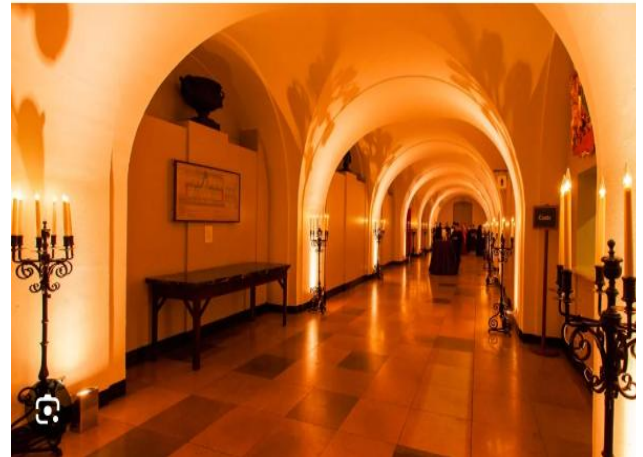


**BANQUETING HOUSE & WALKING TOUR AROUND WHITEHALL, WESTMINSTER, LONDON - THURSDAY, 3RD
SEPTEMBER @ 11.30 AM (£ 19.50 PER PERSON)**



The Hall



The Undercroft

A guided tour of the House and a Whitehall/Westminster walking tour with a blue badge Guide (approx 2.5 Hours).

Banqueting House was built in 1620 in Whitehall, and is the only surviving building of the historic Palace of Whitehall. Famous as the site of King Charles I's execution in 1649, we will explore the magnificent Banqueting Hall featuring the ceiling masterpieces of Peter Paul Rubens and the secluded, subterranean Undercroft. It has only recently re-opened after a major refurbishment. The house is now used for events.

Located beneath the Hall, the undercroft was originally designed by Inigo Jones (who designed the building as a whole) as a private drinking den for King James I.

Walking tour - the walk will cover Parliament Square (Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey), Whitehall (Cenotaph, Downing Street, Horseguards' Parade), Trafalgar Square, and St James's Park. This will take approx. 75 mins.

Refreshments

There is no café on site. We could go to the Crypt Café at St Martins in the field or a pub that I know. The plan is to tour Banqueting House first, and then have a lunch break. Then have the walking tour.

Travel information:

Banqueting House is located near Charing X station, Westminster /Embankment underground stations

Booking are now open; please message me, via the link [MindyR](#) at the top of this U3A page.