

4 Hours in London

for Corey

7:00am

English Breakfast with sausage and beans.

7:45am

You have now completed your breakfast. Depart for a stroll through Hyde Park. Make your way south along the main driving road - known as Exhibition Road, The Ring, and West Carriage Dr.

Hyde Park is one of the largest parks in central London and contiguous with Kensington Gardens which is widely assumed to be part of Hyde Park but technically separate. Kensington Gardens is where Princess Diana resided while still living in London.



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8:30am (optional)

You have now completed your walk through Hyde Park. Continue walking south on Exhibition Rd. Pass or stop by 56 Princes Gate on the east side of the road and just across from Imperial College London.

56 Princes Gate is the location for Pepperdine's London overseas programs. These include undergraduate, graduate and law school programs. The large house contains two classrooms, entertainment areas, a kitchen, and many dorm rooms.



9:00am

Continue walking south on Exhibition Rd for another 5-10 minutes until you reach the corner of Exhibition and Brompton Rd.

While on your walk notice the huge gashes in the concrete walls of the Victoria and Albert Museum on the corner of Exhibition rd and Brompton rd. These gashes are from the Bombing of London by the Nazis in WWII. You might also notice the gold dome.



9:15am

You are now at the corner of Exhibition Rd. and Brompton Rd. The Victoria and Albert Museum should be on the corner, the Natural History Museum on the other corner, and I believe the French Embassy on the 3rd corner. The 4th corner is probably still a Chinese restaurant called 'something' Tiger. Don't eat there. It's terrible.

Instead, catch a cab heading east on Brompton Rd towards Harrod's. Instruct the 'cabby' to drive you by Harrod's Department Store, then on to and alongside Buckingham Palace, and finally down towards Big Ben. Have him let you off next to Westminster Abbey.



9:30am

You have now paid and tipped the cabby and are standing next to Westminster Abbey. Take your time to see Westminster Abbey, the statue of Churchill, the Parliament Building, Big Ben, and the London Eye across the river Thames (I'd recommend just taking a picture from a distance to save you the time of crossing the bridge.)

11:00am

You've covered a lot of ground. Time to relax. The pubs open at 11am.

Option 1: (11:00am - 12:30pm)

Head up (north I believe) Parliament St a little ways to stop and eat at the Red Lion. This is your traditional and historic pub. If you have the time, relax there for at least an hour, soak up the pub atmosphere, and try the different beers. Heck, try an old ale. You might even meet a PM (Parliament guy, like a Senator) there.



Option 2 (11:30 - 12:30pm)

If you are ahead of schedule and feel like seeing more of London rather than sitting in the pub, head up a little further on Parliament St to see Trafalgar Square. The National Gallery is here as well as the very old St. Martin's church.

On your way, there are two pubs on the right hand side of the street - The Silver Cross (somewhat touristy) and Walkers of Whitehall (fancier than your standard pub). However, I would recommend walking further up past the church of St. Martin's. There is a very victorian and historic pub there called the Salisbury. It is on St. Martin's Ln - about a 5-10 minute walk behind the church of St. Martin's.



12:30pm

You are done eating and drinking. Time to head back to Paddington station and then on to Heathrow. Wave a cab, and instruct him you need to get on the Heathrow Express at Paddington Station. Have him take you there, but if time permits have him drive you by way of Leicester Square and Picadilly Circus and Leicester Square. They are each less than 5 minutes away by car and major sites.

The Heathrow Express leaves from Paddington Station on the 10, 25, 40, and 55 every hour.

