



The Great Stink - London's Cathedral of Sewage

Includes a Thames river cruise and a tour of Crossness Pumping Station

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Led by a Blue Badge Guide, our day will include a short walking tour in London, a cruise on the river Thames, and a tour of the recently restored Crossness Pumping Station. Dating from 1865, this was designed by Sir Joseph Bazalgette, the civil engineer who also designed and built the capital's new



sewage system. It includes 1100 miles of underground drains and 82 miles of brick-lined tunnels, all constructed by hand. Set amongst magnificent tile work and wrought iron are four huge rotary beam engines, possibly the largest in the world, which can pump six tons of sewage a minute. This is an engineering marvel in a craftsman's surround.

Schedule for the day

- 08:00 Depart Trumpington Park and Ride by coach.
- 10:30 Meet our Blue Badge Guide. Coffee and biscuits in a London pub famed for its loos.
- 11:15 Guided walking tour, hearing the story of "spending a penny" from Roman times onward.
- TBC Rejoin our coach for transfer to Victoria Embankment, Westminster.
- 13:00 River cruise to Greenwich. Please bring a packed lunch to consume on the cruise.
- 13:45 Rejoin our coach for transfer via the old Thames marshes to Crossness.
- 14:30 Arrive at Crossness for the tour of the Pumping Station. Tea and biscuits before departure.
- 16:30 Coach departs for return to Trumpington Park and Ride.
- 18:30 Approximate time of arrival back at Trumpington Park and Ride.

Cost: £56 per person including coach, Blue Badge Guide, coffee and biscuits, Thames river cruise, tour of Crossness Pumping Station, tea and biscuits and gratuities. Lunch is **NOT** included - **please bring a packed lunch to consume during the river cruise** - but drinks can be purchased on the boat.

Image: [The Prince Consort Beam engine at Crossness Pumping Station](#), photo credit: Nathusius2 (2012), licenced under [CC BY-SA 4.0](#)



BOOKING FORM

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Please complete this form and hand it to our visits organiser Diana Sage at a lecture meeting, or email it to diana.sage@ntlworld.com, or post it to her at 3 Headley Gardens, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5JZ

Please reserve _____ place(s) at £56 each for

NAME(S) _____

EMAIL _____

HOME NUMBER _____

MOBILE NUMBER _____

On the day Emergency Contact:

NAME _____

PHONE _____

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As soon as your booking form is received your place(s) will be provisionally reserved and we will email you, but your place(s) will only be secured upon receipt of payment. If for any reason the visit is cancelled we will fully refund you. Otherwise your payment is in general not refundable.

Payment please by bank transfer (bank details below). Please inform Diana Sage when you have made the transfer so that she can promptly complete and secure your booking.

Bank details:

Account name: The Arts Society South Cambs. Sort code: 20-17-19 Account number: 83481131
Please use your name as the payment reference so that we can identify your payment.

If you are unable to make a bank transfer, contact Diana Sage for help.