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A walk in Spitalfields



TOWER HAMLETS

East End Markets

Spitalfields is a haven for traditional East End markets. Make the most of your walk today and join in on the bustle and banter of street trading East End-style. You never know, you might pick up a bargain! It's not just shopping, it's entertainment.



Columbia Road Flower Market

Follow the trail and immerse yourself in a colourful world of plants and pots, fresh flowers and coffee all at bargain prices.

Open: 8am to 2pm on Sundays only

Petticoat Lane Market

Probably the most famous and oldest of all London's street markets. Petticoat Lane still attracts visitors from all over the world. You'll find bargains of every kind.

Open: 9am to 2pm Monday to Friday and Sundays, when it spreads, becoming bigger and busier.



Brick Lane Market

A mad mixture of treasures and fascinating finds. Expect to find everything from furniture to fruits, kitchenware to kitsch and odd boots to bangles.

Open: From very early morning to 2pm on Sundays only.



Old Spitalfields Market

Where else in London can you find market stalls, retail outlets, restaurants and cafes, specialist events and shows, under one roof whilst squeezing in a bit of celebrity spotting?

Open: 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 5pm Sunday

Other must dos

Visit a gallery - **Whitechapel Art Gallery** 020 7522 7878

Step back in time and visit **Dennis Sever's 18th Century House** 020 7247 4013

Learn about the Elephant Man at the **Royal London Hospital Archives** 020 7377 7608



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Spitalfields



**Starting and
Finishing point**

Liverpool Street Station

Estimate time

1 hour

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| 1 Andaz (Great Eastern Hotel) | 9 Brick Lane |
| 2 the boundary | 10 Old Truman Brewery |
| 3 Sandy's Row | 11 The London Jammie Majid |
| 4 Dutch Synagogue | 12 Fournier Street |
| 5 56 and 58 Artillery
Passage | 13 Minister's House |
| 6 Tenter Ground | 14 4 Fournier Street |
| 7 Soup kitchen | 15 Christ Church |
| 8 Abraham Davis's stylish
Moorish Market | 16 Ten Bells pub |
| | 17 Spitalfields Market |
| | 18 42 Brushfield Street |



Traditional East End Markets, outrageous nightlife, the curry capital of Europe and designer stores to die for! Spitalfields attracts those who like to look beyond the obvious and stray a little off the beaten track. We invite you to put on your walking boots and explore the vibrant and historic surroundings of Spitalfields.



Start your walk at the Bishopsgate exit of Liverpool Street Station and marvel at the elegant brickwork of the **Andaz (Great Eastern Hotel) (1)**, on your right, which, for many years was the only hotel in the City of London.

Turn left and walk north up Bishopsgate to the traffic lights at the junction with Middlesex Street, cross the road, passing Dirty Dick's pub and take the second right onto Artillery Lane. A little way down Artillery Lane you will see the bollards that mark **the boundary (2)** between the City of London and Tower Hamlets.



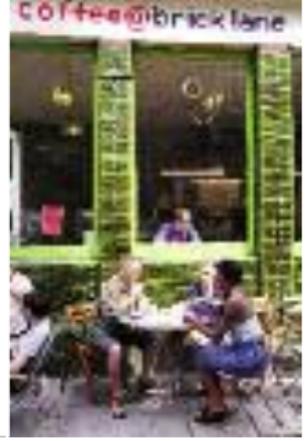


Turn right into **Sandy's Row (3)**. You are now entering a myriad of streets, which still follow the original street plan devised after the Great Fire of London 1666. Spitalfields can claim to be one of the first planned suburbs of London after Charles II asked Sir Christopher Wren to value his property holdings in the area and granted a charter for a market at Spitalfields.

As you walk down Sandy's Row, on your left, you will notice the synagogue, sometimes known as the **Dutch Synagogue (4)** due to the large numbers of Dutch Jews who settled here in the 19th century.

Take first left into Artillery Passage built just large enough for horse and cart. Number 9a is typical of the type of house built after the Great Fire of London. Further down on the right you will find **numbers 56 and 58 Artillery Passage (5)**. These are fine examples of how much grander the area had become and indeed more popular. Number 56 is a grade I listed building built by successful silk merchants. The building directly opposite has a door with 'MEN' inscribed above. In 1860 this was a night shelter run by the Sisters of Mercy for 100 women and 20 men of 'good character'! Turn right at the end of Artillery Lane into Bell Lane and left into Whites Row.





