



# 5-day London



London



# London: A Royal Journey Through History and Culture

Welcome to London, a city where centuries of history harmoniously blend with modern innovation. This comprehensive 5-day guide will take you through the capital's iconic landmarks, rich cultural heritage, and vibrant neighborhoods.

## Historical Overview

London's history spans over two millennia, from its founding by the Romans as Londinium to its current status as a global financial and cultural hub. The city has survived plagues, fires, and wars to emerge as one of the world's most influential capitals, where ancient traditions coexist with contemporary life.

## Iconic Landmarks

- Buckingham Palace: The official residence of the British monarchy, famous for its Changing of the Guard ceremony.
- Big Ben: The iconic clock tower at the Houses of Parliament, a symbol of British democracy.
- Westminster Abbey: A Gothic masterpiece where British monarchs are crowned and notable figures are buried.
- Tower of London: Historic fortress housing the Crown Jewels and centuries of royal history.
- Tower Bridge: Victorian engineering marvel and one of London's most recognizable symbols.

## Cultural Treasures

- The British Museum: Home to world-famous artifacts including the Rosetta Stone and Egyptian mummies.
- Tate Modern: Britain's national museum of modern art in a converted power station.
- Southbank Centre: Europe's largest arts center, offering world-class performances and exhibitions.
- The Shard: Western Europe's tallest building, offering breathtaking views of

the city.

### **Charming Neighborhoods**

- Covent Garden: Historic market turned shopping and entertainment district.
- Soho: Vibrant area known for its dining, nightlife, and theatrical heritage.
- Notting Hill: Charming neighborhood famous for its colorful houses and antique markets.
- Borough Market: London's oldest food market, celebrating British and international cuisine.

### **Green Spaces**

- Hyde Park: Central London's largest park, perfect for picnics and outdoor activities.
- St. James's Park: Royal park offering views of Buckingham Palace and wildlife.
- Kensington Gardens: Home to Kensington Palace and beautiful formal gardens.

### **Practical Travel Tips**

- Transportation: Use the Underground (Tube) and buses; get an Oyster card or contactless payment card.
- Best Times to Visit: Spring (March-May) or Autumn (September-November) for mild weather.
- Weather: Pack an umbrella as London weather can be unpredictable.
- Museums: Many major museums offer free admission.

### **5-Day Itinerary Highlights**

#### **Day 1: Royal London**

- Buckingham Palace
- St. James's Park
- Westminster Abbey

- Big Ben

### **Day 2: Cultural Quarter**

- The British Museum
- Covent Garden
- Leicester Square
- Soho

### **Day 3: Historic East**

- Tower of London
- Tower Bridge
- Borough Market
- Tate Modern

### **Day 4: Royal Parks**

- Hyde Park
- Kensington Gardens
- Royal Albert Hall
- Camden Market

### **Day 5: Modern London**

- Sky Garden
- The Shard
- Southbank Centre
- London Eye

London offers an unparalleled blend of history, culture, and modern attractions. Each neighborhood tells its own story, from the royal grandeur of Westminster to the artistic spirit of the South Bank. Whether you're exploring world-class museums, strolling through royal parks, or experiencing the city's diverse culinary scene, London promises an unforgettable journey through time and culture.

Let London's charm captivate you as you discover why this remarkable city has

enchanted visitors for centuries. Enjoy your London adventure!



