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LONDON BRIDGES WALK

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**Route maps
and fun facts**

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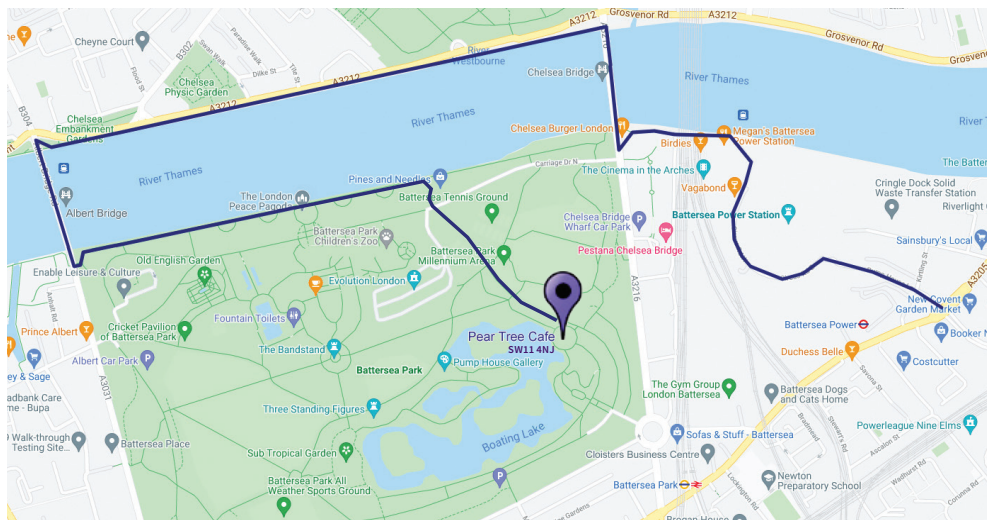


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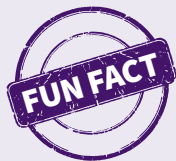


Finish point

Section 1

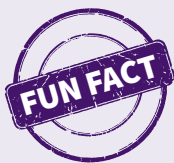


- After meeting us outside the Pear Tree Café (SW11 4NJ) walk up past Evolution London, face the river and turn left, walking along the river until you reach Albert Bridge. Turn right and cross **Albert Bridge**.



Albert Bridge – Often referred to as London's most beautiful bridge, Albert Bridge has been painted its unusual pink, blue and green since 1992, and has sported many different colours prior to this! The colours were chosen to improve visibility and prevent collisions with boats in fog and murky light.

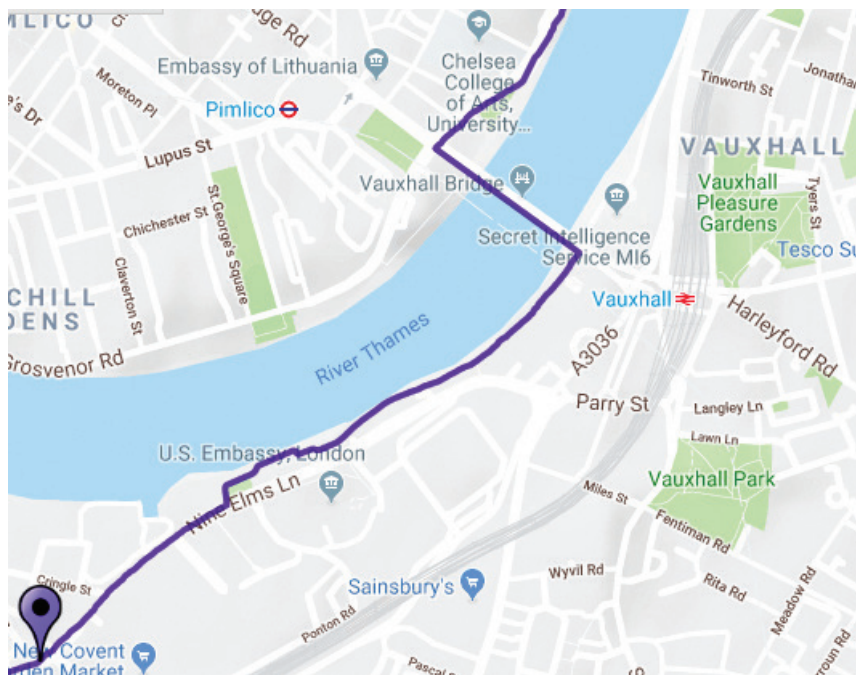
- Turn right onto the Chelsea embankment and continue until you reach Chelsea Bridge Road. Turn right and cross **Chelsea Bridge**.



