

OFF-THE-BEATEN-TRACK

These tours are fantastic for repeat visitors to London. Our 'Off the beaten track' experiences will take you to the less frequented attractions and secret corners of the city, to discover unknown gems, hidden homes, cutting edge galleries and unexpected surprises.



River Walk to Chiswick House

On a lovely quiet stretch of the Thames, we will find a cluster of truly remarkable houses. This is a must for all lovers of art, architecture, design and craftsmanship. Capture a glimpse of domestic life at Emery Walker's House and go to the William Morris Society, the one-time home of this iconic designer and Arts and Crafts pioneer. Discover the former home and burial place of celebrated artist William Hogarth and end at the jewel in the crown - Lord Burlington's magnificent 18th century villa and gardens, Chiswick House. We recommend a pause in one of the historic pubs along the way.

Art for Art's Sake: Hidden Houses of West London

Within a stone's throw of each other in elegant Kensington, sit two hidden gems. A rare example of the 'house beautiful' style, the home of Punch cartoonist Edward Sambourne is a unique example of a late Victorian townhouse and a glimpse into how a real family lived in this period. From here head to Lord Leighton's stunningly eclectic house in Holland Park - a piece of art in its own right - which delights with organic decoration and beautiful artworks. This tour embodies the Victorian ideals of aestheticism and 'art for art's sake' and is one of our 'must sees'!

Masterpieces in South London

In a former manor house in the heart of Dulwich Village lies the oldest public art gallery in Britain. The Dulwich Picture Gallery was designed by Regency architect Sir John Soane and is rich in European masterpieces from such names as Rembrandt, Gainsborough, Canaletto and Poussin. Take a short ride to the nearby Horniman museum, and wonder at their internationally important anthropology collection, before strolling through the extensive gardens and butterfly house to take in the spectacular views over London.

Radicals and Romance: Hampstead and Kenwood House

Head North to a truly beautiful neighbourhood. From Georgian times, the leafy 'village' of Hampstead began an association with cultural and political radicalism and has been home to a host of pioneering characters, from Keats and Constable, to Sigmund Freud, Hepworth, T.S. Elliot, and George Orwell. As we explore, we will learn about their lives, their radical work and visit the area's key historic cultural hotspots. Afterwards we'll head to a stunning neoclassical country villa, Kenwood House, with its beautiful setting overlooking the Heath and an intimate collection of world-class art, including one of the best Rembrandts in the country.

The Artist's Way: Exploring Chelsea

Once a bohemian neighbourhood famed as a hotspot for writers, poets, artists and philosophers, we'll explore the atmospheric streets and hear about the lives of Lord Byron, John Singer Sargent, Dante Gabriel Rossetti and George Eliot. Visit historic Chelsea Old Church and the pretty Chelsea Physic Garden before presenting yourself at the studio of a local portrait painter whose sitters includes our reigning Queen. Be prepared to get your hands dirty as you have a go yourself!