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bespoke cultural tours

TOP FIVE QUIRKY TOURS

Discover why Britain is famous for its eccentricity with these quirky tours. Explore vibrant neighbourhoods, peek into private homes, try new foods, indulge in some real East End history and discover the downright weird.



The Trail less Trodden: Explore South of the River

An unexplored corner of London, this tour takes you to some real hidden treasures, beginning at 575 Wandsworth Road. The fascinating former home of Khadambi Asalache is a living work of art, with exquisite hand carved wooden fretwork patterns and motifs covering every surface. Take an indulgent lunch in the crumbling grandeur of an antique-filled Georgian mansion at Brunswick House before ending your day with the 'bad boy' of contemporary art: Damien Hirst's own gallery - an award winning building purpose built to exhibit Hirst's favourite artists.

Anarchy, Art and Pearly Queens: The Real East End

Nowhere celebrates the story of London's changing cultural scene more than the East End. Hear from a local historian and true Eastender as we duck and weave through the energetic streets to discover the roots of this area from its history of poverty, squalor and crime to the trendy coffee shops and contemporary galleries of today. Walk the historic streets and take in some of the area's subversive street art, before a visit to a local working artist. Have a go at creating your own 'tag' or screen-print your own stencil, before ending your day with an authentic curry at one of the East End's most celebrated curry houses.

Heathenish Liquor: The Coffeehouse Boom

Explore the sites of Europe's oldest coffeehouses in the labyrinthine alleys and secret courtyards of the City, as our London historian recounts the story of how this "bitter Mohammedan gruel" transformed the face of the City, brought people together, and inspired brilliant ideas that helped shape the modern, enlightened world. And you won't escape without trying some of this infamous foul drink!

From Bampton to Highclere: The Downton Abbey experience.

Follow the Crawley Family trail as we immerse ourselves in all things Downton Abbey. From Highclere Castle to Cogges Farm in the Cotswolds and pretty Bampton Village, we'll visit all the iconic locations and well known venues from the beloved series. Have tea in a private home with views over the pretty village church and try on the jewellery designed and made for the cast with a talk from the jewel creator himself. This is an unforgettable experience for die-hard Downton fans.

Postcard Painting

A truly unique way to capture and preserve memories of your time in London! Be led by one of our professional artists through some of London's most picturesque and moving sights. Inspired by some of the artists who have painted London in the past, we will follow in the brushstrokes of Turner and Monet, gaining some painting tips and tricks on the way, as we try to capture the light on London's majestic River Thames. Leave with your very own set of self-sketched postcards to send to friends and family.