Take your first right into **Tenter Ground (6)**, named after the tenter frames placed here to dry and stretch woven cloth – hence ‘being on tenter hooks’. Weavers could double the length of their cloth and their profits by using the tenter. Turn left onto Brune Street, on the left is the **soup kitchen (7)** for the Jewish poor, one of the last purpose-built soup kitchens in Spitalfields. At the top of Brune Street turn left into Toynbee Street and at the traffic lights cross over Commercial Street to Fashion Street.

Fashion Street is dominated by **Abraham Davis’s stylish Moorish Market (8)**, built in 1905, it was intended to lure in local street traders. However, he soon discovered that the cockney costermonger doesn’t mind the rain and it closed in 1909. At Brick Lane turn left.

Brick Lane (9) is so named because it was used by carts bringing bricks from the brickworks, to rebuild the City after the Great Fire of London. Brick Lane was occupied by the Jewish in the late 19th century.

Now Bangladeshi voices fill Brick Lane which has been renamed Banglatown. There is no reason ever to go hungry on Brick Lane with an array of fantastic eateries to tempt the palate. We are now half way through our walk and those seeking liquid refreshment may find it at the Pride of Spitalfields on Heneage Street to the right.





This pub is close to the **18th century Truman's Brewery complex (10)**, the chimney of which can be seen from the street. The brewery brewed beer from 1666 to 1989 and is now a haven for small designer and media businesses. It is also home to two of London's trendiest nightspots – 93 Feet East and The Vibe Bar. Spitalfields was popular with brewers, as there is a large artesian well under Brick Lane.

Stop at the corner of Brick Lane and Fournier Street. **The London Jammie Majid (11)**, the local mosque, currently occupies this building. The building has always been a place of worship and has catered for the changing spiritual needs of the local community since its completion in 1743. The exterior of the building remains as it was, and is quite different from Christ Church at the other end of Fournier Street. **Fournier Street (12)** survives as one of the finest complete early 18th century streets in London.

Walk down Fournier Street to number 2, the **Minister's House (13)**, built by Nicholas Hawksmoor, in the same style as Christ Church beside it. A very modern house for its day, it was built in accordance with building regulations to prevent the spread of fire and has its windows set back 9 inches from the façade. It has always been the Minister's House and has never had any other use, a rarity for Spitalfields and its propensity for change.

