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WHAT WE DO

We curate and deliver extraordinary art and cultural experiences in London and beyond. We pride ourselves on our creativity and originality. Carefully tailor-made to each and every client, we combine our unique combination of disciplines, with extensive knowledge and handpicked experts, to create an experience you won't forget.

From day and evening tours to extended trips, our wide-ranging programmes are designed for those who want to get under the skin of one of the world's most dynamic, cultural hotspots. Itineraries range from in-depth explorations of London's art and architecture to children's treasure hunts, artistic workshops, stately home visits, art inspired gastronomy and musical concerts.

We can also arrange private access to a variety of well-known and hidden venues.

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CLASSIC WITH A TWIST

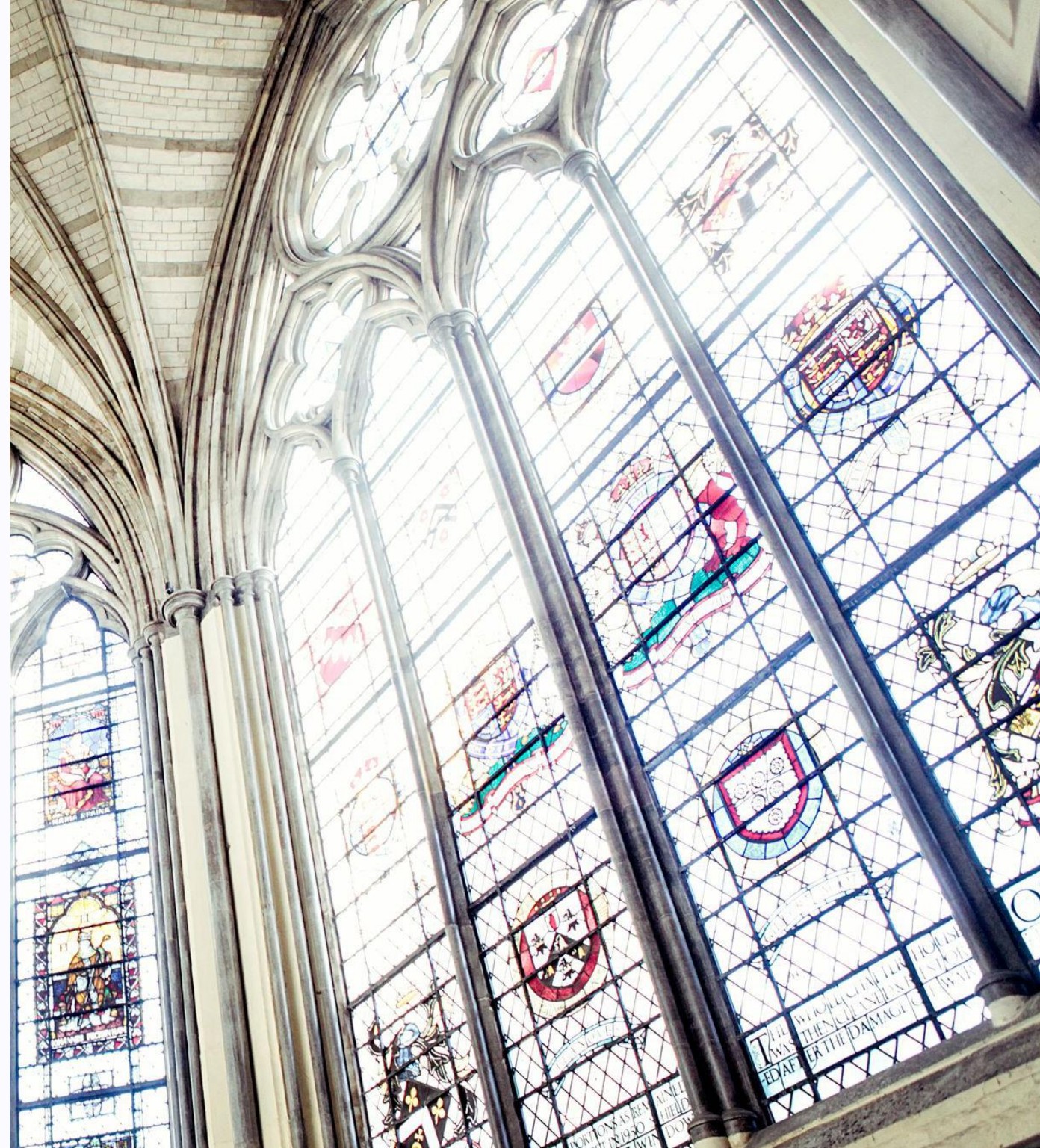
London is rich with historic treasures. As 'must-sees' for first time visitors or beloved hotspots to return to time and again, let us show them off with our trademark flair and a twist away from the norm.

