



LEIGHTON HOUSE and SAMBOURNE HOUSE

Visit Monday 20th February 2023

Join us for guided tours of two of the most interesting houses in London



Leighton House



Sambourne House

Combining living and studio space, these two houses, tucked away in Holland Park, remain largely unchanged. They are the extraordinary legacies left by two 'celebrities' of the late Victorian era – Frederic, Lord Leighton (1830-1896) and Edward Linley Sambourne (1844-1910).

Leighton and Sambourne lived as neighbours for over 20 years and had many acquaintances in common. They were widely known to their contemporaries; Leighton as the most prominent artist of his day, a celebrated painter and president of the Royal Academy of Arts and Sambourne as Chief Cartoonist at the infamous satirical magazine Punch.

Their similar tastes were reflected in the furnishing of their homes, both filled with sculpture, blue and white ceramics and glassware. Leighton House is famed for its spectacular Arab Hall, and following recent refurbishment contains additional exhibition space. Sambourne House was a family home and is an example of the late Victorian house beautiful.

Leighton House is step free, but there are steps to each floor of Sambourne House and steep steps to the Visitor reception in the basement.

Leighton House and Sambourne House

Arrangements and Tickets

Transport is not included:

Members will initially need to make their own way to Sambourne House, 18 Stafford Terrace, London W8 7BH. The nearest tube station is High Street Kensington, approx. a 6 minutes walk. Later, it is about an 8 minutes walk on to Leighton House, 12 Holland Park Road, W14 8LZ, with a return to High Street Kensington station taking about 15 minutes.

Meeting Point:

We will gather at **10.50 am** at **Sambourne House** ready for a prompt start of the guided tour at **11.00 am**. This will be in two groups of 15.

After the approx. 90 minutes tour, members will be free to make their own arrangements for lunch. We will then re-assemble at **Leighton House** at **2.00 pm**. This tour also lasts approx. 90 minutes.

At lunchtime there are numerous cafés along Kensington High Street in the vicinity of the two houses. The DeMorgan Café within Leighton House offers a range of sandwiches, soups and bakes but it has very limited capacity.

Ticket Costs:

The combined cost of the guided tours and entry to both houses is **£27 per person**. There are no concessions available.

Ticket Sales:

Tickets will be on sale in person from **09.30 am** prior to our next monthly lecture on **Wednesday 4 January**. Payment will need to be by credit or debit card. Please bring a completed form below.

Note: Tickets are limited to two per member on first sale (both TASE members).

There is a maximum capacity of 30 for this visit.

If a member later cancels, refunds will only be made if places are resold.

Visit Leader: Alistair McGeachy, (Email: visits.tase@gmail.com)

The Arts Society Epsom visit to Leighton House and Swanbourne House
Monday 20 February 2023

Name(s) **Phone No.**

No. of Tickets: **Total Paid: £**

Your Emergency Contact: (Name & Phone No.)
(Please do not name anyone who will also be on this visit)