

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Friday 30 November 2018**

***Christmas has come early with new Hidden London tours – includes a new package: Charing Cross station tour and Skyfall screening***

***Tickets on sale from today***



- **Give a Hidden London tour as a special gift this Christmas**
- **NEW EVENT: Sip on a martini and watch Skyfall following a tour at Charing Cross station – one of the Bond film locations. Shaken not stirred**
- **Combine a beautifully printed festive souvenir tour ticket presented in a high-quality envelope with a stylish Hidden London inspired gift**

Treat loved-ones to a disused station or secret venue tour this Christmas which will transport them to a bygone era. Film fans will have the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of one of the world's most famous spies with a new package which includes a Charing Cross tour and Skyfall screening at London Transport Museum, Covent Garden. At 55 Broadway, architecture enthusiasts can admire the art deco style of London's first skyscraper, which celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> year in 2019. A Hidden London tour is the perfect festive surprise for the shopper after something a little bit different.

Visitors to the Clapham South – Subterranean shelter tour will hear about the extraordinary stories of Londoners seeking refuge in this labyrinth of underground passages during the Second World War as well as Caribbean

migrants arriving on the Empire Windrush who, temporarily, made this deep-level underground shelter their home. New matinee tickets are now available for those wishing to attend an afternoon tour at a slightly reduced price.

Euston – The lost tunnels tour offers visitors a glimpse of quiet and spooky passageways below Euston’s bustling station while those with a passion for photography can capture this arresting location on camera on the Euston – Photography tour.

Adventure seekers can explore abandoned platforms and tunnels at Aldwych station – a hidden gem, rarely open to the public, and just footsteps away from the Strand.



Christmas shoppers can combine a beautifully printed festive souvenir tour ticket presented in a high-quality envelope with a stylish Hidden London inspired gift to create a lovely Christmas package. Hidden London gifts include colourful china homeware and other stocking fillers which can be bought online\* or in London Transport Museum’s Covent Garden shop.



Tickets for a new season of Hidden London tours of disused stations and other secret locations are on public sale from today (Friday 30 November). Organised by London Transport Museum, the new season runs from 19 January to 31 March 2019.

The new 2019 Hidden London Winter programme includes the following tours:

- **Aldwych – The end of the line**
- **Charing Cross – Tour and Skyfall screening**
- **Charing Cross – Access all areas (tour only)**
- **Clapham South – Subterranean shelter**
- **Euston – The lost tunnels**
- **Euston – Photography tour**
- **55 Broadway – London's first skyscraper**

*More information on the individual Hidden London tours for this new season is detailed below:*

### **Aldwych – The end of the line**

Be transported to where time stood still. Aldwych station is one of London's secret places, holding myths and memories of times gone by. Opened to the public in 1907, it was never heavily used and closed in 1994, after almost 90 years. The station has had a varied history; from providing shelter to Londoners during the Blitz, to being used for film and TV shoots including Darkest Hour (2017), Sherlock (2014), Mr Selfridge (2013) and Atonement (2007).

**Dates:** Friday – Sunday, 15 February – 10 March

**Times:** various

**Tickets:** Adult £41.50; Concession £36.50 (+ £1.50 booking fee per transaction)

### **Charing Cross – Station tour and Skyfall screening**

A special opportunity for Bond fans to access one of the top-secret London locations where Skyfall was filmed. Hidden London takes visitors to the disused spaces of Charing Cross Underground station, going behind closed

doors to areas not accessible to the public. Guests can explore the station's history and learn why it came to be used as a film location for several blockbuster movies including Skyfall.

Film fans will also have the chance to visit where iconic moments of the film were made before heading over to London Transport Museum's Cubic Theatre to enjoy an exclusive screening of the film while they can sip on a martini (or a beer, wine or soft drink) and munch on pop-corn.

**Dates:** Saturday and Sunday, 19 January – 3 February and 10 February

**Times:** 12:50 tour start time; 15:00 film start time

**Event duration:** 3.5 hours approx

**Location:** The tour takes place at Charing Cross, WC2N 5LR; The Screening takes place at London Transport Museum, Covent Garden

**Tickets:** Adult £65.00; Concession £60.00\* (+ £1.50 booking fee per transaction)

### **Charing Cross – Access all areas (tour only)**

Explore the disused spaces of Charing Cross Underground station, and go behind closed doors to exclusive areas not accessible to the public. Walk under Trafalgar Square and see London Underground in a different light. Closed to the public since 1999, the Jubilee line platforms at Charing Cross are now synonymous with movie and TV filming. This is a unique opportunity to view the sites where blockbuster movies such as Skyfall (2011/12), Paddington Bear (2013) and TV's 24 (2014) were filmed.