# Itinerary Preview

5 days

## **DAY** 01

Buckingham Palace

St James's Park

Westminster Abbey

Big Ben

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## **DAY** 02

The British Museum

Covent Garden

Leicester Square

Soho

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## **DAY** 03

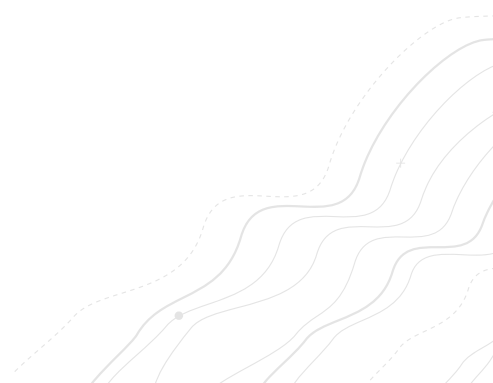
Tower of London

Tower Bridge

Tate Modern

Borough Market

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**DAY**  
04

Hyde Park  
Kensington Gardens  
Royal Albert Hall  
Camden Market

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**DAY**  
05

Sky Garden  
The Shard  
Southbank Centre  
London Eye





# **Daily Events**





## Day 1

09:00

### **Buckingham Palace**

London SW1A 1AA, UK

10:45

11:45

### **St James's Park**

London SW1A 2BJ, UK

13:30

14:00

### **Westminster Abbey**

Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3PA, UK

16:00

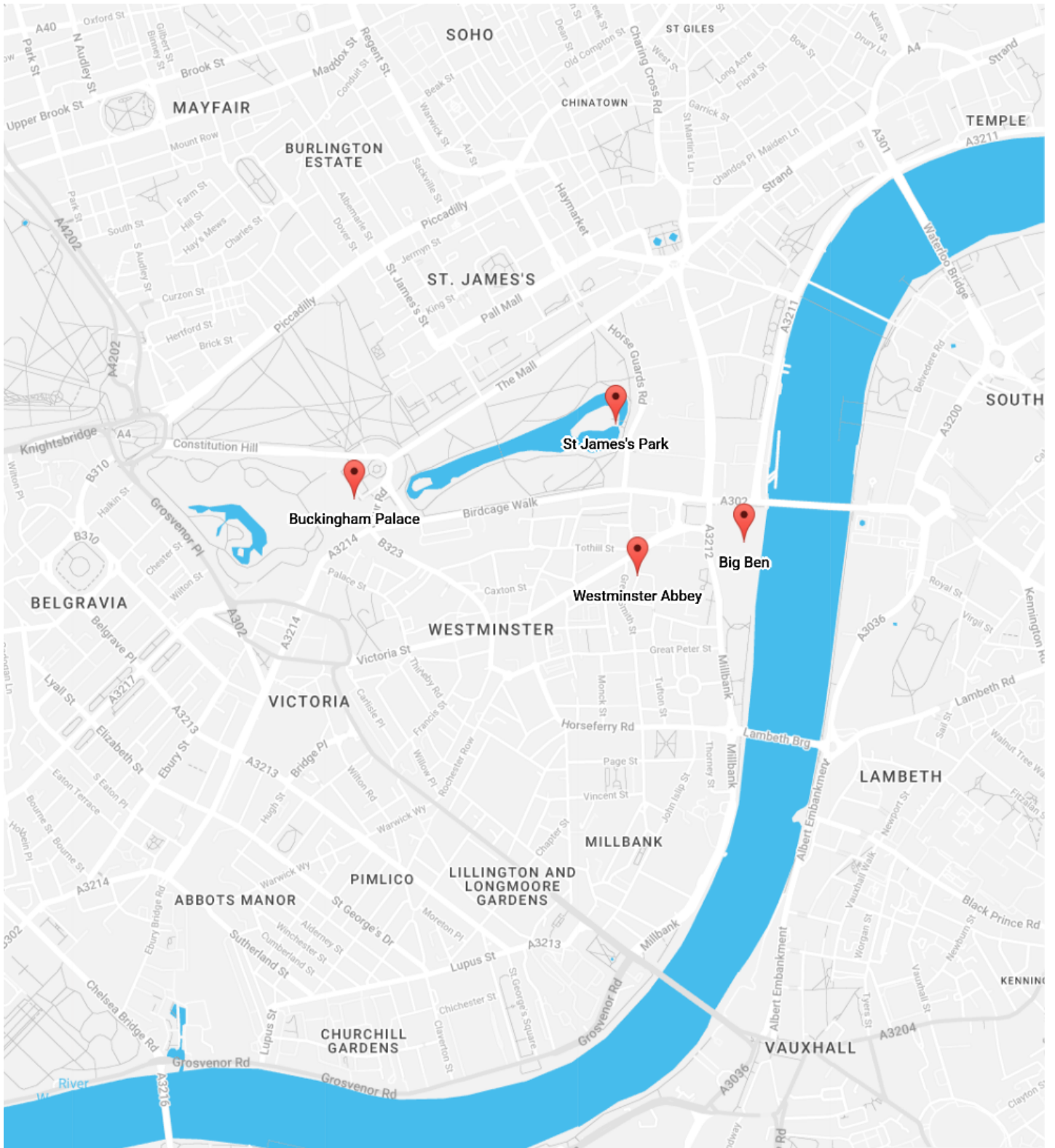
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### **Big Ben**

