

Guided Tours at St Paul's Cathedral

Guided tours of St Paul's Cathedral are led by highly trained volunteers who give their time to assist the daily running of the cathedral. Known as the Friends of St Paul's, the history of the friends stretches back to World War I and again during World War II when they comprised the St Paul's Fire Watch to man the rooftops and guard against fires from incendiary bombs. They officially formed as the Friends of St Paul's in 1952 with the Queen Mother as their patron for 50 years until her death. They now are proud to have HRH The Duchess of Gloucester as their patron.



Guided tours are included with the admission charge for individual and family visitors and available to join upon arrival at the cathedral. Tours typically run at 10.45, 11.15, 13.30 and 14.00. Register for a tour at the Volunteer Information Desk located at the North West end of the cathedral. Please note that numbers are limited, tours cannot be pre-booked and operate subject to the availability of our volunteers.

The tours last for 90 minutes and are led in English only. The tour covers the cathedral floor and crypt and guides will share their knowledge of the history of St. Paul's, its architecture and decor as well as many of the tombs and memorials that are in the cathedral, including Sir Christopher Wren, Wellington and Nelson to name but a few. Guides will also take the tour into areas not usually accessible to the public; the stairwell of the famous Geometric Staircase, the Chapel of St. Michael & St. George as well as the Quire.



Cathedral guides can also be pre-booked for private group tours at a small additional cost to admission of £3.00 per adult, £2.50 per concession and £1.00 per child. A minimum number of 10 visitors is required for a private guided tour.

For more information and to book a private guided tour in advance please telephone 020 7246 8357, send a fax to 020 7248 3104, or email: admissions@stpaulscathedral.org.uk

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