

## **Day 4 Treasure Hunt**

You have started walking from the hotel along Piccadilly and have just reached Albemarle Street.

- 1). What line of business is ESSIE engaged in?  
[ESSIE CARPETS]

Carry on walking along Piccadilly.

- 2). What line of business is De Beers engaged in?  
[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.

- 3). At which House is the Royal Academy of Arts?  
[Burlington House]

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. Fresh Gelato All day sounds good.

- 4). Who sells Fresh Gelato All day?  
[GROM]

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:-

<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 Theatre and the Hard Rock Café on our right hand side. When you reach the four horses prancing in the fountain,

- 5). How many golden ladies are about to fall onto you?  
[There are three golden figures diving off the top of the building]

Turn right into Haymarket and when you reach Jermyn Street cross over Haymarket to the left hand pavement.

- 6). What show is on at The Theatre Royal, Haymarket?  
[Only Fools and Horses - The Musical]

At the end of the road turn left into Pall Mall E and after a very short walk you will see Nelson's Column straight ahead. This is Trafalgar Square. Make your own way over to the Column and then spend some time looking around the square. No swimming in the fountains though!!! Useful information about the square can be found at:-

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

- 7). There is a statue of a General who was born in MDCCLXXXII. Which General is it?  
[Charles James Napier]
- 8). Who is the King on the horse?  
[King George IV]
- 9). Given in 1960 by whom?  
[The Metropolitan Drinking Fountain Association] [drinking fountain next to statue of King George IV on a horse]
- 10). Which archaic measures can still be checked here, against feet and yards?  
[Perches, Chains and others]

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](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. So go back to Nelson's Column, on the pavement between the Column and the road. Stand with your back to the column and walk straight ahead, over the small island passed the Equestrian statue of Charles I (you won't see it, but behind this statue is a plaque in the pavement marking the Centre of London see [https://rodcorp.typepad.com/photos/variousthings/centre\\_london\\_mileage.html](https://rodcorp.typepad.com/photos/variousthings/centre_london_mileage.html)) and into 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 :-

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

- 11). If I go to the 'Main Menu', select 'Burgers' and choose a 'Classic Beef Burger', 'Big-Up Your Fries' to 'Sweet Potato Fries', follow this with a 'Desserts' of 'Mint Choc Chip Sundae' and add an 'Orange Juice'. How much change would I get from a Twenty Pound note?  
[Classic Beef Burger 9.99, Sweet Potato Fries 0.50, Mint Choc Chip Sundae 5.99, Orange Juice 3.49. Total 19.97 so change would be 3 pence]

Now have a look though the menu and choose something for yourself.

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

- 12). Who is the first guy on the horse? [Statue in the middle of the road]  
[Field Marshal, His Royal Highness George, Duke of Cambridge]

- 13). Who is the second guy on the horse? [Statue in the middle of the road]  
[Field Marshal Earl Haig]
- 14 The next 'statue' commemorates which women?  
[The Women of World War II]

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 into Great George Street 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 our river cruise.

This afternoon we have booked a boat ride up the Thames from here at 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>

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](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/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.60wac6>

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](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 <https://youtu.be/R71eZKTLkyQ>

Goodnight one and all.