CLASSIC LONDON WITH A TWIST

For those who have never visited the glorious capital of London, this tour is a brilliant way to start. Choose from one, two or more of our iconic hotspots including Westminster Abbey, the Changing of the Guard, the Tower of London, St Paul's Cathedral and a boat down the River Thames.

ADD-ONS:

- Private visit to the Household Cavalry Museum with the director
- Private speed boat on the River Thames
- Private access to the Tower of London
- Behind-the-glass tour of the Churchill War Rooms
- Behind-the-scenes access to St Paul's Cathedral
- Royal themed walk





ROYAL PALACES

In London we are so fortunate to have a wealth of Royal Palaces on our doorstep!

From the ancient fortress of the Tower of London to the refined elegance of Kensington Palace. Our expert guides will entertain and inspire you with all the royal stories and secrets that these palaces hold.

Book a visit to:

- The Tower of London
- Kensington Palace
- Hampton Court Palace
- Windsor Castle
- Buckingham Palace [selected times of year only]
- The Banqueting House
- The Queen's House Greenwich





MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Art is our passion and our brilliant experts would love to share this with you. From the great public galleries to lesser known hidden gems, contemporary art to ancient archaeology, let us travel through time as we explore London's ever abundant museum culture.

WORLD CLASS ART

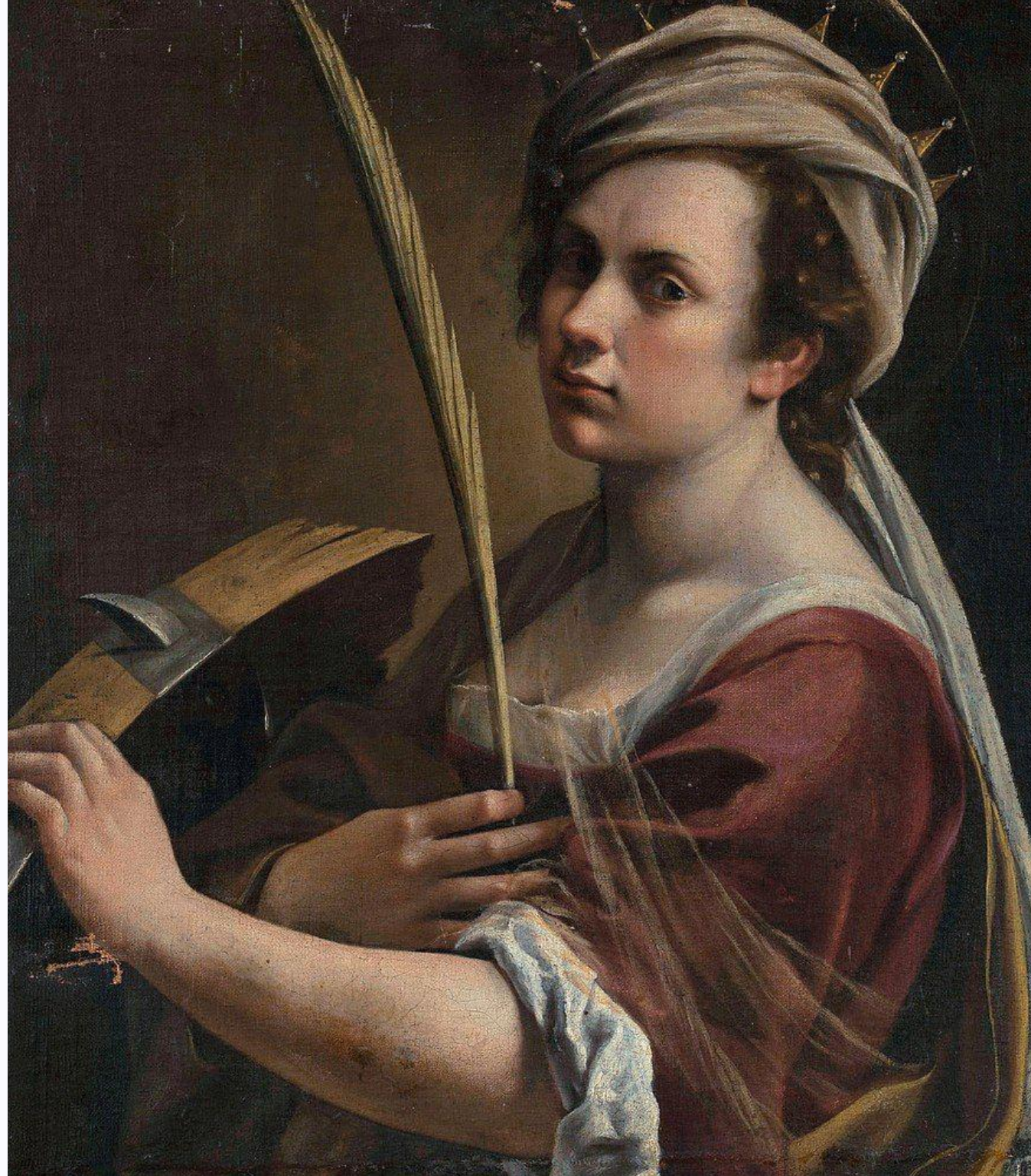
We are extraordinarily lucky in London to have some of the most pre-eminent art galleries on our doorstep, filled with some of the greatest works of art in the world.

Our guides are trained Art Historians who are specialists in their fields with extensive knowledge and flair. Let us share our passion with you.

