WALKING TOUR

THE CITY OF LONDON

MEDIEVAL CITY TO MODERN METROPOLIS



Introduction



The tour will take you through the back streets and purlieus of the City of London, exploring the remaining fragments of the ancient capital and topography of the great events and key social and economic trends of the medieval and early modern city. Amid the soaring towers of the 21st century, we shall search out the vestiges of ancient moments in London's history, from its roots in late antiquity to the era of the great fire.

This walking tour will be taking place on 17 October and 31 October. You can select your preferred date by selecting the 'Book now' button.

Please note that we cannot guarantee that this tour is fully accessible; there will be curbs, narrow and uneven pavements on this tour.

Information

Friday 17 October and 31 October 2025

11.15-14.45

Offsite- Meeting point will be near Farringdon Underground Station

V&A Academy events invite you behind the scenes to bring you closer to the places linked to the V&A extraordinary collections.

Handouts

A day before our walking tour you will receive a handout that accompanies this event: an itinerary of the walking tour with landmarks to invite you to re-visit the route of the tour in your own time and further reading recommendations and ways to learn more about the topic by exploring the V&A's Collections both online and onsite.

If you have any queries regarding the walking tour or if you have any specific access requirements, please do let us know by emailing courses@vam.ac.uk so that we can ensure the best experience on the day.

Programme and timings are subject to change

Suitable for ages 18 and over.

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The City of London: Medieval City to Modern Metropolis

Offsite meeting point at the main exit of Farringdon tube station

11.15-11.30 Arrival at Meeting the point (near Farringdon Underground Station)

11.30	Welcome by Mike Berlin and start of your walking tour
12.45	45 minutes convenience break near St Pauls Cathedral
13.30	Walking tour continues – meeting point to be announced
14.45	The walk ends Monument Underground Station

Note: V&A Academy programmes are subject to change without notice.

Additional study options

The 10-weeklong online course *A History of London: 1066-1666*, part of the London course series over three terms.

A History of London: 1066-1666 - Autumn term (September 2025)

A History of London: 1666-1851 – Spring term (January 2026 start)

London: The Global City 1851 - 2020 - Summer term (April 2026 start)

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