

UK Tour - Day 4 - Abridged Version

Morning All, hope you are enjoying your stay at the Sheraton

Today's Itinerary in brief :-

Walk to Piccadilly Circus

Then on to Trafalgar Square and the National Gallery

Walk back to Westminster

River Cruise along the Thames to Greenwich

On to the Tower of London

Dinner Cruise to end the day

We start off today heading in the same direction as we did yesterday, Day 3, by walking along Piccadilly (the A4), but this time we carry on past St James's Street and straight on towards Piccadilly Circus. On the way we pass

De Beers the jewellers

I'm sure they wouldn't mind you popping into the shop for a minute just to browse their merchandise. You might fancy a little trinket to take back home as a memento of your trip!

<https://www.debeers.co.uk/en-gb/home>

Continue along Piccadilly to

the Royal Academy of Arts

Perhaps we have a few minutes to step inside to see where art is made, exhibited and debated.

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/>

Maybe just a peek at the Picasso tour

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/article/picasso-and-paper-virtual-exhibition-tour>

Can't stay in there too long, we have a lot to fit in today. I wouldn't mind an ice cream though. Just reached a shop selling Fresh Gelato All day. Sounds good.

We have arrived at Piccadilly Circus. Step forward into the centre of the 'circus' and you should end up near the fountain with the statue of Eros (actually it is Anteros) at the top of it. We have a guide to show us around:-

Piccadilly Circus

<https://youtu.be/ya65O80RR5I>

If you prefer a written description:-

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Piccadilly-Circus>

<https://strawberrytours.com/london/landmarks/piccadilly-circus>

If you fancy coming back in the evening when it is dark and you can see all the lights, try this tour

<https://youtu.be/xwfjV6FoTog>

There are a lot of interesting places within a short walk of here, but today we are going on to Trafalgar Square. We are going to leave by continuing along Piccadilly with the

Criterion Building on our right hand side.

<https://www.buildington.co.uk/images/projects/15498162785c6051d6c41d67.20903291.jpg>

This amazing building has a four horse fountain (not very clear in this photo) at street level and 3 golden ladies 'diving' off the roof.

Turn right into Haymarket and at the end of the road turn left into Pall Mall E. After a very short walk you will see Nelson's Column straight ahead. This is

Trafalgar Square No swimming in the fountains though!!!

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/our-building-and-squares/trafalgar-square>

Before we leave we really ought to take a quick look inside

The National Gallery

<https://youtu.be/P4q7F4fU3kA>

Maybe come back on another trip and spend longer here.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrPOgNsUldOtQsTf9Kjlm_A

But it is now time to move on. We want to grab a bite of lunch and then get down to the river.

Leave the Square and head for Whitehall. On the way you will pass a plaque in the pavement marking the

Centre of London

https://rodcorp.typepad.com/photos/variousthings/centrelondon_mileage.html)

When you enter Whitehall you can actually see Big Ben in the distance, way ahead.

On the left hand side of the road is Little Frankie's, which will do us nicely for lunch. A bit expensive but that is the case anywhere you go in London. We'll go inside, pick a table and look at the menu:-

Little Frankie's

<https://www.frankieandbennys.com/menu/fbmenupage2?siteCode=3808>

I enjoyed that! Now we will carry on towards Big Ben.

Look to your right to see the gates at the end of Downing Street [number 10, the home of the Prime Minister]

Carry on passed the Cenotaph, The Glorious Dead and on until you get to Great George Street. Turn left and head towards Westminster Bridge. Just before the bridge turn left onto Victoria Embankment and then onto Westminster Pier. This is where we are going to join the

Thames River Cruise from Westminster to Greenwich

<https://youtu.be/Ugw9-8nXXmU> [This is a full guided cruise]

If you prefer a faster trip on a catamaran without any commentary, then click here:-

<https://youtu.be/TrpOUSnRnRc>

Greenwich

We will join this second cruise, at the 2.00 minute mark, for a look around Greenwich and then on to

The Tower of London

https://youtu.be/T_K5HgkfTRk

Let's join a Guided Tour of the Tower of London, you can choose from the following:-

<https://youtu.be/ChCi1CGFt50>

<https://youtu.be/tc4Me4LBuJ8>

<https://youtu.be/zb5mtguwNjw>

<https://youtu.be/VYNUizc8gbU>

If you would like to take a look at

the Crown Jewels while you are here

<https://youtu.be/ZsuSGrZAhmM>

https://youtu.be/A-A_8SpeiSA

<https://youtu.be/TxaYtdp4U3Q>

<https://youtu.be/wJQii5QTeyA>

Or you can go to this website for more information

<https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/history-and-stories/the-crown-jewels/#gs.60wae6>

We have decided to stay with the river theme and have booked

The London Showboat Dinner Cruise with some dancing at the end

https://youtu.be/W9iW0_6cDFw

Hopefully you enjoyed a wonderful meal and then danced off all those extra calories you put on.

All that remains is to jump into a taxi, return to your hotel and have a good night's sleep so you wake refreshed and ready for another full day tomorrow.

If you were intrigued by the archaic imperial measurements in Trafalgar Square, the following may be of interest

Archaic imperial measurements

<https://youtu.be/R71eZKTLkyQ>

Goodnight one and all.