



HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Come and visit one of the world's most iconic buildings in 2016



Audio and guided tours inside the Houses of Parliament offer a unique combination of 1,000 years of history, modern day politics and stunning art and architecture.

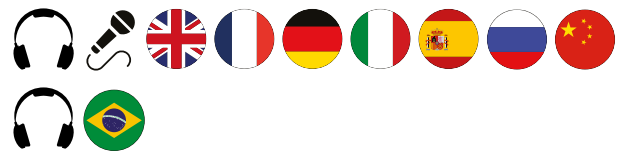
Both tours include the route taken by the Queen at the State Opening of Parliament; from the Queen's Robing Room, through the Royal Gallery and Prince's Chamber, into the majestic Lords Chamber. Tours then move on through Central Lobby, Members' Lobby and one of the voting lobbies before entering the Commons Chamber, the scene of many lively debates.

After passing through St Stephen's Hall the tours end in 900 year old Westminster Hall. This is where Guy Fawkes and King Charles I were tried and where Nelson Mandela and Barack Obama have addressed Parliament in more recent years.

The audio tours take around 60 to 75 minutes. The guided tours led by a qualified 'Blue Badge' guide last 90 minutes.

Tours run on Saturdays throughout the year and on most weekdays during Parliamentary recesses including Christmas, Easter and the summer. All admissions are on a timed ticket basis.

Regular tours are available in the following languages:



Guided tours in over 15 other languages, and on specific topics, can be arranged for groups on request. Please contact us about these.

Winner 'Best company or venue offering guided tours' at the Group Travel Awards 2015

TICKET PRICES

Audio Tour

Up to 31 March 2016

- Adults: **£18**
- Concessions*: **£15.50**
- Children (5-15 years):
One child free with each paying adult,
£7.20 for each additional child

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017

- Adults: **£18.50**
- Concessions*: **£16**
- Children (5-15 years):
One child free with each paying adult,
£7.50 for each additional child

Guided Tour

Up to 31 March 2016

- Adults: **£25**
- Concessions*: **£20**
- Children (5-15 years): **£10**

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017

- Adults: **£25.50**
- Concessions*: **£21**
- Children (5-15 years): **£11**

GROUP RATES

Discounted rates are available for groups of 10 or more:

Audio Tour

Up to 31 March 2016

- Adults: **£14.40**
- Children (up to 15 years): **£7.20**

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017

- Adults: **£15**
- Children (up to 15 years): **£7.50**

Guided Tour

Up to 31 March 2016

- Adults: **£19**
- Children (up to 15 years): **£10**

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017

- Adults: **£20**
- Children (up to 15 years): **£11**

* Concessions apply to over 60s, students, and members of the UK Armed Forces

AFTERNOON TEA BESIDE THE THAMES

A popular add-on to the tours is Afternoon Tea beside the River Thames. Parliament's chefs have created a tempting seasonal menu of savouries and sweets which combines tradition with a modern twist.

Tea is served in the elegant surroundings of the House of Commons, in a room offering superb views along the Thames and comfortably accommodating up to 70 people per sitting. Vegetarian and gluten-free alternatives can be prepared if requested at the time of booking.

- Adults and Children: **£29** (in addition to the price of the tour ticket)



PRIVATE TOURS



This is an opportunity to visit 'out of hours' in the early morning as the Houses of Parliament are being prepared for the day ahead. The guided tour can be tailored to reflect the interest, knowledge and preferred language of the group and up to 10 visitors per guide can be accommodated. Private tours could include the Royal Gallery, Lords Chamber, Members' Lobby, Commons Chamber and Westminster Hall. Tours from **£475**.

FAMILY TOURS



A family version of the audio tour, aimed at children aged 7 to 12, is available in English. The engaging commentary is in the style of a 'live' news broadcast with time travelling reporters 'reporting from the scene' on the many historical stories associated with the Houses of Parliament.

ROYALTY AND SPLENDOUR GROUP TOURS



A special early evening experience for private groups only. Focusing on the art and decorative style of the House of Lords this guided tour includes the Queen's Robing Room, Royal Gallery and Lords Chamber, and showcases the architecture of Charles Barry and the artistry of Augustus Pugin, William Dyce and Daniel Maclise amongst others. The visit ends in style with a glass of champagne in the Palace of Westminster. Tours from **£475**.

FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE 'SUFFRAGETTE' FILMMAKERS



'Suffragette' is the British feature film released in late 2015, directed by Sarah Gavron and starring Carey Mulligan and Meryl Streep. Inspired by the true stories of the foot soldiers of the women's suffrage movement and their fight for the right to vote, the film includes scenes filmed inside the Houses of Parliament. Visit Parliament in 2016 and follow in the footsteps of both the original suffragettes and the filmmakers.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Jubilee Cafe and Shop is located off Westminster Hall. The cafe offers a selection of light meals, and hot and cold drinks. The Houses of Parliament Shop is located on the corner of Parliament Square. Both shops offer an attractive range of books, gifts and souvenirs.

Houses of Parliament tours are accessible. There are steps at either end of St Stephen's Hall but an alternative route via a lift is available and St Stephen's Hall can be viewed from Central Lobby. For visitors who are deaf or who have a hearing loss a screen-based version of the audio tour is available in British Sign Language.

As a working Parliament building, tours may occasionally be subject to change or cancellation due to Parliamentary business. Searches similar to those used in airports are conducted on entry. Please check www.parliament.uk/visiting for current information.



TRAVEL TRADE AND PRESS ENQUIRIES

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BOOKINGS TEAM

Bookings can be made directly with the Houses of Parliament's Bookings Team.

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