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A Christmas Carol, with Mr Londoner

Follow in the footsteps of London's biographer and world-famous storyteller, Charles Dickens, as we take an immersive festive stroll through the atmospheric ancient alleys and historic streets of the City of London. We'll use Charles Dickens's 1834 novella, *A Christmas Carol*, as our guide. And we'll follow in the fateful footsteps of the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge as he trudged home, ill-tempered, on a frosty Christmas Eve in the early 19th century.

See the beautiful marketplace where Victorian Londoners purchased their Christmas goose or turkey - and hear the tale of a plucky bird who escaped. Marvel at the world's first indoor shopping market, now home to luxury retailers - and pick up some edible Christmas goodies along the way. Our journey then takes us through cobbled streets and Dickensian alleys to view the boutiques and Christmas lights of Bow Lane, a charming old thoroughfare tucked behind the ancient church of St Mary Le Bow. Hear its famous bells and discover the significance of these chimes to Londoners, to this very day.

We could end our tour with a a winter warmer - perhaps a pint of Yuletide ale? - in an historic City tavern, where we might swap a Christmas ghost story or two.

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