Book a tour in any of the following museums & galleries:

- The National Gallery
- Tate Modern
- Tate Britain
- Victoria and Albert Museum
- Natural History Museum
- Science Museum
- British Museum
- Wallace Collection
- Dulwich Picture Gallery

We offer art historian-led highlights tours of all the galleries as well as themed tours. Please ask for a list.





HIDDEN HOUSES OF LONDON

For centuries London has been one of the world's most important cultural hubs. As such, artists, collectors and patrons have moved en-masse to our capital. The houses they lived in are some of London's most spine-tingling venues - fascinating time capsules and wonderful secret spots. We highly recommend building some of them into your itinerary.

LESSER KNOWN GEMS

London is a treasure-trove of little known cultural jewels that are must-sees for those wanted to get deeper under the skin of London. Book a tour with us to:

Sir John's Soane Museum is one of the most fascinating and ingenious private homes in the world. Displayed as it was left by the owner, this time-travelling piece will make your spine tingle from start to finish.

Hertford House (AKA the Wallace Collection) hosts London's most dazzling collection of Old Master art. Sitting among stunning objets d'arts you'll find paintings by Titian, Rembrandt, Velazquez, Frans Hals, Canaletto, Reynolds, Gainsborough and more.

Frederic Lord Leighton's wildly opulent home **Leighton House** in Holland Park is an absolute must see. A piece of art in its own right, the house vibrates with organic decoration, including an indoor fountain, a sensuous Arab Hall, gold gilded ceilings as well as beautiful drawings and paintings.

