



Birmingham Symphony Hall behind the scenes Tour Thursday 13th June 2019

Birmingham Symphony hall (built at the end of the 20th Century) is a spectacular venue. We will see what goes on behind the scenes to cater for the world's leading artistes in both classical and modern music. The organ is a truly amazing masterpiece. We will also visit the Green rooms where the artistes wait until called on stage. The guide's stories are legendary. The equipment and facilities that are needed to handle all types of musical events are manifold. Parts of the stage are movable; the workings of the organ are a mixture of ancient and modern technology and the acoustics of the hall are a technical triumph. The building construction is also a feat of engineering as the railway line runs directly underneath and the hall stands on huge rubber isolation blocks so that the 20:15 to Cheltenham doesn't disturb whoever is on stage at that time. A highlight might be seeing our former Club chairman playing the mighty organ.

Refreshments

Nearby is the Brindley Place Canalside development with at least 20 eating places and bars a short walk away.

Car parking is Q Park in Brindley Place, just the other side of the canal. Preferred route is via M5 J3 and A456, or M6 and A38M but do allow plenty of time for traffic delays because once we start the tour you cannot join later.

Cost

Cost will be about £12 to £15 per head depending on number. It is a very interesting experience. If you are an organist, we can arrange for you to try your hand. You can even stand on the stage and sing if you wish. We need 20 people to make this a good visit.

Timing

- 11:00 Arrival and meet in the vestibule. There is a cafeteria and coffee shop in the vestibule if you arrive early.
- 11:30 Tour approximately 2 hrs.

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