

# *It's a* **SOCIAL**

**WHAT: BACK STAGE TOUR OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE IN COVENT GARDEN**

**WHEN: SATURDAY 16 JUNE 2018**

**12.30pm TOUR** followed by late lunch

**TRANSPORT:** Train, Tube, Walk

**TIME AND MEETING PLACE:**

10.00am at Teddington Station, returning at approx 4.30pm  
Tour starts at 12.30pm and lasts 75 minutes, followed by a late lunch and walk around the area.

**COST:** Tour £10.50, payable in advance to Tim  
Train fare (Oyster or Travelcard) & food as required

**Leader: Tim Perrin**



**Back Stage – Theatre – Opera – Ballet – Old Covent Garden Flower Market – Coffee – Lunch**

We take the train to Waterloo and then either walk (if it's fine) over Waterloo Bridge to the Strand and onto The Royal Opera House (approx 30 mins), or take the tube to Covent Garden. We will have time to stop for **coffee in one of the many coffee houses around Covent Garden** before our tour which starts at 12.30pm.

We may have the tour to ourselves (if we are a full group of 20) or other visitors may be added to our number when we get there to make up a full group. **We need a minimum of 10 people** signed up to book the tour. The tour covers the auditorium where our guide explains the **history of the Royal Opera House**. We are then taken into the old flower market (of **My Fair Lady** fame) which has been comprehensively refurbished in recent years. From here we go backstage and the rest of the tour will depend on which rehearsals are taking place. As the Royal Opera House is a **fully working theatre**, each tour is a unique experience, and may include opportunities such as seeing the Royal Ballet performers in class and the magnificent backstage technology in operation which allows scene changes in 40 seconds. The tour could also include the **wardrobe area and the props** room where some amazing things are made (see picture above). Who knows what famous ballet or opera stars we may see? It will be a truly memorable trip. After the tour we have time to take a **late lunch** in one of the many food houses around. We can then stay for the rest of the afternoon walking around the area or make our way back home as suits.

**FURTHER INFORMATION** on the Royal Opera website: [www.roh.org.uk](http://www.roh.org.uk)

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL – MINIMUM 10, MAXIMUM 20 PEOPLE.** Contact Tim by email [tjmp57@gmail.com](mailto:tjmp57@gmail.com) or phone h 020 8894 3205 m 07803 562004 or sign up on the list at Teddington Baptist Church **ASAP** and by **Sunday 1 April LATEST**

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