

London Street Tours never knowingly undertold

We offer established or bespoke London walks for individuals, education establishments, work parties, corporate events, stag / hen nights, birthday parties...pretty much anything really. Meet where you like, end where you like on the route. Contact walks@londonstreettours.co.uk or visit www.londonstreettours.co.uk

Bespoke Tours: Aside from what we like to describe as our pret-a-promenade London walks we are happy to create specialist tours to more directly meet your requirements. These can be industry or interest group specific tours targeted at specialist bodies, promotional tours or just themed walks for those interested in a given subject. In the past these have included a media focused boozy walk for journalists along Fleet Street, themed stag nights and a medical tour along the Thames for visiting health care workers.

Please contact us with your tour interests and we will do our best to come up with something really rather tasty and special. Our **City Celebrations** series adds two or three quality hostelries to the route of the walk and stretches the length of the tour by up to an hour. Alternatively you could go with our **Liars' London** package. On these tours there are two guides, one of whom will tell lies at each stop and the other true stories about the location. Points are awarded at each stop and there is a prize at the end for the person who is not fooled by our silver tongued tricksters. These more interactive tours are great for work groups, team building and those interested in a more involved walking experience.

Those interested in hearing the stories sung might enjoy our **chat and song musical history walks**. Think of them as a series of short concerts. Think of them as a walking tour. Think of them as really top days out with ace tunes and chatter from Chris Roberts and Nigel of Bermondsey. At every stop there are short tales about the area and also a song about the location.

Prices:

- **Standard tour:** £5.00 per person for basic 90 minute / two hour walk. (Minimum charge of £60.00.)
- French Tours: £5.00 per person.
- **City Celebrations:** £5.00 per person for basic walk plus extra £30.00. (Minimum charge £90.)
- **Liars' London Tours:** £10.00 per person (Minimum charge £150. as requires two guides.)
- **Musical Tours:** Minimum charge £150
- **Bespoke:** Prices vary on these specially scripted tours depending on length of tour, time spent in preparation and number of guides required so please get in touch, tell us what you'd like and we'll create the perfect individually crafted event for you. There is no charge for consultation.

London Street Tours: Walking tours:

Clapham Common tour featuring buildings that changed the world (and south London) as well as the man who weighed it. Graham Greene, Mrs Slocombe, Japanese poets, moments of madness and the usual blend of pop culture and daft folklore feature on this stroll across through fashionable SW4. Start at a bomb shelter and end at a graveyard called Matrimony Place what could possibly be wrong with that?

Walworth -an estate of mind. Tour of central London's least known area which has been careless enough to lose a station, a cricket ground, a zoo, a canal and a lake in the past hundred and fifty years yet without the son's of SE17 the modern world would look very different. Where would we be without electricity (Faraday) or computers (Babbage), not to mention Walworth born comic genius Charlie Chaplin. Tour starts and finishes at the Cumings Museum.

Too many broken hearts go floating down the river. Love stories in reverse featuring headless queens, golden castration devices, deceased lovers and phantom ex wives. All these as well as voodoo, why life is cheaper on the surrey shore, sex, suicide and showmen on **Tower Bridge** and the usual medley of monsters, myth and folkloric fun.

London Animal Walking Tour. Nazi dogs and others on spikes, lost zoos, bears in boats, geese pulling barrels, why horses got the hump and many other peculiar tales of London wildlife are related in a meander from the **Mall to Blackfriars**.

The nursery rhyme walk. Always fond of stretching a point this walk takes in a number of themes dealt with in popular favourite nursery rhymes such as prostitution, debt, fire and sacrifice. It starts at **Bank Station** (London's burning) and crosses **London Bridge** (which is not falling down). From there it meanders along the streets once walked by the Southwark geese (goosie, goosie, gander) before crossing back over the Millennium Bridge to the old parish of St Clements (oranges and lemons) and pays homage to Dick Whittington (Turn again Whittington).

Folk Lore Tour. Queen Rat of Queenshythe, The Great Worm of **Bankside** and the peculiar case of the mummified cat all feature on this strange tour of London's waterfront.

