

S^T. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

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INSPIRING FAITH. WELCOMING EVERYONE. A CATHEDRAL FOR LONDON AND THE WORLD.

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral A must-see icon in the heart of London

For over 1,400 years, St Paul's has risen above London's skyline – and above the everyday. Not a backdrop to history, but the place where it unfolded. Where Churchill's funeral procession fell silent. Where the nation gathered in joy and grief. Where Wren's extraordinary dome still stops you in your breath.

But St Paul's isn't a monument to be admired from a distance. It's yours to step inside, explore and experience together. From the Whispering Gallery to the Crypt, every visit reveals something new. And for groups, there's no more iconic – or more welcoming – home in London.

The Cathedral you see today, the fifth on this site, was designed by Sir Christopher Wren in the late 17th century and continues to inspire visitors from around the world with its grandeur, rich heritage, and spiritual significance.



Exclusive services and benefits

We'd love to help you plan an unforgettable visit to St Paul's. Our dedicated Sales and Ticketing team are here every step of the way – making your experience both seamless and enjoyable.

Whether you're organising a tour for a special interest group, international school party or VIP visit, we can recommend the best things to see and do, create bespoke itineraries and offer expert guidance on self-guided and private guided tours – so your guests can immerse themselves in over 1,400 years of history.

If you need promotional material to support your visit, we're happy to supply high-quality images and up-to-date copy

Groups of 15 or more benefit from exclusive discounted rates. Our Partner Scheme offers approved travel industry companies special rates for FIT and group visitors, with the convenience of booking sightseeing tickets 24 hours a day, seven days a week through our Partner portal or API connections.

To find out more or enquire about becoming a travel trade partner, please get in touch:

admissions@stpaulscathedral.org.uk

**Group 15+
discount
on rates**

**Booking
24hrs 7 days
a week**

Why visit?

- St Paul's is Sir Christopher Wren's crowning masterpiece – the enduring triumph of one of England's greatest architects, and one of the world's most iconic buildings.
- Rising 365 feet above the city, our Dome has shaped the London skyline for over 300 years. Still one of the tallest in the world, and the UK's second largest church by area.
- Marvel at one of the most significant works ever undertaken by Grinling Gibbons, the legendary carver widely regarded as the greatest decorative sculptor in British history.
- Look up at more than six million pieces of shimmering glass mosaic decorating the ceiling of the Quire.
- Step beneath our Dome, where intricate paintings bring the life of St Paul and other biblical stories vividly to life.
- Walk around the Whispering Gallery, where breathtaking Dome views meet a quietly extraordinary secret: whisper from one side, and your words travel clearly across to the other.



- Stand in one of Britain's most historic settings – where royal occasions, national moments of mourning and celebration have taken place for centuries, including the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer in 1981.
- Climb to the Stone Gallery for sweeping 360° views across London. Then continue to the Golden Gallery, the highest viewpoint in our Cathedral, where the ultimate panoramic city shot awaits.
- Visit the final resting place of Wren himself, alongside the tombs of two of Britain's greatest war heroes: the Duke of Wellington and Admiral Lord Nelson.
- Follow an inspiring trail of art and faith through the Cathedral – including Holman Hunt's *The Light of the World*, one of the most viewed paintings of the 20th century, and Henry Moore's striking *Mother and Child: Hood*.
- St Paul's has provided the backdrop for some of cinema's most memorable scenes – from *Sherlock Holmes* and *Mary Poppins Returns* to *Paddington 2*, which brought Hugh Grant to our Cathedral Floor, Whispering Gallery and Geometric Staircase. The Staircase is perhaps best loved as the Divination Tower in the *Harry Potter* films.

