IPSWICH has a rich heritage from its Anglo-Saxon origins through to a prosperous medieval age, an industrial 19th century and today’s revival of the historic Waterfront. Hear all about it on a guided walk as our expert guides highlight the town’s stunning architecture and history; visit the remains of a powerful priory and a hidden Jewish cemetery; discover Cardinal Wolsey’s plans for a major college in the town; learn about Ipswich’s links to Darwin, Nelson, Dickens and Giles; and explore medieval churches and a Grade One Norman Foster masterpiece.

All guides have their own presentation style and while they cannot change history, they ensure each walk is unique, filled with anecdotes, stories and information that always make for an enlightening and entertaining experience.

Unless stated, all walks start from the Ipswich Tourist Information Centre, last about 90 minutes and cost £4 per person (under 16s to be accompanied by an adult)

**TUESDAY WALKS**

**NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP, PAY AND JOIN IN!**

Start: 2.15pm  Duration: 90 minutes  Cost: £4 per person

**1 May**

THE SECRET DIARY OF IPSWICH AGED 1500 1/2 YEARS

Discover some key (and a few quirky) events and happenings from Ipswich’s long and varied history and heritage - from an ancient Royal Charter, the opening of the ‘new’ Town Hall and the Tudors’ attempts to install street lighting.

**8 May**

CRIME & PUNISHMENT

Walk through central Ipswich and discover the places where our ancestors were publicly humiliated, imprisoned and executed. What were their crimes? And how did the forces of law and order seek to combat crime?

**15 May**

COLOURFUL CHARACTERS & FASCINATING FACTS

Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the town centre streets and hear tales of interesting characters from Ipswich’s past, plus entertaining facts about various buildings, streets and street names.

**22 May**

GOOD AFTERNOON, MR DICKENS

Celebrate Dickens’ connection with Ipswich. See the places he visited and described, and consider the themes that he explored in his writing.
29 May
IN PILGRIMS’ FOOTSTEPS
In the Middle Ages, Ipswich was a renowned place of pilgrimage visited by Royalty and prominent statesmen. Follow in their footsteps and discover what they came to see.

5 June
ICONIC BUILDINGS OF IPSWICH
Come and see some of our most exciting architecture, from medieval churches and Tudor houses, to modern masterpieces, Ipswich has it all!

12 June
THE BACKWATERS OF IPSWICH
Explore the hidden backwaters of Ipswich to discover the story of Smart Street School, Cavendish Lodge and two of our less well-known sculptures, ‘The Spirit of Youth’ and ‘Tam’.

19 June
IPSWICH MEDICS
Stroll around the sites linked with inspirational medical men and women and their pioneering advances. Hear about Nobel Prize winner Sir Charles Sherrington and his ground breaking medical discoveries.

26 June
EXPLORERS AND ADVENTURERS
A walk from the town centre to the Waterfront, exploring amazing tales of brave adventurers and explorers including early Anglo-Saxon invaders, a daring female pilot and the builders of China’s first railway.

3 July
INDEPENDENCE DAY
Yes, it’s a day early but come along and discover Ipswich’s fascinating connections with the USA; from the sailors who became the first permanent settlers at Jamestown to the American forces stationed here during WW II, via Flathead Native American performers on stage in Ipswich and correspondence from George Washington.

10 July
THE WORST JOB IN TOWN
Discover how some of our ancestors scratched out a living - including the Tanner, the Executioner and the thankless task of being a member of the ‘Nuisance Removal Committee’ - as we decide who had the worst job in town.

17 July
IPSWICH ENTERTAINS
Explore the stories and history of the theatres, halls and cinemas in Ipswich, in both their heyday and decline. Recall the memories of colourful characters and places, and visits of Shakespeare and Garrick to the town.

24 July
SIX OF OUR BEST BUILDINGS
Ipswich has a wonderful architectural heritage, from modern masterpieces to medieval churches. Join us as we introduce you to (at least) six of our most significant and iconic buildings.
31 July
**INTRODUCING IPSWICH**
Visit some of the best sights in Ipswich, including two architectural treasures, genuine Tudor houses, memorials of our famous sons and daughters and lots of remains from our boom time in Victoria's reign, although she herself took against us!

7 August
**DOCKS TO DESIGNER DEVELOPMENTS**
Discover the changing face of Ipswich Waterfront, from its historic beginnings to the creation of the wet dock. Along the way we’ll explore Dance East, Isaacs on the Quay and The James Hehir Building.

14 August
**YES, WE CAN!**
One hundred years after the vote was first given to women come and hear about the Ipswich suffrage campaigners and many more daring and successful Ipswich women, including England's first female pilot.

21 August
**FRIARIES, PRIORIES, CHURCHES & CHAPELS**
Ipswich was a major religious centre during the Middle Ages. Follow in the footsteps of pilgrims to visit some of the town's magnificent medieval churches and other interesting sites, including the ruins of Blackfriars and a Grade One Listed Meeting House.

28 August
**WOLSEY, THE MAN BEHIND THE KING**
Was Ipswich's most famous son the real power during Henry VIII's early reign? Could he have become Pope? Come with us to find out more about Thomas Wolsey, including his clash with the 'James Bond' of the day.

4 September
**A WATERFRONT WANDER**
Discover medieval churches, a Victorian dock, a unique survival of a Tudor Merchant's home and workplace and the continuing development of Ipswich Waterfront.

11 September
**BARLEY, BEER & BREWING**
Ipswich has many links with the brewing trade. This walk explores some of the main sites connected with a trade that brought so much prosperity to the town.