East Side Story. This tour celebrates the waves of immigrants who have made this area what it is and the changes that are currently afoot both around **Spitalfields**. There will be no glamorisation of serial killers or for that matter any other dead criminals on this tour as there is so much else to consider.

Tour of **Borough and London Bridge** area encompassing the site of allegedly Europe's only prostitutes' cemetery. The walk goes on through the historical south work taking in the maritime, medical and entertainment history of the area as well as current attractions. Loosely based on the themes of sex and disease the tour explains why people for centuries came south for pleasure and also the concentration of hospitals and medical study in the vicinity.

Fleet and Holborn. This walk is a bit of jumble that starts either at **Holborn** Tube and meanders down to **Blackfriars** or, if you prefer, goes the other way. It takes in the Inns of Court, Lincolns Inn Fields, **Fleet Street** and the valley of the old River Fleet. This is a good walk to do in the evening or when thirsty because there are several of London's finest old pubs en route, easily altered to suit requirements of parties.

Waterloo and Vauxhall. William Blake, Spring Heeled Jack, dead sailors, weird tombs, the woman who started the French revolution and some stuff about the real spooks at MI5 & MI6.

St Giles and Holborn. Black magic, screaming queens, of the Egyptian variety, haunted clocks, incompetent executioners and much else as it meanders from the British Museum to the Old Curiosity Shoppe.

Piccadilly warriors. Sapphic Royalty, bonkers fashion, Nazi dogs, naval heroes, and lovesick gardeners are amongst the cast on this dysfunctional relationship stroll through **St James**.

Troglodyte pigs and syrup of figs. Herds of feral swine, a well hung Italian, giant dogs, huge rats and the ghost of the pig nosed princess all feature on this stroll around **Blackfriars?**

Don't you want to go to Chelsea? Dogs on sticks, ghost bears, lavatory humour, satanic sports venues, secret agents, vampires, phantom Eskimos, wombats, ultra violence and suicidal sea captains. More bonkers tales than you can shake a stick (with or without a dog attached) at.

Let's go down the Strand! I beg your pardon we never promised **you Covent Garden**. You can find Barbara Streisand's underwear on the Strand, why the bowler hat disappeared from the streets of London. There are also stories about a smelly lamp, a bunch of ghosts and a mad elephant.

Brockwell Park is waiting in the dark! Wild West heroes, a cure for impotence, the devil's fruit and deadly mermaids are just part of the cast in this stroll around **Brixton's** magnificent Brockwell Park. Tree folklore and local legends combine in a bonkers trek.

Lord Southampton's Little Town: Stroll around **Bloomsbury** starting near Euston Station and heading through the squares towards the British Museum.

Musical Tours:

The Bermondsey Suite: The outcast dead and literary greats, medical oddities and pure collectors, London folktales and lost rivers make appearances in this stroll from Borough to the waterfront at Bermondsey. Sometimes it's better not knowing what lies beneath the streets but if you are sure you'd rather find out then this is the time to do it.

Ratcliffe & Wapping: Terrible Tides and deathly docks: Political riots, staked murderers, escaped tigers, ghostly polar bears and the dreaded witch of Wapping all feature in this two hour amble round E1. There are also well hung pirates, hanging judges and other Thameside shocks around the old docks and back streets of one of London's spikier boroughs.

Bloomsbury: Sounds of the suburb: A tour of London's first suburb featuring strange ghosts, substance abuse, literary greats and violent street disorder. We cannot of course guarantee the street disorder or indeed ghosts actually appearing but the songs and stories about them will. We shall naturally mention Bloomsbury's many famous residents as well as a culinary history that sees top national restaurant chains being set up a few yards from each other in the south of the area.

Liars' Tours are available around London Bridge, Blackfriars, Chelsea, Kensington and Bloomsbury.

Please contact us for more details and let us try and make your journey around London's streets that bit more special. walks@londonstreettours.co.uk or visit www.londonstreettours.co.uk