

Press release

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New season of Hidden London disused station tours to go on public sale on Friday 8 March

includes new event: Aldwych and Darkest Hour film screening



- **New Hidden London Aldwych tour with complimentary film**
- **Churchill fans can also enjoy the ever-popular Down Street tour**
- **Ten different Hidden London events to choose from**
- **Bond fans will love the Charing Cross and complimentary Skyfall film**
- **Take a walk on the wild side at Highgate**

Hidden London is bringing some movie magic to its historic **Aldwych** disused station tours with a complimentary film screening of the award-winning film *Darkest Hour* (2017) starring Academy Award winning actor Gary Oldman and Dame Kristin Scott Thomas. After exploring one of London's most secret spaces deep underground, guests can enjoy the war-time blockbuster in the comfortable Cubic Theatre at London Transport Museum. A glass of champagne tops the experience.

Film fans will also have the chance to walk in the footsteps of James Bond during the **Charing Cross** tour and complimentary *Skyfall* (2012) screening. Charing Cross disused station is one of the Bond filming locations. Guests can enjoy a martini – shaken not stirred – as they watch actor Daniel Craig as the famous spy in action in the Cubic Theatre.

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 tickets are now available for those wishing to attend an afternoon tour at a special matinee price.

The **Down Street** tour gives Churchill enthusiasts the opportunity to discover where this great war-time leader took refuge during the height of the Blitz, while art deco fans will love the 55 Broadway tour. Opened in 1929, this Grade I listed building was London's first skyscraper and celebrates its 90th birthday this year. Warmer weather means the green and wild area around **Highgate** station, and its disused platforms can be explored. Find out why the station now lies in a secluded vale. Visitors on this tour can find out why this station is home to a protected species.



Highgate

The **Euston** tour offers visitors a glimpse of quiet and spooky passageways below Euston's bustling station.

Tickets for a new season of Hidden London tours of disused stations and other secret locations will go on public sale on Friday 8 March at 10:00. Organised by London Transport Museum, the new season runs from 11 April to 27 September 2019.

The new programme of Hidden London includes the following locations:

- Aldwych – The end of the line
- Aldwych – Tour & complimentary Darkest Hour screening
- Charing Cross – Access all areas
- Charing Cross – Tour & complimentary Skyfall screening
- 55 Broadway – London's first skyscraper
- Clapham South – Subterranean shelter
- Clapham South – Subterranean shelter tour & film clip
- Down Street – Churchill's secret station
- Euston – The lost tunnels
- Highgate – Wilderness walkabout

Aldwych – The end of the line

Be transported to where time stands 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, 1 June – 23 June

Times: various

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

Aldwych – Tour & Darkest Hour complimentary screening

This tour offers an exclusive opportunity for film fans to explore one of the London locations of 2017 film *Darkest Hour*. Hidden London will take visitors into one of London's secret spaces, Aldwych station, to discover how this station that was first opened in 1907 has come to be more well-known as a filming location for film and TV.

Guests will have the chance to visit the ticket hall, original lifts and abandoned platforms and tunnels, before heading to London Transport Museum's Cubic Theatre to enjoy a screening of *Darkest Hour* with a glass of champagne and popcorn.

Dates: Saturday, Sunday, 1 June – 23 June

Times: 12:50 – tour start time; 14:30 – screening start time

Event duration: 3h 40 minutes (approx.)

Location: Tour – Aldwych station, Surrey Street, WC2R 2NE

Screening: London Transport Museum, Covent Garden Piazza, WC2E 7BB

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, 25 April – 23 May, 12 July – 4 August

Times: various

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

Charing Cross – Station tour and complimentary 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, 4 May, 5 May & 19 May
20 July – 4 August

Times: 12:30 tour start time, 14:15 film start time

Event duration: 4 hours approximately

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)

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 90th 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, 13 – 14 April, 25 – 26 May, 15 – 16 June, 6 – 7 July, 10 – 11 August

Times: various

Tickets: Adult £38.50; Concession £33.50 (+ £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, 11 April – 14 April, 25 – 26 April, 1 May – 5 May

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.

Clapham South: Subterranean shelter tour & archive film clip

This tour is the same as the above Clapham South – Subterranean tour except that visitors will be able to enjoy an exclusive screening curated by London Transport Museum revealing the fascinating story of people who sheltered in these deep-level shelters during the German V1 and V2 bomber attacks.

Hidden London Clapham South tours are approximately 75 minutes long. The film clip is approximately 30 minutes long.

Dates: Friday, Saturday, 12 – 13 April, 26 April, 3 – 4 May

Tickets: Adult £42.50; Concession £37.50 (+£1.50 booking fee per transaction)

Down Street – Churchill's secret station

Get an intimate peek into one of London's most intriguing hidden spaces. Located in Mayfair between Hyde Park Corner and Green Park stations, Down Street had a short life as a working station from 1907 to 1932, but became critical to winning the Second World War when covertly transformed into the Railway Executive Committee's bomb-proof headquarters. Experience the warren of narrow tunnels where the nation's railways were coordinated and Prime Minister Winston Churchill secretly took refuge at the height of the Blitz.

Dates: Wednesday to Sunday, 17 May – 16 June, 26 – 30 June, 16 – 25 August, 4 – 15 September & 25 – 27 September

Tickets: Adult £85.00; Concession £80.00 (+ £1.50 booking fee per transaction)

Highgate – Wilderness Walkabout

Discover a station reclaimed by nature. Redeveloped with Charles Holden architecture in 1940, Highgate was set to become a bustling interchange as part of the Northern Heights project. Find out why it now lies in a secluded vale as an urban wilderness home to protected species.

Dates: Wednesday - Sunday, 11 July - 4 August

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

Few of the 42 million customers who use Euston Underground station every year would guess that they pass within metres of not one, but two disused stations as they make their way through the modern passageways. 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 and witness the remains of its past before the site is transformed for the arrival of HS2.

Dates: Wednesday to Thursday: 5 June – 20 June, Wednesday to Sunday: 23 August – 22 September

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

The ticket price includes a half-price* one day pass to London Transport Museum – **except for the Down Street tour, Aldwych: Tour & complimentary screening and Cross Charing Cross – Station tour and Skyfall screening which include a one-day pass to London Transport Museum** – which must be used within one month of the event date, and a 10% discount on all merchandise at London Transport Museum shop, both online and in store, within one month of your Hidden London event date. This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

To book a ticket go to www.ltmuseum.co.uk/hidden-london and for further information please email bookings@ltmuseum.co.uk or call 0207 565 7298.

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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

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