# Vidi Guides - Tickets + Audioguides - West End Theatre Self-Guided Audio Walking Tour

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| **Location:** London, United Kingdom  **Category:** Tours & Sightseeing  **Currency:** GBP  **Language:** English  **TimeZone:** Europe/London  **Duration** 45.0 - minutes | **Magpie Product Code:** VBWAXL  **Company Website:** vidiguides.com  **Primary Contact:** Vidi Guides - Tickets + Audioguides  **Email:** info@vidiguides.com |

**Highlights:**

- Offline Mode: Download tours and listen without WiFi

- Location Aware: GPS map allows you to enjoy the sites

- Instagram Hotspots: We find the perfect picture spots

- Enjoy a private experience in a COVID-19 safe environment

**Description Summary:**

Whether you know nothing about theatre or watch a musical a week, this walking audio tour of the West End is perfect for anyone who wants to learn about London's performance history and culture.

**Description:**

Discover the top-secret theatre spots in the West End as you walk through a theatrical experience with this private immersive guide!

Guided by a local thespian historian, we’ll visit the most famous theatre district situated in the heart of London, and explore its fascinating backstory, historic buildings, bizarre traditions, its long connection with royalty, and strange tales of the unnatural!

Embark on this epic cultural adventure and learn more about the Royal Opera House, the Palace Theatre and Shaftesbury Avenue. Walk through the trendy and lively neighbourhoods of Covent Garden and Seven Dials, and discover the backstories of adaptations from  authors like J. K. Rowling and Agatha Christie.

Finish the tour by learning about the popular anecdotes, theatre terms, and bizarre traditions of London’s theatre culture, as you discover the must-eat signature street food dishes from this neighbourhood.

Start the tour outside London’s oldest theatre, the Theatre Royal Drury Lane. Learn why Oliver Cromwell hated theatre and how Charles II retaking the throne would spark the English Restoration. In the light of the new monarchy, two theatre companies were established and licensed to perform: the Duke’s Company and the King’s Company, hence the name Theatre Royal.

Learn about ghosts, both real and fictional, and why theatres have such a strong culture of superstition. Then, head on past the Royal Opera House and Covent Garden market as we learn about theatre’s unique relationship with opera. Hear the story behind theatres being set on fire and, if you have time, head inside the Opera House to have a look at some of its scaled down models.

Wander up to Seven Dials as we visit the Cambridge Theatre and more about the theatre's quirky traditions. Then, head on over to St. Martin’s Lane and hear the story of Agatha Christie’s Mousetrap, the longest running production in history.

Visit the Palace Theatre, now home to Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. This was once the Palace Theatre of Varieties which held performances like sketch comedies, music, magic shows and acrobatics. This marked a new era for theatre as variety performances saw massive success. This culture still remains relevant as the Royal Variety Performance is held every year in front of Her Majesty the Queen at the Royal Albert Hall.

Head down Shaftesbury Avenue and visit some of the West End’s most famous theatres: the Apollo Theatre, the Gielgud Theatre and the Sondheim Theatre. Learn about some of this district’s most famous faces and infamous events, from roaming cats visiting Michael Gambon and Peter Bowles to the curse of the Scottish Play… Macbeth!

Finish the tour down at the Haymarket and visit Her Majesty’s Opera House, synonymous with “Phantom of the Opera” and learn where the phrase “break a leg” might come from.

The Vidi Guides experience is enriched with on-screen photos and videos. We also point out where to take the perfect Instagram photos during the tour, and include recommendations for food, drinks, and local attractions. Don't worry, none of our recommendations are sponsored - they are simply favourites of the locals who helped craft the experience.

**Inclusions:**

Access to your self-guided audio tour

Audio tour provided by a local or historian

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**Exclusions:**

Earphones

All tickets for attractions mentioned within the tour must be bought separately (prices from £20)

Mobile device

**Know Before You Book:**

- This product is suitable for all ages

- Do it at your own pace. This product is suitable for all fitness levels

- English speaking Audio guide only

**Know Before You Go:**

- You will need to bring your own mobile phone

- You will need to bring your own headset/earphones

**Health:**

This is a covid safe tour. Socially distance from other visitors to the West End with your independent, self-guided tour!

**Health items:**

Social distancing enforced throughout experience

**Commentary:**

English - Audio

**Maximum:**
15 guests per booking

### Locations:

**API provider:**
Fareharbor

**Pickup:**
none

**Type:**
Starts location

**Lat & Long:**
51.51285360000001, -0.1203715

**Address:**
Catherine St, Catherine St, Greater London, England, WC2B 5JF

**Type:**
Ends location

**Lat & Long:**
51.5088407, -0.1320137

**Address:**
Haymarket, Haymarket, Greater London, England

**Type:**
Meeting Point location

**Address:**
Theatre Royal Drury Lane, Catherine Street, London, UK

**Instant Confirmation:**
Yes

**Is this experience private:**
Yes

**Trip difficulty:**
Moderate

### Cancellation

**Cancellation Policy:**
standard

**Cancellation Cut-off:**
24
hours

**Cancellation Notes:**
Up to 24 hours before the beginning of the activity: full refund
Less than 24 hours before the beginning of the activity or no-show: no refund

**Options:**

### Pricing

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| **West End Theatre Self-Guided Audio Walking Tour** |  | **Retail** | **NET** | **%** | **Min Rate** |
| Adult | 10-90 years |  |  |  |  |

### Other Information

**Redemption**
Your voucher will be collected or scanned on redemption