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Official guides to the City of London

Temple Bar Trust and City of London Guides invite you to join them for series of live broadcast virtual walks around the City.

Temple Bar, at the heart of the Square Mile, was designed by Sir Christopher Wren, England's greatest architect. The series which will include the fascinating history of Temple Bar, Paternoster Square, St Pauls, the life, and work of Sir Christopher Wren and some of the wonderful but often overlooked statues and sculptures nearby.

Your guides are all experts in the City with a rich and varied mix of professional backgrounds. They will provide entertaining insights into the history, architecture, planning and people that make this area of the City so interesting. Participants will be able to ask questions along the way.

Talks may be booked individually but why not make this a regular monthly event and take advantage of our 6 for the price of 5 special offer?

All events start at 17:30 UK time and will last between 1 and 1.5 hours and be hosted on Zoom.

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Sept 12th

AN IDIOSYNCRATIC TOUR OF TEMPLE BAR WITH MURRAY CRAIG

12/09/2020, 5.30PM, £10 (+£1.37 Booking Fee)

Murray will give you a unique perspective on this extraordinary City landmark including reference to Wren; the colourful Lady Meux; its periphytic meanderings around London; the Lord Mayors involved in its restoration; and City custom associated with the Bar; the livery companies with emphasis on the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects who are breathing new life into this magnificent monument.

About Murray

Murray has been Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court since 2002 (only the 37th Clerk since 1294). The post involves admitting people to the Freedom of the City (recently including Captain Tom) and liaising with the Livery Companies and historical research.

Interests: History, sport (member of the MCC, Luton Town and Saracens season ticket holder) and listening to "The Archers". A qualified City of London Guide. Murray is a star of Screen (Who Do You think You are? And Stephen Fry's Key to the City), the Airwaves (Heat FM, BBC Radio London with Robert Elms and many other BBC local radio stations) and print (the Daily Mail, The Sunday Times and Stephen Smith's Underground London)

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Oct 10th

CHRISTOPHER WREN, HIS LIFE AND WORK WITH BRUCE PANDAY

10/10/2020, 5.30PM, £10 (+£1.37 Booking Fee)

One of the most remarkable aspects of the City of London is that we can still visit so many churches built by gifted architect Sir Christopher Wren. Apart from his delightful contributions in the city, many of his works still stand around the country.

Recognised today mainly for his architectural skills, he was also a cultivated and informed astronomer, mathematician, anatomist, and physicist. Quite the man of science with the flair for designing aesthetically pleasing buildings many of which are still in use today.

About Bruce

Bruce has been a successful guide within the City of London for over 10 years and is still finds the experience of enthusiastically leading groups through the City a joy.

He trained as an actor and still actively works in this field. Learning lines and learning facts about the City comes in handy when in front of an eager audience! Bruce also guides at the Guildhall Art Gallery which he considers a hidden gem of London. Bruce is also a Freeman of the City of London

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Nov 7th

PRIESTS, PUBLISHERS, AND PLANNERS WITH ALISON WOOLLARD

07/11/2020, 5.30PM, £10 (+£1.37 Booking Fee)

Join Alison Woollard for this fascinating tour of Paternoster Square which reveals how the area has developed over the centuries in response to the changing needs of Londoners.

The Square is very recent but what went before? How do we decide what Londoners need now? How might the City change in the future?

About Alison

Alison qualified as a City of London guide in 2015 and leads tours which cover all of the City's history from the arrival of the Romans to the construction of the latest tall office blocks on Bishopsgate.

She is intrigued by the way even the most recent of developments leave clues about what lies beneath. London changes all the time, but we and the Romans still share some of the same needs when we live in cities.

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Dec 5th

A STROLL ALONG FLEET STREET WITH MARILYN GREENE

05/12/2020, 5.30PM, £10 (+£1.37 Booking Fee)

Walking from the site of the original Temple Bar in Fleet Street, we will discuss its original function and its removal.

Continuing up Fleet Street and Ludgate Hill, we will admire some of the monuments, buildings and Churches which makes this route so historic and will conclude at the new site for Temple Bar in Paternoster Square.

About Marilyn

Marilyn Greene is a museum curator and educator. She was curator of Hampstead Museum, Burgh House from 1998-2006 and worked in the learning department of the Victoria and Albert Museum from 2000-2013 and more recently at London Transport Museum. She has been guiding locally for many years on history, art and architectural themes and qualified as a City guide in 2015.

She particularly enjoys talking about the architecture and landscaping of the City. Marilyn leads student teaching tours; tours for locals and tourists, and virtual tours and is member of the co-operative guiding company Footprints of London. Find out more via her website: <http://walkingtalkingculture.co.uk>

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Jan 9th

TEMPLE BAR AND ST PAULS WITH RHYS THOMAS

09/01/2021, 5.30PM, £10 (+£1.37 Booking Fee)

City Guide and Blue Badge Guide Rhys Thomas will take you around Temple Bar and its most famous neighbour, St. Paul's Cathedral. Both magnificent structures were designed by a man widely accepted as England's Greatest Architect, Sir Christopher Wren.

Rhys will also take you virtually around the precincts of St Paul's and all the fabulous monuments and statues you will find there.

About Rhys

Rhys Thomas has been guiding London and beyond since 2010. He qualified as a City Guide in 2018, and as a London Blue Badge Guide in 2020.

As a trained actor, Rhys has a flare for story-telling and a real passion for Shakespeare. Other interests include Architecture, World War 2, and movie location tours.

Rhys has been giving virtual tours since April this year, having training through both the City Guides and the Association of Professional Tourist Guides.

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Feb 6th

FROM THE HUMAN TO THE DIVINE WITH ILDIKO BITA

06/02/2021, 5.30PM, £10 (+£1.37 Booking Fee)

Discover the City of London's public sculptures in and around St Paul's Cathedral and Temple Bar.

With artists as diverse as YBA, Gavin Turk, Emily Young, Britain's greatest living stone sculptor, the underappreciated Elizabeth Frink and Thomas Heatherwick, the designer of the Olympic Cauldron and Routemaster bus, the works are challenging and beguiling in turn, ranging from giant origami, an androgynous shepherd, stone angels, a snapshot of a notorious murder to even an enormous nail.

About Ildiko

Ildiko Bita is a lawyer, City of London Guide, and keen photographer. She has lived and worked in London for over 30 years and has a particular interest in art and Roman and medieval London, having recently completed an MA in Medieval Studies.

She is a member of Six in the City walks and guides at the Guildhall Art Gallery, Roman Bathhouse, Billingsgate and during Open House.



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About City Guides

City Guides are the Official Guides to the City of London. The full title of our association is the City of London Guide Lecturers Association, which reflects the fact that our members give walks in the City and lecture on City related topics.

The Association was founded in 1983 to promote and maintain a high standard of guiding in, and lecturing about, the City of London. As well as giving walks and tours, many members offer lectures connected to the City.

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About Temple Bar Trust

Sir Christopher Wren's Temple Bar in Paternoster Square is home to the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects.

It is managed by the Temple Bar Trust whose aim is to promote architecture in the Square Mile to a wide public through a regular programme of talks and tours. A key focus of the Trust's work is supporting greater diversity in the architectural profession. The building also provides a unique space for meetings, dining and entertainment.

Find out about our other events at [templebartrust.org](#), or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)

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