



## Group Information Pack



## CONTENTS

Opening times and rates	2
Group tours	3
Educational Groups	4
Common questions	5
Further Information	6
What else happens at Tower Bridge?	7
How to find us	8
Hotels and catering	9
Nearby attractions	10
Car & coach parking	11
Useful contact numbers	12
The Monument	13



## Opening times for Tower Bridge Exhibition

**April 1st – September 30th** 10.00am – 6.30pm  
(last admission 5.30pm)

**October 1st – March 31st** 9.30am – 6.00pm  
(last admission 5.00pm)

**Note:** Tower Bridge Exhibition is closed 24th - 26th December and open from 12:00 1st January

## Helpful Advice

Tower Bridge Exhibition is extremely popular, attracting some half a million visitors each year. In order to ensure your group gets maximum enjoyment try to avoid the busier times.

A morning visit to Tower Bridge is the perfect start to a day out in London.

## Tower Bridge Exhibition

## Group Rate

(10 or more people)

<b>Adults</b>	£8.00	£6.80
<b>Children (5-15)</b>	£3.40	£3.00
<b>Senior</b>	£5.60	£5.00
<b>Student (16+)</b>	£5.60	£5.00
<b>Under 5</b>	Free	Free

## Get the most from your visit

Why not book an introductory talk from one of Tower Bridge Exhibitions experienced guides. This is the ideal way to familiarise your group with the history of the Tower Bridge and the surrounding area.

Talks are available at £22.50 per group of 20 people. Talks last approximately 20-30 minutes (only available in English) and must be booked 2 weeks in advance.

## Tower Bridge Exhibition Tours

### Introduction:

Treat your group to a tour of the Most Famous Bridge in the World.

No visit to London is complete without experiencing the amazing views from Tower Bridge's Walkways, or witnessing the stunning and beautiful Steam Engines that once raised the Bridge. Split over two sections, Tower Bridge Exhibition tells the amazing story of how and why the Bridge was built, whilst allowing visitors to explore the amazing architecture and design that makes Tower Bridge so unique.

### Tower Bridge Exhibition Full Visit:

Arriving at the North West Tower visitors are transported by lift 42 meters above the River Thames, taking them up to the high level Walkways which were first crossed by the public back in 1894. In each Tower a short video explains the history behind the Bridge's conception and construction, whilst the two Walkways offer amazing panoramic views around London, as well as temporary exhibitions based around key themes relating to the Bridge.

Having exited via a lift in the South Tower, visitors should follow the blue line to the Victorian Engine Rooms situated underneath the Bridge on the South Bank. Here visitors can learn all about the original workings of the Bridge, whilst marvelling at the magnificent coal boilers and steam engines that have been meticulously maintained. Animation and video footage provide a greater insight into the raising of the Bridge before guests exit via the Gift Shop.

**Group size:** 10 or more

**Duration of visit:** 1–1 ½ hours

**Prices: Adults** £6.80, Children, £3.00

**Seniors and Students** (with valid I.D.) £5.00

### Helpful hint:

The Tower Bridge Exhibition Gift Shop located in the Engine Rooms has a wide range of souvenir items, providing a perfect memento of your visit.

## Tower Bridge Exhibition Guided Tours

### Evening Tour

A private Evening Tour provides the ideal opportunity to explore Tower Bridge after hours, taking in the amazing panoramic views out across London and the majestic Steam Engines underneath the Bridge. Starting after the exhibition closes to the public, the tour allows for a far more personal experience with a knowledgeable Tower Bridge guide on hand to lead the visit and answer any questions guests may have. Visitors will not only learn about the Bridge's history but will also get a greater insight into the stories, legends and myths associated with Tower Bridge.

This tour must be pre – booked at least two weeks in advance and is subject to availability.

