

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

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 Marble Arch Underground Station.

From the Station main entrance go right passing the Marble Arch on your left. Cross over Great Cumberland Place and Edgware Road and continue into Bayswater Road.

Q1. At No11 Bayswater Road there is a green plaque beneath a Crucifix, what type of tree does it mention?

Continue along the Bayswater Road until you reach Brook Street (4th on Right) and turn Left here entering Hyde Park at Victoria Gate, onto West Carriage Drive, following it until you reach the Serpentine. Turn right here and follow the road between the Serpentine and the Long Water (across bridge), towards Alexandra Gate at the far end. Turn right through Coalbrookdale Gate passing in front of the Albert Memorial, with the Royal Albert Hall and Royal College of Art opposite and exit Hyde Park through Queens Gate.

Q2. Opposite Queens Gate there is a statue, who does it commemorate?

Cross over Kensington Gore and walk along Queens Gate, past the Bulgarian Embassy, the Imperial College and the Sultanate of Oman Embassy to Cromwell Road. Turn left here and pass in front of The Natural History Museum. Continue along Cromwell Road, past the Venezuelan Embassy, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and The Oratory where Cromwell Road joins Brompton Road, passing Harrods as you walk up to Knightsbridge.

Q3. What is the name of the hotel opposite Harvey Nichols and Knightsbridge Station?

From the front of the hotel, retrace your steps to the traffic lights and cross Knightsbridge towards Harvey Nichols. Turn right then immediately left into Sloane Street. Follow Sloane Street all the way down passing the Peruvian Consulate and the Royal Danish Embassy and emerging onto Sloane Square. Go straight across the square and exit into Lower Sloane Street. At Royal Hospital Road turn right and continue down to the River Thames passing the Chelsea Royal Hospital and the National Army Museum on the way. Once at the River Thames (HINT: River Connection) turn left into Chelsea Embankment.

Q4. Above the door to No. 9 Chelsea Embankment there is a blue plaque, who does it commemorate?

On the opposite bank of The Thames, you can see Battersea Park and the Peace Pagoda, continue along towards Chelsea Bridge. At the Bridge turn left into Chelsea Bridge Road, on this corner there is a memorial to the VI Dragoon Guards (The Carabiniers). Take the first right turn, Ebury Bridge Road, passing along the side of the Old Chelsea Barracks. At the end of Ebury Bridge Road go straight across into Buckingham Palace Road.

Continue up Buckingham Palace Road passing Victoria Coach Station, The National Audit Office, Victoria Railway Station and The Clermont Hotel. At the end, turn left into Grosvenor Gardens.

Q5. On the corner of Grosvenor Gardens and Hobart Place there is a war memorial, to which Regiment is it dedicated?

Grosvenor Gardens leads into Grosvenor Place. At the end of Grosvenor Place, you will come to Hyde Park Corner with the Wellington Arch and on the opposite side, the Wellington Museum (Apsley House). Turn right here along Duke of Wellington Place and go down Constitution Hill with Green Park on your left and Buckingham Palace Gardens on your right (the other side of the big wall). This will bring you out at the Queen Victoria Memorial and Buckingham Palace (HINT: Royal Connections). Go around the Memorial and along The Mall, past Lancaster House, Clarence House, St. James Palace and the Duke of York Column on your left and St. James Park on your Right to Admiralty Arch. Go to the left of the arch, straight into Spring Gardens with The Admiralty Public House on the right corner, on into Trafalgar Square. Cross at the crossing and onto

Trafalgar square. Continue ahead and leave Trafalgar Square by the Strand, passing in front of Charing Cross Railway Station and the Savoy Hotel.

Q6. Opposite the Strand Palace Hotel there is a small turning called Savoy Buildings, there is a plaque on each side of the turning, what was its former name?

Continue along Strand, crossing over Lancaster Place and continue along past St. Mary-le-Strand, Somerset House and Kings College. Turn right into Arundel Place (the turning just before St. Clement Danes) and continue down to Temple Tube Station (District and Circle Lines) [Finish].

Welcome back. We hope you have enjoyed exploring the Royal London Trail.