London SW1A 0AA, UK

18:45

# Map for Day 1



## Day 2

09:00

### **The British Museum**

Great Russell St, London WC1B 3DG, UK

11:00

11:30

### **Covent Garden**

Covent Garden, London, UK

12:45

13:45

### **Leicester Square**

Leicester Square, London WC2H 7DE, UK

15:30

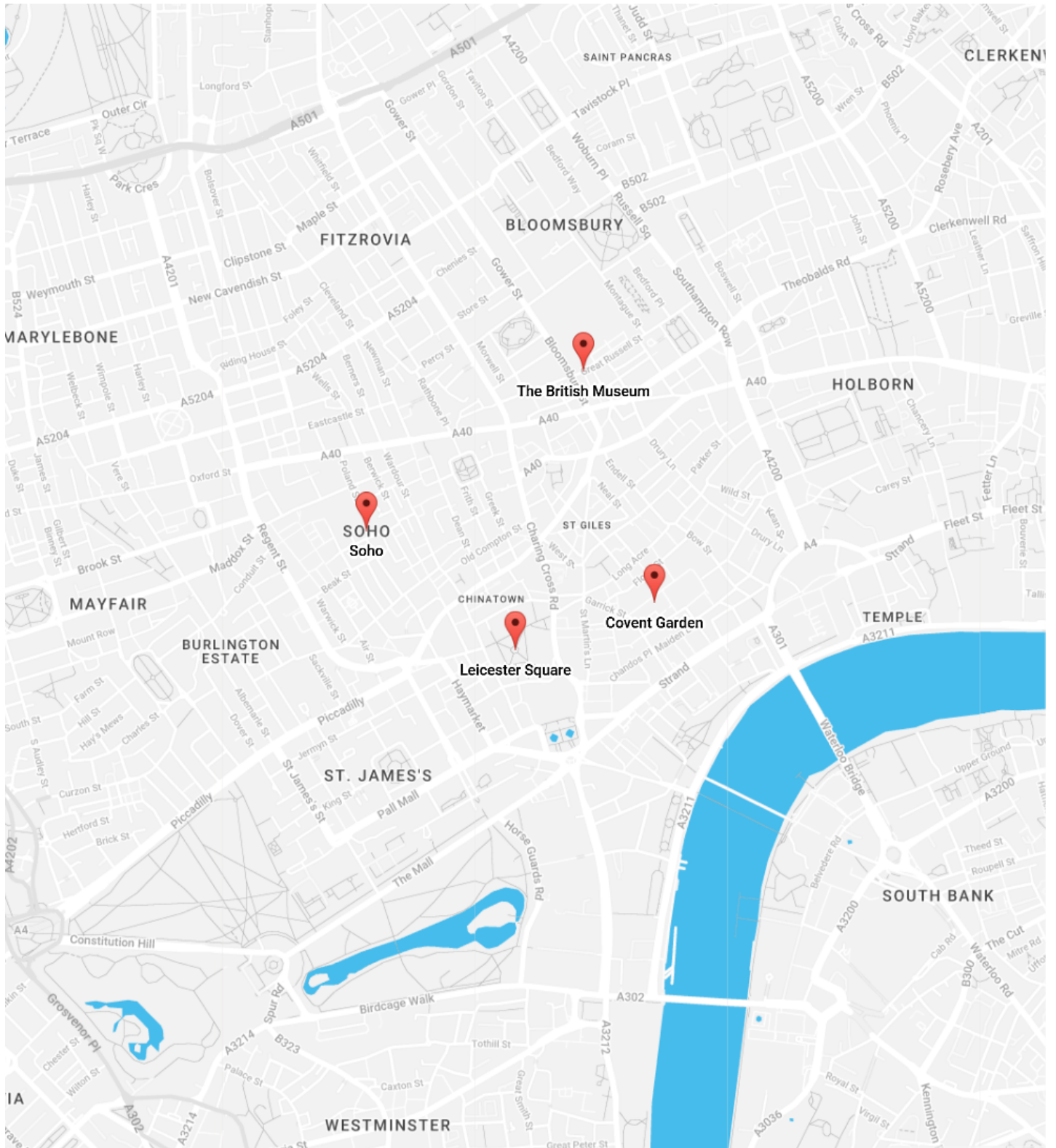
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### **Soho**

