

\*Please note that all times listed on here are approximate and will be based on things like how fast you walk, possible train delays, or unexpected crowds. I've done my best to estimate these based on my experiences in London to show you as much as possible in one day (albeit a fairly long, but definitely enjoyable, day).

# (9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.) WESTMINSTER & WHITEHALL



- Arrive Westminster Tube Station
- Big Ben
- Westminster Bridge
- Palace of Westminster (also known as Houses of Parliament)
- Tesco Express (on Bridge Street) for drinks and snacks if needed

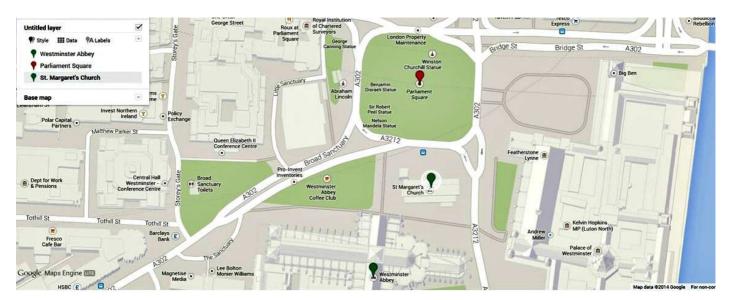
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- Walk along Parliament/Whitehall Street to see the following:
  - o HM Revenue & Customs
  - o Iconic red telephone boxes
  - o Entrance to Churchill War Rooms (that hold the Cabinet War Rooms and bunker)
  - o The Cenotaph
  - o Women of World War II Memorial
  - o 10 Downing Street (official residence of the Prime Minister)

## (10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) LONDON EYE

• Ride on the London Eye (also known as Millenium Wheel) using Fast Track Tickets purchased in advance

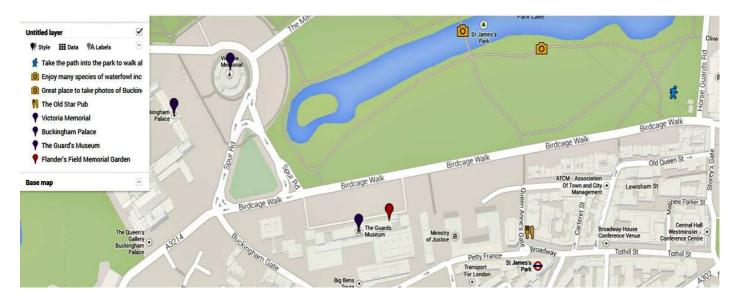
## (11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.) PARLIAMENT SQUARE & WESTMINSTER ABBEY



- Westminster Bridge back to other side of the Thames
- Parliament Square
- St. Margaret's Church
- Westminster Abbey

The **Palace of Westminster** and **Westminster Abbey** including **Saint Margaret's Church** have been a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** since 1987.

## (11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) ST. JAMES'S PARK & BUCKINGHAM PALACE



From **Westminster Abbey** make your way back across **Parliament Park** along the western side in front of the statue of Abraham Lincoln. At the corner of the park, turn left onto Great George Street and continue on street until it becomes **Birdcage Walk**. Take the first path to the right into **St. James's Park**.

- St. James's Park
- Bridge in middle of lake for photos of Buckingham Palace and buildings on Horse Guard's Road

Leave the bridge and make your way across the park and across **Birdcage Walk**. Head straight on **Queen Anne's Gate** to the corner of **Broadway**. Take note of location of St. James's tube station (will be returning here)

- Pick up lunch at The Old Star pub (free WiFi while you wait)
- Back to St. James's Park for a picnic lunch
- Walk to Buckingham Palace and view Victoria Memoria
- Walk back along Birdcage Walk St. James's tube station
  - o Guard's Museum
  - o Wellington Barracks
  - o Flanders Field 1914-2014 Memorial Garden

It is now time to go to **St. James's Tube station** where you will take the **Eastbound District Line (Green)** or **Circle Line (Yellow)** to **Monument Station**. Trains leave every few minutes, from one line or the other, and take about 12 minutes to get to **Monument Station**.

## (3:00 p.m. - 4:15) MONUMENT TO THE GREAT FIRE & TOWER OF LONDON



- Arrive at Monument Tube Station
- Monument to the Great Fire at the intersection of Monument Street and Fish Street Hill

From the **Monument to the Great Fire** walk southeast on **Monument Street** towards **Lovat Lane**. Along the way you will cross **Pudding Lane** where the fire started. At **Lovat Lane** turn right for just a short distance until you reach **Lower Thames Street** where you will turn left. It will be about a 10 minute walk along **Lower Thames Street** and around the corner to the right onto A100 which goes along the **Tower of London**.

- Pudding Lane
- 'Hung, Drawn, and Quartered' Pub
- All Hallows by the Tower Church
- Tower of London
- Tower Hill Terrace (includes public toilets)
- Tower Hill Pier for photo ops of:
  - o Tower of London
  - o Tower Bridge
  - o The Shard
  - o HMS Belfast

The **Tower of London** is another one of London's additions to the the **UNESCO World Heritage Sites** list.

It is now time to go to **Tower Hill tube station** where you will take the **Westbound District Line (Green)** or **Circle Line (Yellow)** to **Embankment Station**. Trains leave every few minutes, from one line or the other, and take about 17 minutes to get to **Embankment Station**. At **Embankment** exit the station and walk the remaining 8 minutes to **Trafalgar Square**. From the station **head north on Villiers St** toward **Watergate Walk** (0.1 mile), and then **turn left onto the Strand** and walk about 130 feet where you'll find yourself at roundabout with a statue in the middle of it.

# (4:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. ) TRAFALGAR SQUARE, PICCADILLY CIRCUS, & LEICESTER SQUARE



- Arrive at the statue of Charles I in the roundabout in front of Trafalgar Square
- Trafalgar Square
- Nelson's Column
- Fourth Plinth
- National Gallery
- St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church
- Canada House

When facing **Trafalgar Square** head towards your left onto **Pall Mall** and then turn right onto **Whitcomb Street**. Walk about 0.2 miles and then turn left onto **Coventry Street** and you'll be in the **Piccadilly Circus** area

- Piccadilly Circus
- Shaftesbury Memorial topped with Eros
- Cool Britannia souvenir shop

Exit Cool Britannia at the main entrance turn right and walk toward Leicester Square.

- London Trocadero
- Leicester Square with statue of William Shakespeare

If you want to head back to your accommodations for dinner and an early evening the **Leicester Square Tube station** is very nearby to catch a train. If you'd like to stay in the area for dinner and then a little after dinner entertainment please read on a little further.

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• Dinner at Brown's Bar & Brasserie

To get to the restaurant head northeast on **Leicester Square** towards **Leicester Place** and then continue onto **Cranbourn Street**. Turn right onto **St. Martin's Lane** and the restaurant is on the right.

• After dinner **Covent Garden** with buskers.

From the restaurant take a right out the front door and walk along **St. Martin's Lane** and then turn left onto **New Row**. Follow that street for about 440 feet to **Bedford Street** and turn right and then a left onto **Henrietta Street** and further left on **Southhampton Street**. This should put you in the **Covent Garden Market**.

To return to your accommodations from here you'll have to return to the **Leicester Square Tube station** as the Covent Garden station is exit only until the summer of 2015.

I hope you've enjoyed your day out in London, taking in lots of the top sights and attractions. I would absolutely love to hear from you if you ever take this itinerary with you on a visit to London to hear your feedback and comments.

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Happy Travels!