**Group size:** Minimum 10 – Maximum 30

**Duration of visit:** 1–1 ½ hours ( 6.30pm- 8.00pm)

**Price:** £19.00 per person.

### Behind the Scenes Tour

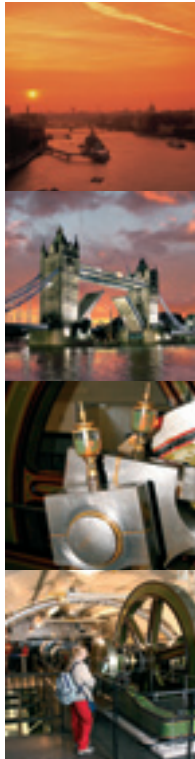
This exclusive tour takes groups to areas unseen by Exhibition ticket holders. Led by an experienced Technical Officer, visitors will view the control cabin from which the Bridge is raised and the Machine Room that houses both new and old Bridge lifting equipment. There will be an opportunity for a question and answer session before viewing the immense Bascule chambers, beneath the Gothic Towers. This option includes a guided tour of the Tower Bridge Exhibition, including the Walkways and Victorian Engine Rooms. Please note that this tour includes climbing some steep steps.

This tour must be pre – booked 2 weeks in advance and is available during the winter months only (October – March).

**Group size:** Minimum 6 – Maximum 12

**Duration of visit:** 1 hour and 30 minutes  
(4.30pm-6pm)

**Price:** £29.00 per person.





## Educational Groups

### Tower Bridge Education Pack

Here at Tower Bridge Exhibition we think learning should be fun so working together in partnership with the Guy Fox History Project we have produced a new and exciting Education Pack. Designed for key Stage 2 pupils and teachers the Education Pack combines some of the most fascinating aspects of Tower Bridge with key national curriculum subjects including English, History, Geography, Citizenship, Science and Mathematics to name but a few. The Education Pack comes complete with activities to undertake before, during and after your visit. Packs are free to download from the Tower Bridge website,

[www.towerbridge.org/TBE/EN/Exhibition/Kids+and+Schools.htm](http://www.towerbridge.org/TBE/EN/Exhibition/Kids+and+Schools.htm)

If you enjoyed the Tower Bridge Education Pack then why not also download the Monument Education Pack where pupils can learn all about the Great Fire of 1666 and the rebuilding of the City of London afterwards. This teacher's kit will engage Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils in the story of The Monument, with a wide range of classroom activities.

[www.themonument.info/visit/](http://www.themonument.info/visit/)

### Marketing Talks

For Tourism and Marketing students, specialist talks can be provided by a member of the Tower Bridge Marketing Team. The session will cover discussions on marketing and business plans, promotions and advertising, as well as working with and controlling budgets.

**Group size:** Minimum 10 – Maximum 30

**Duration of talk:** 30 – 45 Minutes

**Price:** Included in entrance price  
Please telephone +44 (0) 20 7407 9191 for further details.

### Guy Fox Explore Kit

Designed with kids in mind, this unique kit enables families and school groups to explore this historic area and its iconic landmarks in an innovative and exciting way.

The kit is free of charge and contains maps, puzzles and other adventures that kids will love. Print it out and begin your journey!

This can be downloaded by visiting our website [www.towerbridge.org/TBE/EN/Exhibition/Kids+and+Schools.htm](http://www.towerbridge.org/TBE/EN/Exhibition/Kids+and+Schools.htm)

Throughout the year Tower Bridge holds a number of special child friendly exhibitions, please call 0207 407 9191 for more details

**Price:** Included in entrance price.

## Common questions about Tower Bridge Exhibition

### ***Where exactly is the entrance to Tower Bridge Exhibition?***

The ticket office is a glass fronted structure that can be found at the North West tower of the Bridge. The tour concludes at the Engine Rooms which is situated underneath the Bridge on the South Bank. A map of the entrance's location is included at the back of this pack

### ***How long will I spend at the Exhibition?***

We recommend allowing 1 – 1.5 hours for a visit, although as it is a self guided visit you are welcome to move through at your own pace.

### ***If I bring my group, is it necessary to book?***

We do advise you to book your group visit in advance to ensure you receive the group rate and to avoid your visit clashing with any other large parties.

### ***Can we take pictures from the Walkways?***

Yes, you can take pictures anywhere on the Bridge or in the Engine Rooms. We even have special windows that open in the Walkways so that you can take pictures without having glass in front of your camera lens.

### ***Where are the toilets?***

There are toilets within the South Tower accessible once you have passed through the ticket office and gone up in the lift. There are also toilets in the Engine Rooms, just by the entrance.