Chelsea Bridge – This site was originally an ancient crossing point for the River Thames. The bridge was opened by Queen Victoria in 1858 and was originally named Victoria Bridge in her honour. Now named Chelsea Bridge, the structure we see today replaced the original in 1937. It became a popular racing ground for motorcyclists in the 1950s, culminating in a gory standoff between rival motorcycle gangs.

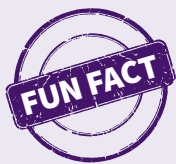
- Just after crossing Chelsea Bridge there are some steps down to a walkway by the river. Follow this and go under the railway bridges. The path will lead round to the right with Battersea Power Station on your left. The road is named Circus Road West which will then lead into Pump House lane where you can continue on to **section 2**!

Section 2



- Turn left at New Covent Garden Market and continue down Nine Elms Lane (A3205).

- Follow the river until you reach **Vauxhall Bridge** and turn left.

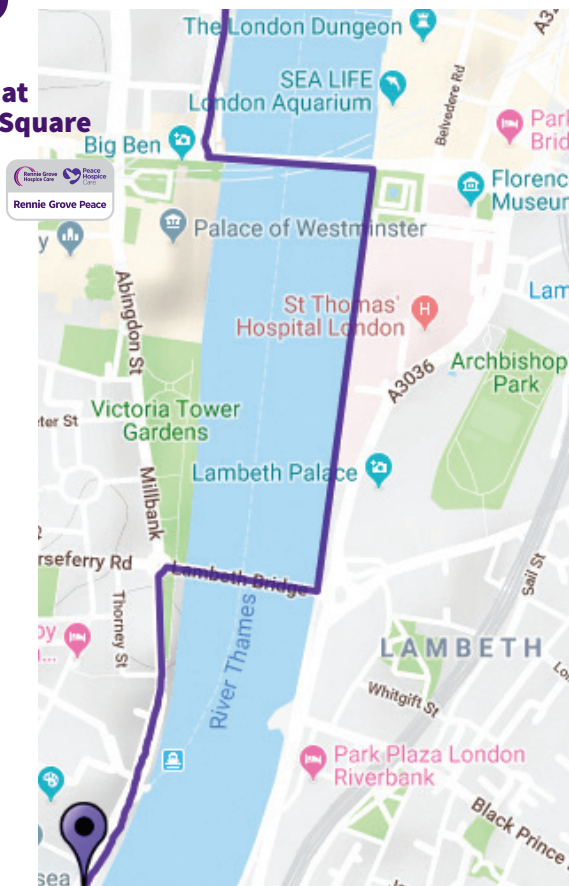


Vauxhall Bridge – The original Vauxhall Bridge was built in 1809 and lasted almost 100 years before being replaced by its current version in 1906. The hidden secrets of this bridge can only be seen on foot – 8 statues adorn the sides of the bridge, representing science, education, fine arts, local government, engineering, pottery, agriculture and architecture.

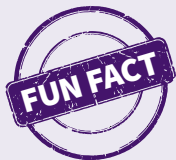
- Once crossed, go down the stairs on your right and continue along the river to **section 3**!

Section 3

**5 mile walk
finish point at
Parliament Square**

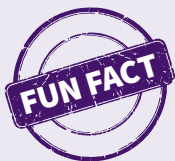


- Walk past M15 and you will come to a roundabout. Turn right to cross **Lambeth Bridge**.



Lambeth Bridge – Lambeth Bridge is built on what used to be a horse ferry between the Palace of Westminster and Lambeth palace. Lambeth Bridge is painted red to match the seats in the House of Lords and was featured in ‘Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban’!

- On the other side of the river, turn left and continue down the stairs to walk past St Thomas’ Hospital.
- Once you reach a set of stairs, turn left to cross **Westminster Bridge**.



