

City East to Tower of London Tour



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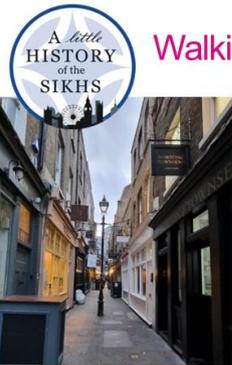
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Event:
Voices from Sikh History in the East of the City

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Walking Tour **LFA** London Festival of Architecture

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A 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.

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

Tickets: £15 per adult attendee
Family tickets available are capped at £28.

Following your booking request, you will be added to a group where more information, and instructions will be shared.

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2025 Theme: #Voices

Saturday 29 June 2025 - City East to Tower of London Tour

The tour will commence from Liverpool Street Station and walk through Spitalfields to learn stories of the early Sikh communities in London. From there, we will visit the Tower of London where we will be explore 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.

Time	Schedule	Info.
11am	Tour commences from Eatly 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 3: Hotel Andaz. Liverpool Street <i>Maharaja Duleep Singh Story</i> Stop 4: Artillery Passage and stories of ‘1930s Sikh Street’ <i>Tube or Walk: Liverpool Street to Tower Hill Station</i>	(Toilets) – No (Step-free) – Yes
1pm 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	All are free to stay at the the Tower of London 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 Eataly, 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. 10.50am

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) 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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Instagram @alittlehistoryofthesikhs

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/a-little-history-of-the-sikhs/>

X (not an active): @ALHSikhs

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!

RISK ASSESSMENT

Identified Risk. <i>There is a risk of</i>	Status	Mitigation
of issues arising as a result of 'walking the streets' - e.g., crossing streets, steps, pace	H	<p>Issue clear instructions and guidelines in terms of safety at crossing (all road crossing will be pelican or zebra crossings).</p> <p>Issue instructions at the start: re: pace, safety, ensure non-step access to the entrances at buildings visited</p> <p>A volunteer team of 2/3 people from allHotS will ensure that we maintain engagement with all tour attendees and give the best possible experience.</p>
of road traffic risks and crossing in and around the walking routes	H	<p>The team will make announcements regarding road safety and will be led by a walking group lead.</p> <p>All crossings to be at Pelican or Zebra crossing.</p> <p>The route has been mapped for a safe walking perspective, and all attendees will be updated on the vehicle/pedestrian zone at particularly busy crossing.</p>
of reputational risk to partner institutions, if Amritdhari (baptised) Sikhs are prevented from entry due to the adherence to their faith and wearing of their Kirpan's (Daggers).	M	<p>Partners to be notified of potential Sikh audiences visiting and that the kirpan is a lawful exemption from the current knife/blade regulations.</p> <p>A positive experience at the entrance will ensure a positive experience from the Sikh community members.</p>
of visitors not having an experience that feel worthy of the tour fee	L	<p>Routes and pre-tour information is shared detailing the itinerary and what visitors can expect.</p> <p>Feedback is collated after the tour to support continuous improvement and a team of staff/volunteers ensures that all attendees are encouraged to be an active part of the group, sharing experiences, stories and feedback.</p>