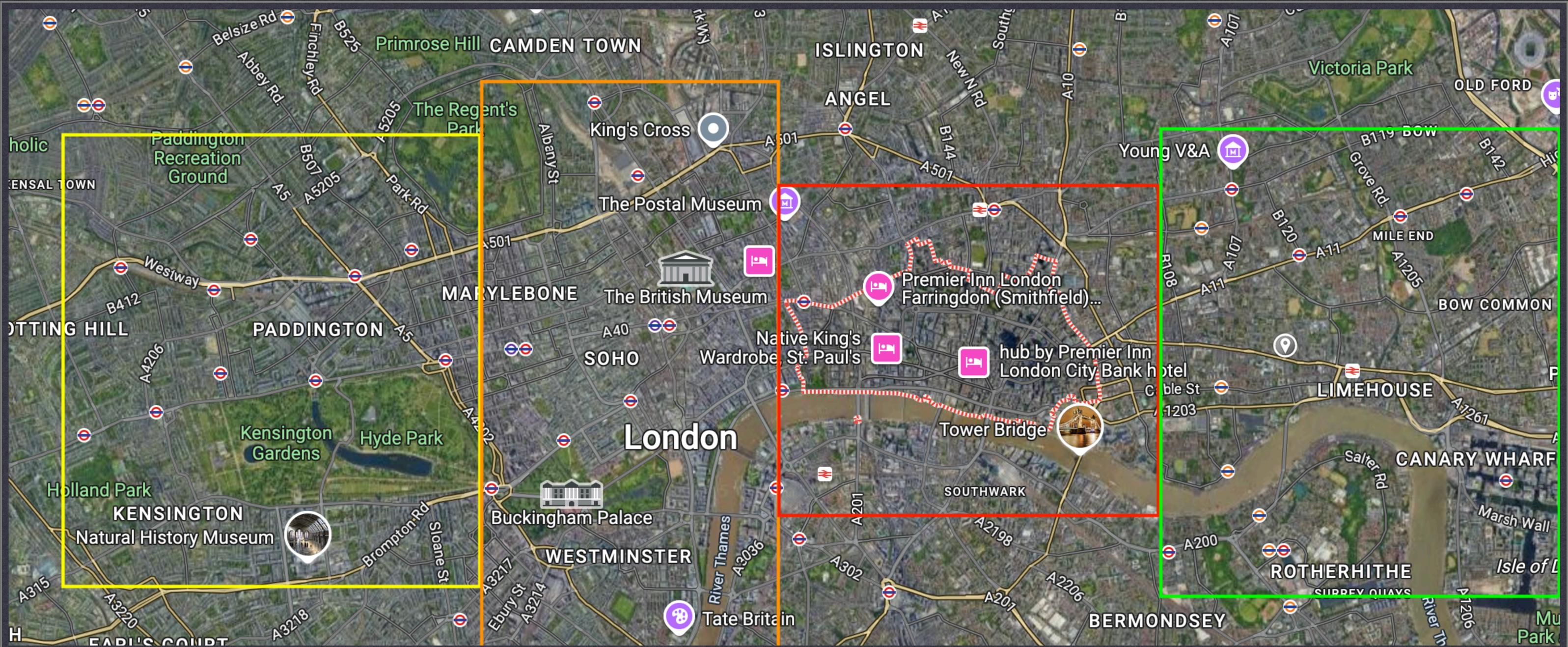


A QUICK GUIDE TO LONDON

2024-2025 EDITION

sight seeing

- * The trick is to make your time as productive as possible.
- * I suggest you break the time up into bite size areas, that once there, can be navigable on foot!
- * In the next slide, I have broken the sight seeing areas down into 4 walkable zones.
- * The next slide shows a map of the major sight seeing areas of Central London.
- * In the continuing slides, I have added great things to do and see by zone, so you can efficiently get around.



