

## **UK Tour - Day 3 - Abridged Version**

Good morning everyone. Hope you all managed to get a good night's sleep and aren't suffering from jet-lag.

### **Today's Itinerary in brief:-**

Walk to Buckingham Palace to look around

On to Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben

Over Westminster Bridge

Find somewhere for lunch

A ride on the London Eye

A walk around Hyde Park

Back to the Hotel for evening meal

If you wish to continue with the Treasure Hunts for the remainder of the tour, you will need to go on the full tour rather than the abridged version.

Today we are going to start with a short walk to Buckingham Palace, have a look around and then move on to other attractions.

Come out of the hotel, cross the road and go into Green Park. Straight ahead of you through the park is

### **Buckingham Palace**

If you are lucky you may get onto a Royal Tour of the building <https://youtu.be/gen0NgJjry4> In this video there is reference to a website, royalcollection.org.uk. This is now <https://www.rct.uk/> .

You might like to view a 360° Video: Buckingham Palace Tour - BBC London [https://youtu.be/FtGN2wK9g\\_s](https://youtu.be/FtGN2wK9g_s) .

Or you may prefer a schematic video outlining the various different rooms in the palace <https://youtu.be/WOFMqBxJPAA> [Only watch the first 4.40 mins]

Or you may like to stay outside and watch a 'Changing of the Guard' <https://youtu.be/p8Y8rhLirRw> , or even another one as well <https://youtu.be/ZbsIcmUkbFQ>

When you are ready to move on, go along Spur Road into Birdcage Walk. Keep walking along Birdcage Walk enjoying the sunshine and the shade from the trees and into St George Street. Go passed Parliament Square Garden and at the end of it turn right into Parliament Square and St Margaret St. A short way along on the right hand side is

**Westminster Abbey** You might wish to go in and look around.

For a comprehensive introduction to the Abbey, click below:-  
<https://youtu.be/aYNNMxSOKi4>

For shorter overviews:-  
[https://youtu.be/gbMLSZD\\_s2Q](https://youtu.be/gbMLSZD_s2Q)  
<https://youtu.be/s0C0syR9Mog>

When you have seen enough of the Abbey, we will head back to Parliament Square and turn right into Bridge Street. Coming up on the right hand side is

**Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament**

If you are interested in a short video on the history of the Parliament, click here  
<https://youtu.be/qbjEd430EKM>

Also some video tours of Parliament can be found at  
<https://www.parliament.uk/about/podcasts/video-tours/>

The history of Big Ben can be found here  
<https://youtu.be/TyXrHfz9lAY>

Keep going straight over Westminster Bridge but look at the Thames as you cross over it. Also you will see the London Eye ahead of you. That is where we are going to next.

When you get across to the other bank, turn left and cross over the road to walk along the river bank towards the London Eye (the big wheel).

By now you might be ready for something to eat. We are passing a Pret A Manger, Gillray's Steakhouse & Bar, also a café called Shippo, or you might prefer a Japanese Take Away from Bao Fa Garden Chinese or Great British Fish & Chips.

We also pass by

**the Aquarium** which you might like to come back to when you get some free time later on during this tour.

<https://www.visitsealife.com/london/>

Here is a walk-around video

[https://youtu.be/\\_zu0bTINGU](https://youtu.be/_zu0bTINGU)

If you are into gory and macabre historical events then you may prefer to visit

**The London Dungeon** next door at

<https://www.thedungeons.com/london/en/> but it is far too scary to be included in this tour!

Hopefully you are now well fed and ready for your afternoon trip on the London Eye. This lasts about 30 minutes, when once you get to the front of the queue [line-up to the Canadians]. Let's climb aboard

**The London Eye**

<https://youtu.be/OGf5dSH-RtM> This one has the best views. You could also look at

<https://youtu.be/pkSUuBugQOo> I suggest you start at 1.50 minutes into the video and you may want to mute the sound!

Another alternative is

<https://youtu.be/yI98xvBJ0i4> [but Big Ben is covered in this one.]

We have arranged for a taxi to pick us up from here and drive us round to Hyde Park where you are free to wander around for the rest of the afternoon.

### **Hyde Park**

<https://youtu.be/IM8OWw1BARA>

<https://youtu.be/tgEXtigdVlg>

For a more extensive walk through the park

<https://youtu.be/OPBU5USk-dY>

When you have seen enough, jump into a taxi and return to your hotel to freshen up. This evening we will enjoy the facilities at the hotel, including dining in one of their restaurants. Have a look at the menus at

### **Sheraton Grand Hotel**

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/longr-sheraton-grand-london-park-lane/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>

choose a nice bottle of wine and enjoy your meal.

And so to bed. Sweet dreams and see you in the morning.