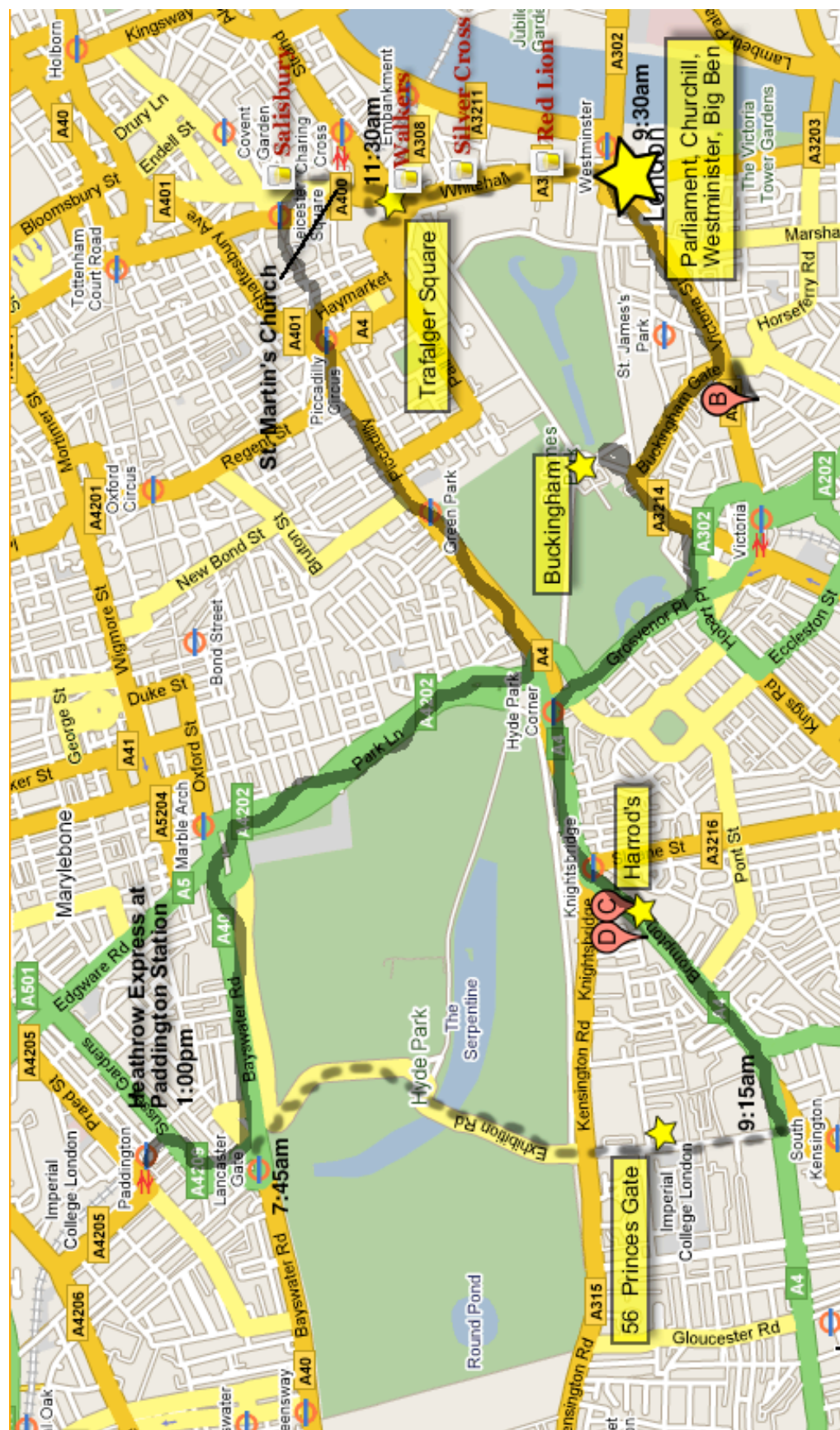
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Leave on the Heathrow Express.

1:25pm

Arrive at Heathrow Airport. Make sure you know which Terminal you are flying out of. Heathrow is huge, and if you get off on the wrong terminal, it could take you another 15 minutes or more to get to the right one.

Enjoy London Corey! -Scott



Planning Information

Hotels

<http://www.royallancaster.com/> - Posh hotel with great views. 15-20 minute walk from Paddington Station. Right next to Hyde Park.



<http://www.stdavidshotels.com/> - Smaller hotel just minutes away from Paddington station. Good rates, good ratings.



Planning Information cont.

Heathrow to London, London to Heathrow

Hands down, use the Heathrow Express. It only takes 15 minutes. (A cab ride will take twice as long and cost 2 - 3 times as much. Buses take way too long. The regular subway, the tube, takes 60 minutes).

Probably should call in or email them to see if tickets go fast or if you can usually just buy 'at the door'.

Heathrow Express Train Times -

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