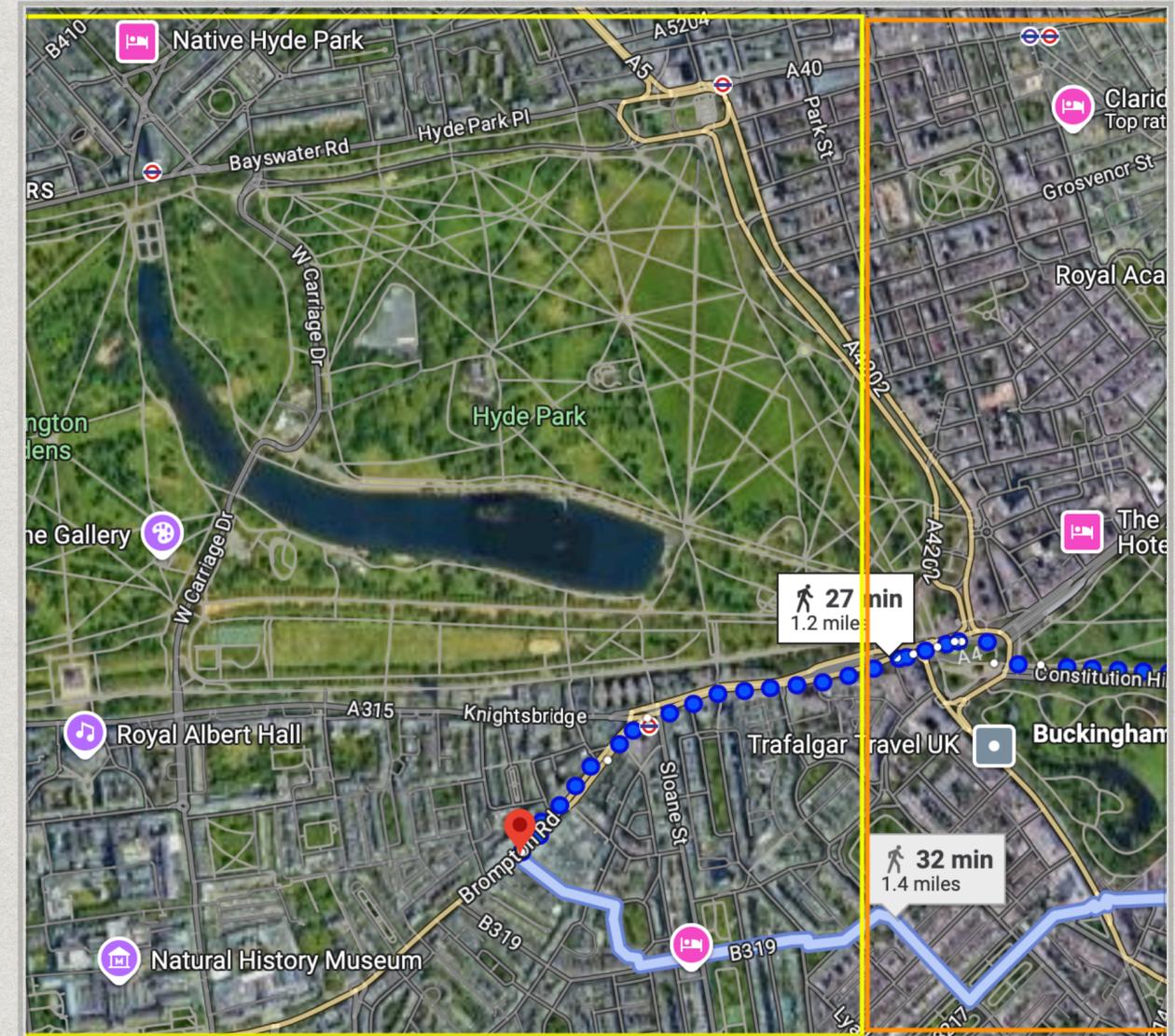
CENTRAL LONDON

things to eat & drink

- * London has a dining diversity that is far and wide.
- * There are so many great places to eat and drink, I wouldn't know where to start.
- * All the older pubs serve great drinks at reasonable prices
- * Most of the pubs & bars serve good, reasonably priced food too.
- * As you progress through the slides, my recommendations are for the unique and unusual, but they shouldn't be seen as intimidating either.
- * Some may be "Higher End" but they are nowhere near as pretentious as you may think, so dont be put off.
- * The pricing can on the higher side but if you read the menus in advance, using the links I have provided, then do the money conversion, its not bad, especially considering the experience as well.
- * Dress would always be nothing more than business casual, but please double check, as things change.
- * Disclaimer over LOL!

