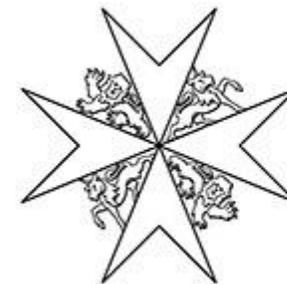


Coming on a guided tour of the Museum of the Order of St John



Museum of
THE ORDER OF
ST JOHN

You can visit the Museum galleries at any time during our opening hours. To visit the historic rooms upstairs at St John's Gate as well as the church and crypt you must go on a guided tour.

You can find out the times of our guided tours on the Museum website.

When you arrive, tell a museum assistant if you would like to go on a tour. They will give you a token for it.



While you are waiting for the tour to start you can have a look in the Museum shop and galleries or take a seat. The tour guide will come and find everyone when it's time to start the tour.



The tour will last about 1 hour and 20 minutes. There won't be an opportunity to go the toilet during the tour, but you can go to one in the Museum before or after.



Most tour guides will take you on the route described in this guide.

Occasionally a tour guide might take you to the rooms in a different order, but they won't take you to any spaces that aren't described in this guide.

There are lots of steps on the tour. If you have physical access needs, please look at our physical access guide or speak to a member of staff.



All the spaces the tour visits are very quiet, but halfway through the tour you have to cross Clerkenwell Road. The road is very busy. You can ask at the reception desk if you would like to borrow ear defenders.



The tour will start in the Link Gallery.



Then you will go through these doors and up the stairs.



There are lots of paintings hanging on the staircase. You might stop on the way up to look at some of them.



At the top of the stairs you will go into a room called the Chapter Hall. It is big and has a high ceiling. It's a bit echoey.



Once you've finished in the Chapter Hall, you will go down a few steps into a little room called the Old Chancery. It can be a bit dark in this room.



From the Old Chancery you will go into another room called the Council Chamber. It has a high ceiling.



From the Council Chamber you will go into a narrow corridor.



You might stop in the corridor to look at the engravings on the wall.





Then you will go down a wooden spiral staircase. The steps are a bit uneven because they are very old and worn.

The spiral staircase will take you to the Malta Room. This room can be quite dark.





Then you will continue down the spiral staircase to this door at the bottom.

You will go through the door to get back outside.
You might recognise where you are. You entered
the Museum under the archway to the right.



The tour guide will now lead you across St John's Square and Clerkenwell Road. There are often lots of people walking around and lots of cars on the road. It's likely to be very busy and noisy.



This is the church. The guide might talk to you in the square outside the church before you go in.



You will go into the church through this door.



You will then be in the church foyer.



From the foyer, you will go into the church. It is very big and has a high ceiling.



Then you will go downstairs into the crypt. It can be quite dark here. It might feel a bit cool and damp.



In the crypt there are some effigies (stone sculptures of people who have died).



The tour guide might finish the tour outside the church or they might take you back to the Museum.



If you want to, after the tour, you can look around the Museum galleries or the garden.