Overlooking Green Park sits the magnificent **Spencer House**. This beautiful home once belonging to an ancestor of Princess Diana, houses a wonderful collection of art and holds incredible stories from the past.

ADD-ONS:

- Private pre-opening tours before the museums open to the public.





WALKING TOURS

There is no better way to see a city than on foot. With our charismatic experts you'll get under the skin of London's urban life. Rich with history, architecture, art and archaeology, we offer a variety of themed walking tours such as "Starchitecture" in the City of London, a Spitalfields street art tour and workshop, 19th century literature in Chelsea, or a "Welcome to London" walk in Westminster and many more...

LONDON FROM THE GROUND UP

Choose from one of our themed tours (see a snapshot of our offering below), or create your own with the help of our experts.

'STARARCHITECTURE' IN THE CITY

The City encapsulates London's story in an extraordinary way. From buried Roman amphitheatres, to the Fire of London, soaring examples of cutting edge architecture to the magical Leadenhall Market, this multi-faceted area of London allows us to dig deep and find out the true story of this complex city.

A JAUNT IN ST JAMES'S

From the purveyors of Royal Goods to the fashion setters of the Regency world, step back in time to discover secret alleyways and hidden courtyards of this fascinating neighbourhood. Visit the Queen's perfumer, and the oldest hat shop in the world!

