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ROUTE DESCRIPTION

TL = TURN LEFT; TR = TURN RIGHT; SO = STRAIGHT ON

Note: Walkers may need to use local diversions when major events are taking place or other security restrictions. The route description has been written to allow walkers to identify where they are and use a smartphone/map App or the many street map signs to find their way, should a diversion be necessary. Walkers are recommended to plan to avoid major events like The Lord Mayors Show/Remembrance Sunday Cenotaph Parade as access will be very limited in parts of the route

Walkers are suggested to allow plenty of time as the route passes many significant buildings and places of interest and you may wish to detour/visit. The route can be walked in stages if desired.

Start Tower Hill Underground Station

Upon exiting the station TL and walk towards the remains of the City Wall. Go through the bollards and down the slope. Use the pedestrian crossings to cross to the opposite of the road. TL follow footpath (railings/hedge on your right) towards Tower Bridge. Enjoy the views of the Tower of London.

Q1. On the first arch of the Bridge there is a brass plaque - What date was the Bridge opened? HINT: Royal Connections.

On the South side of Tower Bridge walk down the steps in the middle of the footpath and at the bottom TR. (**Step free route:** continue over the bridge for approx. 100 yards turn right and use the lift to go down exit TR towards the river TL).

Continue with the river on your right towards HMS Belfast. Pass HMS Belfast to reach Hays Galleria, TL into Hays Galleria shopping arcade which emerges into Tooley Street (Main Road).

TR along Tooley Street. Before you reach the footbridge with the entrance on your left to London Bridge Station bear right (the road is still Tooley Street), pass St Olaf House on your right, passing underneath London Bridge emerging in Montague Close with Southwark Cathedral (HINT: Royal Connection. Research required) entrance on your left. Follow the road round the Cathedral to the top end. TR and passing No 3 Palace House on your left and continue into St. Mary Ouverie Dock.

Q2. What ship is moored in St. Mary's Dock?

TL into Pickfords Wharf passing the remains of Winchester Palace (HINT: Royal Connection) and into Clink Street.

(The streets to your left will take you into the renowned Borough Market. If you go to Borough Market, please return to Clink Street to continue the PT).

Travel along Clink Street, past the Clink Prison Museum, and TR after passing through the railway arch. This will bring you back out onto the South Embankment of the River Thames. TL and continue to follow the riverside path (HINT: River Connection) with the river on your right, passing under Southwark Bridge and past the Globe Theatre and the Tate Modern and on to Blackfriars Bridge.

Pass under the bridge (HINT: Royal Connection) and then past Sea Containers Hotel and The OXO Tower. You will then come across a complex on your left comprising the National Theatre, the National Film Theatre, passing under Waterloo Bridge. Pass The Queen Elizabeth Hall, Royal Festival Hall and the Hayward Gallery.

Continue along the Embankment (river on your right) and pass Jubilee Gardens, the London Eye and the Old County Hall.

Walk through the tunnel under Westminster Bridge and continue along the Albert Embankment past St. Thomas's Hospital.

Q3. What is the name of the Memorial Wall on the Embankment near St Thomas' Hospital?

Continue past Lambeth Palace to Lambeth Bridge. Walk under Lambeth Bridge and continue along the Albert Embankment past the Headquarters of the London Fire Brigade take the left path passing the building number

No 93 follow the road round to cross the Vauxhall Bridge. The large building on the corner is the Headquarters of MI6.

Cross over the River at this point, turn Right on the far side and walk along Millbank back towards Lambeth Bridge, passing the Tate Gallery on the way. At Lambeth Bridge cross over the road and go down the steps into Victoria Tower Gardens (no sign) and continue SO.

Step free route: keep left and follow footpath (Garden on the right) still on Millbank. Enter gardens via gateway on your right near bus stop. Walk towards river and TL.

Q4. There is a statue at the end of the gardens. Which French town is it connected to?

Leave the gardens by gate on the left and TR.

NOTE: the gardens are closed evening/night. If closed, continue along Millbank (gardens on your right). You will miss Q4, however at the end of the gardens near the gate there is a statue. Alternative Q4: Who does the statue depict?

Continue to follow the footpath, with the House of Parliament on your right. Once at the Clock Tower (Big Ben) cross over Bridge Street using the pedestrian crossings and continue along Victoria Embankment with the river on your right. Pass New Scotland Yard, the Ministry of Defence and the old paddle steamers SS Tattershall Castle and the Hispaniola. Then continue SO under Charing Cross Railway Bridge.

Travel through the gardens towards the Palace of Westminster/Houses of Parliament. Walk around the perimeter of the Houses of Parliament to the Clock Tower (Big Ben), passing on the way Westminster Abbey and Parliament Square. Once at the Clock Tower cross over Bridge Street and continue along Victoria Embankment. Walk along the North bank past Old Scotland Yard, the Ministry of Defence and the old paddle steamers SS Tattershall Castle and the Hispaniola. Then under Charing Cross Railway Bridge.

Q5 – Which Egyptian relic can be found on the Embankment?

Continue under Waterloo Bridge, passing Somerset House and Kings College and about 30 yards further on you will come to **Temple Underground Station (Circle & District Lines)** [Finish].

Welcome back. We hope you have enjoyed exploring this interesting part of London.