18 September
**CORN & COPROLITE**
Discover what coprolite really is and how wheat and barley once made this town wealthy. Hear about the firms who milled, malted, brewed and made the machinery to produce our daily bread and a well-earned pot of beer.

25 September
**RAGS AND BONES**
A walk to honour the memory of author Frank Grace and to explore the Fore Street area that he wrote about in his popular book ‘Rags and Bones’.
**THURSDAY WALKS**

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**3 May, 7 June, 12 July, 16 August, 20 September**  
**HEART OF IPSWICH**  
See some of the finest buildings in Ipswich, a Norman Foster masterpiece, the spectacular Ancient House and a beautiful early Meeting House. Discover the town's connections with Charles Dickens and Lord Nelson.

**10 May, 14 June, 19 July, 23 August, 27 September**  
**SAINTS TO WATERFRONT**  
Discover the Saxon origins of Ipswich and Cardinal Wolsey's College. Explore Henry Tooley's tomb and find out how the Victorian dock made Ipswich nationally important.

**17 May, 21 June, 26 July, 30 August**  
**WEST SIDE STORY**  
Follow in the footsteps of Henry VIII & Catherine of Aragon to the Shrine of Our Lady of Ipswich, and on the way meet Charles Darwin, Professor Henslow and the Giles family.

**24 May, 28 June, 2 August, 6 September**  
**BLACKFRIARS TO WATERFRONT**  
Visit the old commercial quarter of Ipswich with its fine medieval churches, Jewish Cemetery and merchants' houses; See how the Waterfront has adapted becoming a bustling and modern centre of leisure and education.

**31 May, 5 July, 9 August, 13 September**  
**NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS**  
See two of our historic churches and a 15th century Gatehouse whilst learning about engineer Robert Ransome, the legacies of Edmund Withipoll and the Fonnereau family.
12 May to 3 June 2018
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AN INTRODUCTION TO IPSWICH
Discover the heritage of Ipswich from earliest times to the 21st Century; explore our outstanding architecture and hear stories of the colourful characters and dramatic events that shaped the town.

17 May, 19 June, 11 July, 15 August

EVENING WALKS
PLACES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE
Start: 7pm  Duration: 90 minutes
Cost: £4 per person

HALLOWEEN WALK
PLACES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE
Start: 6pm  Duration: 90 minutes
Cost: £4 per person

31 October 2018
HORRIBLE HISTORY FOR HALLOWEEN
A ghastly story of dreadful diseases, foul stinks, overflowing graveyards, murder, execution, ghosts and witchcraft. Dare you join us on this spooktacular walk to discover where it all happened? Dressing up isn’t compulsory, but it’s a lot more fun!

SUFFOLK WALKING FESTIVAL
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HERITAGE OPEN DAY WALKS

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP AND JOIN IN!

Start: 10.30am  Duration: 90 minutes
Cost: FREE

15 and 16 September HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND
Join us as we take part in this nationwide celebration of heritage buildings and history. Two walks will depart from the Ipswich Tourist Information Centre at the same time, where will your walk take you?

CHRISTMAS WALK

PLACES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE

Start: 10.30am  Duration: 90 minutes
Cost: £4 per person

28 December TURKEY BUSTER
Too much turkey and Christmas TV? Need to escape the in-laws? Then join us for an invigorating walk and burn off those Christmas calories. With the pull of a Christmas cracker, two walks will depart from the Ipswich Tourist Information Centre. Which parts of Ipswich will you end up exploring?

WALKS FOR GROUPS

Fancy having an Ipswich Tour Guide all to yourself?
Our custom walks for groups are available throughout the year and are suitable for special interest groups, schools, clubs and societies.

Group walks are limited to 20 people per guide, with a minimum booking fee of £40.

Walks for groups, clubs and societies can be arranged to suit your group’s interests or requirements and are ideal as part of an event, for conference attendees or a social get-together.

The cost is £4 per head with a minimum booking fee of £40.

Walks for schools and youth groups can be arranged on a variety of themes that support key curriculum areas or a particular topic.

The cost is £4 per child (accompanying staff and adult helpers free of charge) with a minimum booking fee of £40.

Contact the Ipswich Tourist Information Centre for further details and to discuss your requirements.
ARMCHAIR WALKS

Our engaging and entertaining Guides can also visit you at your own venue. Our fully illustrated armchair walks are ideal for those who are unable to travel into Ipswich and include many of the interesting, thought-provoking themes of our popular Ipswich Town Walks.

The fee for a one hour presentation starts from £50.

Contact the Ipswich Tourist Information Centre for further details and to discuss your requirements.

FURTHER INFORMATION

All walks start promptly from the Ipswich Tourist Information Centre, please arrive 15 minutes before departure time for registration.

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St Stephen’s Lane  Ipswich  IP1 1DP
Telephone: 01473 258070

HOW TO BOOK

No need to book for any of our Tuesday and Thursday walks, just turn up, pay and join in!

Unless stated in the brochure, all other walks must be pre-booked.

www.ipswichregent.com
Telephone: 01473 258070
Or in person at the Ipswich Tourist Information Centre.

Access:

Most walks cover the centre of Ipswich or the Waterfront where the terrain is flat and where there are good pavements. Routes are usually negotiable by and suitable for wheelchairs or mobility scooters. The guides will adapt their walks and content to reflect the needs of those attending. Guide/assistance dogs are welcome, but may not be permitted in certain buildings. Please contact the Tourist Information Centre if you would like to discuss your needs in more detail.

DISCLAIMER

Ipswich Tourist Guides Association reserves the right to change walks without notice due to prevailing conditions on the day. Ipswich Tourist Guides Association accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to property or injury to persons.

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