

## London - Sightseeing Guide & Information - Westminster

Time	Activity
10:00	Safety briefing & departure from Newbury Hall
12:00	Arrive at Park Lane & safety review
Guided Walking Tour: 2 hours	St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament, Parliament Square Gardens, 10 Downing Street, Horse Guards, Old War Office and Trafalgar Square.
14:00	Lunch all together - Parliament Square Gardens
14:30	Afternoon activities: Visit The National Gallery
15:30	Pre-departure rendez-vous at Trafalgar Square
16:00	Departure from London
17:30	Arrival at Newbury Hall



*Please note that the journey and walking tours can take longer than planned and free time is, therefore, not guaranteed.*

**Additional notes:**

Let staff know if there is a specific museum in London / some of the walking tour is on grass, so no high heels / make sure you drink plenty of water

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**St Margaret's Church:** The Church of St Margaret is the Anglican Parish Church of the House of Commons and is part of a single World Heritage Site including the Palace of Westminster and Westminster Abbey. It was founded in the 12th Century and regular church services are still held to this day.



**Westminster Abbey:** Westminster Abbey was started by Henry III in 1245 and is known as one of the most important Gothic buildings in the country. Over 3300 people have been buried or commemorated at Westminster Abbey including 7 British Monarchs. 17 royal weddings have also taken place here with the most recent being Prince William.



**Palace of Westminster (Houses of Parliament):** The Palace of Westminster more commonly known as the Houses of Parliament was originally a royal residence built in the 11th century. It is more than 300 metres long decorated with many sculptures and unique towers. It contains over 110 rooms, 100 staircases and 4.8 kilometers of passageways spread over four floors. It is illegal to die inside the Palace of Westminster because under current UK law anyone who drops dead inside is entitled to a state funeral.



**Parliament Square Gardens (Lunch spot):** Try and spot all 6 statues of influential leaders such as Winston Churchill, Sir Robert Peel, Mahatma Gandhi and Abraham Lincoln

**10 Downing Street:** 10 Downing Street has been the home of British Prime Ministers since 1735 and is regarded as one of the most important political buildings in the world in the modern era. In the 20th Century the First and Second World Wars were directed from within it, such as key decisions about the building of the British nuclear bomb and handling the economic crises of the Great Depression in 1929. Number 10 has 3 overlapping functions, it is the official residence of the British Prime Minister, it is their office and the place where the Prime Minister entertains guests. Every Prime Minister since 1997 has lived at No.11 Downing Street.



**Horse Guards:** The Queen's Household Cavalry is the mounted guard at the entrance to the Horse Guards. These guards change every hour on duty from 10am until 4pm.



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**Old War Office Building:** The War Office was a department of the British Government responsible for the administration of the British Army between 1857 and 1964 when its functions were transferred to the Ministry of Defence.

**Trafalgar Square (Meeting Point)**

