

**London Festival of Architecture
City East to Tower of London Tour**

Saturday 8 June 2024

The tour will commence from Liverpool Street Station and walk through Spitalfields to Fenchurch Street, via Vine Street to Tower Hill.

From there, we will visit the Tower of London where we will be guided to Sikh and Indian history within the Tower of London, most prominently the story of Maharaja Duleep Singh and the Kohinoor Diamond.

The tour will finish from around 2pm, and you are free to explore the Tower of London at your leisure.



A little HISTORY of the SIKHS Walking Tour **LFA** London Festival of Architecture

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Time: 11am UK time
 Walking tour through Spitalfields & Aldgate with stories of early Sikh communities in the UK. Stops include Spitalfields, Artillery Passage, Fenchurch Street and Tower Hill, with group access to the Tower of London, reimagining East London through a Sikh lens!

Meet point: Bishopsgate Exit, Liverpool Street Station, Finish: Tower of London

Tickets: £15 per adult attendee
 Family tickets capped at £28 per family (inc. access to Tower of London)

Bookings via: www.alittlehistoryofthesikhs.org
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Time	Schedule	Info.
11am	Tour commences from Eataly steps at 11am (please arrive for around 10.30am to ensure time for WC visits at the station etc), adjacent to Liverpool Street Station entrance at Bishopsgate <i>Free to use Toilets at Liverpool Street Station (look for signs prior to escalators as you exit for Bishopsgate exit)</i>	(Toilets) – Yes (Step-free) – Yes
11.30am	Spitalfields Story 1: The Bishopsgate Institute <i>Suresh Singh and Joginder Singh</i> Spitalfields Story 2: The Society of the Protection of Ancient Buildings, <i>Prince Victor Duleep Singh</i>	(Toilets) – No (Step-free) – Yes
12 noon	Stop 1: Hotel Andaz. Liverpool Street <i>Maharaja Duleep Singh Story</i> Stop 2: Artillery Passage and stories of ‘1930s Sikh Street’	(Toilets) – No (Step-free) – Yes
1pm	Stop 3: East India Arms, 67 Fenchurch Street Stop 4: Vine Street (Police Station) and Harbans Singh Jabbal, Karpal Kaur Sandhu	(Toilets) – No (Step-free) – Yes
1.30pm onwards	Arrive at Tower of London <i>Free to use Toilets at the Tower of London</i> Stories of Sikh, Punjab and Indian History	(Toilets) – Yes (Step-free) – Yes
2.00pm onwards	Families and attendees are free to explore the Tower of London and all the stories it has to offer. Queue at 2pm for the Crown Jewels, where the tour ends for the group. Group can then stay on at the Tower to end their day.	(Toilets) – Yes (Step-free) – Yes

Contact details for Rav Singh, A little History of the Sikhs: 07774 018234 (WhatsApp and messages on the day)

INFO POINT 1: Walking tour commences from outside Eatly, Liverpool Street Station, Bishopsgate (🚆 Central/Circle/Hammersmith & City/Metropolitan Line, National Rail, Elizabeth Lines) at 11am promptly. You will see us waiting for you from approx. 10.30am

Info Point 1.2 - Please check your route on London Underground, and plan accordingly - <https://tfl.gov.uk/status-updates/planned-works-calendar>

INFO POINT 2: Please wear comfortable footwear...dress code is also comfortable (based on weather forecast to follow). I think we will cover only 4-5km at a steady pace, with plenty of stops, Its not a marathon, but best to wear comfortable footwear.

INFO POINT 3: Planned sites on this tour include stops outside Spitalfields Market (The Society of the Protection of Ancient Buildings, The Bishopsgate Institute etc), Great Eastern Hotel, Artillery Passage, 67 Fenchurch Street, Vine Street and the Tower of London.

INFO POINT 4: Weather forecast to follow.

INFO POINT 5: In advance of the tour, please subscribe for future tour information, London walking tours, UK day trips and European study visits.

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INFO POINT 6: Social Media and Photos: At most locations, you are welcome to take photos and share them on social media and personally. We may have an official photographer on the tour – and will introduce him/her to the group. Most ‘official’ photos only feature the back of heads etc, but some group shots have full facial images. I only ask that for those who prefer not to be in photos, just let us know, and we will accommodate requests accordingly.

INFO POINT 7: this tour has been curated with support for Historic Royal Palaces and is part of the London Festival of Architecture (www.londonfestivalofarchitecture.org). Please do follow both Historic Royal Palaces and the London Festival of Architecture on social media

INFO POINT 8: Checklist:

1. Oyster / Contactless Card
2. Phone and Charger
3. Water (essential), Snack Bag
4. Any medication if required e.g. ventolin Inhaler (☺)
5. Spending Money
5. Suncream (for kids) and Sunglasses

LASTLY: Request: Please do tag in ‘A little History of the Sikhs’ on the tour, if your tweet, post facebook or instagram pictures. We do the work we do to inspire our community to preserve our history and draw strength from it. As educators, the likes, shares and feedback help lift our spirits when other responsibilities in life bring pressures!