Soho, London, UK

18:00

# Map for Day 2



## Day 3

09:15

### **Tower of London**

London EC3N 4AB, UK

11:30

12:00

### **Tower Bridge**

Tower Bridge Rd, London SE1 2UP, UK

13:45

14:15

### **Tate Modern**

Bankside, London SE1 9TG, UK

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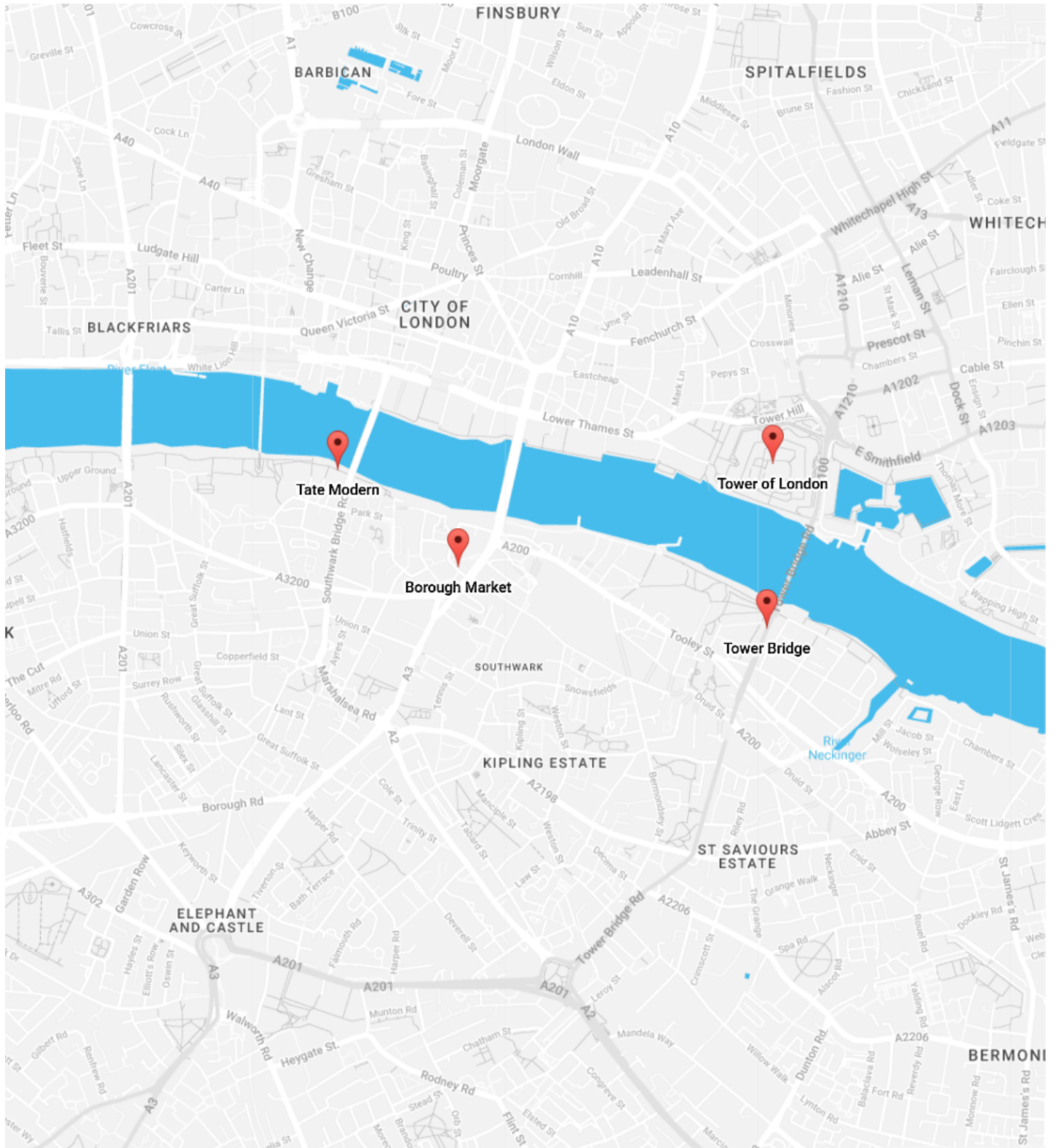
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### **Borough Market**