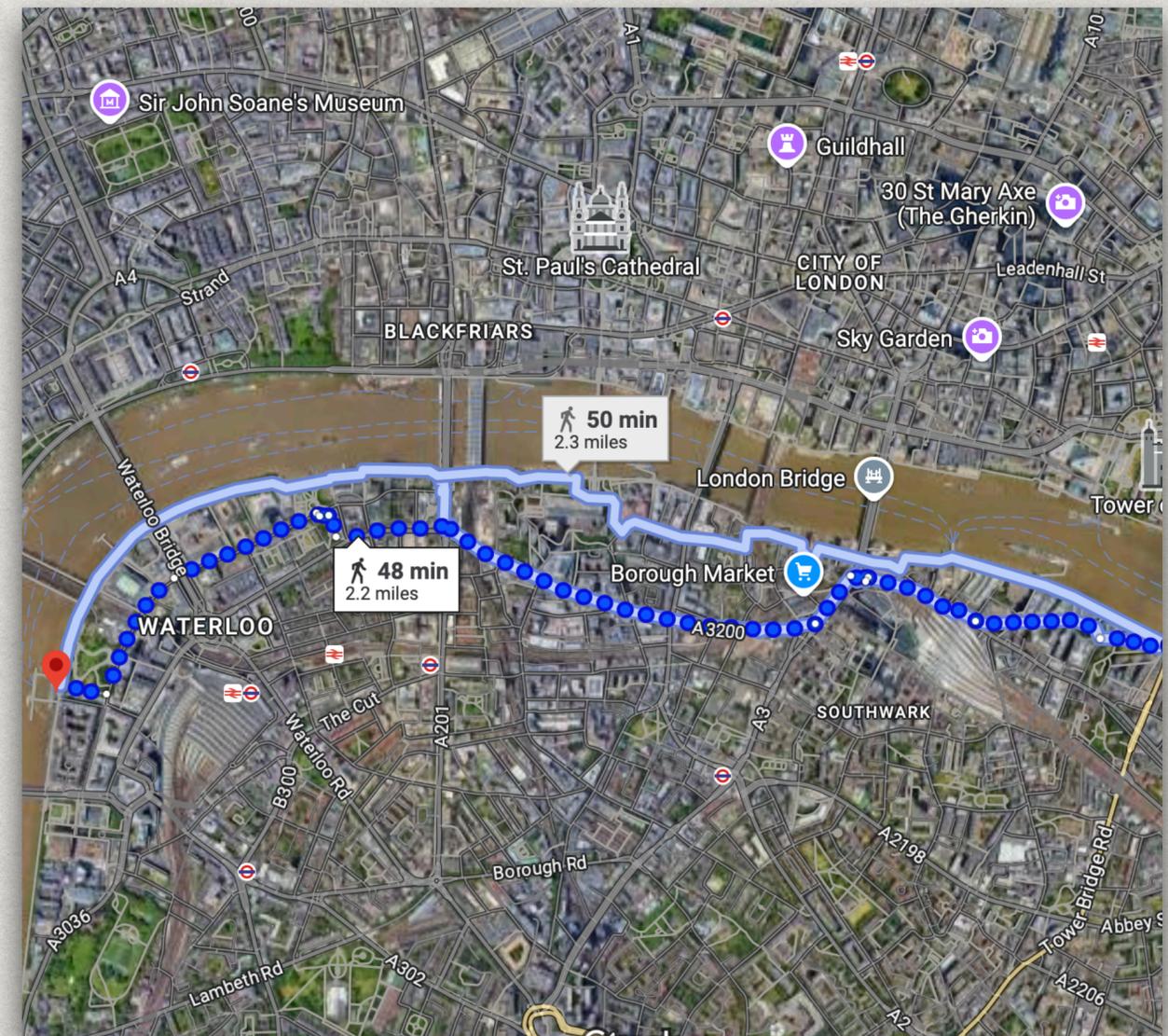
quick point of reference...