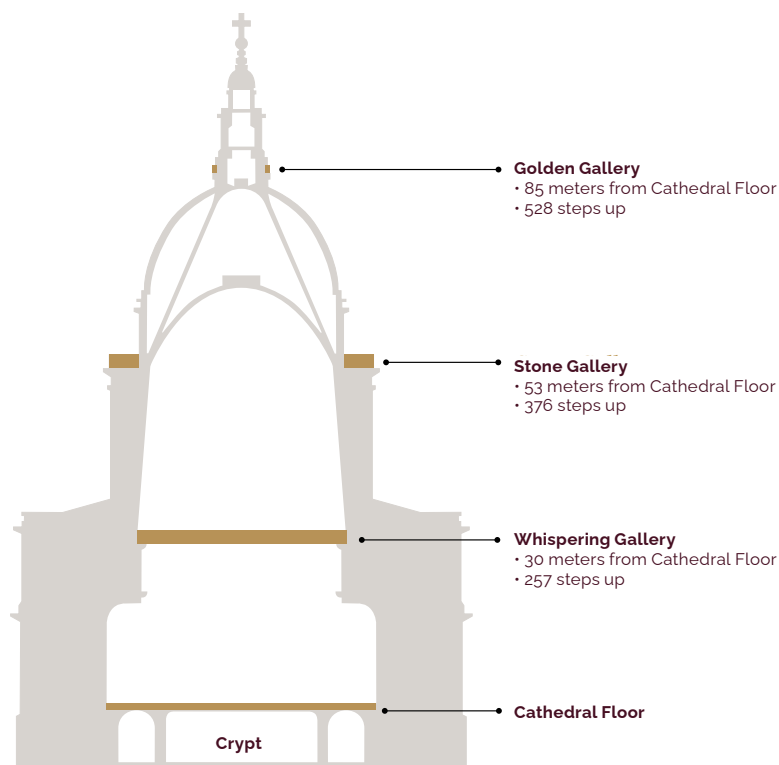
Need to know

- With a sightseeing ticket, visitors can explore all five levels of the Cathedral – from the majestic Cathedral Floor and historic Crypt to the Whispering Gallery, Stone Gallery and the soaring heights of the Golden Gallery.
- Admission includes our high-resolution touchscreen multimedia guide, available in nine languages, and including BSL and audio description. Easy to use and rich in detail, it offers 90 minutes of expert commentary, zoomable close-ups of the architecture, and rare archive footage – bringing centuries of history to life through voices past and present.
- We warmly welcome groups to our Cathedral, with discounted rates available and one free group leader place included with the purchase of 15 or more sightseeing tickets.
- For groups of at least 15 paying visitors that include 10 or more children aged 6 to 17, one free supervising adult ticket is provided for every 10 paying children.



- London Blue Badge Guides, and City of London Guides who have completed our accredited course, are welcome to guide inside the Cathedral. Guides can make use of our free group tour system, complete with headphones, microphone and transmitter, so every visitor can hear clearly throughout.
- Round off your visit with a stop at our Crypt Café, where you'll find everything from cream teas to sweet and savoury treats. And before you leave, our gift shop has a carefully chosen range of souvenirs, books and keepsakes, including our much-loved Paddington Bear.

Our galleries



Private guided tours

A guided tour is one of the best ways to experience our Cathedral. Led by our expert guides, each tour takes you on a journey through 1400 years of history – uncovering lesser-known stories and characters from our past, and opening doors to areas not usually accessible to the public.

Cathedral Floor and Crypt Tour

Explore the Cathedral Floor beneath the second largest dome in Europe – rising 365 feet above the city. Carved from Portland stone in the Baroque style, the interior features intricate marble floors, shimmering mosaics and ornate ironwork. In the Quire – the beating heart of our worship – marvel at Grinling Gibbons' extraordinary carvings of flowers, foliage and cherubs, and pause to look up at the mosaic ceilings above.



Make your way to the American Memorial Chapel, a moving tribute to the 28,000 US service personnel who lost their lives in the Second World War. Take in the stained-glass windows, each bearing a symbol of a US state, and look closely for a carved space rocket — a small tribute to the space race, hidden in plain sight.

Look out too for the Geometric Staircase, where 88 stone steps spiral upwards in an extraordinary feat of engineering

Then descend into the Crypt to find the final resting places of Sir Christopher Wren, the Duke of Wellington and Admiral Lord Nelson – a journey through beauty, bravery and enduring legacy.

Tour duration: 60 minutes

Maximum tour group size: 50



Treasures Tour: Discover our hidden secrets

Venture into the hidden heights of St Paul's on this exclusive private Treasures tour – discovering spaces few visitors ever see.