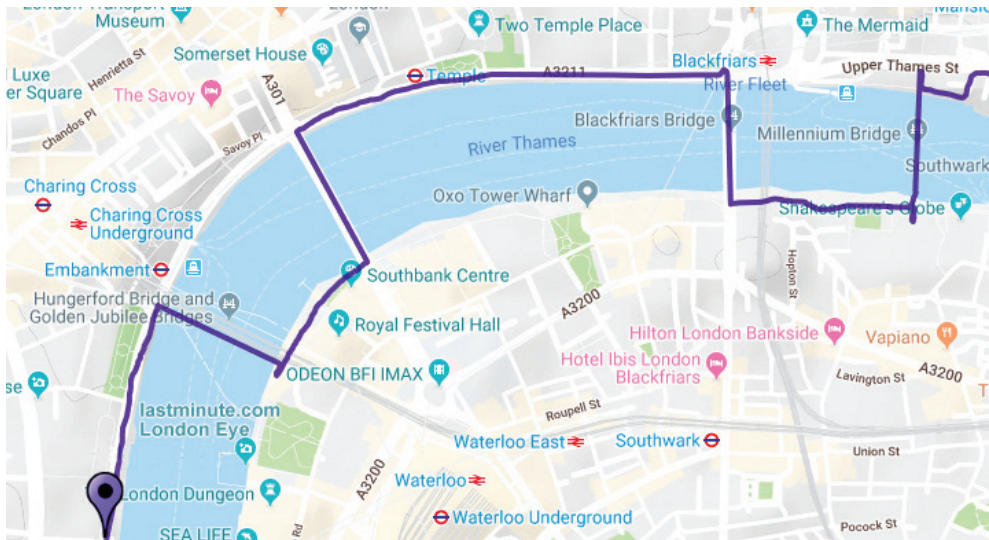
Westminster Bridge – For hundreds of years, the nearest bridge crossing the Thames to London Bridge was near Kingston. As a result, rush hour traffic from the Tudor period could result in delays of up to an hour! Like Lambeth Bridge, Westminster Bridge is painted to match parliament, in this case green to match the House of Commons and is Central London’s oldest surviving road bridge!

- Just before you reach Big Ben, turn right to cross the road and head down the stairs next to the tube station and continue straight until you reach **section 4**!

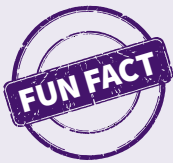


If you are finishing the 5 mile route between 11am and 1.30pm please come along to Parliament Square and claim your **medal**.

Section 4

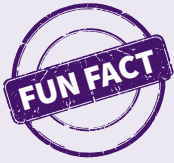


- Continue along the river and you will see Whitehall Gardens on your left. You will reach the **Golden Jubilee Bridge** at the end of the Whitehall Gardens; turn left to head up the stairs to cross the bridge.



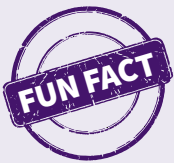
Golden Jubilee Bridge – The Golden Jubilee Bridge offers some of the best views of London's greatest attractions, including Big Ben, Westminster, the London Eye, the Cheese Grater and the Walkie Talkie building! The original version of the bridge was opened in 1845, although the foot bridges either side were not added until 2002. The original non-pedestrian bridge is known as the Hungerford Bridge.

- Exit the bridge down the stairs and turn left. Continue straight along embankment until you reach the yellow set of stairs by the restaurant called Giraffe. Take the stairs and follow the path to **Waterloo Bridge**.



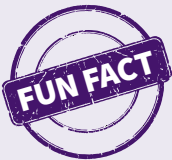
Waterloo Bridge – The current Waterloo Bridge was built in 1939 and was nicknamed ‘The Ladies’ Bridge’ on account of being predominantly built by women during the Second World War. Waterloo Bridge became the first reinforced concrete bridge over the Thames in central London and has been featured in many popular programmes such as Sherlock!

- After crossing the bridge, you **MUST** use the set of stairs on the right to get onto the A3211.
- Continue along the A3211 past Middle Temple Gardens. There might be roadworks near the bridge so please follow the pedestrian diversion in order to navigate this safely and turn right onto **Blackfriars Bridge** when possible.



Blackfriars Bridge – The original Blackfriars Bridge was built in the 1860s to accommodate four trains at once, an exciting development for 19th century London! This original bridge was however deemed too weak for modern trains and removed in 1985, although the red columns from the original Blackfriars Bridge can still be seen today.

- After crossing, keep to the left and take the set of stairs leading under the bridge onto the Thames Path. You will pass the Founders Arms Pub – continue walking until you reach the **Millennium Bridge** and cross.



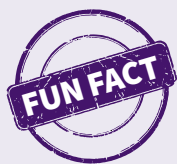
Millennium Bridge – The Millennium Bridge was the first new bridge to be built over the Thames for over 100 years! Unlike all previous bridges, an act of parliament was not required to approve the structure. It is nicknamed the ‘Wobbly Bridge’ as the 80,000 people crossing on its opening day found that it swayed dramatically from side to side!

- At the end of the bridge go down the stairs and turn left. Continue until you reach Broken Wharf and the restaurant called Solstice and then turn left. Follow the road around to your right to reach **section 5!**

Section 5



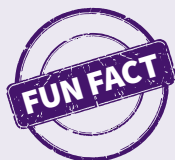
- Continue to the Cycle Surgery, then turn right down Queen Street Place, crossing **Southwark Bridge**.



