



SIR JOHN
SOANE'S
MUSEUM
LONDON

Private Tours



An Extraordinary House Museum

The Museum was designed and curated by Sir John Soane (1753-1837), one of Britain's greatest architects. Known for its whimsical and personal interiors, every aspect of the Museum reflects Soane's architectural ingenuity, imagination, innovation and artistic taste.

Soane's collections – Greco-Roman marbles, architectural fragments, plaster casts, paintings, sculptures, and priceless furniture – are still arranged today as they were at the time of his death in 1837, as decreed by an Act of Parliament. From the moment guests step through the door, they are transported back in time to the Regency era.

In order to understand the complexity and ingenuity of the Museum, we invite you to take a private tour where our expert guides, with their passion and flair, will be the perfect people to enlighten you about this exquisitely unique historic house.





Daytime Tours

Daytime Museum Tour

£250+VAT

Our standard tour across the Museum's ground floor and first floor drawing rooms. Includes the Picture Room, with paintings by Canaletto, Turner and the complete series of William Hogarth's An Election paintings.

Private Apartments Tour

£150+VAT

Exclusive access to Soane's domestic rooms, the Private Apartments, which were opened in 2015 after an extensive restoration project.

Daytime Museum Tour with Private Apartments

£350+VAT

Our most comprehensive tour which combines the two above tours. After visiting the ground floor and first floor drawing rooms, the group will also view Soane's Private Apartments.

All Daytime Tours are available Wednesday to Sunday between 10am and 4pm. The prices listed above are for a group of up to 15 people. Please note we can offer two tours simultaneously if the number of guests exceeds 15 - please get in touch for further information.

"Your guides were fantastic, their enthusiasm contagious, we learned so much and found so many reasons to return to the museum."

-Daytime Museum Tour

"It was a wonderful experience. We were all captivated by the objects and art, and the stories wonderfully told by our two guides. Everyone commented later how exceptional they both were; very passionate about their field and brought Soane and his house to life for us."

-Daytime Museum Tour


"Your knowledgeable and enthusiastic guides hosted us through a delightful tour of Soane, with pieces of family history and relevant knowledge of the very extensive collection. We've received many thank you letters from our guests - it was truly a very successful evening."

-Daytime Museum Tour

"I wanted to say how very much our group enjoyed their private tour yesterday. The guide was outstanding. He kept us spellbound for 1.5 hours with tales of Sir John Soane and his artefacts. The special viewing in the Picture Room was a real treat."

-Daytime Museum Tour





"How wonderful it was to open the Museum early before public hours, and have the opportunity to tour every nook and cranny with two excellent guides."

-Pre-Opening Museum Tour

Out of Hours Tours

Have the Museum all to yourselves and experience the wonders of Sir John Soane's extraordinary collection as our expert guides take you through the interiors with private access.

Exclusive Access Tour

£350+VAT

£425+VAT (with Private Apartments)

Exclusive access for your group on a day where the Museum is closed to the public. These tours are available on Tuesdays between 10.00am and 4.00pm. They last for one hour and are for up to 15 guests.

Pre-Opening Museum Tour

£500+VAT

Exclusive morning access for your party before the Museum opens to the public. These tours are available at 9.00am every day except for Mondays. They last for one hour and are for up to 15 guests.

Prices listed above are for a group of up to 15 people. Please note we can offer two tours simultaneously if the number of guests exceeds 15 - please get in touch for further information.

Candlelit Tours

Explore Sir John Soane's Museum's marvellous collections and preserved interiors at their most atmospheric as our expert guides bring the history of the building to life through an intimate one-hour tour by candlelight.

Guests are welcomed with a half-hour prosecco and white wine reception in the candlelit glow of the Library-Dining Room, before embarking on a tour through classical civilisation, Canaletto's Venice, Regency London, and Soane's architectural vision.

Guests arrive from 6.00pm and depart at 7.30pm. Charged at £1,500+VAT* for up to 15 people.

*Additional guests are charged at £70+VAT per person, up to 30 in total. We also offer a Champagne upgrade with Soane's favourite brand, Ruinart. This increases the cost to £2,000+VAT for up to 15 people with additional guests charged at £80+VAT per person.





Soane From Home: Digital Tours

Experience the Museum from the comfort of your own home with our selection of digital tours which provide a fascinating insight into the historic interiors as well as Soane's life and work.

Live-Streamed Tour

£250+VAT*

A 60 minute exploration of the ground floor and first floor drawing rooms, followed by a 20 minute Q&A session with the chance to ask our expert guide all about Soane and his marvellous museum via Zoom.

Highlights Film

£8†

A 20 minute film which provides an introduction to Soane and the collection through highlighting the most significant and interesting parts of the Museum. Narrated by Dr Emma Miles and interspersed with images from our archives, the film is the perfect way to find out about the history behind Sir John Soane's Museum.

*This price is for 15 viewers. Additional viewers can be added for £10 + VAT per person.

†An £8 ticket gives access to the film for a week. Group showings with an added Q&A are an optional upgrade. Please get in touch for further details.

FAQs

When and where should I arrive?

Guests should arrive to No.12 Lincoln's Inn Fields 10 minutes prior to the tour start time. Your tour guide will be waiting to lead guests into the Museum.

Can I take photographs?

Photography is permitted and encouraged, however we do not allow flash. Share your photos with us at [#photothesoane](#) for a chance to be featured on our Instagram page.

What restrictions should I know about?

As the Museum spaces are incredibly small and delicate, we ask that guests do not eat inside the building, do not wear stiletto heels and leave all bags in our secure cloakroom. Please also note we do not have the facilities to store large bags or suitcases.

Do you offer private tours in other languages?

We can currently offer private tours in French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Slovenian, Russian, Hebrew, Greek and Serbo-Croat, although please get in touch to check in about other potential options.

Can my tour be tailored to suit my interests?

We have delivered specialist tours on various topics including the history of art, architectural theory, LGBTQ+ objects, and Georgian and Regency social life. Let us know if you want to personalise your tour and we'll do our best to accommodate your request.



Contact Us

We are conveniently situated in the historic Lincoln's Inn Fields, London's largest public square in the heart of the city - a short walking distance from Holborn, Chancery Lane, and Temple tube stations.

In addition to our standard tours, we can also arrange dinners, drinks receptions, recitals, presentations, board meetings, away-days, and product launches upon request.

Please get in touch for further information about tours and events at the Museum or if you have any questions.

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