**Dates:** Wednesday – Sunday, 19 January – 10 February

**Times:** various

**Tickets:** Adult £41.50; Concession £36.50 (+ £1.50 booking fee per transaction)

### **Clapham South – Subterranean shelter**

Journey 180 steps underground to explore one of eight deep-level shelters that exist across London. Opened to the public in July 1944, Clapham South deep-level shelter has over a mile of subterranean passageways that reveal the extraordinary stories of those who sheltered here, from Londoners seeking refuge during the Blitz, to Caribbean migrants arriving on the Empire Windrush, and even thrifty visitors to the Festival of Britain. New reduced matinee prices are available for visitors looking for an afternoon activity.

**Dates:** Wednesday – Sunday, 26 January – 10 February and 20 March – 31 March

**Times:** various

**Tickets:** Adult £35.00; Concession £30.00 (+ £1.50 booking fee per transaction)

**Matinee:** £30.00. Matinee tickets are only valid for tours taking place from Wednesday to Friday, starting before 16.00.

### **Euston – The lost tunnels**

Discover a labyrinth of dark and dusty passageways which were once used by the travelling public. See a gallery of preserved vintage advertising poster fragments that have been concealed for over 50 years. Learn about the newest innovations to the Tube and Network Rail station that serves over 42 million passengers each year and witness the remains of its past before the site is transformed for the arrival of HS2.

**Dates:** *Wednesday – Sunday, 6 March – 31 March*

**Times:** *various*

**Tickets:** *Adult £41.50; Concession £36.50 (+ £1.50 booking fee per transaction)*

### **Euston – The photography tour**

Photography fans will love this tour allowing them to capture these atmospheric passages. It should be noted that this tour is an abbreviated version of Euston – The lost tunnels tour. It will be led by an expert tour guide with additional time structured in for photography. Please be aware this tour is a non-instructional photography tour and there will not be a professional photographer on site for instruction. Visitors will need to have a good working knowledge of and provide their photographic equipment and be self-sufficient in the use of their equipment.

**Dates:** Friday – Sunday, 22 February – 3 March

**Times:** various

**Tickets:** Adult £100.00; Concession £95.00 (+ £1.50 booking fee per transaction)

### **55 Broadway – London's first skyscraper**

Join Transport for London experts and enthusiasts for an exclusive tour inside London's first skyscraper at 55 Broadway as it celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019. A radical architectural milestone, which prompted much debate when

unveiled in 1929, this Grade I listed structure is now acknowledged as a marvel of art deco London. The tour will give guests privileged access to London Underground's iconic former headquarters, and a new perspective on the capital city as they journey up 14 storeys (mostly by lift) to see beautifully designed offices, grand meeting rooms, and stunning rooftop views. Ten sculptures adorn the building's exterior. The now famous artists include Henry Moore, whose sculpture 'West Wind' was his first public commission. Jacob Epstein's two large groups 'Night' and 'Day' were highly controversial and 'Day' in particular was even called 'vulgar'. During their visit, visitors can judge these modernist works for themselves.

**Dates:** Saturday, Sunday, 16 – 17 February, 16 – 17 March

**Times: various**

**Tickets:** Adult £38.50; Concession £33.50 (+ £1.50 booking fee per transaction)

*All Hidden London tickets (except Euston – The photography tour and the Charing Cross – Tour and Skyfall screening, which includes a one free day pass) include a half-price one-day pass to London Transport Museum, which must be used within one month of the event date. All Hidden London ticket holders can obtain a 10% discount on all merchandise at London Transport Museum's shop, both online and in store, within one month of your Hidden London event date.*

Various tour times, dates and prices are available. For more information and to book a ticket and for further information please go to

[www.ltmuseum.co.uk/hidden-london.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/hidden-london.co.uk) or email

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### Notes for Editors:

#### About London Transport Museum

- The Museum is situated in the heart of Covent Garden and filled with stunning exhibits; the Museum explores the powerful link between transport and the growth of modern London, culture and society since 1800. Historic vehicles, world-famous posters and the very best objects from the Museum's extraordinary collection are brought together to tell the story of London's development and the part transport played in defining the unique identity of the city.
- The Museum is a charity and the world's leading museum of urban transport and a place for everyone to come to understand and enjoy the story of London's journey. No other capital city is defined and shaped so much by its transport as London. Yet the scale of influence of transport can be invisible to those who use it every day. The Museum and its collections are a window into the past, present and future of how transport keeps London moving, working and growing, and makes life in our city better. The Museum's charity number is 1123122.

#### Travel to London Transport Museum:

- Address: Covent Garden Piazza, WC2E 7BB.
- The nearest stations to London Transport Museum are:
  - **Underground:** Covent Garden, Leicester Square, Charing Cross, Embankment, Holborn
  - **National Rail:** Charing Cross and Waterloo
  - **Boat:** Embankment or Westminster pier
  - **Bus:** Strand or Aldwych

#### Public information: \_

- Talks & events bookings: +44 (0)20 7565 7298
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