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What can I expect from Drawn at the Tower with Art Macabre?

Frequently asked questions

Who qualifies for the concession rate?

Concession rate includes students, unwaged people, Tower Hamlets residents, and under 25s. ID will need to be shown at the main gate upon arrival.

What does my ticket include?

Your ticket includes basic art materials such as, pencils, charcoal, coloured pencils, water soluble markers, paper (A4, A3, A2 size), and a drawing board. We provide fold out stools and cushions for sitting on. We don't have a seat for everyone but due to the nature of *Drawn at the Tower with Art Macabre* you won't be in the same position for the whole night.

I have a special pen I would like to use, can I bring it?

The Tower of London is a World Heritage Site and as such has strict conservation rules and regulations pertaining to what materials can and cannot be used. As a basic rule please do NOT bring anything permanent or messy e.g. inks or paints. If you are unsure please check with the event manager on the night or email learning.info@hrp.org.uk ahead of the event. NB. If materials do not adhere to our conservation rules and regulations, we will ask you to leave them in your bag.

We do not have space to accommodate easels at these events.

Is there somewhere to leave my bag/suitcase?

We do not have a cloakroom available for these events. We suggest that you come with as little luggage as possible, as you will be moving around the site during the event so you will need to take bags with you. However, if you do need to bring large bags or items, you can leave them in a designated area to collect later, at your own risk.

Can I take photographs?

Yes and no. Sorry, this is not a straight forward answer. No filming or photography is allowed of nude life models. The Chapel of St John the Evangelist and The Chapel Royal of St Peter ad Vincula are sacred spaces so no filming and photography is allowed in those areas. Don't worry we'll let you know on the night.

We understand that the Tower is incredibly atmospheric at night; you are allowed to take photographs of the spaces (except those listed above) and clothed models on your phone, but this is a drawing event, so please NO professional photography.

On occasion we will document the events with official photography and



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occasionally film, so if you would rather not appear in these photographs/film documentation you'll have the opportunity to inform us of this at the start of the event.

I can't draw/haven't drawn in years. Is this event still for me?

You mean you think you can't draw? ©

Yes, from an enthusiastic newbie to a seasoned artist *Drawn at the Tower with Art Macabre* is designed for adults (18+) of all levels and abilities. Each event will host a guest artist where light touch tutoring and support is available. Please note, this is not a formally tutored drawing class but we believe with the right inspiration everyone can enjoy mark making.

Can I wander and draw anywhere in the Tower?

Each event will be restricted to a different part of the Tower, and does not include access to the Crown Jewels or whole site. Please note that after-hours we share the site with the Yeoman Warders and their families, as well as high end commercial events. Again, we'll let you know on the night where you're able to go.

Will we be drawing outside?

Drawn at the Tower with Art Macabre uses locations both inside and outside the Tower. This will depend on the event and the weather.

What should I wear?

Please note that due to the historical nature of the site spaces are not heated. At certain times of the year even inside the building can be very cold. Please dress appropriately and wrap up warm.

I have access needs; can I still come?

This event involves using steps around a historic site and is unfortunately not suitable for wheelchair users. If you have particular seating or other access requirements, please contact 020 3166 6646 or learning.info@hrp.org.uk.

What if I'm late?

We know London traffic is unpredictable so doors open at 6.45pm with drawing starting promptly at 7pm. Sorry, we cannot admit people after 7.15pm.

Who can I contact for more information? Please email learning.info@hrp.org.uk

