

## Following Sherlock's Footsteps

It is busy at Embankment Tube Station but a group of students is standing in the crowd. They are waiting for the beginning of the Sherlock Holmes Tour. This is a guided tour in London, where you can follow the footsteps of Britain's most famous detective. Sherlock Holmes, the man with the pipe and the stalker hat.



Sherlock Holmes

### What is important to know before the tour?

The Sherlock Holmes Walk takes about two hours and takes place no matter whether it rains or the sun shines. You can also experience this Walk as a wheelchair user. If you want to participate with little kids you should bring a stroller since it is not possible to sit down anywhere. Be aware that you will be near busy streets sometimes. Generally, the tour is made for avid Sherlock Holmes readers.

### Which places do you get to see?

You will be standing where Sherlock Holmes himself once stood. There are many new places and buildings you will get to know. One highlight is the Strand Magazine. Standing in front of this building, your guide explains how much influence on the magazine's business Sherlock had. Surprisingly you will not see the famous house where Sherlock and his friend Watson used to live, 221B Baker Street. You can visit it yourself after the tour has ended. Every place you see with your guide is public, so you might rather want to visit those interesting places without a guide. However, that way you will not get to know all the information.

### How does the guide narrate?

The guide speaks English, so a moderate level of English is required. It is much easier to understand what your guide is talking about, if you know something about Sherlock or some of his stories before the tour. You will notice that the guide loves his job and that he is really interested in Sherlock Holmes, he is in his element. He is open to questions from the group at all times. He will also ask you some questions about your opinion to different things.

### What can you learn?

You get to know a lot of people from Joseph Bell to Robert Burns. You will leave this tour with a lot more knowledge than before. The guide leads your thoughts to relationships between characters that you would have never thought of. You also get to know the author Conan Doyle. He had an interesting life himself – or do you know on whom he based the character Sherlock? One of the first questions that your guide will ask you is: Why did the author kill Sherlock? Do you already know the answer?

In conclusion, the Sherlock Holmes Walk will lead you through London in the footsteps of the famous private detective. You will learn a lot since the tour is very rich in variety. If you are interested, I would advise you to read some Sherlock Holmes stories beforehand, they are fantastic and they will help you while you are doing the tour. I really recommend the tour!



The Sherlock Holmes Museum