

V&A Academy

**STRATFORD
WALKING
TOUR:
LONDON
FROM THE
EAST**

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Introduction



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.

This walking tour will be taking place on 27 February and 20 March 2026.

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 27 February and 20 March 2026

11.15-14.45

Offsite meeting point- **Stratford Red Steam Train**, London E15 1BB

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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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- 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.

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