

## *Walking Tour Programme*

# Stratford Walking Tour: London from the East

## Details

Friday 27 June or Friday 11 July 2025

Offsite meeting point- Stratford Red Steam Train, London E15 1BB [Click here for map](#)

## Overview

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

Long before thousands of visitors flocked to the Olympic city, Stratford was the ancient gateway to London, a path beaten from centuries by migrants, political and religious dissenters, rebels and adventurers. It was London's manufacturing core, a place of railway engineering, shipbuilding and other heavy industry. It was also and continues to be the centre of a lively and thriving popular culture, epitomised by the Theatre Royal. This walk will explore Stratford's historic heartland, searching out the different episodes in the area's past through the remaining facets of its built environment.

## Your walking tour leader

Mike Berlin is a Lecturer at Birkbeck College, University of London. He is a specialist in the social history of early modern London and has published extensively on the history of London's guilds. Before joining Birkbeck, he was a research officer at the Centre for Metropolitan History, Institute of Historical Research.

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# Programme

**11.15 Arrival at Meeting the point** - Stratford Red Steam Train, London E15 1BB

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11.30 Welcome by Mike and start of your walking tour

12.45 Short convenience break. Facilities can be found inside Stratford Shopping Centre ahead of the tour start at 11.30. This convenience break will be a short break of around 10/15 minutes.

13.00 Walking tour continues

14.15 The walk ends at the entrance of the Stratford Shopping Centre.

## 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](mailto:courses@vam.ac.uk) so that we can ensure the best experience on the day.

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