Marvel at the Geometric Staircase, a gravity-defying spiral of 88 stone steps that has captivated architects, film-makers and visitors for centuries, and featured in the Harry Potter films.

High above the Nave sits our Library, one of London's finest surviving 18th-century interiors, and a rarely seen treasure.

Nearby, the Trophy Room holds a fascinating collection of artefacts, while Wren's extraordinary Great Model offers a glimpse of how he first imagined St Paul's rising from the ashes of the Great Fire of London.

The tour draws to a close with a view down the full length of the Nave from above the Great West Doors – a vantage point that stops you in your breath, and one that very few visitors are fortunate enough to experience.

- **Tour length: 60 minutes**
- **Maximum capacity: 20 per tour**



Crypt Café with Benugo

Step into centuries of history and discover our Crypt Café – a hidden gem inside the largest crypt in Europe, offering a peaceful escape from the city's hustle and bustle for both FIT and group visitors. Here you'll enjoy a delicious selection of food and drink, from light lunches and freshly made sandwiches, to indulgent cakes and traditional cream teas. Dine in the unique atmosphere of the Café or relax in our beautiful gardens, where you can take in stunning views of the Cathedral.





Events

Few venues in London can offer a space like St Paul's can. From a candlelit dinner on the Cathedral Floor to an intimate reception in the Crypt or Chapter House, our spaces combine centuries of architectural beauty with the flexibility to bring your vision to life.

Whether you're planning a private dinner, a grand reception or an exclusive launch, our fully accessible spaces are available in the heart of the City – moments from major transport links and leading hotels.

We work with some of London's finest caterers to deliver tailored menus with impeccable service, and our trusted suppliers can enhance your event with florals, lighting and live entertainment.

Add a private Cathedral tour or a musical performance, and your guests will leave with something they won't easily forget.

To explore our event spaces, visit
stpauls.co.uk/your-event-st-pauls

To find out more or arrange a site visit, please get in touch:
corporateevents@stpaulscathedral.org.uk

How to find us

St Paul's is in the heart of the City of London, within easy walking distance of several Underground and mainline rail stations.

Travel by public transport

- St Paul's Underground station – 270 metres, around 3 minutes on foot
- City Thameslink station – 300 metres, around 4 minutes on foot
- Blackfriars Underground and rail station – 500 metres, around 7 minutes on foot

Travel by river

Uber Boat by Thames Clippers runs a fast, frequent service along the River Thames. The closest piers are Blackfriars, a 9 minute walk from the Cathedral, and Bankside, around 12 minutes on foot.

Travel by coach

On-street coach parking bays are located on St Martin's Le Grand and Queen Victoria Street, both within a 7 minute walk of the Cathedral.



Planning your visit

Opening times

Sightseeing visits run Monday to Saturday from 8.30am. Last entry is usually at 4pm, with sightseeing closing 30 minutes after last entry.

Please note that opening times may vary occasionally due to services and special events. The Cathedral is closed to sightseeing on Christmas Day.

Booking your visit

Group travel organisers and B2C

We recommend that group travel organisers and B2C operators pre-book sightseeing tickets through our website once group numbers are confirmed. Sightseeing tickets can be booked close to the visit date, as there is currently no capacity limit in place.

Private guided tours of the Cathedral Floor and Crypt, and Treasures Tours must be booked through our Sales and Ticketing team. We recommend booking at least three months in advance, as both are popular and places are limited.

Contact us

To book a group visit for 15 or more, including VIP visits for smaller groups and private guided tour upgrades, contact us:

admissions@stpaulscathedral.org.uk

call us on 020 7246 8357





Our Partner Portal

Our Partner portal and API, is designed to support, develop, and grow our relationships with our pre-approved travel industry partners. All FIT and group bookings will need to be booked through this portal.

Our Partner portal makes booking straightforward and flexible:

- Book sightseeing tickets for your customers quickly and easily
- Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Free cancellation and amendment up to 24 hours before your visit
- Instant access to digital and printable vouchers
- View and manage all bookings in one place.