### ***Do you have a gift shop?***

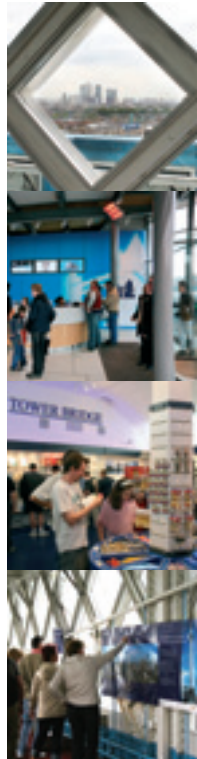
Yes, it is located at the end of the tour, in the Engine Rooms but can be visited at any time without undertaking a tour.

### ***Where does our coach park?***

There is a coach park conveniently located near the Tower of London. Alternatively the driver could drop you off on Tooley Street next to the Bridge or outside the Guoman Thistle Hotel. More detailed information on Coach Parking is included later in this pack.

### ***Is there somewhere we can eat nearby?***

There are plenty of cafes, restaurants and pubs around Shad Thames and further along the river within Hays Galleria. Included in this pack you will find a selection of restaurants with telephone numbers so you can book in advance.





## Further Information

### Preliminary Visits

Tower Bridge Exhibition is happy to provide all group organisers with complimentary tickets, in order that they may visit the Bridge and successfully plan their trip.

### Disabled Access

Tower Bridge Exhibition is fully accessible. There are lifts to take visitors both up to and down from the high level walkways.

When exiting the lift from the walkways to go to the Engine Rooms you will have to walk for an extra 5 minutes to avoid the stairs. The guide in the lift will happily direct you on your exit or please ask for an access leaflet when making your booking.

### Events Programme

We hold special events throughout the year, for more information visit our website

**[www.towerbridge.org.uk](http://www.towerbridge.org.uk)**  
or phone (0)20 7407 9191

### Venue Hire

Tower Bridge has 4 areas that can be hired out for functions, these being the Walkways, the Engine Rooms, the North Tower Lounge and the Bridge Master's Dining Room. Tower Bridge can cater for small daytime meetings, large formal dinners and is even licensed for Weddings. A Venue Hire brochure is available on request.

For further details contact:

0207 407 9222

or e-mail **[enquiries@towerbridge.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@towerbridge.org.uk)**

### See Tower Bridge Lift

Even after 100 years, the sight of Tower Bridge rising is a magnificent sight. Why not time your visit to see the Bridge Lift. Call the Bridge Lift Hotline on 0207 940 3984 or check on-line at **[www.towerbridge.org/TBE/EN/BridgeLiftTimes](http://www.towerbridge.org/TBE/EN/BridgeLiftTimes)**

Ask our Group Booking Co-ordinator about the best viewing points.

## What else happens at Tower Bridge?

### Tower Bridge – The Venue

Tower Bridge offers the opportunity to hold events inside this world famous landmark. The Bridge houses four exquisite and unusual venues which are ideal for all styles of event from private parties and receptions to promotional evenings and dinners. The Walkways, spanning between the North and South Towers of the Bridge, offer stunning panoramic views of London whilst the Victorian Engine Rooms provide the perfect back drop to any event that requires that something different. The charming Bridge Master's Dining Room is ideal for intimate dinners, business meetings and small receptions, and finally the North Tower Lounge is a flexible space ideal for informal day time meetings or elegant evening functions.

Tel: 020 7407 9222

### Weddings

Tower Bridge has a licence to hold civil ceremonies and partnerships with up to 50 guests in attendance. Couples can exchange vows in the intimate Bridge Master's Dining Room, a "secret" room spanning the Bridge itself or in the North Tower Lounge a magnificent room, with high ceilings and arched windows providing views out across the Thames. For the evening reception both the Walkways and Engine rooms offer that something memorable.

Tel: 020 7407 9222

### Filming

Tower Bridge is a popular location for the filming of both television programmes and feature films. Tower Bridge itself has been used for the back drop of numerous productions, whilst many film crews have taken advantage of the amazing views that Tower Bridge has to offer.

