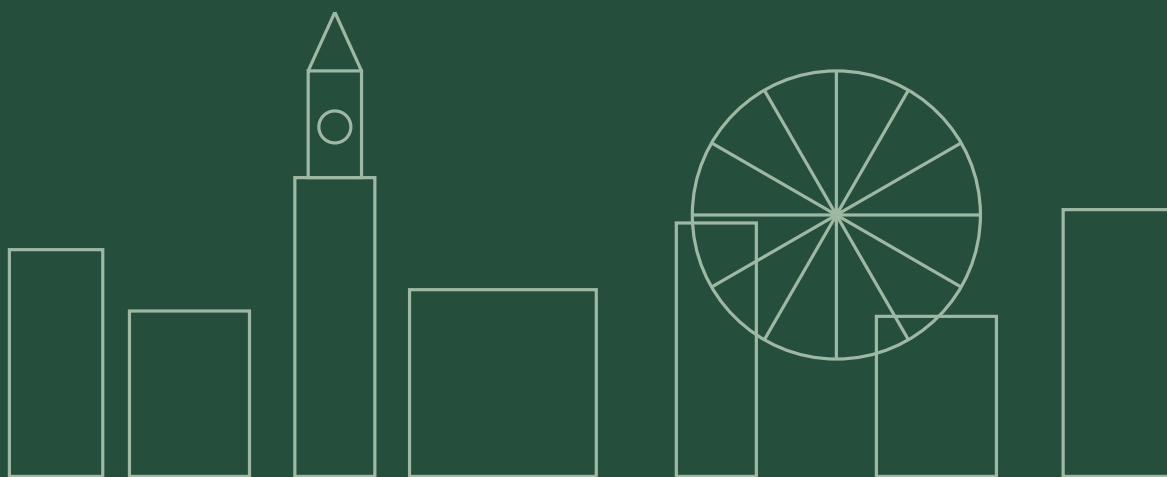


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THE FIRST-TIMER PACK

Three thoughtful days. Clear route cards.
Room to stop, eat and change your mind.



2-5 DAY OPTIONS / OFFLINE ROUTE CARDS / FILLABLE PLANNERS

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Independent guide. No attraction tickets or travel bookings included.

GREEN PARK TO WATERLOO

Day 1 / Royal London & the river

A first-day panorama: a palace exterior, a park pause, Westminster and the South Bank. Around 4-5 km on foot, excluding interiors; allow 6-8 hours with breaks.

Suggested window	What to do
09:30-10:15	Start at Green Park station. Walk through Green Park towards Buckingham Palace. Enjoy the exterior; a ceremony is not assumed.
10:15-11:15	Continue into St James's Park. Take the lakeside route and a proper sit-down pause before heading towards Westminster.
11:15-12:15	View the Abbey exterior and Parliament Square. If the Abbey is your paid anchor, book an appropriate entry and replace the next optional stop.
12:15-13:15	Lunch near your route. Check a menu and the full bill before sitting down; eat before you are exhausted.
13:15-15:00	Cross Westminster Bridge using the pedestrian pavement. Turn towards the South Bank for river views and a relaxed walk.
15:00 onwards	Choose one: more riverside time, a booked attraction, or an early finish at Waterloo. Keep the evening optional.

Spend more only if it adds something you want

An Abbey interior visit, a palace visit on an available date, or a London Eye booking can each be the day's main paid activity. Do not book all three around this walk. Check the operator's current timetable and entry conditions.

SHORTER VERSION

Start at Westminster station, view Parliament Square and cross Westminster Bridge. Finish after a short South Bank walk. This removes the palace and most of the park section; choose your return route in TfL's planner.

Sunday or ceremony day: Abbey sightseeing and worship arrangements differ; palace-area access can change for events. Move the paid visit or follow the outside route without treating it as a substitute ticket.

OFFLINE ROUTE CARD

Day 1 / Keep the route handy

Start: Green Park station. Finish: Waterloo station. Walking estimates below exclude stops and are not accessible-route guarantees.



SCHEMATIC ONLY - stop sequence, not geographic scale or a street map. Follow signed public routes and crossings; closures can require a detour.

Leg	Follow	Allow
1 to 2	Use park signs towards Buckingham Palace.	15-20 min
2 to 3	Enter St James's Park and follow the lake.	10-15 min
3 to 4	Continue via Birdcage Walk towards Westminster.	15-25 min
4 to 5	Use crossings to reach Westminster Bridge.	10-15 min
5 to 6	Follow the river towards Waterloo, then station signs.	20-35 min

Bail-out: finish in Westminster before crossing the river. Public toilet and cafe availability varies; use a venue break rather than counting on a specific facility. Stop safely away from the pavement edge when checking your phone.

[Open a map search for the starting point \(internet required\)](#)

WORKED EXAMPLE / TWO ADULTS

Know what the weekend costs.

Three full sightseeing days, two nights, one shared room. All figures below are illustrative planning allowances in GBP, not live quotes or current fare caps.

Item	Calculation	Total
Accommodation	2 nights x £150 per room	£300
Food and drinks	2 adults x 3 days x £45	£270
Local transport	2 adults x 3 days x £10	£60
Airport travel	2 adults x £40 return allowance	£80
Paid activities	2 adults x £60 total allowance	£120
Subtotal		£830
Contingency	15% of £830	£124.50
Working budget		£954.50

What is not included

Flights or international rail, shopping, insurance, entry documents, special events, extra hotel nights, childcare, roaming and any cost outside the rows above. Add those before treating this as your whole holiday budget.

Two levers that make a real difference

Changing the room allowance from £150 to £120 saves £60 over two nights. Removing £60 of optional activities saves another £60. Together that reduces the subtotal to £710 and a 15% contingency to £106.50: £816.50 overall.

KEEP ROOMS AND PEOPLE SEPARATE

Hotel price x rooms x nights. Daily food or transport allowance x people x days. Ticket prices x the travellers who need tickets. Fill in page 22 using real quotes; calculate child costs separately.