Southwark Bridge – Originally known as Queen Street Bridge, on an average day, Southwark Bridge is one of London's quietest bridges. The first bridge operated on a toll system, but this was removed in 1864 due to competition with the nearby toll-free Blackfriars and London Bridges. The southern end of the bridge has easy access to Shakespeare's Globe theatre and watermen used to moor their boats here, waiting for customers.

- Just after the bus stop on your left, take the set of stairs down to street level and follow the path along the river until you reach Nandos and Wagamamas. Turn left under the railway and continue until you reach the Golden Hinde boat. Turn right passing Café Nero. At the end of the road opposite Southwark Cathedral, turn left.

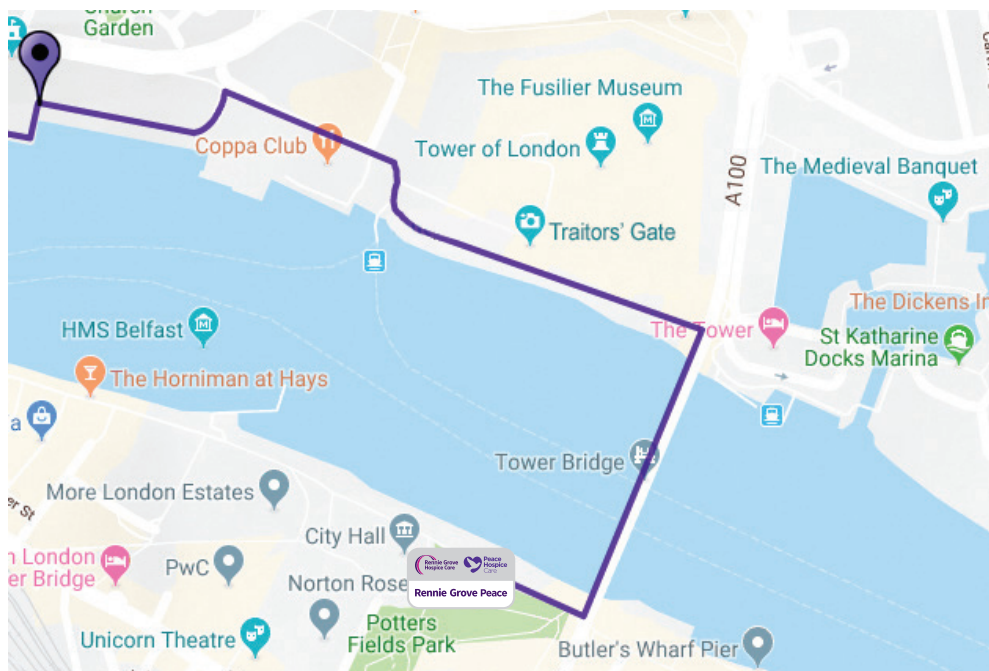
- Continue following the road around to the right and walk until you reach the London Bridge underpass. On your left there will be a narrow staircase that will lead you onto **London Bridge**.



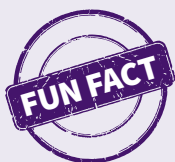
London Bridge – There have been many versions of London Bridge, dating all the way back to the original Roman crossing in 50 AD. The earliest bridges were wooden constructions, making them susceptible to fire and poor weather. The first stone bridge, built in 1176, featured many buildings including a chapel, shops, houses and a mill!

- After crossing London Bridge, take the staircase to your right and continue until you reach Old Billingsgate. Turn left and then take the first right to continue along the river bank to **section 6**!

Section 6



- Continue along the river bank until you reach Starbucks and Subway, before crossing the road over to the Tower of London gift shop and turn right through the gates.
- Head towards the riverbank and follow the path, keeping the Tower of London on your left until you reach **Tower Bridge**. Head up the steps to cross the bridge!



Tower Bridge – Tower Bridge was originally painted a chocolate brown colour, but was given a makeover in red, white and blue to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. The bridge is able to rise to allow boats to pass underneath, and this takes place around 1,000 times a year.

- After crossing, take the set of stairs to your right which will lead you to Potters Fields Park.

CONGRATULATIONS
you have reached the finish line!



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London Bridges Bingo

How many of these iconic London sights can you find?

			
Red phone box	Union Jack	London Eye	Police Officer
			
Black cab	Cleopatra's Needle	Lambeth Bridge's pineapples	Double decker bus
			
Pint of beer	Raven	Underground sign	Beefeater
			
The Globe Theatre	MI5 Building	Boudica statue	Battleship

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