

VISIT TO APSLEY HOUSE AND WELLINGTON ARCH Central London, Wednesday 27 October 2021, 11.00am



We will be taken on a private guided tour lasting one hour and 40 minutes of what was once known as 'No. 1 London'. Prepare to marvel at the splendid interiors. This beautiful Georgian building was the London home of the first Duke of Wellington and has changed very little since his great victory at Waterloo in 1815. Enjoy one of the finest art collections in London including Velazquez and Rubens, as well as wonderful silver and porcelain.

There are five steps up to the front door, and eight steps down to the lift. There are three steps to the basement gallery. Toilets are available.

After our guided tour there will be a break for lunch - there are several places nearby, such as the Lodge Café just across the road from Apsley House. **Please reassemble by 1.30pm at Wellington Arch** (two minutes from Apsley House).

The Arch was built as an entrance to Buckingham Palace, later becoming a victory arch proclaiming Wellington's defeat of Napoleon. Crowned by the largest bronze sculpture in Europe, it depicts the Angel of Peace descending on the *quadriga* (four-horse chariot) of war. From the balcony, you can see from the Royal Parks to the Houses of Parliament and the back gardens of Buckingham Palace. There is a free exhibition in the Quadriga Gallery, *The Consequences of Play* by artist Daniel Crews-Chubb, including a series of paintings inspired by Wellington Arch, Apsley House and Rubens' painting the *Consequences of War*.



There is a lift to the balcony (four steps down to reach it) or 65 steps up a spiral staircase. There are no toilets.

The cost of the visit to both locations is **£22.30 per person** or **£10 for English Heritage members** - please bring proof of membership.

Apsley House is at 149 Piccadilly. Hyde Park Corner tube (Piccadilly line) is a two-minute walk, or it's 15 minutes from Victoria Station. Bus numbers 14, 148, 2, 36, 38, 340 and 414 stop close by. The No. 38 bus starts and stops at Victoria Station.

BOOKING FORM FOR VISIT TO APSLEY HOUSE AND WELLINGTON ARCH
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Pay by bank transfer to The Arts Society Dulwich
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OR return booking form to **Angela Finch, 9a Venner Road, London SE26 5EQ**
with cheque for £22.30/£10 (EH members) per person payable to
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*Joining instructions will be sent by email
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PAYMENT RECEIVED WITH THANKS
Visit to Apsley House and Wellington Arch, 11am, Wednesday 27 October 2021



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