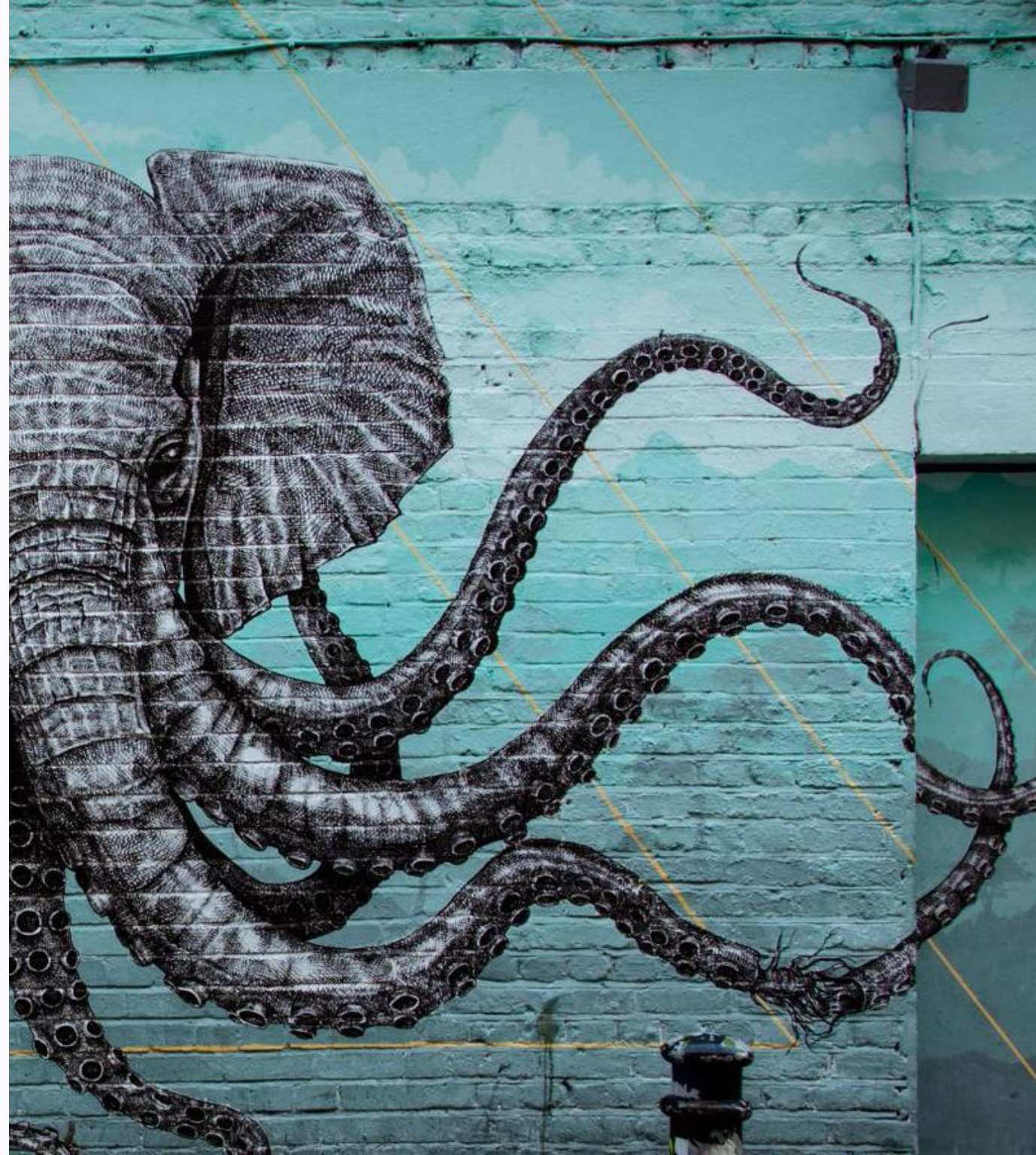
MYSTERIES OF SPITALFIELDS

Fascinating, eclectic and multi-layered, the old 'hospital fields' contain beautiful Georgian homes, buzzing contemporary markets, famous Brick Lane, ancient relics of a medieval charnal house, and extraordinary eighteenth century churches.

MADE IN CHELSEA: ROMANCE AND POWER (can include artist studio visit)

Old Chelsea is a tucked-away jewel, bursting with secrets from the past. Expect to discuss Henry VIII, Oscar Wilde, the Pre-Raphaelite artists, Christopher Wren and many more heroes from London's rich heritage.

Other popular walks include the areas of Mayfair, Hampstead and South Kensington.





CONTEMPORARY ART

Are you intrigued by contemporary art and want to get stuck into Tate Modern? Maybe it is the buzzing world of London's art market that fascinates you, or perhaps you want to start a collection. Whatever it is, our specialist team have it all - and more - covered.

MODERN & CONTEMPORARY

Weaving through the streets of Mayfair with a contemporary art market specialist, we shall visit the most famous and prestigious contemporary galleries of the moment, learning about the art institutions that define art world trends. We shall discuss the role of the gallery and their curators, the rise in popularity of art fairs, how the art market functions and examine the hottest artists of today.

ADD-ONS:

- Guided tour of contemporary collections [Tate Modern, Hayward Gallery, Whitecube, Whitechapel Gallery and many more]
- Conservation studio
- Auction house visit





FURTHER AFIELD

Stately homes or medieval cathedrals? Neolithic monuments or contemporary sculpture parks? The dreamy spires of Oxford or punting along the river Cam? There is an enormous range of options for exciting day trips out of town. For added allure, our extensive network of contacts allows for some very special private access.

OXFORD

Oxford is packed full of wonders. This remarkable city has been home to royalty and scholars for 800 years and is without question one of the great cities of the world. Lavish and stunning buildings from every architectural period line the street, as students fly by carrying books and folders.

Visit some of the most famous university colleges to see their wonderful buildings and gardens and to learn about a unique student life. Visit Britain's oldest museum – the very special Ashmolean – and of course the Bodleian Library.





CAMBRIDGE

Driving out to Cambridge is well worth the trip as you'll find this ancient and famous university town to be full of great treasures. After arrival, take a reviving coffee and world-famous Chelsea Bun at Fitzbillies before beginning a tour focussing on some of the university's most special colleges including King's College and Trinity College.

Take a punt down the River Cam, and perhaps stop for lunch at Midsummer House. Visit the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge University Library or in good weather, take a stroll around the famous Botanical Gardens.

