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TOP FIVE WALKING TOURS

The best way to discover London's hidden secrets is to meander medieval pathways and wind through cobbled streets on foot. Soak up the atmosphere of the city's vibrant streets, re-energise in the green parks and reflect in the secret corners that are discovered best by walking.



Monastries, Murder and Mayhem : Medieval London

In this often-untrodden part of London there is an astonishing amount of history to uncover. Beneath the pavements are echoes of medieval beginnings, shadows of plague-ridden communities, tales of knights and crusaders and remnants of monasteries razed to the ground during Henry VIII's great plunder. We will glimpse the past in the still thriving meat market and **witness the sites of bloody encounters**, before cleansing the soul with a visit to two of London's oldest and most beautiful churches.

A Jaunt in St James's

Step back in time to discover the secret alleyways and hidden courtyards in a truly fascinating neighborhood. From the majestic Royal Academy and a beautiful Wren church, to the home of London's finest tailors and oldest art dealers - the streets are bursting with historic gems and colourful characters. Pausing outside St James's Palace we'll hear tales of royal romances, tragedies and scandals, and then peek into the shops who supply everything from hats, shoes, wine and perfume to the Royal Family. Finish with afternoon tea at the Queen's favourite grocer, Fortnum & Mason.

'Starchitecture' in the City of London tour

No trip to London is complete without a visit to the City – the square mile at the very heart of the financial district, and an area which encapsulates London's history in an extraordinary way. From buried Roman amphitheatres, to soaring examples of cutting edge architecture, the atmosphere is thrilling. As we traverse the streets we will focus on London's greatest architects from Sir Christopher Wren to Norman Foster. Walking between St Mary-le-Bow, with its glorious steeple, and the Lloyd's Building, we'll encounter many awe-inspiring buildings along the way.

Majestic Marylebone

Marylebone is a majestic pocket of central London, displaying a wonderful array of Georgian, Victorian and Art-Deco architecture, along with gorgeous churches, historic shops and a diverse cast of characters and celebrities. The jewel in the crown is the stunning Wallace Collection - one of the city's most beautiful character museums, with an outstanding collection of French object d'art and paintings by the Old Masters including; Titian, Rubens, Rembrandt and more.

Living Legends: Contemporary Art in London

London has one of the most exciting contemporary art scenes in the world, with a diverse and constantly evolving cast of talented artists, daring curators and cutting edge galleries. Our contemporary experts give you the insider track on what's hot, who to collect now and what is getting curators and collectors excited. Take a customized tour around South London to see the host of galleries set up around Damien Hirst's Newport Street, visit Shoreditch to see how the hip East London scene has grown-up, or take a look at some of the most prestigious galleries in Mayfair.