London SE1 9AL, UK

19:15

# Map for Day 3



## Day 4

09:00

### **Hyde Park**

London, UK

10:45

11:30

### **Kensington Gardens**

London, UK

13:00

14:00

### **Royal Albert Hall**

Kensington Gore, South Kensington, London SW7 2AP, UK

15:45

16:30

### **Camden Market**

54-56 Camden Lock Pl, London NW1 8AF, UK

18:15







## Day 5

09:30

### **Sky Garden**

1, Sky Garden Walk, London EC3M 8AF, UK

11:30

12:15

### **The Shard**

32 London Bridge St, London SE1 9SG, UK

13:45

14:30

### **Southbank Centre**

Southbank Centre, London SE1, UK

16:00

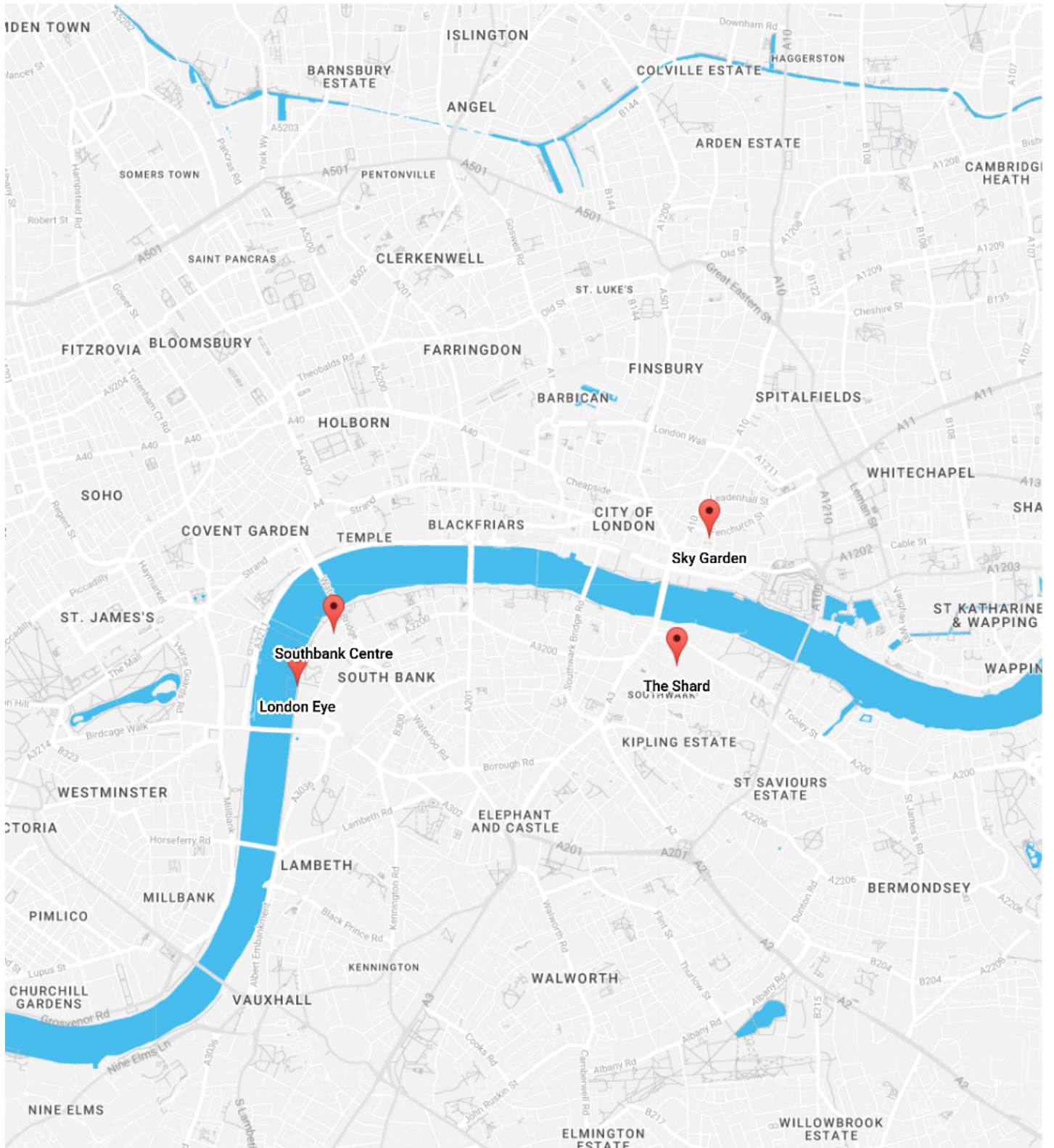
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### **London Eye**