ADD-ONS:

- For art lovers among you, we can arrange a visit to Kettle's Yard, a beautiful and unique house with a distinctive collection of 20th century art.



BATH AND STONEHENGE

Packed full of goodies from the Roman Baths, Jane Austen's House, the beautiful Abbey, the stunning Holburne Art Gallery and famous Royal Crescent, there is plenty to get your teeth stuck into in Bath.

Perhaps the most recognisable site in the world – Stonehenge – is en route, and you cannot pass by without stopping to see this Neolithic wonder of the world. If the Neolithic period is of particular interest, not far away is the even more impressive (though less well known) vast stone circle of Avebury, encompassing a whole village within its ancient stones.

ADD-ONS:

- Salisbury, a delightful market town and home to one of the greatest medieval Cathedrals ever built. For those who do not have vertigo or claustrophobia, we'd suggest taking a private tour to the top of the spire of Salisbury Cathedral. Here you'll be rewarded with the best views in the South West of Britain.
- Wilton House stately home visit and tea.
- For those interested in contemporary art, we can also add on a trip to Hauser & Wirth in Somerset.





THE COTSWOLDS

Half an hour north-west of Oxford you'll find the enchanting Cotswolds, studded with quintessential warm stone towns and villages. As the centre of the medieval wool trade, the Cotswolds has a rich and diverse history, revealed through the beautiful architecture, off-set perfectly by the gently rolling countryside nearby. You'll visit Burford, the Slaughters, Stow-on-the-Wold, and Chipping Camden - all full of exquisite stone houses, churches and town halls.

ADD-ONS:

- Why not add on a visit to Blenheim Palace, the home of Winston Churchill.

STATELY HOMES

Experience the grandeur and majesty of England's most celebrated great houses. Joined by an expert on stately homes of the British Isles, we will create a tailor made luxury tour focused on your interests. Delve into the stories of the aristocracy - tales of Dukes, Marquesses and Earls. Hear their history brought to life through art, architecture and personal stories.

We offer an extensive range of stately home visits. Please get in touch for our full list.

Highlights of our stately home collection:

- Blenheim Palace
- Burghley House
- Castle Howard
- Chatsworth House
- Hatfield House
- Houghton Hall
- Holkham Hall
- Longleat
- Sandringham





TAILOR-MADE TREASURE HUNTS

We are enormously proud of our personalised treasure hunts for children. There is surely no better way to reveal London's greatest treasures than through an action packed hunt across the city. Curated by our specialist team and with hand-made personalised clues beautifully made by a children's illustrator, these experiences are like none other. Themes can include Historic London, Royal Princesses, Harry Potter, James Bond and much more.

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

There is no better way to explore and discover London than on one of our thrilling bespoke treasure hunts. With codes to crack, riddles to solve, and maps to navigate, we're renowned for our clever clues and personalised twists.

Paving a route through the city, with golden envelopes, balloons and gifts, and seeing all the major sites on the way, we can take you on a magical adventure to suit your children – according to their age, interests and stamina. We can build your hunts around a number of themes. A few examples are as follows:

- Historical Treasure Hunt
- Royal Treasure Hunt
- James Bond Treasure Hunt
- Harry Potter Treasure Hunt
- Queens and Princesses of London
- Heroes and Villains in the National Gallery





CELEBRATING AN OCCASION?

If you are celebrating a big birthday, anniversary or planning the trip of a lifetime, then let us help to curate an unforgettable experience for you. London has so much to offer, so let your imagination run wild and we'll help you make it happen.

A CELEBRATION WITH A DIFFERENCE

If your trip to London is in celebration of a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary or graduation, let us help you curate the itinerary to suit your occasion. From themed walking tours, museum visits or afternoon tea to ticking off what's on your bucket list, we can make your special trip extra special. We cater for all ages and love nothing more than a challenge!





GET IN TOUCH

If you are interested in any of our experiences, please contact us for more details and pricing. We will always try to accommodate your requests and tailor our events to your requirements pending availability and venue limitations.

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