Thursday 12th March 2026
£24 including guided tour

LEIGHTON HOUSE
12 Holland Park Road
London W14 8LZ

Leighton House is the former home and studio of the leading Victorian artist Frederic, Lord Leighton (1830 - 1896): painter, sculptor and public figure.

Leighton was one of the most famous British artists of the Victorian age. The recipient of many national and international awards and honours, he was well acquainted with members of the royal family and with most of the great artists, writers and politicians of the late Victorian era. His charm, handsome appearance, cosmopolitan background and generous nature allowed him to move in the highest social circles and forge friendships across the continent.

Leighton often travelled and on trips to Turkey in 1867, to Egypt in the following year and to Syria in 1873, he collected textiles, pottery and other objects that were later to be displayed in his house. However, the trip to Damascus in 1873 laid the foundations for the wonderful collection of tiles that line the walls of the Arab Hall extension.

The guided tour will include the spectacular Arab Hall.

We will meet in the foyer of Leighton House and the tour will begin at 12.00.

There is a small cafe at Leighton House serving light refreshments, and there are many nearby cafes and restaurants.

Leighton House is a 10 minute walk from High Street Kensington tube station; alternatively, 8 minutes walk from Kensington Olympia (overground), or 15 minutes walk from Holland Park tube station.

Numbers are limited to 25. Tickets will be on sale at the January lecture, and on-line.

(If you have time after touring Leighton House, you might also be interested in visiting Sambourne House, just a 5 - 7 minute walk away at 18 Stafford Terrace, W8 7BH. Sambourne House, set over 5 storeys, is the former home of Victorian illustrator Linley Sambourne (1844 - 1910) and his family. With eclectic interiors remaining virtually intact, it is a fine example of the era's fashionable aesthetic. Entry costs £12, pay at the door.)