- * Example A - Orange to Yellow Zone
- * Walking from Buckingham Palace in the Orange Zone to Harrods in the middle of the Yellow Zone is a 27 minute walk



quick point of reference...

- * Example B - Red to Orange Zone
- * Walking from Tower Bridge in the Red Zone to the London Eye the Orange Zone is about an hour on foot depending upon the route.
- * I would probably take a cab/uber
- * *Aprox. cab/uber cost - 13 pounds*



YELLOW ZONE

Yellow Zone - sights

- * **Harrods** - [HERE](#) - look around the best department store in the world. Head to the food court for lunch
- * **Natural History Museum** - [HERE](#) - free entry. Lots to see (2 hours to a full day)
- * **Kensington Palace** - [HERE](#) - tickets start around 35 pounds (2 to 4 hours)
- * **Hyde Park** - [HERE](#) - wonder around and take in the monuments, building and greenery

Yellow Zone - food & drink

- * **The Three Tuns** - [HERE](#) - quick bites in a great pub
- * **Ognisko** - [HERE](#) - Polish dining
- * **Zuma** - [HERE](#) - Michelin Star Japanese & Sushi
- * **The Grosvenor Hotel** - [HERE](#) - pop in for a morning coffee or an evening cocktail
- * **Daphne's** - [HERE](#) - top Italian
- * **The Luggage Room Cocktail Bar** - [HERE](#) - 1920s themed

ORANGE ZONE

Orange Zone - sights

- * **Bond Street** - [HERE](#) - high end shopping.
- * **Savile Row** - [HERE](#) - famous bespoke tailoring district
- * **Oxford Street** - [HERE](#) - normal shopping.
- * **Carnaby Street** - [HERE](#) - BoHo shopping. Look for Seven Dials pedestrian area.
- * **The London Eye** - [HERE](#) - consider the Champaign “Experience” and at night, but I would definitely book in advance & find a “Skip the line” or “Fast track” option.
- * **The South Bank** - [HERE](#) - same area as the London Eye, bit arty and canivally sort of place. Good to wander around though.
- * **Palace of Westminster** (Houses of Parliament) - [HERE](#) - walk over the bridge from the London Eye. You can go in and take a tour!

Orange Zone - sights

- * **Downing Street** - [HERE](#) - home to whatever crack pot is in power this time!
- * **Churchills War Rooms** - [HERE](#)
- * **Horse Guards Parade** - [HERE](#)
- * **Buckingham Palace** - [HERE](#) - changing of the guard etc. Tea invitations from the King.... unlikely.
- * **The Mall & St. James Park** - [HERE](#)
- * **St. James Palace** - [HERE](#)

Orange Zone - sights

- * **Westminster Abbey** - [HERE](#) - where the greats come to rest
- * **Piccadilly Circus** - [HERE](#) - Its very touristy, busy, and honestly a bit scruffy, its theatres, cinemas and amusement arcades.
- * **St. Pancras Station** - [HERE](#) - not only a beautiful train station, but a hotel too. Recognisable from the Harry Potter movies, its also (literally) over the road from Kings Cross station. (See food and drink & Harry Potter further in the slides)

Orange Zone - sights

- * **Covent Garden** - [HERE](#) - great Georgian shopping/ browsing experience (see food & drink for a hidden gem)
- * **The British Museum** - [HERE](#) - free to get in, very famous architecture and exhibits (4 hour to a full day)
- * **Trafalgar Square** - [HERE](#) - have a quick look at Canada House (its massive) and head to.....
- * **The National Gallery** - [HERE](#) - free entry and well worth the time.