Riverside Building, County Hall, London SE1 7PB, UK

20:45

# Map for Day 5





# Spots



## London Eye

Riverside Building, County Hall, London SE1 7PB, UK

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Phone:

020 7967 8021



## Soho

Soho, London, UK



## Trafalgar Square

Trafalgar Sq, London WC2N 5DS, UK

### Summary:

Nelson's Column rises above this iconic square's LED-lit fountains, artworks and lion statues.

### Phone:

020 7983 4750



## Westminster Abbey

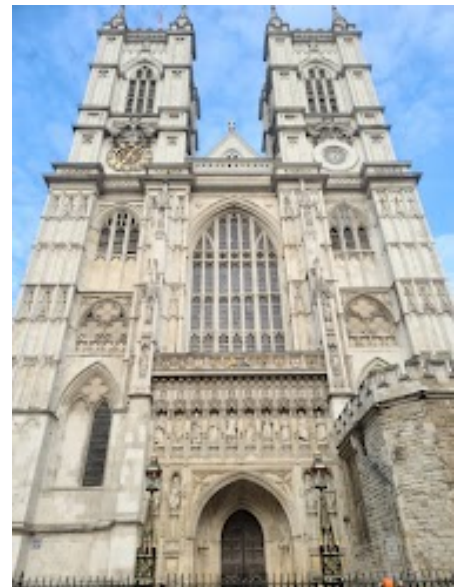
Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3PA, UK

### Summary:

Protestant abbey hosting daily services and every English and British coronation since 1066.

### Phone:

020 7222 5152





## Covent Garden

Covent Garden, London, UK



## Big Ben

London SW1A 0AA, UK

### **Summary:**

16-storey Gothic clocktower and national symbol at the Eastern end of the Houses of Parliament.

### **Phone:**

020 7219 4272



## The British Museum

Great Russell St, London WC1B 3DG, UK

### Summary:

Huge showcase for global antiquities, including Egyptian mummies and ancient Greek sculptures.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

020 7323 8299



## Palace of Westminster

London SW1A 0AA, UK

### Summary:

Neo-Gothic masterpiece & seat of the UK government. Guided tours on Saturdays & in the summer.

### Phone:

020 7219 3000



## St James's Park

London SW1A 2BJ, UK

### Summary:

Green space with a lake with daily pelican feeding, a grass-roofed cafe and ceremonial displays.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Tuesday: 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Wednesday: 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Thursday: 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Friday: 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Saturday: 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Sunday: 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM

### Phone:

0300 061 2350



## Leicester Square

Leicester Square, London WC2H 7DE, UK





## **Tower of London**

London EC3N 4AB, UK

### **Summary:**

Centuries of bloody history around a medieval castle, home to Crown Jewels and iconic Beefeaters.