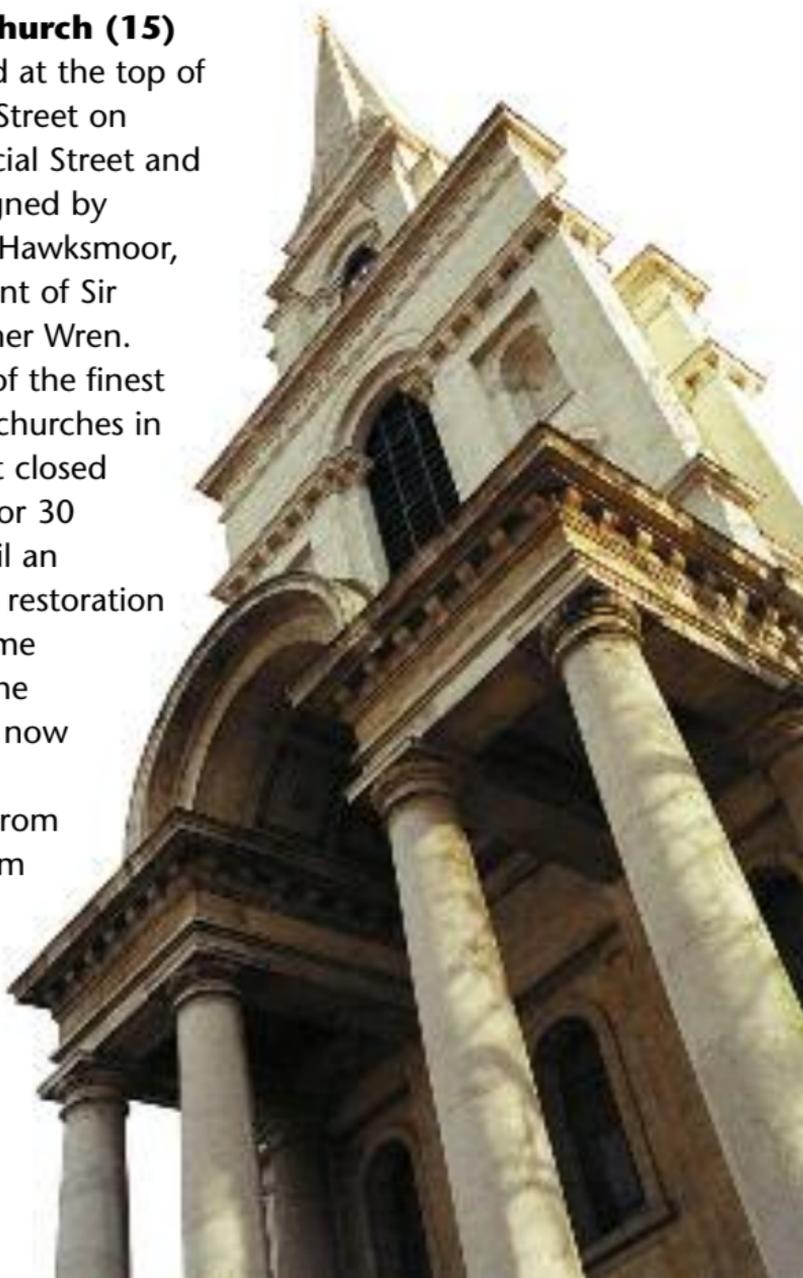


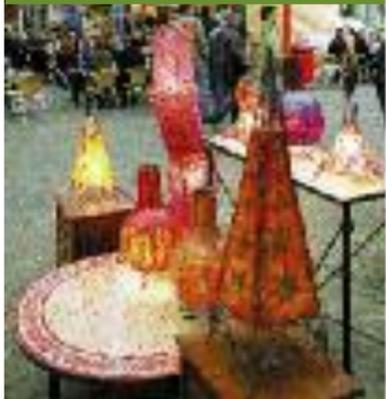


Stop and look at number **4 Fournier Street (14)**, which was built in 1726 by Marmaduke Smith, a local carpenter, as his own residence. The front of the house is framed by two brick pilasters, and the door case, more typical of the period than Hawksmoor next door, has brackets carved with ears of wheat and scallop shells. The scallop shells refer to the pilgrim badge of St James and are the 18th century equivalent of 'welcome' on the doormat. Textile merchants specialising in denim and stretch fabrics currently occupy the building.

Christ Church (15)

is situated at the top of Fournier Street on Commercial Street and was designed by Nicholas Hawksmoor, an assistant of Sir Christopher Wren. It is one of the finest Baroque churches in Europe. It closed in 1957 for 30 years until an extensive restoration programme began. The church is now open on Tuesday from 11am-4pm and on Sunday for church services.





Cross Commercial Street at the **Ten Bells pub (16)** to get to Spitalfields Market. The pub is so named because Christ Church originally had only one bell; more bells were added as competition started with St Brides, Fleet Street over who had the finest peal of bells. When the church commissioned its tenth bell the pub became known as the Ten Bells. The church now has twelve bells.

Spitalfields Market (17) was originally a mixed market with livestock, fruit and vegetables, which moved in 1992 to Temple Mills in the Lea Valley. This building is now a crafts and organic food market which is also home to a fantastic food court, selling everything from Tandoori to Thai. The market is busiest on Sundays when it competes with Brick Lane, Columbia Road and Petticoat Lane markets. Make the most of your visit here today by taking in any one of our fantastic markets. To find out how to join in on the bustle and banter see overleaf.



At **42 Brushfield Street (18)** the boundary mark of the old artillery ground may be seen, while the boundary of the City of London and Tower Hamlets may be seen a few metres further on. At the end of Brushfield Street turn left for Liverpool Street Station.



Further information

For more detailed information take a look at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/data/discover

Places to go, things to do

To find out more about eating, drinking and shopping in Spitalfields visit www.spitalfields.org.uk

Eating and Drinking

Give your taste buds a treat in the many restaurants, bars and pubs. To find out more look for the '**Waterside restaurants, bars and pubs guide**' or visit

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/data/discover/data/eating-drinking/data/waterside.cfm

Brick Lane Restaurants

www.bricklanerestaurants.com

Shopping

Tower Hamlets is a great place to shop. For a definitive guide to the more unusual and unique shops in the area, pick up a copy of the '**Quirky Shopping Guide**' or visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/quirky

Markets

Some of the best street markets in London are based in the east. To find out where they are, go to www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/data/discover and click on 'markets'.

Getting here

'A walk in Spitalfields' is one of a series of walks produced by Tower Hamlets. All walks start at a London underground/mainline station and/or Docklands Light Railway (DLR) station.

With thanks to Gareth Harris for devising this walk in Spitalfields.

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