Some of the most famous films that have scenes involving the Bridge are:

#### Sherlock Holmes

Standing on the incomplete Walkways Holmes fights of his nemesis whilst avoiding the 42 meter drop to the Thames.

#### Bridget Jones Diary

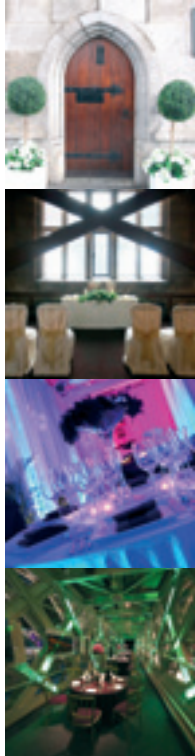
Bridget's walk to work is over the Bridge and Daniel Cleever lives on Shad Thames

#### James Bond – Die Another Day

Bond was seen driving a speed boat underneath Tower Bridge

#### Thunderbirds

The Thunderbird ship was filmed racing through Tower Bridge and landing nearby



## How to find us

Please go to the Entrance of Tower Bridge Exhibition, located on the North West side of Tower Bridge where you will find the ticket office.

### Transport Details

**Rail:** London Bridge, Fenchurch Street and Tower Gateway DLR

**Underground:** Tower Hill (District Line and Circle Line) London Bridge (Jubilee and Northern Line)

**Bus Routes:** 15, 25 (Sat/Sun) 42, 78, 100, RV1

**Boats:** If you are taking a cruise along the river, you can alight at St Katherine's Dock Pier or the Tower Pier

**Coaches:** See attached details of car and coach parking near Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge Exhibition, Tower Bridge Road, London, SE1 2UP



Tower Bridge Exhibition entrance looking north

To Engine Rooms and Shop, looking south



## Nearby Catering

There are a wide range of cafes and restaurants on both the North and South sides of Tower Bridge, with areas such as St Katharine's Dock, Shad Thames and More London offering great places to eat.

### Shades – Café

16 Shad Thames  
London  
SE1 2NW  
Tel: 020 7403 5606

### The Bridge House – Restaurant/Bar

218 Tower Bridge Road  
London  
SE1 2UP  
Tel: 020 7407 5818

### All Bar One – Bar/Restaurant

34 Shad Thames  
London  
SE1 2YG  
Tel: 020 7940 9771

### Guoman Tower Hotel – Café/Bar/Restaurant

Guoman Tower  
St Katharines Way  
London  
E1W 1LD  
Tel: 020 7481 2575

### Strada – Café/Restaurant

2 More London Place  
Tooley Street  
London  
SE1 2JP  
Tel: 020 7403 8321

### Helpful hint:

Please be aware that Tower Bridge Exhibition does not have any direct association with any of these restaurants or Hotels but does hope it aids in the planning of your day.

## Hotel information

### The Grange Hotel

8-14 Cooper's Row  
London  
EC3N 2BQ  
Enquiries: 020 7863 3700  
Email: [City@grangehotels.com](mailto:City@grangehotels.com)  
Web: [www.grangehotels.com](http://www.grangehotels.com)

### Guoman Tower Hotel

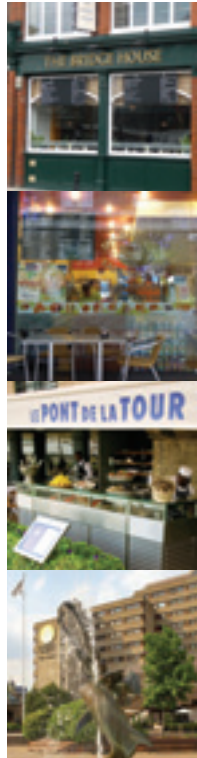
Guoman Tower  
St Katharine's Way  
London  
E1W 1LD  
Enquiries: 0870 333 9106  
Email: [Tower@Thistle.co.uk](mailto:Tower@Thistle.co.uk)  
Web: [www.thistlehotels.com/tower](http://www.thistlehotels.com/tower)

