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SITE OF ALDERSGATE DEMOLISHED 1761

Aldersgate Plaque

Ludgate was one of the original gates constructed during the Roman period in London. Situated near the western part of the city, Ludgate served as a crucial river crossing point over the River Fleet.

Over time, the gate evolved and was rebuilt multiple times. The gate's name is derived from the nearby street called "Ludgate Hill." Ludgate was also closely associated with St. Martin Within Ludgate Church, which stood nearby.

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City Gates

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Aldersgate, located on the western side of the City of London, was added during the Roman period and replaced the previous west gate of the Roman fort. The gate derived its name from the nearby "Alder" trees that once surrounded the area. Throughout history, Aldersgate played a significant role in various events and ceremonies. One notable occasion was the entrance of James VI of Scotland into the City of London, marking his ascent to the English throne as James I.



The Romans were responsible for many amazing things we use each day! What's your favourite?

Church of St. Botolph Bishopsgate



The City of London, often referred to as the "Square Mile," was historically protected by a series of gates that controlled entry and exit to the city. These gates played a vital role in the city's defense and administration. The seven main gates were Ludgate, Newgate, Aldersgate, Cripplegate, Moorgate, Bishopsgate, and Aldgate. Each gate had its own significance and history, reflecting the growth and development of the city over the centuries.

End Billingsgate

Billingsgate is the historical fish market of London. It's located near the River Thames and earned its name from a water-gate that was originally built during the Roman era and associated with the Bilinga or Bilingo family.