To join our Partner Scheme, applications must meet our eligibility criteria. For further information, please get in touch: admissions@stpaulscathedral.org.uk

Accessibility

We warmly welcome all visitors, and our specially designed multimedia guides, tours, and accessibility measures are designed to improve access, so everyone can enjoy a visit.

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Find out more

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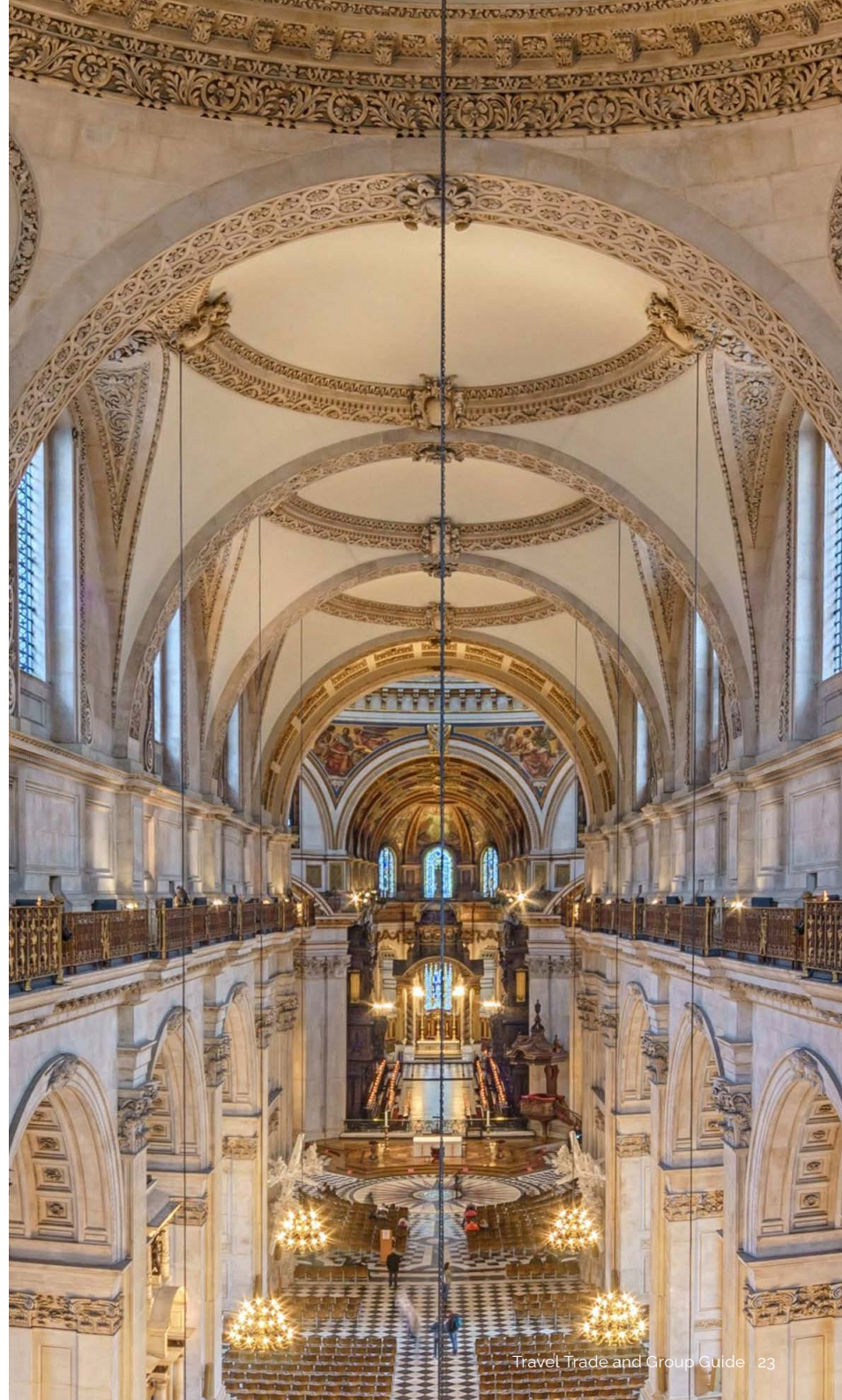
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