### The Chamberlain Hotel

130 - 135 Minories,  
City of London  
London  
EC3 1NU  
Enquiries: 020 76801500  
Email: [thechamberlain@fullers.co.uk](mailto:thechamberlain@fullers.co.uk)  
Web: [www.thechamberlainhotel.com](http://www.thechamberlainhotel.com)

### Premier Travel Lodge

159 Tower Bridge Road  
LONDON  
SE1 3LP  
Enquiries: 0870 238 3303  
Web: [www.premiertravelinn.com](http://www.premiertravelinn.com)





## Nearby Attractions

### HMS Belfast

HMS Belfast is Europe's only surviving big-gun armoured warship. She entered commission in 1939 and, after a distinguished career, sailed up the Thames and under Tower Bridge to a permanent mooring in 1971. Visitors are welcome to explore all nine decks of this famous ship.

[www.iwm.org.uk/belfast](http://www.iwm.org.uk/belfast)

Tel: 0207 940 6300

Distance from Tower Bridge: 5 minutes walk

### Design Museum

The Design Museum showcases international contemporary design in a superb riverside setting, neighboured by excellent restaurants and shops. The Museum stages a programme of special exhibitions and has its own design shop and café.

[www.designmuseum.org](http://www.designmuseum.org)

Tel: 0870 8339955

Distance from Tower Bridge: 5 minutes walk

### St Katherine's Dock

This dock, situated just east of Tower Bridge, dates back to 1824. In its heyday as a working dock, this was where luxury goods such as ivory, spices and cigars were delivered. Today you can see some historic 19th century barges, lots of nice restaurants, bistros and pubs in the docks, making this dock popular with tourists.

Distance from Tower Bridge: 10 minutes walk

### The Tower of London

The Tower of London is a treasure house of English history. The Crown Jewels are on display here, and you'll find Beefeaters on duty, continuing a tradition that reaches back through centuries. In its 900 year history, the Tower has been a royal palace and fortress, a prison and place of execution.

[www.hrp.org.uk/webcode/home.asp](http://www.hrp.org.uk/webcode/home.asp)

Tel: 0870 756 6060

Distance from Tower Bridge: 10 minutes walk

### Southwark Cathedral

We know there has been a church on this site since AD 606. There may well have been a church here even earlier. Southwark Cathedral is the oldest cathedral church building in London, and archaeological evidence shows there was Roman pagan worship here well before that.

[cathedral.southwark.anglican.org](http://cathedral.southwark.anglican.org)

Tel: 020 7367 6700

Distance from Tower Bridge: 15 minutes walk

### The Museum of London

The Museum of London represents a quarter of a million years of history and over seven million modern Londoners. Their collections include over a million items. Discover many of them in our galleries and exhibitions

[www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk)

Tel: 0870 444 3852

Distance from Tower Bridge: 25 minutes walk

### City Cruises

Hop on a City Cruises sightseeing trip and experience the splendour of London from the relaxed comfort of a modern, purpose-built, all-weather, wheelchair-friendly, vessel. Around every bend learn more about the fascinating history of London. Travel from Westminster to Greenwich taking in both modern day and historic London Icons, from Tower Bridge to Canary Wharf .

[www.citycruises.com](http://www.citycruises.com)

Tel: 020 77 400 400

Distance from Tower Bridge- 5 minutes to Tower Pier

### Other Attractions:

Wren Churches  
(St Magnus, All Hallow & St Olaves)  
Trinity House  
Britain at War Experience

## Car & Coach Parking

Although Tower Bridge Exhibition does not have its own Car Park, there is an information map or leaflet that can be sent out that shows there are several parking options that are nearby. Please find the details below.

**Note:** Tower Bridge is a Red Route and there can be no stopping at any time.

### City of London Car Parks:

The Minories - Located on Mansell Street. A few minutes walk North of Tower Bridge. No coaches. (Tel: 02077029160).

Open 7 days a week, 24 hours. 400 Spaces including 5 Disabled Spaces.

<b>Mon-Fri</b>	6:00am – 7:00pm	£2.00 per hour
<b>Sat</b>	6:00am – 1:30pm	£2.00 per hour
<b>All other times</b>		£2.00 per day

### Tower Hill

Located on Lower Thames Street, opposite Sugar Quay, a short walk away from the Exhibition (Tel: 02076263065).

