Guided tours and walks

Start your visit to London with over 450,000 years of history!

Complement your visit to our extensive permanent collections at the Museum of London and the Museum of London Docklands with one of our guided tours, walks or talks. Or take a guided tour of the world’s largest archaeological archive at Mortimer Wheeler House.

Whether you are after a whistle-stop tour of our museums or a more in-depth introduction to a particular period or topic, our tours will inspire your curiosity. You can also request special behind-the-scenes visits as well as bespoke tours focusing on alternative subjects.

Talks and tours: £10 per person (45 minutes) or £12.50 per person (60–90 minutes) unless otherwise stated
Walks: £12.50 per person (duration 90 minutes) unless otherwise stated
Special walks: £20 per person (duration 120 minutes) unless otherwise stated

All prices are current at the time of print.

Tours are subject to availability and are for groups of 10 or more people. For tours of fewer than 10 people, a minimum fee is applicable. Some tours and visit materials are available in alternative languages – for more information and to check availability please call our Box Office on 020 7001 9844.

Museum of London talks and tours

Talks and tours in the museum

Welcome to London
Duration: 75 minutes
An essential guide to London’s past, present and future! From Roman London to the 2012 Olympic Cauldron, we’ve got it covered in this lively, informative and informal tour.

London Nights
Duration: 45–60 minutes
(Subject to availability from 11 May to 11 November)
Enhance your visit with an introductory talk from the exhibition curator and find out more about the works on display and how the exhibition was developed.

£10 per person or £200 flat fee for groups of less than 20. (Admission to London Nights exhibition sold separately)

Gallery tours
Duration: 45–60 minutes
Explore one of our galleries in depth with our gallery highlights tours:

- London before London: Experience 450,000 years of London’s prehistory in 45 minutes.
- **Roman:** Join us and discover life in Londinium, the city beneath our feet.
- **Medieval:** Uncover the glamour, grandeur, sleaze and disease of the medieval city.
- **War, Plague and Fire:** Discover how civil war, plague and fire affected 17th century Londoners. (please note, the Great Fire of London gallery will be closed from July 2016 - May 2017)
- **Expanding City:** Learn how London’s population expanded as industry boomed and take a stroll through our recreated pleasure gardens.
- **Victorian Walk:** Enjoy a little window shopping in Victorian London with recreated cobbled streets and high street.
- **People's City:** Find out how the lives of a burgeoning population were affected by wealth, poverty and war.
- **World City:** Follow the changing fashions of Londoners from the 1950s to the present day and discover what the future holds in store for the capital.

**Women In London: the story of female suffrage**

**Duration:** 60 minutes

2018 marks the centenary of the 1918 Representation of the People Act, the law that gave some women the right to vote in the UK. This cross-gallery tour explores the social and political backdrop of the women’s suffrage movement and explores the changing lives of women between the 1840s and 1918.

**Walking tours around the City of London**

**Roman fort gate**

**Duration:** 30 minutes

Step into Roman London’s military fort, located under the Museum, and learn about the Roman foundations, their discovery, excavation and preservation.

£5 per person, max group size 20. A £50 flat fee for groups of fewer than 10

**Roman London**

**Duration:** 90 minutes

Immerse yourself in Roman history in this tour around the city sites of Londinium.

**Smithfield**

**Duration:** 90 minutes

Take a stroll through medieval and Tudor Smithfield and explore scenes of executions, plague and bodysnatching!

**Blitz In the city**

**Duration:** 90 minutes

The City of London was devastated during the Blitz of 1940/41. Join us to find out how the modern City arose from the flames.

**Special walking tours**
Women’s movement
Duration: 90 minutes
Discover what life was like for women at the dawn of the 20th century.

Mother’s ruin
Duration: 120 minutes
Come and discover the London Gin Craze in this walk around 18th century London, including a free gin at the end of the tour!

Great Fire walking tour
Duration: 90–120 minutes
Come and discover how this significant disaster unfolded in the very streets where the fire started and spread. Hear the stories of the people who were there and explore the locations the fire travelled through on a 2 hour walk around the streets of London.
£20 per person, max group size 20. A £200 flat fee for groups of fewer than 10

Museum of London Docklands talks and tours

Talks and tours in the museum

Welcome to Docklands
Duration: 75 minutes
Join one of our gallery hosts for a highlights tour that will give you an overview of the London’s river, port and people. The tour will focus on key exhibits and displays in the museum and touch on all galleries in the Museum of London Docklands.

Roman Dead
Duration: 45–60 minutes
(Subject to availability between 25 May to 28 October)
Enhance your visit with an introductory tour from the exhibition curator and discover more about the artefacts on display and how the exhibition was developed.
£10 per person or £200 flat fee for groups of less than 20.

Gallery tours
Duration: 45–60 minutes
Explore one of our galleries in depth with our gallery highlights tours:
- **Sallortown**: Talk a tour around our full size reconstruction of the dark, winding streets of Victorian Wapping.
- **London Sugar and Slavery**: Uncover London’s largely hidden role in the transatlantic slave trade with a host-led tour of the London Sugar and Slavery Gallery.
- **No 1 Warehouse**: Learn about the history of our 200-year old warehouse and the huge range of goods that passed through London’s docks
- **Docklands at war**: The turbulent events of the Second World War, when the docks were almost destroyed during the Blitz
- **Regeneration**: Discover the changes that have transformed the look and feel of this part of East London over the last 60 years.

£10 per person

**Walking tours around docklands**

**Regeneration**
**Duration**: 90 minutes
Take a walking tour of London’s docklands and discover the changes that have taken place over the years.

**Experiences**

**Docks after dark**
**Duration**: approximately 120 mins (available from October – March)
Explore haunting tales of the museum, its collections and the docks after dark. Hear about the grisly lives of the men, women and children who worked on the docks and how some of them met their untimely end. You’ll get the chance to access areas not usually open to the public and be guided through the most haunted spots in the 200-year-old building after dark, when the museum is usually closed to the public.

£25 per person including a refreshment. Minimum fee applies. Max group size 25.

**Museum of London Archaeological Archive tours**

**Welcome to the archive – behind the scenes at the Archaeological Archive**
**Duration**: 60–90 minutes
Go behind the scenes at the world’s largest archaeological archive, as adjudicated by the Guinness World Records! Mortimer Wheeler House has an incredible 10km of shelves to hold the museum’s archaeological archives. Join this tour to see where London’s finds go after the excavations finish and handle some of the thousands of artefacts that haven’t yet made it into our galleries.

This tour takes place at the Museum of London Archaeological Archive at Mortimer Wheeler House in Islington.

Tours are available for groups of 10 or more people and are subject to availability. A minimum of two weeks’ notice is required before booking. Age and group size restrictions may apply.

**Book a visit**
For more information about group bookings, to discuss special requirements, or to arrange a free familiarisation visit please contact our Booking Officers on 020 7001 9844 or groups@museumoflondon.org.uk.

**Be the first to know about events, exhibitions and tours for groups!**
There is no need to trawl the internet to find out what's on at the museum. Sign up to our free groups enewspaper at museumoflondon.org.uk/enews, and select the Groups and Travel Trade option in preferences to ensure that you receive all the latest information. You will also be added to our monthly museum 'what's on' enewsletter.