walk Click here Max 20 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
14.30-- 16.30	Afternoon Guided Visit British Museum	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> Back entrance of British Museum. <i>Tottenham Court Road Tube (step-free access); also Russell Square (lifts but some steps from platform to lift)</i></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The visit will last about 1½-2 hours</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Islamic History in the British Museum Explore the hidden narratives of Islamic History in the British Museum, from Ayub Suleiman Diallo's emancipation in 18th-century America to William Quilliam and Haji Mohammad Dollie shaping Islam in 19th-century Britain. Navigate the intricacies of terminology to combat stereotypes, and trace Britain's early Muslim connection dating 141 years after Prophet Muhammad's death. Uncover the potential influence of Vikings' encounters with Muslims on their culture. Witness the historic clash between Salahuddin and Richard I during the Crusades. Dr. Leitner's role in Britain's first purpose-built mosque is highlighted, offering a pivotal glimpse into his life.</p> <p><i>To book for this event Click here Max 15 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
<p>Your Guide: AbdulMaalik Tailor is Britain's first professionally qualified Muslim tour guide and a leading authority on Halal tourism in the country. His journey began with a conversion to Islam, sparking a deep fascination with Muslim history in Britain. With expertise and passion, AbdulMaalik Tailor has become a pioneer, promoting Halal tourism and sharing the rich heritage of Muslims in Britain through his guided tours.</p>		

Thursday 18th July 2024

St James's: Gentlemen's London...

A gentle stroll through centuries of the quarters and lifestyles of men,
sprinkled with stories of women

Guide: Pernille Ahlström

Time	Session Type	Session Description
11.00-- 13.00	Morning Guided Walk	<p><u>Meeting Place:</u> Outside Green Park Tube station (Stratton Street exit). Lifts available.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The walk will last about 2 hours and cover a distance of about 1.2 miles, winding its way to St James's Square and finishing on East Pall Mall at Trafalgar Square.</p> <p><u>Description:</u> St James's: Gentlemen's London... Sandwiched between Piccadilly, The Mall, Green Park and Haymarket, St James's forms a distinctive area traditionally known as 'Gentlemen's London'. Since the 17thC, it has been the home and haunt of aristocrats, politicians and the literati, as well as those catering to their lifestyles and whims, including hotels, shops, clubs and gaming halls. The area takes its name from the site of a leper hospice for women, St James the Less, founded in 1189 and transformed by Henry VIII into a palace, subsequently becoming the seat of royal power after the destruction by fire of the Palace of Whitehall in 1698.</p> <p><i>To book for this walk click here Max 20 participants Cost:£10.00</i></p>
<p>Your guide: Pernille Ahlström received her MA in History of Design from the Royal College of Art in 1986, having previously worked as a museum guide-lecturer and teaching art history in Sweden until moving to London. She qualified as a professional tour guide in 2009 and has led tours at Parliament and Westminster Abbey alongside her own tours and talks, focusing on the Westminster area.</p>		