

## Westminster Abbey

<b>Date/Time</b>	Monday 3 April 2023 Group 1: 2pm - assemble at 1.45pm Group 2: 2.15pm - assemble 2pm <b>NB:</b> This date is provisional due to coronation rehearsal arrangements and subject to change. Confirmation will be advised as soon as possible	<b>Price</b>	£19 visit £8.50 afternoon tea(optional)
<b>Venue</b>	Westminster Abbey, 20 Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3PA (to the right of the main entrance)	<b>Lecturer</b>	Official Blue Guide

This is a bespoke tour of the interior of Westminster Abbey consisting of two groups of 15, each with a guide. The following options are also available:

- A visit to the Queen's Jubilee Galleries without a guide (suggested visiting time 45 minutes)
- Afternoon tea (tea/coffee and cake) in the Cellarium Café - table reserved around 4-4.45pm (an additional cost of £8.50 per person)
- Attend Evensong at 5-5.45pm

### A Short history of the Abbey:

- Westminster Abbey was begun by Henry III in 1245, and is one of the most important Gothic buildings in the country.
- Monarchs have been crowned here since 1066, and it has been the setting for many other royal occasions including sixteen weddings.
- As well a place of worship, the Abbey has become a treasure house of art and textiles, such as England's oldest altarpiece and important wall paintings.
- Some of the most significant people in Britain's history are buried or commemorated here: Sir Isaac Newton, Jane Austen, Charles Darwin, John Milton, the Bronte sisters.
- Highlights of the Abbey: Poet's Corner, the Lady Chapel, the Royal Tombs and the Chapter House
- The Jubilee Galleries, situated high above the Abbey floor in the beautiful thirteenth century triforium display the Abbey's greatest treasures and tell the story of our thousand-year history.