TUDOR LONDON WALK

The Past Brought to Life

The walk provides an introduction to Tudor London concentrating on those areas with both interesting stories to tell and which still have physical traces of the period still surviving.

The walk starts at Smithfield, where remains of the Medieval Monasteries survive, and, where the public space where martyrs were publicly burnt is still intact. It is an ideal place to bring to life the dramatic changes of the Reformation and the life and times of the Tudor dynasty.

We then continue to the area around St Pauls which is famous for the printing trade and provides opportunities for discussing the implications of mass literacy. St Pauls, itself was the centre of Tudor Life in London and here the bustle of 16th Century life can be imagined.

We continue the walk over the Millennium Bridge to end up at the site of the Globe where the works of Shakespeare and his colleagues can be considered in the context of London's red light district.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Start – Barbican Underground – start on the Bridge above the road looking at the City
Charterhouse – Carthusian Monastery which Thomas More visited for reflection and where the Monks were killed due to their refusal to accept Henry VIII's religious changes.
Smithfield – Market, Jousting Arena, Place of execution where heretics were burnt at the Stake
St Bartholemew's Monastery – a lovely Romanesque building that depicts the history of the religious changes
Statue of Henry VIII at St Bartholemew's Hospital
Newgate Prison & The Old Bailey – crime and punishment
Stationers Hall & the printing trade – Shakespeare and friends
St. Pauls Cathedral – Church and social centre
St. Pauls Cross where the bishop of London burnt Luther's books and where Puritans preached the sin of dancing around the Maypole

It is possible to extend the walk by either visiting St Pauls (extra charge) or going across the Millenium Bridge to visit the Globe Theatre (extra charge)

OPTIONS: Versions – we can provide this walk in versions suitable for those studying the Tudors at primary school or secondary school through to those studying Shakespeare in English Literature but in either case it will be tailored to the Curriculum. The tour can also be changed, for example, to include a visit to the Guildhall – the home of Tudor City government. During the tour, we can include visits to St Pauls, St Bartholemew's Church, the Globe Theatre or the Golden Hind. These are not included in the cost but can be booked for the group. We can also begin or end the tour at the Museum of London.

BOOKING DETAILS: The walk lasts a maximum of 2 hours and depends on the age group.. Allow an extra hour for any visits taken. Walk £120 per guide. We need 2 accompanying adults for a class. Class size – ideally one guide for 25 people. **Contact:** Kevin Flude on 07958 322011 or 020 8 806 4325. Please feel free to ring in the evening or email me at kpflude@chr.org.uk

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