### **Opening Hours:**

Monday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### **Phone:**

0333 320 6000



## **Camden Town**

Camden Town, London, UK



## Sky Garden

1, Sky Garden Walk, London EC3M 8AF, UK

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### Summary:

Known as the walkie talkie due to its unique shape, this skyscraper features a top-floor restaurant.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

### Phone:

0333 772 0020



## Camden Market

54-56 Camden Lock Pl, London NW1 8AF, UK

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### Summary:

Eclectic market with youthful vibe and stalls/shops selling fashion and accessories, music and more.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Phone:

020 3763 9900



## Shakespeare's Globe

21 New Globe Walk, London SE1 9DT, UK

### Summary:

Oak-&-thatch replica of the original Elizabethan theatre, showing Shakespeare plays in the open air.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

020 7401 9919



## Piccadilly Circus

Piccadilly Circus, London, UK

### Summary:

Buzzing Theatre-district square with giant neon signs & the 19th-c. Shaftesbury Memorial Fountain.



## The Regent's Park

London, UK

### Summary:

Modern, glass-clad cafe and sports administrative centre, with pitches and changing rooms.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 5:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Tuesday: 5:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Wednesday: 5:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday: 5:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday: 5:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday: 5:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Sunday: 5:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### Phone:

0300 061 2300



## Buckingham Palace

London SW1A 1AA, UK

### Summary:

Visitors can tour the palace's opulent private and state rooms or watch the changing of the guard.

### Phone:

0303 123 7300





## The Shard

32 London Bridge St, London SE1 9SG, UK

### Summary:

87-floor glass skyscraper with a jagged peak, with restaurants, offices, hotel & a viewing platform.

### Phone:

0344 499 7222



## Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge Rd, London SE1 2UP, UK

### Summary:

Panoramic views from high-level walkways and behind-the-scenes access to original lifting machinery.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM

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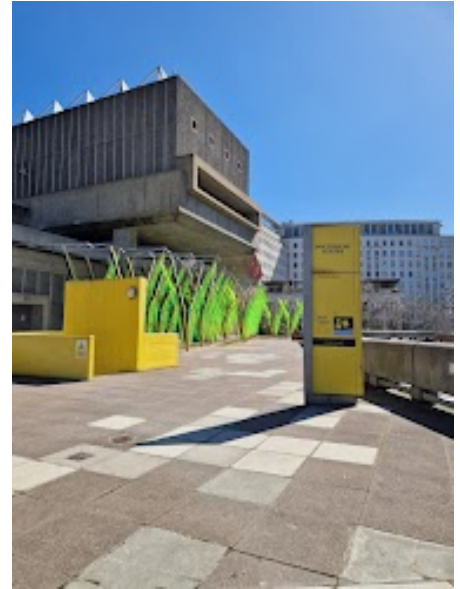
### Phone:

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## Southbank Centre

Southbank Centre, London SE1, UK



## Royal Albert Hall

Kensington Gore, South Kensington, London SW7 2AP, UK

### Summary:

One of Britain's great Victorian splendours, most famous for the Proms classical music festival.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

### Phone:

020 7589 8212



## Tate Modern

Bankside, London SE1 9TG, UK

### Summary:

Modern-art gallery with international works on display, plus a cafe with panoramic river views.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Phone:

020 7887 8888



## Borough Market

London SE1 9AL, UK

### Summary:

Huge market under the railway lines, for British-reared meat and artisanal baked and dairy goods.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### Phone:

020 7407 1002



## Hyde Park

London, UK

### Summary:

Huge green space, home to Diana Memorial Fountain, with boating and swimming in the Serpentine lake.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Tuesday: 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Wednesday: 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Thursday: 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Friday: 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Saturday: 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM  
Sunday: 5:00 AM - 12:00 AM

### Phone:

0300 061 2000



## Kensington Gardens

London, UK

### Summary:

Expansive park containing Kensington Palace & the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Playground.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 6:00 AM - 9:45 PM  
Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 9:45 PM  
Wednesday: 6:00 AM - 9:45 PM  
Thursday: 6:00 AM - 9:45 PM  
Friday: 6:00 AM - 9:45 PM  
Saturday: 6:00 AM - 9:45 PM  
Sunday: 6:00 AM - 9:45 PM

### Phone:

0300 061 2000





## Portobello Road Market

London W11 1LJ, UK

### Summary:

Vintage goods, street eats, souvenirs & more on offer at a bustling weekly market.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