Orange Zone - food & drink

- * **The Royal Opera House at Covent Garden** - [HERE](#) - another hidden gem is located in the south east corner of Covent Garden. Enter the Opera house head up the stairs to the patio overlooking Covent Garden Market. There is a restaurant and a cocktail bar.
- * **St. Pancras Station** - [HERE](#) had in to the hotel part of the station. You will find a beautiful central arcade where you can eat, or head to the top right hand corner for the breathtaking bar.
- * **Hide** - [HERE](#) - dining at its best. Very high end food without being too pretentious.
- * **34 Mayfair** - [HERE](#) - casual fine dining & cocktails
- * **Claridges** - [HERE](#) - old world class & fantastic Art Deco architecture
- * *these places will need advanced booking*

Orange Zone - food & drink

- * **Sketch** - [HERE](#) - a very eccentric and wild dining experience
- * **The Restaurant at the Ritz** - [HERE](#) - more old world glamour with Michelin star food
- * **Tattu** - [HERE](#) - casual Asian dining
- * **Amazonico** - [HERE](#) - casual latin American dining, very vibrant entertainment
- * **Clos Maggiore** - [HERE](#) - a more intimate dining experience, if your in the mood for a romantic evening
- * *these places will need advanced booking*

Orange Zone - food & drink

- * **Disrepute** - [HERE](#) - 60's themed, jazz music etc.
- * **The Basementsate** - [HERE](#) - Wood and leather chesterfields!
- * **Fitz's** - [HERE](#) - contemporary cocktails in central London
- * **Connaught Bar** - [HERE](#) - literally one of the best bars in the world!
- * **Cahoots** - [HERE](#) - world war 2 themed disused underground railway.
- * *some of these place will need advanced booking*

RED ZONE

Red Zone - sights

- * **Tower of London** - [HERE](#) - probably the most historically significant place in the country
- * **Tower Bridge** - [HERE](#) - you can go inside and see how it works & go up the walk ways
- * **HMS Belfast** - [HERE](#) - you will need to follow the instruction in the link to get to it!
- * **Roman bathhouse off the Strand** - [HERE](#) - few people know about this.
- * **Roman Amphitheatre** - [HERE](#) -

Red Zone - sights

- * **Leadenhall Market** - [HERE](#) - famous indoor market featured in the Harry Potter movies
- * **Borough Market** - [HERE](#) - vibrant Victorian working food market
- * **Sky Garden** - [HERE](#) - various entertainment
- * **Guided tour** - [HERE](#) - most of the Red Zone is in the “City” of London. Its quite a unique place, with its own police, mayor, laws, and traditions. (Its a bit like the Vatican, a city within a city) It is also the oldest part of London, dating back to the Roman occupation, near 2000 years ago. There a lot to take in, so this maybe a really good idea!

Red Zone - food & drink

- * **Fortnum & Mason** - [HERE](#) - shopping food & drink and beautiful architecture, culture and history.
- * **Balls Brothers Austin Friars** - [HERE](#) - casual dining & drinks
- * **Broadwood** - [HERE](#) - casual fine dining & craft beer
- * **HOP Vietnamese** - [HERE](#) - very casual but different Vietnamese food
- * **Oyster Shed** - [HERE](#) - oysters & Guinness at Tower Bridge
- * **The Punch Tavern** - [HERE](#) - very low key, but excellent comfort food and great beers
- * **Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese** - [HERE](#) - one of the oldest pubs in London

Green Zone - sights

- * **The Cutty Sark** - [HERE](#) - Greenwich Naval Museum
- * **London Dockland Museum** - [HERE](#) - where all the Imperial work got done!!
- * **Greenwich Park, Royal Observatory, Imperial Navy Museum** - [HERE](#) - you can walk on the Meridian!
- * **IFS Cable Car** - [HERE](#) - great views of the city from the east
- * **Jack the Ripper walking tour** - [HERE](#) - relive the horror of the East End
- * **Canary Wharf to Westminster River Cruise** - [HERE](#) - I would recommend "A" river cruise. The one linked looks good for the money. London was a river city Like Venice, until the Industrial Revolution. This makes the London and it's expansion make so much more sense!

