



Archive talks - FAQs & practical guidance

The following information will help you get the most out of your visit to the London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) to view the Brunel Museum's collection of Thames Tunnel watercolours and drawings.

How much does an archive talk and viewing cost?

Our archive talks / viewings cost **£25** per person. Each guest will also receive a copy of our *Brunels' Tunnel* guidebook.

How do I book on to an archive visit?

Pre-booking is essential and tickets can be purchased online via ArtTickets at:

<https://the-brunel-museum.arttickets.org.uk/the-brunel-museum/2023-10-06-archive-talks-thames-tunnel-watercolours>

What are the archive talks about?

In 2017, the Brunel Museum acquired an amazing collection of designs and watercolours of the Thames Tunnel produced by Marc Brunel, Isambard Kingdom Brunel and various other draftsmen and engineers involved at the time.

With over 30 individual drawings in the set, ranging from small pen-and-ink sketches of the tunnelling machinery to enormous lithograph prints of the entire tunnel, they are an integral part of the Thames Tunnel story.

Our expert guides will be on hand to tell you more about their unique history and how the Thames Tunnel itself was a feat of Victorian engineering, sometimes termed the 'eighth wonder of the world'.

How long is an archive talk and viewing?

The archive visit lasts approximately **90 minutes**. This includes a guided talk, Q&A and the opportunity to browse the watercolours and drawings at your leisure.

What dates and times can I book for?

Archive viewing dates and times are published regularly on our website. Please see the link below for a full list:

<https://thebrunelmuseum.com/events/>

Please note that dates are subject to guide availability.

How do we get there?

The archive talks are hosted in the Huntley Room at the London Metropolitan Archives:

London Metropolitan Archives
40 Northampton Road
London
EC1R 0HB)

The nearest Tube station is Farringdon, approximately a 10-minute walk away, with Chancery Lane and Barbican stations also nearby.

What do I do when I arrive at the London Metropolitan Archives (LMA)?

- The archive talks and viewings begin at either **10:30am** or **2:30pm**, in the **Huntley Room** at the London Metropolitan Archives. Double check the time slot on your ticket and **please arrive promptly**.
- Upon arrival, please present your ticket (order confirmation) and check your name at reception on the ground floor. You will then be directed to the Huntley Room on the fourth floor.
- On the mezzanine floor, there is a visitor lounge where you can store bags and coats in lockers if needed.
- The sessions last approximately 90 minutes. You can collect your copy of the *Brunels' Tunnel* guidebook, included in your ticket, at the end of the session.

How accessible are the archive tours at the LMA?

For information on the facilities and accessibility of the London Met Archives site, please visit:

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/history-and-heritage/london-metropolitan-archives/visitor-information/lma-facilities>

Is photography allowed in the archives?

We do **NOT** allow photography of the Brunel Museum's watercolours and drawings. However, if you'd like prints of any of the watercolours on display, they can be purchased via ArtUK here:

<https://artuk.org/shop/featured-collections/the-brunel-museum.html>

If you have any other queries, please email hello@thebrunelmuseum.com and a member of our team will get back to you.

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