



TRAVEL TO THE TOWER OF LONDON

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Royal Armouries
Museum

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Conference Venue
Education Suite,
Wellington Block

London Underground

Use the District or Circle lines to Tower Hill station. Follow the signs to the Tower's main entrance which is a five minute walk from the station.

Train

There are two stations close by: Fenchurch Street or London Bridge.

Fenchurch Street: Exit on to Mark Lane. Turn left on to Byward Street, which will lead you to Tower Hill and the Tower of London.

London Bridge: Cross the bridge over the River Thames and turn right on to Lower Thames Street. After a 15-minute walk the Tower is located on your right.

Bicycle

Bicycle stands are located next to the main shop near the entrance. Visit www.tfl.gov.uk/cycles for information about cycle routes around the area. No cycling is permitted on pedestrian areas.

Docklands Light Railway

Tower Gateway Station is located close to Tower Hill station and the Tower entrance is sign-posted.

Bus

Bus routes: 15, 42, 78, 100, RV1
All major sightseeing bus tours.

Boat

Riverboats for Tower Pier leave from Charing Cross, Westminster and Greenwich.

Car

The Tower is in the Congestion Charging Zone. There is no parking at the Tower of London. The nearest coach and car park is situated on Lower Thames Street and is a 2 minute walk to the main entrance which is clearly indicated.

There are several Disabled Parking bays clearly marked. Pricing information and car park opening and closing times telephone the City of London Corporation on 020 7606 3030 or email car.parks@corporationoflondon.gov.uk

CONFERENCE

EAST MEETS WEST

DIPLOMATIC GIFTS OF ARMS AND ARMOUR BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2013
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ARMS AND ARMOUR HAVE BEEN PRESENTED AS GIFTS THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES, SEALING DIPLOMATIC CONTRACTS AND PROMOTING TRADE TO ALL FOUR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE.

Those pieces chosen or commissioned as presents were often art of the highest quality as well as being practical gifts, usually intended for use.

This one-day conference celebrates the 400th anniversary of the gift of armour from the Shogun of Japan, Tokugawa Hidetada, to King James I and VI of England and Scotland.

The Tower conference is held in conjunction with SOAS, University of London, Japan400 and the 2012 London Matsuri festival, as part of the celebration of the 400th anniversary of Anglo-Japanese relations. It will include papers on the Japanese armours presented to James I and other European monarchs, as well as the wide variety of arms and armour gifted between nations, from the Middle Ages to the end of the 19th century.



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SPEAKERS

IAN BOTTOMLEY

Japanese gifts of armour to Spain in the 16th century and the Tokugawa Japanese gift armours to James I and the European courts.

KAREN WATTS

Sigismund, Henry V and the 'dragon' saddle.

GRAEME RIMER

Maximilian and the gift of armour to Henry VIII.

GUY WILSON

Gifts of arms from the Stuart court to Spain and Russia.

EVELINE SINT NICOLAAS

The Asian arms collections of Michiel De Ruyter and Cornelis Tromp.

NEILS ANDERSEN

Gifts of arms from the Dey of Algiers to the Prince Regent and other European powers.

THOM RICHARDSON & NATASHA BENNETT

The East India Company gift to the Tower of London in 1851.

GREG IRVINE

Diplomatic gifts of Japanese arms and armour in the 19th century.

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