Green Zone - food & drink

- * **W XYZ at Aloft** - [HERE](#) - lively music and sassy Dj sets
- * **Nakhon Thai** - [HERE](#) - Asian fusion restaurant with Polynesian cocktails
- * **Sunborn** - [HERE](#) - fine dining on a super Yacht!
- * **The Fox** - [HERE](#) - large vibrant classic pub in a converted tobacco warehouse

OPTIONAL HARRY POTTER SIGHTS

Harry Potter Attractions

- * I found this site that gives all the film locations and inspirations in one place. I have already touched on some of these places in previous slides - [HERE](#)
- * Additionally, there are guided tours to chose from - [HERE](#)
- * Millennium Bridge - Featured the Half Blood Prince - Zed Zone

Insta spots

- * Godwin Court - Red Zone - [HERE](#)
- * Old Bank of England - Red Zone - [HERE](#)
- * The Painted Hall - Green Zone - [HERE](#)
- * St Dunstan in the East - Red Zone - [HERE](#)
- * Trafalgar Tavern - Green Zone - [HERE](#)
- * Greenwich Chapel - Green Zone - [HERE](#)
- * Leak Street Graffiti Tunnel - Orange/Red Zone - [HERE](#)
- * Temple Church - Red Zone - [HERE](#)

Insta spots - cont...

- * Mr Foggs Gin Parlour - Orange Zone - [HERE](#)
- * The Kitty Hawk Rooftop Bar - Orange Zone - [HERE](#)
- * Dear Jacky - Orange Zone - [HERE](#)
- * Thew Black Dog - Orange/Red Zone - [HERE](#)

A final note on traveling

- * No test or vaccination documents will be needed for the outbound or return flight.
- * Masking will be optional on the flight. Travel Canada - [HERE](#)
- * The local currency is in “Pounds Stirling” the Euro is generally NOT accepted. However, bank notes from Scotland are (They are still Pounds, but minted by Scotland, so they look a bit different!) Chip PIN & tap is very popular for payments.
- * Tipping: Generally you don't tip in the UK for taxis, drinks at the bar etc. However, if you feel you have received good service in a good restaurant 10% would be acceptable.

A final note on traveling

- * London Transit OYSTER Cards - [HERE](#) - these are passes you can either buy in advance or at a ticket office. They allow you to “hop on and off” buses & underground trains.
- * Consider using an eSIM for your phone [HERE](#)
- * As of January 8th 2025, Canadian citizens will need an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) to visit or transit through the United Kingdom. [HERE](#)
- * The digital application process, which costs £10 (\$18 CAD), applies to non-European visitors – including those from Canada, the United States, and Australia.
- * If you want to get the Eurostar to Paris [HERE](#) - you will need to use St.Pancras Station. Prices vary upon the time you go and the journey takes about 2 hours 20 minutes **YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE YOUR PASSPORT.**

some do's & don'ts

- * Central London, is very touristy, but its also busy with commuters and working folks alike, all doing their thing. It can be a bit overwhelming. Central London crime isn't bad but not unheard of:
- * Don't wave you smart phone around especially when crossing the roads or near a road where it can be snatched by a guy on a scooter!
- * Stick to the main streets.
- * Don't carry valuables in a backpack with an unsecured fastener.
- * Don't carry your wallet/phone in your back pockets.
- * Don't get too close to the horses and soldiers at Buckingham Palace & Horse Guards Parade (respect the signs)
- * If you are grabbing a drink in a pub, you order at the bar and pay there and then (cash or card)
- * Wear good closed toe shoes/sneakers, carry an umbrella if you not wearing a coat. Where a coat with a hood if you are!!
- * The police will not shoot you, they are usually very kind pleasant & helpful, should you get stuck.
- * If you need over the counter medicine (headaches, allergies etc) the local chemists/pharmacies are called "BOOTS" (like a British version of Shopper Drug Mart) and there is usually one on every main street.
- * Remember the cars are on the other side of the road, so look both ways before crossing.
- * For private hire, please use only Uber or Black Hackney Cabs (you can wave them down if the yellow light is ON.)

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