

# *F&M London Walking Tours*

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**We offer established or bespoke London walks for individuals, education establishments, work's parties, corporate events, stag / hen nights, birthday parties...pretty much anything really. Meet where you like, end where you like on the route.**

**Costs are £5.00 per head (minimum £40.00) and bespoke walks are an extra £30.00. For further details please e-mail [walks@fandmpublications.co.uk](mailto:walks@fandmpublications.co.uk) or visit [www.fandmpublications.co.uk](http://www.fandmpublications.co.uk)**

**Walworth -an estate of mind.** Tour of central London's least known area. One that 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.. Magic, folklore, crime and social history. Tour starts and finishes at the Cumings Museum.

**Wood you beleaf it?! Woodland and Park Tour.** How ash can cure impotence, how horsechesnut trees helped create the state of Israel. Find out about the devil's fruit, the truth about yew and how to address an elder. Can you tell if something is the son of a beech or the son of birch and just what is it about willow and unrequited love? The wood you beleaf it tour is unique in that it can take place in any park or common in London from Abney Wood to Waltham Forest. There is an extra one off cost of £25 if it's a new bit of woodland for us but otherwise normal rates apply.

**Too many broken hearts go floating down the river:** More 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. Start at Hays Galleria and is about ninety minutes.

**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). On the way a number of other rhymes (Baa baa black sheep and Rub a dub) also get a passing mention.

**Folk Lore Tour** Queen Rat of Queenshythe, The Great Worm of Borough, Pagan Estate Agents and the peculiar case of the mummified cat all feature on this strange tour of London's waterfront. Much of tour consists of well known London folktales and ghost stories but part of it is pure nonsense. Will you be able to pick the two apart and who would you nominate for the place the modern traitor's head on London Bridge game?

**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 and nearby Shoreditch. 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. There are four separate markets for example, dozens of curry houses, a booming nightlife and art scene. Yet still in the shadows of Europe's financial heart poverty, prostitution and the drugs economy thrive. Perhaps nowhere else in London does the past and present collide with such force as it does around these streets under the brooding presence of Nicolas Hawksmoor's stunning church at Spitalfields.

**Hookers bones Bridget Jones:** Tour of Borough and London Bridge area encompassing the backdrops used in both the latest Harry Potter Film and (less recently) Bridget Jones' Diary. More interesting is 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, an expanding range of restaurants and bars and some very well hidden night-clubs. 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.

## **New!**



**Bike tours for small groups.**

### ***Fright Bikes: The spoken word.***

Ghostly polar bears, well hung pirates, the origin of the jolly roger, ghostly barmaids and phantom hunts can be expected to be mentioned if not actually seen. **London Bridge to Deptford.**

The ride of a lifetime past the former homes of magicians, film stars and inventors. We've ghosts on stilts and angels in trees. Marvel at tales of dead dancers, giant cats, lost canals and migrant beauties. It's Surrey with a fright on top! It's **Walworth, Peckham and Nunhead!**

Plague pits, ghostly polar bears, spectral cats and nobility. There are also well hung pirates and hanging judges amongst the cast of Wapping tales and Thameside shocks on this cycle ride around the docks and old canals of **Wapping.**



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