Open 7 days a week, 24 hours. 110 Spaces including 5 Disabled Spaces.

### Cars:

<b>Mon-Fri</b>	6:00am – 7:00pm	£2.50 per hour
<b>Sat</b>	6:00am – 1:30pm	£2.50 per hour
<b>All other times</b>		£2.50 per day

### Coaches:

**1 April to 30 September** 9.00am to 5.00pm - £10 for first hour; £6 per hour thereafter

**5.00pm to 9.00am** – £20 flat fee

**1 Oct - 31 Mar 9.00am to 5.00pm** – £6 per hour

**5.00pm to 9.00am** – £20 flat fee

### Other Car parks:

#### Guoman Hotel

Located on the North bank of the river next to Tower Bridge.

£30.00 for 6 hours (non resident rate)

£50.00 for 12 hours (non resident rate)

#### NCP Car parks

None are located very close to the bridge.

London Snowfields is located on Kipling Street near London Bridge Station.

£15.00 per day or £0.90p each 20 minutes. There are several car parks in the City and in Southwark but are all over 15 – 20 minutes walk away from the Exhibition.

For information: [www.ncp.co.uk](http://www.ncp.co.uk)

#### Coach drop of Points

Coaches can drop off and collect from the Tower Hill car park; it is free for 15 minutes. Many coaches also drop off and collect from Tooley Street.

#### On Street parking

City of London (North side of the Bridge)

£6.00 per hour. Maximum stay 2 hours (£1 coins only) Electric vehicles free.

**All prices are subject to change- please check before travelling**





## Useful contact numbers

### Tower Bridge Exhibition Numbers:

Groups booking line: 020 74079191  
General Information line: 020 79403985  
Bridge Lift Information line: 020 79403984  
Website: [www.towerbridge.org.uk](http://www.towerbridge.org.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@towerbridge.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@towerbridge.org.uk)

### Transport Details:

**National Rail** 08457 48495  
[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

### Transport for London

020 72221234 [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk)

### General London Information:

**Visit London:** [www.visitlondon.co.uk](http://www.visitlondon.co.uk)

### Visit Britain:

020 8846 9000 [www.visitbritain.co.uk](http://www.visitbritain.co.uk)

### Southwark Tourist Information Office:

020 7357 9168 [www.visitsouthwark.com](http://www.visitsouthwark.com)

## The Monument

Sir Christopher Wren's 202ft monument to the Great Fire of 1666 is open to the public following a successful renovation in 2008/9. This project, funded by the City of London, has had the most dramatic impact yet, with its success being recognised in the form of awards for renovation from both the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Royal Institute of British Architects as well as winning the City Heritage award.

Stonework has been cleaned and repaired and the famous golden orb which flames from the top of the column has been painstakingly re-gilding by hand.

A stunning gallery "cage" has been installed on the viewing platform 160 ft above the ground, to provide visitors with exhilarating 360 degree views of the City, the Pool of London and beyond. This can be accessed by climbing the 311 stairs to the top with everyone who successfully completes the climb being rewarded with a certificate.

Inside the monument, light will beam up through the glass ceiling of the Cellar Laboratory, used for experiments by Wren and his co-architect Dr Robert Hooke and now revealed to the public for the first time.

Beside the Monument, the mirrored roof of a glass pavilion will bounce the glow of the orb back up to the viewing gallery, while panoramic cameras relay live views from the platform down to the plaza below.

A pleasant pedestrianised and landscaped square has been created around the Monument, marking the extent of Wren's original Monument Yard between Fish Street Hill and Pudding Lane – the starting point of The Great Fire.

### Opening Hours:

**Daily** 9.30am – 5.30pm (last admission 5.00pm)

**Admission Prices:** Adults: £3.00 Child: £1.50





Tower Bridge is provided by The City of London Corporation - a uniquely diverse organisation in that it not only promotes and supports the City and provides it with a full range of services, but also provides wider services for London and for the nation as a whole.

Tower Bridge | London | SE1 2UP | Tel: +44 (0)20 7940 9191 | Fax: +44 (0)20 7403 4477 | [www.towerbridge.org.uk](http://www.towerbridge.org.uk)